



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 1 May 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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the village of Sabastiya in the northern occupied West Bank, firing tear gas at Palestinians holding a sit-in in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners, causing the sit-in tent to catch fire. Clashes erupted following the fire, with Israeli soldiers firing more tear gas canisters in the area and damaging at least one vehicle parked in the area. A number of Palestinians suffered from tear gas inhalation. (Maannews 1 May 2017)

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) suppressed an event in occupied East Jerusalem, organized in solidarity with 1,600 hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners, who entered the 15th day of hunger strike. A group of Palestinians gathered at the Damascus Gate area outside the Old City and attempted to draw mural depicting images of solidarity with the hunger strikers. The IOA raided the area, confiscated the banner and detained Palestinian activist Sumoud Abu Khdeir. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- A 13 years old Palestinian child was shot in the foot by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) during clashes that erupted in the village of Deir Nidham northwest of Ramallah city. (Wafa 1 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation forces closed six water cisterns out of eight used by farmers to irrigate more than 3,000 dunums planted with vegetables and plastic houses in the village of Bardala in Tubas Governorate. The Israeli occupation Army, accompanied by the so-called Israeli "civil administration" and officers in charge of water from the Israeli Water Authority "Makrout" closed six water pumps that serve farmers in the village of Bardala. The water cuts from the village of Bardala and the northern Jordan Valley comes after the Israeli occupation authorities threatened farmers to close the water pumps under the allegations of theft. (SAFA 1 May 2017)

Israeli Arrests

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 20 year-old Marwan Ashour after raiding his house in the Abu Sneineh neighborhood in the center of Hebron city in the southern West Bank. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Malik Taysir Ghneimat in the village of Surif in Hebron Governorate. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided and thoroughly searched a home belonging to the al-Ghaith family in the southern Hebron district, breaking the front door, and confiscating a car belonging to Adel Barakat Ghaith. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) Detained four Palestinians, including two aged 17, from the southern West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA stormed the town of Surif to the northwest and detained a 20-year-old youth after raiding his family home. The IOA detained three more Palestinians, including two minors aged 17, after raiding their family homes. The IOA further stormed several neighbourhoods in the city, placing military checkpoints at their entrances and stopping Palestinian-registered vehicles and checking passengers identity cards, causing a traffic jam. (wafa 1 May 2017)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers installed dozens of Israeli flags on the Ibrahimī mosque in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron, in celebration of Israeli Independence Day, which coincides with the Palestinian Nakba, or “catastrophe,” which on 1948 saw some 750,000 Palestinians expelled from their lands. (Maannews 1 May 2017)
- Israeli settlers stormed the plazas of holy al-Aqsa Mosque, in Occupied Jerusalem. 55 Israeli settlers, escorted by police troops, stormed the al-Aqsa place of worship as part of the morning break-in shift, lasting from 07:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 12 settlers further broke into the site during the afternoon shift and performed sacrilegious rituals. Over recent days, the so-called Temple Mount organizations launched calls via social media networks for mass break-ins at al-Aqsa to mark Israel’s establishment on the land of Palestine. (PALINFO 1 May 2017)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the main road in the Mount of Olives area overlooking the Old city of Jerusalem, under the pretext that some Palestinian youth of the neighborhood targeted an Israeli settler vehicle with stones. (Wafa 1 May 2017)

Other

- According to data published by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), the population increased by about 159,000 during the past year, an increase of 1.9%. Since the last Independence Day, 174,000 babies were born in Israel, 44,000 people passed away, and about 30,000 people immigrated. On the eve of the establishment of the State of Israel, the population of Israel stood at 806,000. According to predictions, by 2048—when the state celebrates 100 years of independence—the population of Israel is expected to reach 15.2 million. The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) also conducted a global demographic comparison between the number of Jews in 1948 and today. The data indicate that in 1948, the Jewish population in the world was 11.5 million, and only 6% lived in Israel. Today, 14.411 million Jews live around the world, of which 43% live in Israel. The Jewish population today stands at approximately 6,484,000 residents (74.7% of the total population). The Arab population is approximately 1,808,000 (20.8%) and the population of non-Arab Christians, people of other religions and people with no religious affiliation totaled around 388,000 (4.5%). According to CBS data, 75% of the Jewish population is comprised of

native Israelis; 44% define themselves as secular; 24% are traditional or not very religious; 12% are observant; 11% are religious, and 9% are ultra-Orthodox. Among non-Jews, the picture is different: the majority (52%) are religious; 21% define themselves as secular; 23% are not so religious, and 4% are extremely religious. The largest city is still Jerusalem, home to about 865,700 residents. The smallest town is Neve Zohar in the Tamar Regional Council, which has 71 residents. In 1948, there was only one city in Israel with more than 100,000 residents—Tel Aviv. Today, 14 cities number more than 100,000 residents, of which eight have more than 200,000 residents: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Haifa, Rishon LeZion, Petah Tikva, Ashdod, Netanya and Be'er Sheva. In 1948, there were only two institutions of higher education in Israel (the Hebrew University and the Technion), whereas today, there are 63, including nine universities and 33 colleges. ([YNETNEWS](#) 1 May 2017)