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State of Palestine during the Month of April  
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## Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- A young Palestinian man was pronounced dead, after he had sustained wounds caused by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA), last month. The young man was identified as Islam Dwaikat, 22, and he was wounded by Israeli troops that opened fire at Palestinian protestors during an Israeli invasion of Beita town, south of Nablus city, in northern West Bank. On [March 11](#), the youth was struck with a rubber-coated steel bullet in the head and has remained in a deep coma at a local hospital. Massive protests took place last month, between Israeli troops and local residents in the al-'Arma Mountain when locals intercepted Israeli settlers, en-route to the Palestinian-populated area. The IOA reacted by firing tear-gas canisters, rubber-coated steel bullets and live ammunition at Palestinians protecting their land. (IMEMC 1 April 2020)
- A newly released Palestinian prisoner tested positive for the coronavirus. The announcement came after prisoner, Noureldin Sarsour, a resident of Betunia town, west of Ramallah city, who was incarcerated for 2 weeks at Ofer Israeli prison, upon his release from prison, received his results, showing he had contracted the Coronavirus. The name of Sarsour has been revealed, only after Sarsour himself had permitted the lawyers to do so. Sarsour has asked the committee's lawyers to inform his fellow prisoners about his newly-discovered case of Coronavirus". (IMEMC 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) imposed a fine (12471) NIS on Ahmed Mohamed Khedr Bani Odeh, to recover a bulldozer after detaining it for more than four months. The IOA took over the bulldozer four months ago, while he was working in Al-Buqei'a Plain, southeast of Tubas. (WAFa 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a sheep herder and about 100 of his livestock in Wadi Al Hummos neighborhood in Sur Baher town, south of occupied Jerusalem. The shepherd is from the Shuqairat family, a resident of Jabal Al-Mukabber, while he was grazing his sheep in the neighborhood, in addition to detaining the livestock. (WAFa 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained four members of the Emergency Committee to confront "Coronavirus" in the village of Sur Baher, south of occupied Jerusalem, and seized 300 food parcels. The

Occupation Police raided Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq Secondary School in Sur Baher, seized 300 food parcels that were to be distributed to a number of families who were home-locked because of the "virus", detained four members of the Emergency Committee, and transferred them to an investigation center. (Wafa 1 April 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed at the gate of the Apartheid Wall, adjacent to the Shweikeh suburb of Tulkarm, fired tear gas and tear gas canisters at the citizens, on the pretext that they were throwing rocks. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Palestinian homes and detained three residents in East Jerusalem, southern occupied West Bank. Israeli troops stormed the Silwan neighborhood, broke into several homes and detained two Palestinian civilians, identified as Bahaa Abu Tayeh and Naserallah Alawar. The IOA also detained local resident, Saed Obeid from the Arab-Palestinian neighborhood of al-'Isawiya in occupied East Jerusalem. (IMEMC 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained in wadi al-Homs area in the village of Sour Baher, a citizen of the family: Shaqirat - residents of Jabal Al-Mukaber neighborhood in Jerusalem, in addition to about 100 heads of sheep, while he grazed his sheep in the area, and later released him with his sheep. . (NAD, IMEMC 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) during the storming of Shuafat refugee camp in Jerusalem, fired tear gas and tear gas canisters at the citizens, on the pretext that they were throwing rocks while they were patrolling. (NAD 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Khirbet Homsa area in the northern Jordan Valley, stormed and searched 2 homes and withdrew later after some hours. (NAD 2 April 2020)
- Israeli police near bardla junction assaulted Fadi Fathi Hosni Issa, a resident of Sanor vill in Jenin governorate. (NAD 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in charge of guarding the industrial zone in the "Barkan" settlement detained a patrol team belonging to the customs officer while they were in their duty to monitor and follow up the trucks transporting goods from the colonies, and released them after the intervention of the Palestinian military . (NAD 2 April 2020).

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained the Palestinian Authority's Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Fadi al-Hidmi. Israeli police and intelligence officers raided his home in middle of the night and thoroughly searched it before detaining him. This was his fourth arrest since he took office in April 2019 in addition to several interrogations. (WAFA 3 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) released the Minister of Jerusalem Affairs, Fadi Hidmi, after detaining him for several hours at the Moroccan compound in occupied Jerusalem. During his brief detention, interrogators questioned him about the Palestinian government's aid provided to the Palestinian citizens of occupied East Jerusalem as part of the ongoing campaign against the coronavirus outbreak. (WAFA 3 April 2020)
- Shortly after his release from the al-Maskobiyya interrogation facility in occupied Jerusalem, the Palestinian Government Minister of Jerusalem, Fadi al-Hadmi, said that the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) violently searched his home, and used dogs to inflict maximum damage, in addition to forcing him to wear a dirty mask that had signs of dried blood on it. The IOA, police officers and internal security officers, stormed his home at dawn, after detonating the main doors, and rampaged through every room of the property, causing excessive damage, in addition to causing anxiety attacks among his children. “I was taken to the al-Maskobiyya interrogation facility where many soldiers repeatedly beat me up,” he added, “I was then forced to wear a mask that seems to have been used and had signs of dried blood on it.” (IMEMC 4 April 2020)
- A Palestinian youth was injured when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire at Palestinian citizens, while dozens of Palestinians choked on tear gas in Kufur Qaddoum village, in the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilyia . A Palestinian young man was wounded in the arm when Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired at Palestinians taking part in Kufur Qaddoum’s weekly non-violent march against settlements. The wounded young man, who was reportedly hit by fragments of a concussion grenade in his arm, was transferred to hospital for treatment, while those suffering from inhalation injuries from tear-gas fired by the IOA, were treated at the scene. (IMEMC 4 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the town of Kufur Qaddoum, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, and caused dozens of Palestinians to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation during ensuing protests. Several army jeeps invaded the town, leading to protests. The IOA fired a barrage of gas bombs, in addition to concussion grenades, live rounds and rubber-coated steel bullets at the protesters, and surrounding homes. Dozens of residents, including many in their own homes, suffered the severe effects of teargas inhalation, before receiving the needed treatment by the local medics. The IOA smashed the doors of many homes before breaking into them, and conducted violent searches of the properties while inspecting the ID cards of the Palestinians and interrogating many of them. (IMEMC 5 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained the Palestinian Governor of occupied East Jerusalem, [Adnan Gheith](#), after storming and ransacking his home in Silwan town, south of Jerusalem. The IOA violently searched the property after breaking into it, causing damage, and detained the governor. This is the seventeenth time the IOA detain Gheith since he became the governor of occupied Jerusalem in August 2018. Gheith is also banned from entering the rest of the West Bank, in addition to not being allowed to have any contact with the Palestinian Authority, or with any of the Palestinian political leaders, including President Mahmoud Abbas. (IMEMC 5 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) forced activists in the emergency committee in the village of Rashaida, east of Bethlehem, to remove a roadblock that was erected to limit the movement of citizens, as part of a plan to confront the "Corona" epidemic. The IOA stormed the village and notified the activists that it is necessary to remove the barrier that was placed at the village's northern entrance, or else they will arrest them, on the pretext that it was built on a military road and prevents the movement of settlers on this road. (WAFA 5 April 2020)
- Israeli aircraft sprayed agricultural areas near the separation fence, east of Gaza City, with toxic pesticides. Israeli planes sprayed toxic pesticides on the agricultural lands planted with wheat, barley, corn, okra, mallow and other crops, causing the destruction of crops and economic losses mainly in Al-Zaytoun neighborhood and Jahr Al-Deek area southeast of Gaza City. The Israeli aircrafts had started spraying chemical pesticides from the air in the areas near the eastern separation fence east of Gaza, beginning in the eastern areas of Gaza Governorate, all the way to the northeastern regions of the central governorate. The

spraying operations coincided with the presence of farmers in their agricultural lands near the eastern separation fence. (WAFA 5 April 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the house of the secretary of Fatah movement in the Beit Hanina Town of Jerusalem, Shadi Mutour and ransacked house contents. The IOA gave his family a summon requiring Shadi to come to the Israeli intelligence headquarter in Jerusalem for questioning. (WAFA 5 April 2020)
- Israeli naval forces, off the coast of Gaza, committed 17 violations against Gaza fishermen, during the month of March. Among those violations, opening heavy fire, unleashing waste water cannons and ruining fishing nets. The violations also included damaging two boats, belonging to two different fishermen from Gaza City. The recent amount of violations against fishermen came while Palestinian fishermen and many other categories of Palestinian workers, are coping with the spread of the coronavirus, worldwide, by following the precautions put forth by concerned health bodies, as many of those fishermen stay-in doors, to protect themselves. Fishing is the only source of income for fishermen to provide for their families, with the Gaza Strip having been subject to a crippling Israeli blockade, for 13 years now. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Kefah Hantouli from Jenin city in the northern occupied West Bank city of Jenin after having broken into his home in the Kharouba neighborhood of Jenin. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- Israeli troops invaded the homes of Sami Alkilani from Ya'bad village and Fadi Abu Salah from Arraba village, which are parts of Jenin and detained them and have taken to unknown destinations. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) dumped contaminated trash and spat on doors of vehicles and homes in the southern West Bank town of Beit Ummar at a time the Palestinians are trying to fight the spread of the deadly coronavirus pandemic. A large army force broke into a section of Beit Ummar located near the illegal settlement bloc of Gush Etzion and threw glares contaminated with an unknown substance, as well as trash, needles and used gloves between village homes. The IOA also spat on the doors of vehicles and homes, and insulted residents using racist terms, he said, raising concern that the soldiers

intentionally want to spread coronavirus among the Palestinian civilians of that area. The IOA did the same near the house of freed prisoner, Fida Ikhilil, in the town where they spat at and insulted people in that area. (Wafa 6 April 2020)

