



ARIJ DAILY REPORT

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Israeli Violations' Activities in the occupied State of Palestine

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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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Violations of the Israeli occupation Army

- A Palestinian was injured by Israeli Occupation Army's (IOA) gunfire during confrontations at the entrance of Kobar village, located to the north of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah. Israeli military vehicles from the settlement of Halamish, also known as Neveh Tzuf, attempted to raid the village from its western entrance. During ensuing confrontations, the IOA opened fire towards local Palestinian youths who attempted to block the IOA' access to the village, injuring a youth in the stomach. The casualty, in his 30s, was rushed to a hospital for urgent treatment. (Wafa 21 April 2020)
- A Palestinian fisherman was injured and his boat damaged when Israeli navy opened fire at him while sailing off the Gaza shore. The navy fired rubber bullets at the 25-year-old fisherman hitting him in the head. His boat was also hit by bullets while sailing the allowed three nautical miles off shore. (Wafa 21 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened live fire and shot teargas at Palestinian farmers attending to their lands in Khuzaa town, east of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis. The farmers were forced to flee the area before anyone was hurt. The Israeli army has set an area of 300 meters inside Gaza as buffer zone and opens fire without warning at Palestinians who get close to the border fence. (Wafa 21 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire and injured a Palestinian man near the separation barrier in the north of the West Bank. Abdul Karim Abu Assab, 30, was shot by a live bullet in the leg when he was near the barrier north of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilya. (Wafa 21 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and injured a Palestinian youth from the village of Taqoa, southeast of the southern West Bank city of Bethlehem, and detained him. The reason for the shooting and the situation of the injured youth were not immediately known but Israel claimed he was getting ready to throw stones at settlers' cars near the village when he was shot. (Wafa 21 April 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and bulldozers parts of the northern and southern besieged Gaza Strip. A number of armored vehicles including bulldozers, advanced tens of meters deep into the Jabalia refugee camp, north of the coastal enclave. The bulldozers embarked on levelling Palestinian-owned farm lands, just near the border fence between Gaza and Israel. (IMEMC 21 April 2020)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained, a freed Palestinian prisoner from the Beit Ummar town in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. An Israeli army force invaded the Beit Ummar town and began invading several Palestinian-owned homes, before they detained freed Palestinian prisoner, Mohammad Alsaleeby, 24. The IOA took Alsaleeby to the nearby Israeli settlement of Karmy Tsour, south of Beit Ummar, at the time of this report. Alsaleeby was released from an Israeli prison six months ago, after having served five years of imprisonment. (IMEMC 21 April 2020)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Israeli settlers assaulted a Palestinian shepherd and stole his livestock in Masafer Yatta in the southern Hebron hills. Two settlers assaulted the shepherd, a resident of the Khirbet Qwiwis village, while he was grazing his livestock and stole two sheep before fleeing the scene. Khirbet Qwiwis is a community in Masafer Yatta, a collection of almost 19 hamlets which rely heavily on animal husbandry as the main source of livelihood. (Wafa 21 April 2020)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) issued an order to demolish a Palestinian house under construction in the area of Um al-Rukba, in al-Khader town, located to the south of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. The IOA handed Saleh al-Mahsiri, a local resident, a military order to demolish his house under construction within 96 hours purportedly for being built without a license. (Wafa 21 April 2020)

Israeli Military Orders

- Israel's attorney general has approved a decision to seize the lands of [Hebron](#)'s Ibrahimi Mosque, a key religious site in the occupied West Bank. Lands belonging to the WAQF, or Islamic charitable trust. Both Jews and Muslims revere the same site in [Hebron](#) as the traditional burial place of Abraham and his family. Jews call it the Tomb of the Patriarchs, while for [Muslims](#) it is known as the Ibrahimi Mosque or Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi. Following Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit's approval, the lands will be under the control of Israeli occupation Minister Naftali Bennett. Mandelblit's legal justification for allowing the seizure of the lands is unclear. (Wafa, [Al Arabiya](#) 21 April 2020)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli military vehicles infiltrated the northern Gaza borders east of Jabalya and razed land. Several vehicles breached the border, went dozens of meters into Gaza and razed land as fire was shot in the air before returning into the Israeli side of the border. (Wafa 21 April 2020)

Other

- The unity government agreement inked on Monday by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Blue and White chairman Benny Gantz will allow Israel to initiate legislation to annex large parts of the West Bank starting in the beginning of July. According to clause 29 of the deal, Netanyahu "will be able to bring the agreement reached with the US on the application of sovereignty [in the West Bank]... for the approval of the cabinet and/or the Knesset starting July 1, 2020." Setting out two legislative paths to enact annexation, the deal appears to provide Netanyahu with an alternative route if he fails to gain a majority for annexation in the cabinet, where some half of the ministers will be Blue and White members. It is more likely to pass in the Knesset given that the right-wing Likud, Yamina, Yisrael Beytenu, United Torah Judaism and Shas parties, which all have voiced support for annexation, hold a majority there. If Netanyahu chooses to bring the proposal before the Knesset, he will be able to do so on his own or through another MK, provided that the lawmaker is from the Likud party, the agreement stipulates, in an apparent effort to prevent a more hardline lawmaker from advancing legislation that is not coordinated with the Likud and

Blue and White parties. This lawmaker will be obligated to ensure that the legislation is “identical to the version placed before the cabinet”. “The law will be passed as quickly as possible... and will not be disrupted or delayed by the chairs of either the House or the Foreign Affairs and Defense committees,” the agreement reads. Moreover, the deal stipulates that Netanyahu and Gantz will act in “full agreement with the US, including on the issue of [West Bank] maps, and in dialogue with the international community.” Washington has largely given its blessing to Israel’s annexation efforts, saying it would rescind its veto once a government has been formed and a joint US-Israel mapping team has completed its efforts to determine exactly which West Bank land Israel will be allowed annex. Their work has been hindered due to the coronavirus, though the director general of the Prime Minister’s Office told the Makor Rishon newspaper that the pandemic has not forced a total cessation of efforts. Still, some analysts speculate that Washington may be more hesitant to allow such a far-reaching move to go forward just months before the November presidential election. Gantz and Netanyahu will advance the Trump peace plan, “while pursuing the security and strategic interests, maintaining regional stability, [maintaining existing] peace agreements and striving for future ones,” the agreement further reads. ([TOI](#) 21 April 2020)([IPOST](#))