



ARIJ Daily Report

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 5 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 peaceful protestors in the village of Kafr Qaddoum in the Qalqilia Governorate. One Palestinian youth was shot and injured by the IOA, with a rubber-coated metal bullet during the attack on peaceful protestors. Dozens of IOA invaded the village, and took over several Palestinian homes in the area, forcing the residents out, and using their rooftops as sniper posts to target protestors. The IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets, tear-gas bombs as well as stun grenades at the crowd of non-violent protestors. (IMEMC 5 April 2019)
- Many Israeli military jeeps invaded Sebastia town, north of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and attacked protestors, causing many to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, in addition to assaulting several residents. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired many live rounds, gas bombs and concussion grenades at Palestinian youngsters, protesting the invasion. Several Palestinians suffered the effects of teargas inhalation, while many others suffered cuts and bruises after the soldiers assaulted them with batons. The Israeli army also closed the archeological site in the town and prevented the Palestinians from entering it. (IMEMC 5 April 2019)
- Dozens of birds suffocated to death due to an excessive amount of tear-gas bombs fired by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) throughout the Sabastiya village, northwest of the northern occupied West bank Governorate of Nablus. The IOA raided the eastern part of the village and attempted to take down a Palestinian flag, which was raised by the residents on Land Day last week. Clashes broke out among Israeli forces and Palestinian youths. During the clashes, the IOA repeatedly fired a large amount of tear-gas bombs and sound grenades towards the youths and several houses in the area. A number of Palestinian youths suffered from tear-gas inhalation. In addition, dozens of various birds, which were kept in one of the houses for breeding, suffocated to death from tear-gas bombs fired by the IOA. (Maannews 5 April 2019)

Israeli Arrests

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian child in Azzoun town, east of Qalqilia, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA detained Hazem Ma'moun Qatesh, 13, after invading his home and violently searching it, causing damage. (IMEMC 5 April 2019)

Israeli Settler Violence

- For the past six years, Israeli farmers have been farming Palestinian land that was left on the Israeli side of the separation barrier, an area Palestinian landowners are largely barred from entering. When the separation wall was constructed in the early 2000s, it confiscated 35,000 acres (140,000 dunams) of Palestinian land as a result of its circuitous route that snakes deep inside of the West Bank. The land between the wall and the 1967 Green Line is commonly referred to as the "seam zone." One of the same plots to which landowners are barred from entering is located west of the Palestinian village of Nuba, about 15 kilometers northwest of Hebron. Nearly half of the village's land was lost in 1948 because it remained west of the Green Line, and with the construction of the separation barrier in the area from 2005-2006, residents lost another 1,000 dunams that remained on the other side of the barrier. Although there's an agricultural gate on site that was supposed to be used by landowners to reach their territory to the west, their entry has not been possible since the barrier was constructed. This 'vacuum' was identified by the 'Mateh Yehuda Agricultural Association,' which cultivates vast swaths of land that were transferred to Israeli moshavim in the area, including those west of the Green Line. After a few years in which the villagers didn't access their land, the Agricultural Association decided that it was time to take over of one of the wadis in the area. "told Haaretz: "This story allows a peek into the jungle Israel created in areas left between the barrier and the Green Line. (Haaretz, FMEP 5 April 2019)

Israeli Military Orders

- The Israeli Authorities announced that it approved the construction of a new bypass road to divert settler traffic around the Palestinian village of Huwwara. The new road will allow settlers to avoid the Huwwara interchange, a perpetually congested section of the main West Bank highway, Route 60. Dubbed the "Huwwara Bypass," the new road will

be built on land historically a part of the Palestinian villages of Huwwara and Beita, which Israel seized for security reasons. This road is one of five new bypass roads that Prime Minister Netanyahu promised to build under immense pressure from the settler lobby, known as the Yesha Council. It was one part of a massive security package that the Netanyahu government funded to the tune of \$228 million in 2017. (FMEP 5 April 2019)

Expansion of settlements

- Israeli planning bodies were expected to meet and advance plans for nearly 5,000 new settlement units at a meeting on April 1st. However, that meeting appears to have been delayed. Nonetheless, it is worth reviewing the leaked details of the settlement plans slated to be advanced, of which 1,427 are reportedly set to receive final approval from the High Planning Council, including 603 new units in the Ma'aleh Adumim settlement just east of Jerusalem; 325 new units in the Alon settlement, near the disputed Palestinian village of Khan al-Ahmar east of Jerusalem; 108 new units in the Etz Efraim settlement, in the northern West Bank, one of several settlements slated to become a "super settlement" area; 110 new units in the Givat Ze'ev settlement just north of Jerusalem; 281 new units in the Beitar Illit settlement. A subcommittee of the Israeli Civil Administration was also set to meet on April 1st (no press reports indicate that the meeting actually happened), and was expected to advance plans for 3,474 new settlement units for public deposit, an earlier stage of the settlement planning process (reminder: all stages of the settlement planning process are significant, as each step through the publication of tenders is a political act of the Israeli government). The plans slated to be approved for public deposit include plans in settlement across the West Bank, reportedly include the following settlements: Elon Moreh, located east of Nablus in the central West Bank; Karnei Shomron, in the northern West Bank; Elkana and Oranit, which along with Etz Efraim, are slated to become a part of a "super settlement" area; Ariel in the central West Bank; Beit Aryeh northwest of Ramallah; Shiloh in the central West Bank; Talmon north of Ramallah. Peduel, in the northern West Bank but on the Israeli side of the separation barrier; and, Mitzpeh Yericho, just west of Jericho. (FMEP 5 April 2019)