- An Israeli court extended the detention of the Palestinian Authority's Jerusalem governor. The court issued a ruling extending the detention of Jerusalem Governor Adnan Ghaith in line with Israeli intelligence's recommendation. The intelligence objected an earlier court ruling to release him. A day earlier, Israeli police raided Ghaith's house in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan before they detained him. Ever since he took office in early 2019, Ghaith was detained 17 times by Israeli occupation authorities. He is also banned from entering the occupied West Bank under the pretext of being in contact with the Palestinian leadership. (Wafa 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed along the border fence, east of Gaza Valley (Johur al-Deek), south of Gaza City, opened fire at agricultural lands; no casualties were reported. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Abu Dis, east of occupied East Jerusalem. They raided and searched two houses belonging to Mohammed Asa'ad Obaidat (40) and Mohammed Salah Owda (35) and arrested them. It should be noted that the above mentioned prisoners are former-prisoners. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles, moved 100-meters from Zikim military base, northwest of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip heading to the western side of the border fence. They levelled and combed lands that were previously levelled amidst Israeli sporadic shooting. No casualties were reported. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Beit Hanina neighborhood, north of the occupied East Jerusalem. They raided and searched Shady Matour's house, the Fatah Movement's Secretary in Jerusalem, and informed his family that he should surrender himself in al-Qishla police station in Jerusalem's Old City. It should be noted that this is 2nd IOA raid into Shady's house within two days, and the third one within the preceding 10 days. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
- Israeli troops incurred into the northwestern part of the besieged Gaza Strip, with tanks and D-9 bulldozers. At least four army bulldozers as well as other armored vehicles, incurred several hundred meters deep into a northwestern part of the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahia. The invasion took place from the so-called Zekem Israeli military gate.

The invading bulldozers embarked on razing of farm lands adjacent to the Israel-Gaza border fence. No casualties were reported, but some damage was reported to Palestinian-owned farm lands. (IMEMC 7 April 2020)

- A force of Israeli army invaded the southeastern part of Khan Younis city, southern Gaza Strip. The invading force opened heavy fire on residents' homes and farmers in the area, with no casualties reported. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
- Israeli gunboats stationed northwest of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza Strip, chased Palestinian fishing boats sailing within the allowed fishing area (3 nautical miles) and opened fire at a fishing boat. As a result, fisherman, Ibrahim Amin Rushdi Abu Wardah (23), from Jabalia, was shot and injured with rubber bullets in his right leg and the palm of his right hand as he was on the fishing boat. The shooting caused fear among fishermen, who sailed back to the shore. No casualties were reported. (PCHRGAZA 8 April 2020)
- Israeli troops seized a Palestinian-owned tractor in the northern Hebron city, southern West Bank. The troops broke into the Aseer farm land, near the Israeli colonial settlement of Mitsad Nokdeem. The invading troops seized the tractor of local farmer, Hamed Alababda, while the latter was cultivating his farm land. Alababda owns the land and has all documents confirming ownership. (IMEMC 8 April 2020)
- Israeli police officers assaulted, three young Palestinian men, before detaining them, in Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem. The police officers invaded Maragha neighborhood in Silwan, and assaulted Ala' Tawfiq Abu Tayeh, Ahmad Tawfiq Abu Tayeh, and Mahmoud Wa'el Abu Tayeh, before detaining them. The IOA fired many concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets at random, during the invasions. The IOA also invaded Ein al-Hilwa neighborhood in Silwan and fired concussion grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets. (IMEMC 9 April 2020)
- Israeli gunboats stationed northwest of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza Strip, chased Palestinian fishing boats sailing within the allowed fishing area (3 nautical miles) and opened fire at a fishing boat. As a result, two fishermen, Obai 'Adel Mohamed Jarbou' (21) and Ahmed 'Abed al-Fattah Ahmed al-Sharfi (23), were shot and injured with rubber-coated steel bullets. The young men, from al-Shati' camp in Gaza City, were taken to the Indonesian Hospital, where their injuries were classified as minor. (IMEMC 9 April 2020)



- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians after invading the town of Abu Dis, east of Jerusalem. The IOA invaded the town and ransacked the homes of the 2 unidentified Palestinian men, before detaining them. The two men are former prisoners, one serving fifteen years and the other serving six years inside Israeli prisons, for ‘resisting the occupation’. (IMEMC 9 April 2020)
- Israeli police abducted a Palestinian young man near Bab al-Huta area in the Old City of Jerusalem identified as Fouaad al-Shawish, 21, from his home and took him to an undisclosed location. (IMEMC 9 April 2020)
- Despite the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in Israel, with over 9,500 cases and nearly 80 deaths reported so far, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) opened today several wastewater tunnels near the West Bank city of Qalqilia to smuggle Palestinian workers in Israel back into the West Bank. The opening of the wastewater tunnels was an attempt by Israel to undermine the efforts of the Palestinian government to contain the coronavirus pandemic in Palestine, as most of the 263 cases confirmed in Palestine so far came from Israel, which occupies the West Bank. (IMEMC 9 April 2020)
- Israeli gunboats opened fire towards fishermen boats while they were chasing them at sea off the coast of Al-Sudaniya area, west of Beit Lahia town, which resulted in the injury of a fisherman. The fisherman was identified as Ibrahim Ameen Rushdi Abu Ward. (NAD 9 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire and tear gas canisters from their positions on the Green Line; towards a number of citizens located near the border fence in northeast of Beit Hanoun. (NAD 9 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two Palestinians from Bany Naeem town, on the eastern edge of the southern occupied West Bank Governorate of Hebron. The IOA surrounded the town, before it detained a Palestinian youth, identified as Mahdi Abusnaina, near the Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi (Ibrahimi) Mosque. (IMEMC 10 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) positioned in Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem city fired rubber coated metal bullets, stun and tear gas canisters towards residents for alleged stoning. (NAD 10 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired rubber coated metal bullets, stun and tear gas canisters towards residents for alleged stoning during their raid into Al-Eisawiya village. (NAD 10 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 2 residents: Moayad Saud Foqaha and Kamal Moayad Foqaha at a checkpoint at Ain Al-Bayda village junction located in the North Jordan valley. (NAD 10 April 2020)
- Israeli gunboats opened fire towards fishermen boats while they were chasing them at sea off the shore of Al-Sudaniya area, west of Beit Lahia town, which resulted in the injury of 2 fishermen. The two wounded people, as a result of Israeli gunboats shooting towards the boats of fishermen at sea off the coast of Al-Sudaniya area, west of the town of Beit Lahia, are: Ahmed Abdel-Fattah Ahmed Al-Sharafi, and Abu Adel Muhammad Jarbou. (NAD 10 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire from their positions on the Green Line, towards agricultural land north of Beit Lahia. (NAD 10 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire and tear gas canisters from their positions on the Green Line, towards a number of citizens near the border fence east of the town of Qarara, northeast of Khan Yunis. (NAD 10 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire from their positions on the Green Line, towards agricultural lands, east of Al-Faraheen area, east of Khan Yunis. (NAD 10 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened fire and tear gas canisters from their positions on the green line, towards a number of citizens near the border fence east of Khan Yunis. (NAD 10 April 2020)
- Palestinian residents in the central West Bank town of Kufur Qaddoum suffocated on tear-gas, fired by Israeli troops. Israeli Troops backed by armored vehicles, stormed the town of Kufur Qaddoum and began shooting randomly on locals, using live ammunition, rubber-coated steel bullets and tear-gas canisters. Israeli shooting hit residential homes, local shops and other objects in the town. (IMEMC 11 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tasked with guarding the separation wall, adjacent to the village of Qatnah, fired at a civilian near the wall, wounding him. The civilian was identified as Ahmad Sami Mohammad Al-Foqiyat. (NAD 11 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) tasked with guarding the separation wall, adjacent to the town of Abu Dis, fired sound and tear gas canisters at the citizens, on the pretext that they were throwing stones. (NAD 11 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired tear gas canisters from their positions on the Green Line, towards a number of citizens near the border fence north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (NAD 11 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian child after raiding his family's home in the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron in the West Bank. The IOA raided and searched several homes in the town before detaining Bahaa Ra'ed Meqbel, 17 years old. He was moved to the settlement of Karmi Tzour, nearby. (Wafa 12 April 2020)
- Israeli troops detained a number of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank. Among those detained is a Palestinian child in the Beit Ummar village, north of the West Bank city of Hebron. The IOA troops stormed the Sah'b Alsir' neighborhood, south of Beit Ummar and broke into civilian homes, before they arrested the 17-year-old child, Baha' Raed. Right after the arrest, the troops transferred Raed to the Karmi Etsour Israeli settlement. (IMEMC 12 April 2020)
- In the West Bank city of Bethlehem, Israeli troops detained a Palestinian with special needs identified as Mohammad Taha, who suffers from speech disabilities, after having broken into his home".Some of the invading troops spit all over the floors and walls of Taha's home. (IMEMC 12 April 2020)
- In Bethlehem, Israeli troops invaded and vandalized the home of young man, identified as Diya' Zaghloul, before detaining him from the village of Husan, west of Bethlehem city. (IMEMC 12 April 2020)
- Israeli troops opened fire, on a number of Palestinian farmers in the southern besieged Gaza Strip. Israeli troops stationed on watch towers, near the border fence with Khuza'a village, southeast of the coastal territory, opened fire with their machine guns indiscriminately towards a number of local farmers, while bending down in labor. Israeli troops' fire caused no casualties, but spread panic among farmers, forcing them to leave their farmlands immediately. (IMEMC 12 April 2020)
- Israeli occupation troops opened fire at Palestinians in the northwest of Jerusalem wounding one young man and causing others to suffer the

