



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 16 April 2019

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.

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Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a Palestinian day laborer while working in Jaber neighborhood, in Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA stopped and detained the worker, identified as Ishaq Ezzat Jaber, in his forties, while carrying construction supplies to a work site. The Palestinian suffered various cuts and bruises and was still detained by the IOA at the time of this report. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded many Palestinians, including schoolchildren, in and around two schools in Hebron city, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA invaded the areas surrounding Tareq Bin Ziad School, and Hebron Elementary School for Boys, in the southern area of Hebron city. The IOA attacked many Palestinians, protesting the invasion, and fired a barrage of gas bombs, concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets at them. Dozens of schoolchildren, and Palestinians in the surrounding areas, suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- Israeli forces targeted Palestinian fishermen and farmers, in the southern besieged Gaza Strip, on Tuesday morning. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- Israeli naval forces opened heavy fire towards Palestinian fishing boats, within the permitted fishing zone of six nautical miles, off the southern coast of Rafah. The fishermen were forced to head back to shore in fear for their lives. No injuries nor detentions were reported. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire on Palestinian farmers while they were working on agricultural lands to the east of Khan Younis, in southern Gaza. The farmers were also forced to flee the lands, in fear for their lives. However, no injuries were reported. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- In Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched many homes, and detained five Palestinians, identified as Mohammad Ma'moun Mheisin, 15, Mohannad Ma'moun Abu 'Assab, 15, Abdul-Rahman Ahmad Abu Ryala, 14, Adnan Marwan Abu Ryala, 21, and Jamil Hisham Nasser, 21. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- In Hebron, in southern West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) searched homes and detained Mohammad Rateb Abu Sbeih and Yousef Ahmad al-'Aker. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- In Ramallah and al-Biereh governorate, in central West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ragheb Mohammad Tamimi, Hilal Mamdouh Ata and Suleiman Salem Qatesh. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- In Nablus, in northern West Bank, the The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Adel Sabal, while Mohammad Fathallah Dahdouh was taken prisoner from his home in Salfit, in central West Bank. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) dismantled two Palestinian-owned tents, on Tuesday, in the Susiya village south of the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. Coordinator of the popular and national committees in southern Hebron, Rateb al-Jbour, reported that Israeli forces raided the village and dismantled one residential tents and another used for housing sheep, belonging to local Radi Hussein al-Nawajaa. The residential tent housed al-Nawajaa's 10-member family. Al-Jbour added that Israel aims, through these attacks, to expel Palestinians from the area in order to expand the illegal Israeli settlement of "Susiya." Susiya is considered "illegal" by the Israeli state and has been embroiled in legal battles with the Israeli state for years. The village is located in Area C -- the more than 60 percent of the West Bank under full Israeli military control, where Israel refuses to permit Palestinian construction. Rights groups have pointed out that this policy lines up with Israel's goals of expanding Israeli settlements throughout Area C while depopulating Palestinian villages there. (Maannews 16 April 2019)
- In the case of Susiya, many of the village's 200 residents have ties to the land that predate the creation of the state of Israel, and Ottoman-era land documents to prove it. However, the village lies between an

Israeli settlement and Israel-controlled archaeological site, making them a target for Israeli demolitions. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Masked Israeli settlers have been caught on camera attacking a Palestinian family in the occupied West Bank, with rocks. A group of masked settlers, from Yitzhar settlement, attacked a family in the neighboring Palestinian village of Urif, south of Nablus, with stones. Security camera footage from the village shows a Palestinian mother carrying a child into a car, while other family members walk around it. The settlers then come running down the road and start hurling stones at them. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the village of Susiya, south of Hebron in southern West Bank, and demolished two tents. The IOA surrounded the small village before invading it and demolished a residential tent, owned by Hussein Nawaj'a, housing ten family members, and another tent, which was used as a barn. (IMEMC 16 April 2019)
- A Palestinian man demolished his house that is still under construction, in Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem. Awad Muhammad Abbasi demolished his own home upon receiving orders by the Israeli municipality, claiming that the house was built without the nearly impossible-to-obtain Israeli permit. Israel uses the pretext of building without a permit to carry out demolitions of Palestinian-owned homes on a regular basis. (Maannews 16 April 2019)

Israeli Closures

- Israeli authorities continued to enforce a strict crackdown on the Issawiya neighborhood, in the central occupied West Bank city of Jerusalem, for the fifth consecutive day. Palestinians have been subjected to "collective punishment" through road closures, arbitrary searches, and mass detentions. The IOA constantly raided Issawiya for five consecutive days and set up checkpoints at its entrances. The IOA set up the checkpoints since predawn hours and conducted extensive

searches of Palestinian-owned vehicles and buses. The IOA checked ID cards of Palestinian drivers and carried out background checks. The IOA also detained five Palestinian youths after breaking into their homes. However, their identity remained unknown. (Maannews 16 April 2019)

Other

- An Israeli Court on April 16, 2019 has decided to uphold the revocation of the work permit of Human Rights Watch (HRW) Israel and Palestine Director, Omar Shakir, ordering him to leave the country within 14 days based on allegations that he supported a boycott of Israel. The ruling was based on a lawsuit filed by Human Rights Watch in May 2018 to challenge the decision of the Israeli government to revoke the work permit of Omar Shakir, who assumed his role as Director of HRW in Israel and Palestine in October 2016, as well as the law upon which the ruling is based, the anti-boycott law, a 2017 amendment to Israel's Law of the Entry which bars entry or the grant of residence or work permit to foreign nationals who allegedly support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. The court found that Shakir has "continuously" been calling for boycotts of Israel, citing his student activism as well as his subsequent work for HRW particularly through his social media posts. This ruling sets a dangerous precedent and is a reflection of the shrinking space for human rights defenders, who work on monitoring and documenting violations of international humanitarian and human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). (IMEMC 16 April 2019)