Israeli Closures

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up flying checkpoints surrounding the Yaabad, Arraba, Ajja, al-Rama, Kafr Raie, Jabaa, Anza,

Zabuba and Anin towns and the the Jenin-Nablus road in the north of the West Bank. The IOA deployed at checkpoints interrogated Palestinians and searched their ID cards. (Maannews 5 April 2019)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed part of Route 60, preventing pedestrian Palestinians from using the road for a marathon for Israeli settlers. (Maannews 5 April 2019)

Other

- Tensions ran high at the southern Israeli Negev prison as Israeli 'suppression forces' stormed and searched prisoners and their belongings in section 1. The suppression forces assaulted and moved one prisoner to an undisclosed location, after the prisoner allegedly threw hot water at an Israeli guard. The entire section 1 was closed off and prisoners were relocated to other sections of the prison, there was no mention of the condition of the assaulted prisoner. On February 19, 2019 the Israeli Prison Services (IPS) seized the electronic devices of all prisoners in section 1, as punishment for protesting the jamming devices installed by the IPS.
- Two hard slaps, one on each cheek, is what we need to give ourselves in order to wake up from this dream of the only democracy in the Middle East. Two smacks in the face to understand that the election – with bots or without – do not make a democracy out of a country where 2.5 million out of the 10 million people who live in it have no civil rights. Two slaps to remind us that we are only extras in the show that opens Tuesday – and closes Wednesday. The election on Tuesday is a "let's pretend" performance of democracy. Our participation is just a bit of one-off background scenery lacking any influence. In a true democracy, a man pursued by the law does not impose elections on 9 million people as a means to avoid a trial. In a normal democracy, we don't hold an election over corruption. You are tried for corruption, not elected. We hold elections over education, religion, economics and a 71-year-old war. The fate and future of our children, not that of Benjamin Netanyahu, will be determined by this war. We have been sweeping this war under the carpet, even though it is what gave birth to the aggression and corruption that have brought us to where we are today. But we are not talking about this war and not dealing with it. There is nothing to talk about. No one to talk to and nothing to talk

about. When nothing is on the agenda in the election except for Netanyahu's future, it is clear that what came before Tuesday will be what comes after it. But it will be even more flawed, more extreme, crazier. This is not a "crucial" election, it is only crucial for Netanyahu. The choice between one nationalist right and a different nationalist right is critical only for the right. The destruction of the legal system is more fateful, the internal rift is more painful, but we are in denial, insisting stubbornly on business as usual, driving a car without brakes – but making sure to signal on the curves. Two smacks in the face will wake us up, not just from the illusion that we are living in a democracy but also the illusion that it really bothers us one way or the other. It's simply not true. Is there anything that can convince us not to busy ourselves with the psychoses of the candidates and return to the reality of the checkpoints and [arresting children](#)? Yes, there is such a thing. Annexation of the Palestinian territories and imposing Israeli law on 2.5 million people without rights will convince us. Only then will we be able to look in the mirror and admit sadly – though with a certain amount of relief – that we are finished with democracy. Because only annexation will force us to realize that even now we are a country without any borders, and that 20 percent of its residents lack rights. When we sober up from the illusion of democracy, we will understand that for years we have been without it, wearing the emperor's new clothes and not understanding why we are seen as crazy. Annexation will remove the restraints of having to act like a normal country. It will be something liberating, wild, uninhibited – we will be the crazy, violent guy who fled the hospital, we will not be embarrassed about anything, we will be like [Donald Trump](#), like Itamar Ben-Gvir, like South Africa. Annexation will free us from the fake commitment to liberty and equality, rescue us from the lie of "the most moral army in the world," and enrich the dictionary with words like "transfer," "expulsion," "exile," and "voluntary emigration." Nothing will stop us; one who doesn't stop at red lights no longer pays any attention to stop signs. After the annexation, we will have here – as we have now – over 11 million people. More than Sweden and similar to Belgium. But in Sweden and Belgium everyone is equal before the law, and here they aren't. When the law preventing the investigation of a sitting prime minister, whether it is called the French Law, the Portuguese

Law or the Law to Save Netanyahu from Prison, we will no longer be a country with two sets of laws, but a country with three sets of laws: One set for the Arabs, another set for the Jews and a special set for selected, powerful, strong Jews who work night and day on our behalf. They will continue to do little for us and a lot for themselves. We will be an island of Sicilian protection rackets in the middle of a shark-filled sea. Tough men in sunglasses will then pass through the neighborhood, everyone will know who they are, and they won't deny it. True, they'll say, we're not saints, but show us someone who'll protect you better than we will. After all, what are they asking for? For us to put the slip of paper in the envelope that we know we should put there. And remember, they'll tell us, they have a lot of cousins to feed. ([Haaretz](#) 4 April 2019)