toxic effects of tear-gas. The troops shot the young man, 20, in the thigh, the young man, who remained unidentified. The young man was shot as he approached the apartheid wall in the village of Qatanna, in the Jerusalem District, southern occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 12 April 2020)

- The Israeli police in al-'Isawiya, attacked a Palestinian young man, brutally assaulting him at the entrance to the village, before arresting him. (IMEMC 12 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded and ransacked the home of legislator Mohammad Abu Teir, 69 years of age, in the central West Bank city of Ramallah, and detained him. Abu Teir, from occupied Jerusalem, is a former political prisoner who spent more than 35 years in Israeli prisons. Last year, Abu Teir was detained and imprisoned for seven months under the arbitrary Administrative Detention orders without charges or trial. Although he is a native of occupied Jerusalem, Abu Teir was forcibly exiled from the city ten years ago, and was never allowed back. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ibrahim Abu Raddaha from his home in Betunia town, west of Ramallah, and Abdul-Jawad Omar Hamayel from al-Biereh nearby city. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded Azzoun town, east of the northern West Bank city of Qalqilia, and detained two former political prisoners, identified as Mahmoud Nidal Salim and Mo'awiya Rayashiyya, from their homes. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- In Bethlehem, south of occupied Jerusalem, The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Shadi Mohammad Hasasna. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Mousa from his home in Nablus, in northern West Bank. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- Several armored military vehicles invaded many neighborhoods in Qalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem, and drove around for a few hours before withdrawing. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the town of Silwan, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem, and fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at protesters, and several surrounding homes, wounding many Palestinians, including two infants. Many

army jeeps invaded Abu Tayeh neighborhood in Silwan, and attacked Palestinian youngsters who protested the invasion into their community. The IOA fired a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades at the protesters, in addition to surrounding homes, causing several Palestinians, including two infants, twelve and five months of age, to suffer the severe effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained two young men, identified as Mo'taz Shweiki and Malek Gheith, after stopping their car in the ath-Thoury neighborhood in Silwan. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot a young Palestinian man, north of Qalqilia, in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. The IOA shot a young man, 25 years of age, while walking on Palestinian lands near the illegal Annexation Wall. The young man was shot with a live round in the leg and the IOA left the scene after shooting him, without attempting any first aid. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- Jerusalem doctors have warned of a large and accelerated spread of coronavirus disease in the Palestinian neighborhoods of occupied East Jerusalem amid negligence by the Israeli government of these neighborhoods and the blackout on information about the spread of Covid-19. This warning came from the Jerusalem Doctors Network following the sudden announcement of a large number of infected cases in Silwan neighborhood of East Jerusalem. The doctors urged Jerusalem residents to take precautionary measures in order to protect themselves from this pandemic in light of the failure of the Israeli occupation authorities to shoulder their responsibility toward the city's Palestinian population. (WAFA 13 April 2020)
- Israeli troops detained at dawn, both Loui Alsho'la and Omar Abu Alrob from Al-Bireh town, in the central occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 14 April 2020)
- Israeli troops detained 31-year-old Palestinian, Naser Jarrar, after he was summoned by Israeli authorities to an interrogation center, near the northern West Bank town of Jenin. The Israeli troops summoned Jarrar to the Salem Israeli center, before they put him onto custody. Jarrar is an ex-prisoner, who has been frequently detained by Israeli occupation authorities. (IMEMC 14 April 2020)
- Israeli troops detained three Palestinians, including two minors, from the northern West Bank district of Jenin. The Israeli troops rounded up

two Palestinian minors after storming the farmlands of Tora village, southwest of Jenin city. The Israeli troops also rounded up a Palestinian while tending his farmland in Faqu'a village, east of Jenin. (WAFA 14 April 2020)

- For the 10<sup>th</sup> time in few weeks, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) barred Palestinian volunteers from manning a checkpoint in two northern Jordan Valley villages set up to restrict movement in an effort to combat spread of the coronavirus disease. The IOA took down a Palestinian flag and forced the volunteers to leave the area. Volunteers from the Palestinian movement headed by President Mahmoud Abbas wanted to help the local councils maintain order in their villages to prevent the spread of the deadly disease when the Israeli soldiers ordered them to leave the area. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> time the IOA dismantled the Palestinian checkpoint since the outbreak of the disease in the occupied Palestinian territories more than a month ago. (WAFA 14 April 2020)
- Clashes erupted between dozens of young Palestinian men and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Naqqar neighborhood, west of Qalqilya. During the confrontations, the IOA fired tear gas and rubber-coated bullets at the youths. No injuries or arrests were reported. (WAFA 14 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the medical center prepared by the Emergency Committee in Silwan, IN occupied Jerusalem, which was provided by the Palestinian Ministry of Health. The storming of the medical center coincided with the storming of the house of secretary of Fatah movement in Silwan, Ahmad al-Abbasi, and handed over his family an order demanding Al Abbasi to turn on himself in to the Police in the Israeli "Oz" investigation center. (WAFA 14 April 2020)
- A young Palestinian man was wounded in the head, during the Israeli occupation Army's incursion into Qalandia Camp and its surrounding area, Kafr Aqab neighborhood, north of occupied Jerusalem. The IOA stormed the camp and its surroundings, Kafr Aqab neighborhood to impose closure on commercial shops, and threatened citizens via loudspeakers to impose heavy fines if they don't abide by the closure order. Clashes erupted between dozens of youths and the IOA, who fired sound and tear gas and grenades bombs at Palestinians, wounding a young man with a bomb in the head. (WAFA 14 April 2020)

