



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 9 April 2017

The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.

The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed a workshop in the town of Sair northeast of Hebron city, and confiscated equipment that the Israeli army alleged was used to manufacture weapons. The workshop, which belongs to local resident Ayyoub al-Karaki, was located in the neighboring town of al-Shuyukh, west of Sair. Israeli soldiers posted a sign on the sealed exterior door of the workshop that said the shop was “closed and will not be allowed to be opened again.” The notice also warned that “other procedures” were going to be taken “regarding

people and properties involved in illegal operations.” (Maannews 9 April 2017)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Arrub College adjacent to al-Arrub refugee camp in the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron allegedly for rock throwing by local Palestinians at passing Israeli cars. (Maannews 9 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the homes of Alaa al-Fakhouri and Muhannad al-Daqaq, who were delivered orders to turn themselves in for interrogation when they were not found in their homes. (Maannews 9 April 2017)
- Israeli occupation police assaulted worshipers participating in the march of the Palm Sunday Al Asbat Gate in occupied east Jerusalem, and arrested a number of them. The Israeli occupation police attacked worshipers who carried flags of the State of Palestine on their way to the Church of St. Hanna in the occupied city. Police also confiscated and desecrated Palestinian flags. (Wafa 9 April 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained four Palestinians in the southern occupied West bank Governorate of Hebron, three of whom were identified as former prisoner Rafaat al-Sharabati, Wael Qafisha, and Shadi Idriss. The IOA raided several other houses belonging to former prisoners in the Hebron area, including the homes of Iyad al-Jabaa, Nihad al-Jabaa, Othman al-Qawasmi, Adib al-Qawasmi, Amin al-Qawasmi, and Ihab al-Qawasmi. (Maannews 9 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several areas of the town of Beit Ummar north of Hebron, and detained 38-year-old Ziyad Muhammad Bahr, 27-year-old Ramzi Ahmad Ikhlayyil, the brother of Martyr Khalid Ikhlayyil and 23-year-old Sabri Ibrahim Awwad. The IOA also briefly detained 55-year-old Ruweida Bajis al-Salibi in Beit Ummar during a raid at her house, when Israeli soldiers assaulted her 26-year-old son Alaa, who is a former prisoner, in attempt to put pressure on her other son, 23-year-old Ahmad, to turn himself in to Israeli forces at Etzion detention center for interrogation. Additionally, the IOA briefly detained and assaulted former prisoner Khalid Abd al-Fatah Sabarna, 25, during the raid in Beit Ummar. (Maannews 9 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained at least 30 Palestinians during raids in occupied East Jerusalem and banned them from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, while three Palestinians from northern Israel

were also banned from the holy site over a Facebook post related to Passover, amid a security crackdown imposed by Israel leading up to the Jewish holiday. The majority of the 30 Jerusalemites were later released, after Israeli authorities banned them from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City for at least 15 days, while some were banned for periods between three to six months. The detention raids were launched in the Old City and the neighboring areas of Silwan, al-Tur, and Wadi Joz in occupied East Jerusalem. The Palestinians were first verbally notified of the bans, and were later ordered to appear at Israeli police stations for interrogation. Five of the detainees, all from al-Tur, were identified as 16-year-old Farid Iyad Abu al-Hawa, 14-year-old Muhammad Samir Abu al-Hawa, 18-year-old Muhammad Khalil Sbeitan, 19-year-old Ahmad Muhammad Ashayer, and 24-year-old Bahaa Taysir Abu Jumaa. Qaws identified 22 other detainees as Muhammad al-Rakin, Muhammad Ashour, Yousif Abu Shusha, Muhammad Abu Farha, Khalid Milhis, Ahmad al-Julani, Ahmad al-Shawish, Mahmoud al-Shawish, Yousif al-Shawish, Ahmad al-Rakin, Uday Sunokrut, Ahmad al-Hashlamoun, Ibrahim al-Natsheh, Jihad Qaws, Muhammad Shawqi Sanduqa, Thair Zghir, Raghib Abu Sneineh, Khader al-Ajlouni, Muhammad al-Zin, Omar Zaanin, Omar Salama, and Muhammad al-Hashlamoun -- all of whom were released after they were interrogated and issued bans. (Maannews 9 April 2017)