- Israel blocking efforts by Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem to combat the deadly coronavirus disease. The Israeli Police closed a Palestinian health center in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan which was set up specifically to test for corona cases in the neighborhood after discovering dozens of cases and detaining those involved in setting it up under political pretexts have raised serious concern among the city's vulnerable Palestinian population of not being able to prevent spread of the deadly disease. (Wafa 15 April 2020)
- The Israeli security summoned Palestine TV correspondent in Jerusalem, Christine Rinawi, for interrogation at the infamous Russian Compound police station in West Jerusalem. Israeli security service, known as Shabac, called her today and ordered her to appear at the Russian compound police station in the evening. The Shabac has shut down Palestine TV office in Jerusalem on December 6, seized all cameras and equipment and barred its employees from doing any work for the TV. Its staff were also detained and held for several hours. (Wafa 16 April 2020)
- Israeli police summoned for questioning Sheikh Omar Kiswani, the Director of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem. In recent months, Kiswani was summoned several times by the Israeli occupation forces for questioning. The director of the Islamic Waqf Council, Abdul-Azim Salhab, was also recently summoned for questioning. (Wafa 16 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 4 young Palestinian after assaulting them in Qanatir Khudair area of the Old City of Jerusalem. They were identified as Anas Morkasah, Wasim Taha, Biju Taha, and Abd Al-Sharbaty. (Wafa 17 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a truck and a bulldozer owned by Tayseer Mohammed Grahid near Al-Oja village, under the pretext of working in the Israeli-controlled Area C. (NAD 17 April 2020)
- At least three Palestinians were injured by Israeli occupation Army (IOA) as troops invaded the northern West Bank village of Kufur Qaddoum. Israeli army stormed the village, provoking resistance from local Palestinians. The IOA fired live rounds at the protesters, injuring three of them. Israeli troops also fired tear-gas towards protestors, causing many others to choke. The IOA suppressed the weekly demonstration, held every Friday in Kufur Qaddoum village in the Qalqilia district. (MEMC 18 April 2020)

- Israeli authorities in occupied East Jerusalem imposed many fines on Palestinian residents of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. The fines were imposed on local Palestinians, who participate in a weekly protest against the continued Israeli settlement activities and confiscation of Palestinian-owned lands, across East Jerusalem. At least seven Palestinian activists from the same neighborhood received fines and were forced to sign a commitment that they will not take part in any future protests. Each fine, according to the center, was 35,000 New Israeli Shekels (10,000 US Dollars). One of the protestors was quoted as saying, on condition of anonymity, that the participants staged their weekly protest, based on current precaution measures to fight the Coronavirus and that the number of those who took part, was based on the Israeli authorities' instructions. (IMEMC 18 April 2020)
- Israeli authorities in East Jerusalem, detained a number of Palestinian youth from the Qanater Ekhdair neighborhood in the old city, after residents confronted Israeli occupation Army (IOA), no further details were provided. (IMEMC 18 April 2020)
- Israeli Police positioned near the west entrance of Hebron city temporarily seized a vehicle for the Palestinian Customs and then searched the vehicle and inspected the occupants Identification cards after removing them from the vehicles then allowed them to pass through at a later time. (NAD 18 April 2020)
- Israeli navy and forces opened fire today at Palestinian fishermen sailing off the Gaza Strip and at farmers to the east of Khan Younis in two separate incidents. Israeli naval boats opened fire on fishermen despite sailing within the unilaterally designated fishing zone offshore Gaza City, causing damage to at least one boat. Meanwhile, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stationed at military watchtowers along the Gaza perimeter fence to the east of Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, opened random fire toward Palestinian farmers as they were working in their own farms. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 19 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the homes of about 50 young Christian Palestinians in the old city of Jerusalem, and handed them fines, estimated at 5,000-shekels each on the pretext of celebrating the distribution of the holy light and not abiding by the Israeli instructions regarding COVID-19. (Wafa 19 April 2020)
- A young man was wounded during clashes with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA), which broke out near the annexation and separation wall, west of the Shweikeh suburb, north of Tulkarm. The IOA fired live



- bullets and tear gas canisters towards the Plestinians, wounding a 19-year-old man with a live bullet in the foot. (WAFA 19 April 2020)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in occupied East Jerusalem detained a Palestinian resident from the Ras Alamoud or the Damascus Gate neighborhood, after those IOA invaded the neighborhood and broke into the man's home. The detained Palestinian resident is identified as Ahmad Abu Nab. The IOA handcuffed Ahmad and took him to a detention center in the occupied Arab part of the city. (MEMC 20 April 2020)
  - The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian citizen from the village of Barta'a, southwest of Jenin, at a military checkpoint. The IOA stationed at Dotan military checkpoint near the town of Ya'bad detained Muhammad Salih al-Qubha, and interrogated him before he was released. (WAFA 20 April 2020)
  - The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) extended in Salem Military Court via, "video conference", the arrest of Qassem Khaled Abu Bakr, 17, from the town of Ya'd, southwest of Jenin, for the second time in a row because he is still under investigation in Al Jalameh prison. (WAFA 20 April 2020)
  - Three Palestinian youths from Jenin Governorate were severely beaten by the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) at Za'tara military checkpoint, south of Nablus. The IOA stationed at the checkpoint detained Raed Khanfar, Naseem Omar Salah, and Suhaib Maher Abu Obeid, while returning from Ramallah, and severely beat them, causing them bruises and fractures. (WAFA 20 April 2020)
  - 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's 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)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into al-Sawahrah eastern village, southeast of occupied East Jerusalem. They raided and searched family houses of Ibrahim Mohammed 'Ali Halsah (25), who was killed at al-Container military checkpoint, east of Bethlehem. In the meantime, dozens of Palestinian young men protested the invasion while the latter responded with live and rubber bullets and tear gas canisters. As a result, a civilian was shot with a rubber bullet and another civilian sustained wound in his. The IOA arrested 3 civilians,

including Ibrahim, mother, 'Aeshah Halsah (54) before they withdrew from the village. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles, moved into Deir Samit village, southwest of Hebron Governorate. They raided and searched Ra'fat Nimir Masalma's (19) house and detained him. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles, moved into Abu Roman area, south of Hebron. They raided and searched Anas Ali al-Najjar's (24) house and detained him. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles, moved into Deir Jarir, northeast of Ramallah. They raided and searched several houses and detained Abdul Rahman Mosbah Olwi (21). It should be noted that Olwi is a student at Birzeit University. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) reinforced with several military vehicles and bulldozers, moved 100-meters from the border fence with Israeli into al-Shouka neighborhood, east of Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip. They leveled and combed lands before they redeployed again. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into al-Issaweya village, northeast of the occupied East Jerusalem. They raided and searched several houses and detained (3) civilians including a child: Mohammed Awni Ateya (15), Mohammed Omar Ateya (20), and Ahmed Jamal Ateya (24). (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) carried out (3) incursions in Betounya, al-Jalazoun refugee camp, and Sarda villages in Ramallah. No arrests were reported. (PCHRGAZA 22 April 2020)
- Dozens of Palestinians from the northern West Bank village of Qusra clashed with Israeli occupation Army (IOA) after the army blocked the main access road to their village with cement blocks. The army blocked the main entrance to the village, located south of the city of Nablus, leading to clashes with the village residents who were protesting the closure. The IOA fired rubber-coated metal bullets and teargas canisters at the stone-throwing residents causing several injuries, all light. Closing the main entrance causes serious movement problem for the village residents. (WAFSA 22 April 2020)
- Israeli military vehicles infiltrated the southern Gaza Strip border near the city of Rafah and razed land. Six military vehicles breached the border east of Rafah and razed land while shooting in the air, before returning to their base inside Israel. (WAFSA 22 April 2020)

- Clashes erupted with the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in the village of Umm Safa, northwest of Ramallah. The IOA stormed the village, which led to clashes, during which the IOA fired a barrage of sound and tear gas bombs at Palestinians. The IOA also closed the eastern and western entrances to the village. (Wafa 22 April 2020)
- A number of Israeli occupation military vehicles penetrated the Palestinian agricultural lands along the border with Israel, east of Gaza City. Israeli military vehicles infiltrated dozens of meters into the agricultural lands of citizens east of the Al-Zaytun neighborhood. The vehicles razed land, shot into the air, and prevented farmers from accessing their lands. Israeli military vehicles infiltrated the southern Gaza Strip border near the city of Rafah and razed land. six military vehicles breached the border east of Rafah and razed land, while shooting in the air. (IMEMC 23 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly march in the village of Kafr Qaddum, in the northern occupied West Bank district of Qalqilia, firing rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian protesters. The IOA fired rubber-coated steel bullets at local youth, who threw rocks and rolled burning tires at armed forces and military vehicles. (IMEMC 24 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and wounded a Palestinian young man during protests in the Kufur Qaddum village in the northern occupied West Bank. The Israeli troops attacked tens of Palestinian protesters near the Apartheid Wall in the Kufur Qaddum village. The IOA invaded the village and opened fire at the protesters with live rounds, rubber-coated steel rounds and tear-gas canisters. The shooting led to the injury of 21-year-old young man, with a rubber-coated steel bullet, while dozens of other demonstrators were suffocated after they inhaled toxic tear-gas, fired by the IOA, the identity or condition of the injured was not available at the time of reporting. This Friday's protest came in response to an Israeli government announcement that Israel would annex *more* Palestinian-owned lands. The protesters have staged weekly demonstrations demanding the re-opening of a main road in Kufur Qaddum that Israel closed 16 years ago. (IMEMC 25 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) shot and seriously injured, a young Palestinian man, detained another and caused several others to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation, after the army chased Palestinian workers near Jenin, in northern West Bank. The IOA chased the Palestinian workers near the illegal Annexation Wall, which was built

of lands belonging to residents of Rommana village, west of Jenin. The IOA fired many live rounds at the workers, seriously wounding one, and detained Mohammad Samir Refa'ey. The IOA fired a barrage of gas bombs, causing many workers to suffer the effects of teargas inhalation. (IMEMC 25 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) opened heavy fire, towards Palestinian farmers east of Khan Younis city, south of the Gaza Strip. The IOA stationed on the Israeli side of the border fence between Gaza and Israel, fired tear-gas canisters and some live ammunition, towards local farmers, while the latter were bending down in labor. The farmers fled their farm lands immediately after Israeli troops opened fire. No casualties were reported. (IMEMC 25 April 2020)
- Violent confrontations broke out when Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed al-Isawiya village in Jerusalem with tension prevailing in the city after Israeli settlers have called for resuming break-ins into al-Aqsa Mosque. The IOA raided Obeid neighborhood in al-Isawiya and wreaked havoc on it, which sparked clashes with Palestinian residents with no injuries reported. Israeli settler groups have called for taking advantage of the coronavirus lockdown and resuming their daily break-ins into al-Aqsa Mosque. Sheikh Omar al-Kiswani, Imam of al-Aqsa Mosque, warned that if the Israeli occupation authorities opened the Mosque's al-Maghariba Gate to Jewish settlers, the other gates would also be opened to dozens of thousands of Muslim worshipers. "Israeli authorities would be held fully responsible for the repercussions of this dangerous move. (PALINFO 28 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Mohamed Attoun from Jerusalem, the young son of MP Ahmed Attoun, from his home in the holy city. (PALINFO 29 April 2020)
- In Hebron, in the southern West Bank, The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a young man identified as Mohamed Aslimia from his home in Idhna town. (PALINFO 29 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed Qarawat Bani Hassan town in Salfit and detained two young men identified as Mustafa Asi and Taqi Rayyan after ransacking their homes. (PALINFO 29 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained prevented a Jerusalemite Musaherati called Areen al-Za'anin from doing his job and waking up the residents for the Sahur meal before the dawn call to prayer. The Police officers threatened to arrest and fine Za'anin if he left his home after midnight to wake up the local residents for the Sahur meal. (PALINFO 29 April 2020)

- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained 40 Palestinian residents, since the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan. The IOA have exposed lives of Palestinian prisoners to danger, by continuing to detain them under the spread of the coronavirus, across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Among those detained during the holy month of Ramadan, were 6 Palestinian teens from occupied East Jerusalem. In addition, Israeli authorities in east Jerusalem summoned the wife of late Palestinian, Misbah Abu Esbaih and took her to the Maskoubiya interrogation center”, the center’s spokesperson maintained. (IMEMC 30 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three young men after ransacking their homes in Shuweika suburb in northern Tulkarem. The detainees were identified as Ameer Abu Haish and two brothers from the family of as-Saleem. (PALINFO 30 April 2020)
- In Bethlehem, the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained 34-year-old Sufyan Ajjaj after searching his home in Jabel al-Mawaleh area. The IOF also stormed other areas of Bethlehem, without making arrests. (PALINFO 30 April 2020)
- Violent clashes broke out between Palestinian youths and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) near the separation fence in the west of Zeita town in northern Tulkarem. During the events, the IOA showered the youths with a volley of tear gas grenades and embarked on closing off some gaps in the fence. (PALINFO 30 April 2020)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained three Palestinian youths after severely beating them in the Old City of Jerusalem. Right before Iftar (the time Muslims break their long-day fast during Ramadan) the IOA stormed Aqabat al-Khaldiya neighborhood in the Old City and detained three Palestinian youths. The three detainees suffered wounds as they were violently beaten by the IOA before they were dragged out of the area. (PALINFO 30 April 2020)

### **Israeli Settler Violence**

- Jewish settlers caused serious concern of corona pandemic among Palestinians in the village of Beit Iksa, northwest of occupied Jerusalem, when they started to spit on cars entering or leaving the village surrounded by illegal settlements. Two settlers from the illegal Ramot settlement, build on Beit Iksa land, stood at the entrance to the

village and started to spit on Palestinian cars entering or leaving the village in an attempt to spread fear of the corona disease. Village youths confronted the settlers and forced them to leave the area and then proceeded to disinfect the road and cars. Ramot settlement has reported 17 cases of coronavirus. (Wafa 1 April 2020)

- An Israeli settler near the town of Hazma opened fire at a Palestinian citizen identified as, Hammam al-Helou, and his sisters, while hiking east of the town. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- An Israeli settler, while driving his vehicle in Mofia area located near the village of Al-Hadidiya in the northern Jordan Valley, opened fire indiscriminately at a number of citizens {those identified}: Muhammad Abdel-Hafiz Bani Odeh {a resident of the village of Al-Hadidiya.}. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- A group of settlers entered the lands of the citizens in the Koza and Al-Harayq areas in the town of Hawara, and later withdrew. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- A Israeli settler ran over with his vehicle dozens of sheep belonging to Suleiman Al-Hathalin, from the village of Umm al-Khair in Musafir Yatta, south of Hebron. The security guard of the settlements of Ma'on and Karmiel ran over a number of sheep, and fled the crime scene. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) imposed a curfew on some Palestinian villages and communities in Al-Musafer area, close to Road 60. (Wafa 3 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers stormed the Palestinian neighborhood of Wadi Alrababa in Silwan village in the internationally-recognized occupied city of East Jerusalem, southern West Bank. About 25 *armed* colonial settlers stormed the neighborhood and embarked on provocative actions towards local *unarmed* Palestinian civilians. (IMEMC 4 April 2020)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) and Israeli settlers prevented Palestinian farmers from accessing their lands in the village of Tuqu', southeast of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. A large unit of Israeli military forces as well as a group of settlers intercepted the farmers and banned their entrance onto their agricultural lands. (IMEMC 5 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers flooded Palestinian-owned farms planted with grapes, near the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron in the southern occupied West Bank. Settlers from Gush Etzion settlement bloc built on Palestinian lands near Beit Ummar town, flooded sewage onto the

grape orchards, with the aim of damaging crops. It is worth mentioning that Israeli settlers, along with Israeli military forces blocked Palestinian farmers from having access to their land. (IMEMC 5 April 2020)

- Armed Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian family in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron owned by Zeidan Alsharbaty, who lives in the Alshuhdaa St. in Hebron's downtown. Several armed Israeli settlers infiltrated onto the rooftop of his family home, Israeli occupation Army (IOA) were also present. The armed settlers vandalized water tanks and tore down a Palestinian national flag, before they replaced it with an Israeli flag. As the family attempted to intercept them, the settlers escaped towards the nearby Beit Hadasa settlement. As they were fleeing, they shouted angrily against the family, yelling insults at them. Alsharbaty and his family are now concerned that the attacking settlers might have poisoned the water inside the tanks on their rooftop." (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- Many Israeli settlers and Israeli Occupation Army (IOA), invaded the town of Qusra, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The invading settlers came from Yesh Kodesh outpost, and attacked a few homes before residents of the Emergency and the Neighborhood Watch Committee intercepted them. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the town and fired many live rounds and gas bombs at the Palestinians, leading to protests. It is worth mentioning that Israeli military bulldozers also invaded Palestinian lands in the area, and started bulldozing them, without proving any reasons for this violation. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers, from "Helmish" settlement, which is established on Palestinians' lands, northwest of Ramallah, attacked Palestinian farmers: Sameer al-Qatawi and his sons 'Abed al-Fattah (33) and Mahmoud (27), from Kobar village, north of the city, while plowing their agricultural land located near the settlement. Sameer and Mahmoud were beaten and kidnapped by the settlers, who took them to an Israeli camp in the settlement. At approximately 18:00, both of them were released. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
- A group of settlers, from "Asfar" and "Metsada" settlements, north of Hebron, raided al-Halayqah family lands in al-Majales area. The settlers brought construction material to fence part of al-Halayqah lands (130 dunams), which are threatened to be confiscated. While settlers working in the lands, persons from al-Halayqah family arrived



and attempted to prevent them. During which, one of the settlers unleashed his dog at Isma'il Diab al- Halayqah (50), wounding him in his foot. Meanwhile, a large force of IOA arrived and fired sound bombs and tear gas canisters to disperse them. IOF declared the area as a closed military zone. Isma'il was taken to a clinic, where his wounds were classified as minor. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)