- Israeli police detained at least 18 Palestinians during wide-scale raids in occupied East Jerusalem. The Israeli police raided Palestinians' homes in several areas of Jerusalem, especially in the Old City, and detained 18 of them. The police also handed notices to others to appear for interrogation before the Israeli intelligence. The raids came following Israel's decision to ban Palestinians from the occupied West Bank from entering Jerusalem during the Jewish holiday "Passover," which is celebrated until April 17th. (WAFA 9 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) issued 24 administrative sentences against Palestinian detainees, with neither charge nor trial. The administrative sentences were issued for Prisoners Youssef Abdul Rahim Khatib, from Occupied Jerusalem, Mazen al-Natsheh and Fadi Sourour from Hebron, Ibrahim Dahbour, from Jenin, and Moussa Sawarka, from Bethlehem, along with Ramallah natives Kifah Kizmar and Mahmoud Namer, were all sentenced to a six-month administrative term. The others received four-month and three-month administrative sentences. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Two Palestinian citizens in Jerusalem identified as Rami al-Fakhouri and Mohamed al-Daqaq. Noth Palestinians received summonses for interrogation from the Shin Bet. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)
- The Israeli police decided to close occupied Jerusalem from April 9 until 17 of the same month for West Bank citizens on the occasion of the Hebrew Passover (Pesach) festival. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)
- Israeli soldiers kidnapped ex-detainee Ra'fat ash-Sharbati following a violent raid on his home in Aqabat Tafoh area in al-Khalil city. Soldiers also broke into and pillaged the house of 23-year-old Shadi an-Najjar in Abu Katila neighborhood before rounding him up. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed the house of ex-detainee Louay Attawil in Abu Rumman neighborhood in the city of Hebron and confiscated his car. Homes of seven ex-detainees were also raided during the same campaign. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) kidnapped an ex-prisoner from Hebron Governorate after they summoned him to questioning in Etzion camp. The 23-year-old Ahmad Issa al-Salibi was kidnapped by the IOA after he was summoned to questioning. Three other Palestinians, including ex-prisoners, were kidnapped by the Israeli soldiers from Beit Ummar on the same day. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)
- Several Israeli military jeeps invaded, at dawn, Doha village, west of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank, and abducted a Palestinian child. The soldiers invaded the home of Waleed Sabri, violently searched the property while interrogating the family, and abducted his son, Mohammad, 16. The soldiers also drove around the village and withdrew later, taking the child to the Etzion military base and security center, south of Bethlehem. (MEMC 9 April 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- 84 Israeli settlers, escorted by police officers, stormed holy al-Aqsa Mosque via the Maghareba Gate as part of the morning break-in shift that concluded at 10:30 a.m. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)
- Two Israelis killed a sheep and wounded a goat as they threw stones at a flock belonging to a Palestinian family in the northern Jordan Valley. A third sheep was wounded and fled and has not yet returned. Two members of the Iyoub family were with the grazing flock at 3 P.M. some two kilometers from their residence at the Tel al-Hima camp. Two Israelis arrived on the scene, one of whom was riding a horse,

wearing black and had his face covered. The masked Israeli threw rocks at the flock from horseback. The Palestinians were verbally abused by the Israelis. ([Haaretz](#) 9 April 2017)

Expansion of settlements

- A number of new settlement projects and schemes in East Jerusalem that fall in line with an Israeli fierce campaign aimed at displacing Palestinians and seizing their lands in the holy city. About 3,000 new settlement units are either under planning, construction or marketing in Jerusalem. The Aharon Company managed to sell 41 settlement units of a new settlement project in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement and now started marketing the second phase of the project which includes 3 buildings consisting of 65 settlement units. The settlement units are expected to be complete by December 2018. Euro-Israel company started marketing a new project in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement which includes 122 settlement units distributed in four 11-storey buildings. The company had marketed 24 settlement units at the end of 2016. Tserfata Shimon company started selling 94% of the settlement units of the new project implemented in Har Homa settlement which is built in Jabal Abu Ghuneim neighborhood. The project includes three buildings, each of which consists of 9 floors and has a car park, with 142 settlement units. A new project consisting of 122 settlement units is being constructed in Har Homa by Euro-Gold company. The Israeli company of Dona announced marketing a new settlement project that has 113 settlement units in Gilo settlement to the tune of about 240 million shekels. The Project includes five 10-storey buildings. Aharon company started marketing a new project in the same settlement where four buildings, each with 22 settlement units, will be built. The total number of the settlement units in the project reaches 88. The Israeli Botti Hatikhoun company announced that 30 units of a new settlement project established in Arnona settlement neighborhood are still uninhabited. The project includes a number of 12-storey and 10-storey buildings. The Israeli Ministry of Interior has recently approved transferring about 250 dunums of Mateh Yehuda and Ramat Rachel to an area owned by the Jerusalem Municipality where another settlement neighborhood with 2,000 settlement units is going to be established. In the future, the new two neighborhoods will be linked and a new road will be built stretching from the two neighborhoods to al-Khalil street and Ramat Rachel outpost. Hasidi Brothers company completed the construction of the second tower of its new project in Arnona which is considered the highest residential project in

Jerusalem. It includes two 24-storey towers consisting of 194 settlement units. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)

- Shvut Rachel settlers announced the building of a synagogue, a spiritual center for the settlement. Prayer halls for Ashkenazi and Sephardic worshipers alike, as well as a well-equipped religious library, will be included. G-d willing, the new synagogue will be built in a spacious building which should accommodate all worshipers. Settlers received the various building permits, as well as plans for the architectural construction, and the approval of the regional council, and all the other necessary permits. Settlers also established a fund under the name of "Beit Knesset Keva, Shvut Rachel," with its own bank account and raised approximately a million Israeli shekels from the families who live in the settlement. (INN 9 April 2017)

Others

- The Hebrew newspaper Haaretz revealed that the number of the Jews who migrated to Israel from the United States and France has sharply fallen in the recent months. 309 Jews arrived in Israel from the United States during the first three months of 2017, which is 25% less than the 413 immigrants who migrated to Israel in the same period in 2016. According to the Israeli Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, there was a 29% decline in the number of the Jews from France between January and March 2017. The number of the Jews who arrived in Israel reached 559, a number that is considered high compared with other countries, but it is far lower than the number of the Jews coming from France in the same period in 2016, which amounted to 782. Overall, during the first three months of 2017, Israel has absorbed 5,311 Jews from all over the world, which is 6% less than the number of the immigrants who came in the same period in 2016. The only country that has an increasing percentage of immigrants is Russia. (PALINFO 9 April 2017)