- Israeli settlers, from “Ma'on” settlement, in eastern Yatta, uprooted 15 olive seedlings planted a month ago in Hafez Isma'il al-Hereni (46)'s land in al-Tawana village, south of Hebron. The settlers had previously uprooted 100 olive seedlings from al-Hereni land. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked three Palestinian workers in occupied West Jerusalem,. Majed Fafous 30, was attacked by settlers with a knife, stabbed him in the head, attempted to stab him in the back and sprayed he and his colleagues with pepper spray. (IMEMC 7 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers attacked Samir Badwan in the village of Kobar, northwest of Ramallah, and kidnapped his two sons. Around 10 armed settlers from the settlement of Halamish. After the settlers attacked Samir Zeebar, they kidnapped his two sons, Abdul Fattah and Mahmoud, while they were plowing their farmland, and brought them inside the settlement. (IMEMC 9 April 2020)
- Palestinian farmers suffered inhalation injuries during an attack by Israeli settlers in Ash-Shuyukh town, near the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. Israeli settlers, under Israeli military protection, attacked Palestinian farmers in She'ib At-Tina and al-Majalis areas in the southern West Bank, in an attempt to force them out of their lands. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired tear-gas and concussion grenades towards the Palestinian farmers causing some to suffer the toxic effects of tear-gas inhalation. (IMEMC 9 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers' vandalized several tombstones in a Palestinian cemetery in the village of Burqa, north of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Settlers sneaked into the village from the evacuated settlement of Homesh and vandalized several tombstones in the village cemetery. The settlers took advantage of the lockdown and orders to stay home in several West Bank villages in an effort to stop the spread of the deadly global coronavirus disease to sneak into the village and vandalize the cemetery. (Wafa 9 April 2020)

- A group of settlers stormed Al-Qabiyat area located in Burqa village destroyed several tomb stones. (NAD 9 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers desecrate several gravestones in a Palestinian cemetery in the village of Burqa, north of city of Nablus. Israeli settlers invaded the village from evacuated Homesh colony. Taking full advantage of the precautionary lockdown imposed on several West Bank villages, the settlers entered the village cemetery and defiled Palestinian gravestones. This type of hateful act is a common occurrence in many occupied West Bank cities and towns, with Israeli settlements built on Palestinian lands, throughout the occupied Palestinian territories. (IMEMC 11 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers uprooted about 350 olive saplings belonging to Palestinian farmers in the town of al-Khader, near the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. The settlers from the Israeli settlement outpost of Sidi Boaz, nearby, uprooted about 350 olive saplings owned by local villagers. (WAFA 12 April 2020)
- A Palestinian worker showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms was dumped today by Israeli settlers outside the settlement of Burkan, near the town of Salfit in the occupied West Bank. The worker, who had not left his workplace in the settlement for several weeks, was found dumped near the Jewish settlement without being offered treatment by the Israeli employer. (WAFA 12 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers chopped off about 50 olive saplings belonging to Palestinian farmers in the town of al-Khader, near the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. Settlers from the outpost of Sidi Boaz, nearby, chopped off 50 olive saplings owned by a local villager. (WAFA 12 April 2020)
- Two Palestinian citizens were injured in an attack by Israeli settlers in the old city of Hebron. Settlers attacked Samour Al-Rajabi and his cousin Wajih Al-Rajabi, spraying them with pepper gas, in Al-Salaymeh neighborhood, adjacent to the Mosque of Ibrahim Al-Sharif. (WAFA 12 April)
- Several armed Israeli colonial settlers caused flooding of Palestinian-owned grape farms, on Monday, in north of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. For the second time in a week, several armed settlers from the nearby settlement of Gush Etzion, flooded grape farm lands in the Beit Ummar village, with large quantities of waste water, causing grape trees to flood, causing damage. Armed Israeli settlers

have been intentionally flooding the farm lands with large quantities of waste water, over the past few years, causing a great deal of financial losses, due to damage of their grape crops. The size of those grape farms at more than 4 acres. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)

- A Palestinian worker showing coronavirus symptoms was abandoned, by Israeli settlers, outside the Burkan settlement, near the town of Salfit in the occupied West Bank. The worker, who had remained at his workplace in Israel for several weeks, was found dumped near the Burkan settlement, in the central West Bank. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- Many Israeli settlers uprooted more than 350 olive saplings in the Sha'af area of the al-Khader Palestinian town, south of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. Israeli assailants came from Sidi Boaz outpost, which was built on private Palestinian lands, west of al-Khader. The settlers uprooted the saplings, owned by Khaldoun Ibrahim Sbeih, and took them back to their illegal outpost. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers invaded a Palestinian orchard, owned by Safeyyeddin Mohammad Da'dou', in Ein al-Qassis area, next to the Sha'af area, and cut 50 olive saplings. The settlers from the nearby Israeli settlement of Sidi Boaz chopped off 50 olive saplings. (IMEMC 13 April 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers stormed Al-Salayma neighborhood in the old city of Hebron and assaulted 2 residents: Samour Al-Rajabi and Wajih Al-Rajabi then sprayed them with pepper spray and as a result left them hospitalized. (NAD 13 April 2020)
- Israeli troops detained at dawn, both Loui Alsho'la and Omar Abu Alrob from Al-Bireh town, in the central occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 14 April 2020)
- Israeli troops detained 31-year-old Palestinian, Naser Jarrar, after he was summoned by Israeli authorities to an interrogation center, near the northern West Bank town of Jenin. The Israeli troops summoned Jarrar to the Salem Israeli center, before they put him onto custody. Jarrar is an ex-prisoner, who has been frequently detained by Israeli occupation authorities. (IMEMC 14 April 2020)
- Israeli troops detained three Palestinians, including two minors, from the northern West Bank district of Jenin. The Israeli troops rounded up two Palestinian minors after storming the farmlands of Tora village, southwest of Jenin city. The Israeli troops also rounded up a

Palestinian while tending his farmland in Faqu'a village, east of Jenin. (WAFA 14 April 2020)

- For the 10<sup>th</sup> time in few weeks, Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) barred Palestinian volunteers from manning a checkpoint in two northern Jordan Valley villages set up to restrict movement in an effort to combat spread of the coronavirus disease. The IOA took down a Palestinian flag and forced the volunteers to leave the area. Volunteers from the Palestinian movement headed by President Mahmoud Abbas wanted to help the local councils maintain order in their villages to prevent the spread of the deadly disease when the Israeli soldiers ordered them to leave the area. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> time the IOA dismantled the Palestinian checkpoint since the outbreak of the disease in the occupied Palestinian territories more than a month ago. (WAFA 14 April 2020)
- Clashes erupted between dozens of young Palestinian men and the Israeli occupation Army (IOA) in Al-Naqqar neighborhood, west of Qalqilya. During the confrontations, the IOA fired tear gas and rubber-coated bullets at the youths. No injuries or arrests were reported. (WAFA 14 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the medical center prepared by the Emergency Committee in Silwan, IN occupied Jerusalem, which was provided by the Palestinian Ministry of Health. The storming of the medical center coincided with the storming of the house of secretary of Fatah movement in Silwan, Ahmad al-Abbasi, and handed over his family an order demanding Al Abbasi to turn on himself in to the Police in the Israeli "Oz" investigation center. (WAFA 14 April 2020)
- A young Palestinian man was wounded in the head, during the Israeli occupation Army's incursion into Qalandia Camp and its surrounding area, Kafr Aqab neighborhood, north of occupied Jerusalem. The IOA stormed the camp and its surroundings, Kafr Aqab neighborhood to impose closure on commercial shops, and threatened citizens via loudspeakers to impose heavy fines if they don't abide by the closure order. Clashes erupted between dozens of youths and the IOA, who fired sound and tear gas and grenades bombs at Palestinians, wounding a young man with a bomb in the head. (WAFA 14 April 2020)
- Several Israeli settlers, set up a mobile home in the northern occupied West Bank village of Qaryout, south of Nablus. Settlers from Shilo

settlement placed a mobile home on lands of the Palestinian village of Qaryout, in order to seize more Palestinian land and establish an illegal settlement outpost. Earlier the Israeli settlers chopped 36 olive trees in the same village. (IMEMC 15 April 2020)

- Israeli settlers attacked, a Palestinian youth center, in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. Under Israeli military cover, the settlers attempted to break into the Youth Against Settlements center in Tel Rumeida, until Palestinian activists rushed to protect the center, and confronted the settlers, blocking their attempts to invade. (IMEMC 15 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers unleashed their cattle, onto Palestinian-owned farm lands in the northern Alghour area of the Jordan Valley. Tens of cows belong to Israeli settlers living nearby were released onto farm lands of wheat and barley, in the Umm al-Qaba village in the Alghour area. Those cattle have been herded excessively, causing large quantities of wheat and barley to be destroyed. (IMEMC 15 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian shepherd to the east of Yatta, south of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. A number of Israeli settlers forced their way into farmlands in At-Tuwani locality, east of Yatta, under heavy military protection by Israeli forces, where they assaulted shepherds, injuring one of them and causing terror among local residents. (Wafa 15 April 2020)
- A group of Israeli settler youths who had been put in a coronavirus quarantine facility in the West Bank on Thursday abandoned the camp, which was set up for them by the military. A source in the defense establishment said that several army tents were stolen. Police arrested two suspects. On Monday, the [group attacked Palestinian campers and torched their cars](#). Israeli police opened an investigation into the incident which took place in the southern West Bank, near the Dead Sea. According to an initial investigation, two Palestinians from Jenin and a third from Haifa, an Israeli citizen, set up their tent in a camping site near the quarantine compound. The settlers approached them and asked for cigarettes, then returned to the quarantine compound. About 15 minutes later, they came back to the site and began throwing stones at the group of campers and set their two cars ablaze. The three Palestinian required no medical treatment, and were questioned by police. The group of settlers, all from the area of the infamous [settlement of Yitzhar](#), south of Nablus, were placed in a

secluded tent last week, after they came in contact with a confirmed coronavirus patient. Bottom of Form

- They refused to go into quarantine in one of the state-run [coronavirus hotels](#), because they would have been placed there in separate rooms, which would not have allowed them to celebrate the Passover seder together. Jewish Israelis were asked to refrain from celebrating last Wednesday's seder with people outside of their household in an attempt to prevent the spread of the virus during the holiday. A defense official commented that the incident is further proof that the settlers, belonging to the hilltop youth from Yitzhar are a "violent, extremist and racist group that reigns terror wherever it goes." Their actions show "their gratitude to the State of Israel for taking care of them during the coronavirus crisis," said the official sarcastically, adding that security forces will bring the suspects to justice. Last week, the youth was transferred to the quarantine compound in a military bus. En route to the Dead Sea some of them broke the vehicle's windows and escaped. They were later caught by the police. The settlers were in quarantine because they had come into contact with a sick patient. That same patient had been in contact with an army major general, who also had to be quarantined. ([Haaretz](#) 16 April 2020)
- A Palestinian herder was injured as Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian herders who were grazing sheep in open pastures near the village of Tuwaneh, south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. Settlers, protected by Israeli occupation Army (IOA), attacked herders and chased them out of the pastures, injuring one of them. The herder injured was identified as Akram Raba'ee, 20. Shepherds in the area, mainly nomadic Bedouins, make a living from raising livestock and they often take their sheep to the open pastures for their food. (Wafa 17 April 2020)
- Israeli Settlers erected a mobile home "Caravan" on lands of "Jub Al-Deeb" village near Al-Fardis, east of Bethlehem. The settlers of the outpost, "Izdebar", erected a new "caravan", as part of their efforts to expand the settlement's borders. (Wafa 17 April 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers positioned near Jibiya village assaulted Issa Abdel-Ghani Qatamish {a resident of Jalazon refugee camp} and as a result left him hospitalized with contusions. (NAD 17 April 2020)
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Army (IOA), assaulted the sheep herders and chased them out of the pastures, injuring Akram Raba'ee, 20. (IMEMC 18 April 2020)

- Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian farmers as they were working in their lands in Masafer Yatta in the south of the West Bank. Settlers attacked the farmers in Khirbet al-Khrouba as they were harvesting their crops and attacked an activist who was with the farmers and seized his camera while he was filming the attack. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) in the area gave cover to the settlers and intervened only to force the farmers to leave their land. Settlers also attacked residents in another village in Masafer Yatta. The settlers attacked the village of Khirbet Maghayer el-Abeed, beat one resident and stole his donkey before leaving it. Residents of the villages sterilized the area where the settlers and soldiers were after they left it fearing they brought coronavirus with them. (WAFA 18 April 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers riding on Motorcycles rode near the emergency committee barrier at the entrance to the town of Deir Ballut, to control the movement of citizens - to limit the spread of the "Corona" virus, and later withdrew. (NAD 18 April 2020)
- Under the protection of the Israeli occupation army (IOA), Israeli settlers living in Karmi Zur settlement hindered Palestinian farmers in the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron, from working on their lands. The settlers prevented Ibrahim Khalil Sabarneh, his family, and other farmers from working on and reclaiming their lands in Al Bouira area, an area of about 25 dunums, and warned them to return to that area again. (WAFA 19 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers planted trees in a Palestinian-owned land in an area south of the southern West Bank city of Bethlehem in a prelude to taking it over. Settlers planted olive trees in a land owned by Zeinab Abu Sneineh in an area known as Khallet Al Qoton near the village of Irtas. This step is usually a prelude to seizing the land. The Israeli army had previously seized land in the same area and considered it state-owned. (WAFA 20 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers attacked, several Palestinian villages in the Masafer Yatta area, in the southern occupied West Bank, physically assaulting residents. Israeli settlers attacked farmers in Khirbet al-Khrouba as they harvested their crops. The IOA were said to have done nothing to help the Palestinian civilians under attack, however they ensured the safety of the settlers, and helped to force the Palestinian farmers to

leave *their own land*. An activist with the farmers, who was filming the incident, had his camera confiscated by the settlers. (IMEMC 20 April 2020)

- 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)
- Israeli settlers, planted trees on Palestinian-owned land, in the southern occupied West Bank, with the intent of stealing the land. Israeli settlers planted olive trees on the property of Zeinab Abu Sneineh, near the village of Irta, south of the city of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 22 April 2020)
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- An Israeli settler opened fire in the air as he approached in his car near a post Palestinian volunteers had set up in the south of the West Bank as part of efforts to fight the spread of coronavirus pandemic. The settler fired several shots in the air as he passed near the post set up at the entrance to the village of Kisan, east of Bethlehem, in a step to intimidate the volunteers. No one was hurt. (Wafa 23 April 2020)
- Israeli settlers chopped down some 333 olive trees in As-Sawiya town, south of the West Bank city of Nablus. A group of settlers from the nearby Israeli settlement of Rechelim chopped off 33 olive trees belonging to Hamad Saleh Jazi, a local Palestinian farmer. (Wafa 24 April 2020)
- The Israeli military informed two Palestinian residents of Beit Jala, in the south of the West Bank, of its intention to demolish two structures they own under the pretext of construction without permit. The two structures are located in different areas of Beit Jala. Mohammad Zarineh, who owns one of the structures in Bir Oneh, stated that the army had previously demolished two of his homes and three



structures in the same area in an effort to get him to leave it. (WAFA 28 April 2020)

- The Israeli army ordered a Palestinian resident of the village of Bardala in the occupied northern Jordan Valley to stop building his home under the pretext it is being built without a permit. The army ordered Jamal Rashaydeh to stop work on his 150-square-meter house in Bardala and gave him until May 12 to do so. (WAFA 28 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 3 barracks in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city, in Al Sh'uf area and owned by Musa Family. (WAFA 28 April 2020)
- Dozens of Israeli settlers stormed Khirbet Tana in the West Bank Governorate of Nablus and wreaked havoc on Palestinian farmlands. About 50 Israeli settlers attacked al-Ain area in Khirbet Tana and carried out provocative tours there. Israeli settlers have been planning to take over the area and use it for settlement expansion. Khirbet Tana is inhabited by about 250 Palestinian citizens who work in livestock breeding and agriculture, and they are constantly harassed by Israeli settlers. (PALINFO 29 April 2020)
- A group of Israeli settlers took over a Palestinian-owned tract of land in Tel Rumeida area in al-Khalil city and set up a platform to launch fireworks at the pretext of celebrating what they called independence day (the occupation of Palestine). The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) intensified their presence in the area to provide protection for those settlers. The IOA also prevented local citizens and activists from approaching the area and threatened to fine them for violating the anti-coronavirus state of emergency if they forced the settlers to leave the land, which belongs to the family of Natsha. settlers' intents to seize this land, which is not far away from the Ibrahimi Mosque. About two week ago, dozens of settlers stormed the same land and pitched a tent in an attempt to build an outpost, but local citizens intervened and were able to fend them off and remove the tent. (PALINFO 29 April 2020)
- Israeli Settlers prevented Palestinian Farmers from entering their lands in Sebastia village north of Nablus city. The settlers expelled farmers from their lands under gun point. (WAFA 29 April 2020)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- Israeli troops seized a Palestinian-owned caravan, located in the Israel-occupied area of Al-Aghwar, in the eastern occupied West Bank. The confiscated caravan is owned by a local Palestinian resident in the

Jordan Valley. Israeli troops stormed Jiftlik village of Al-Aghwar and began dismantling the housing caravan of local resident, Anwar Abu Jouda, without explaining the reason for their actions. (IMEMC 1 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a Palestinian-owned house still under construction in the village of Jbara, south of Tulkarem. A large army force broke into the village, in the northern occupied West Bank, early in the morning with two bulldozers, closed all entrances to the village, cordoned off the area and proceeded to demolish the one-floor house, after having received a notice from the Israeli military under the pretext that it was built without an Israeli permit. (IMEMC 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded several villages in the Massafer Yatta area and delivered a stop work order on a 110-square meter animal barn, belonging to a Palestinian resident of al-Tibban village in the southern occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli army demolished three buildings that were under construction in the northern West Bank village of Rummaneh, west of the city of Jenin. The Israeli troops raided the village and proceeded to demolish the three buildings owned by three residents of Rummaneh that were being built near the apartheid separation barrier. Clashes erupted between the troops and local youths during the army operation causing suffocation cases among some from inhaling teargas fired by the IOA. The houses are owned by citizens: Tariq Abdel Razzaq Abu Hammad, Rabie Abdel Razaq Abu Hammad, and Mustafa Tayseer Abu Hammad. (Wafa 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Jbara, and demolished a house (under construction), owned by Khaled Rashid Sheikh Hussein on the pretext of not being authorized and because it was near the separation wall, and withdrew at 10:40. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli army served a military order for the demolition of a home owned by Citizen: Younis Mohammed Agharib located in Al-Tiba area in east Tarqumiya town, under the pretext of not being licensed, because he was in the classified area (C) under Israeli control. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ordered a halt on the construction of two houses in the villages of al-Khader and Beit Skarya, near the city of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. The IOA broke into the two

villages and handed two local citizens, identified as Mohammad Mustafa Sbeih and Amer Odeh, a notice ordering them to stop the construction of their houses, under the pretext of lacking an Israeli construction permit. The areas in question are considered Area C, which is under full Israeli military rule and where Palestinians are denied the right to build even on their own land. (Wafa 2 April 2020)

- The Israeli army demolished three under construction buildings in the northern West Bank village of Rummaneh, west of the city of Jenin. A large Israeli force invaded the village and proceeded to destroy the three buildings that were being built near the apartheid separation barrier, and were owned by three Palestinian residents of Rummaneh village. Confrontations erupted between the soldiers and local youths, resulting in the soldiers firing tear-gas at the youths, causing inhalation injuries. Rummaneh residents were informed of the occupation authorities intent to demolish their homes, near the apartheid wall, under the pretext that they were building without Israeli permits, a nearly impossible task for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank. (IMEMC 2 April 2020)
- The occupying army in Khirbet Allan area in the village of Al-Jaftlik, confiscated a mobile home (Caravan) after it was dismantled belonging to the citizen Anwar Jouda. (NAD 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA, ordered a halt on the construction of two Palestinian houses in the villages of al-Khader and Beit Skarya, near the city of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. The IOA invaded the two villages and delivered notices ordering the homeowners to stop the construction of their houses. The orders were given to two local citizens, identified as Mohammad Mustafa Sbeih and Amer Odeh, under the pretext that the buildings did not have Israeli permits. The villages in Area C are under full Israeli civil and military control, where Palestinian homes are frequently demolished, and permits are rarely given to Palestinians. (IMEMC 5 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) handed a citizen from the village of Dhahr Al-Abed, southwest of Jenin, a notice to halt the construction of an under-construction house, and photographed another in the village. The IOA stormed the village, and handed citizen Abd al-Latif Sharif Amarneh a notice stopping the construction of his under-construction house and photographed the under-construction house of Bassam Amarneh and took measurements of the house. (Wafa 5 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ordered a halt on the construction of several Palestinian-owned structures in Khirbet Yarza in the Jordan Valley. The IOA handed a villager, identified as Salem Abu al-Tayyib, from Khirbet Yarza, east of Tubas city, a notice ordering him to stop the construction of his agricultural and residential structures including tents. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed notices to several villagers from al-Jiftlik, north of Jericho city, ordering them to halt the construction of agricultural and residential tents and to uproot their palm trees, citing *unlicensed construction* as a pretext for halting construction. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) seized a shipping container and tore down a stall in the Palestinian village of Khirbet Qalqas, south of Hebron city. The IOA escorted heavy equipment into the village, in the southern occupied West Bank, where the heavy machinery confiscated a shipping container and dismantled a stall for selling scrap, belonging to Palestinian resident, Mohammad Abu Sneineh. (IMEMC 6 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) backed by military construction vehicles and accompanied with Israeli Civil Administration officers moved into al-Taiba village in eastern Tarqumiyia village, northwest of Hebron. Israeli soldiers were deployed in the area while the Israeli Civil Administration officers raided Yunis Mohamed Ghareeb's 42-square-meter agricultural room built of bricks and got its contents out before demolishing it. The Israeli authorities raided Ghareeb agricultural room on 27 March 2020 and did not challenge its construction. On 31 March 2020, IOF returned and hanged a 96-hour-demolition notice on the room. It should be noted that the Israeli authorities issued these demolition notices upon Military order No. (1797) on the "removal" of a new structure- issued in 2018. This order includes both uncompleted structures and structures completed within the last six months. This military order is one of the most dangerous orders issued by the Israeli authorities, targeting thousands of houses and facilities under the pretext of non-licensing. (PCHRGAZA 7 April 2020)
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- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) moved into Khelet Aseer area, east of al-Shayyoukh village, north of Hebron. They prevented 'Ayadah family from plowing their land and confiscated Hamed Mohamed 'Ayadah's agricultural excavator under the pretext of working in State-owned lands. (PCHRGAZA 8 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied with a military SUV moved into Beit Dajan village, northeast of Nablus. They confiscated a bulldozer belonging to Yousef Sari Yousef Nasasrah (58), from Beit Foreek village, while working in 'Adel Abu Helwan's land, under the pretext of non-licensing in Area C. IOA forced Nasasrah at gunpoint to drive the bulldozer toward "*Makhoura*" settlement in northern Jordan Valley and allowed him to leave later. (PCHRGAZA 15 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) ordered several agricultural facilities in the Palestinian villages of Jiftlik and Furush Beit Dajan in the Jordan Valley to be removed. The IOA broke into the two villages, and announced to the owners, the military order to remove the structures within a specified time. The properties are owned by Anwar Abu Judeh in Allan area in Al Jiftlik and Ahmad Baniat from Furush Beit Dajan (IMEMC 18 April 2020)
- The Israeli military ordered a halt on the construction of Ebad Ar Rahman mosque in the village of Kardala in the northern Jordan Valley. The military informed the village council that construction of the mosque should be halted until May 4, claiming the building was being done without a permit. The two-floor mosque is built on an area of 250 square meters and is being constructed from cement blocks. (WAFA 20 April 2020)
- An Israeli army force raided the village of Twaneh, in Masafer Yatta in the south of the West Bank and ordered a local resident to remove his residential tent. The Israeli Army ordered Jamal Ribie to remove his

tent under the pretext he did not have a permission to set it up. Ribie had set up the tent to house his family of six people, who will now find themselves without a shelter if the tent is removed. (Wafa 20 April 2020)

- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) demolished an agricultural facility and a section of a tourist structure (mobile caravan) in Al Ma'oudiya area in the village of Sebastia in Nablus Governorate north of the West Bank. The army demolished part of structure built to accommodate tourists visiting the site and is owned by Nael Riziq. (IMEMC, Wafa 20 April 2020)
- In the nearby village of Burqa, the Israeli occupation army (IOA) demolished a shack belongs to a local resident identified as Musheer Suleiman. Sulieman has built the shack after the army has demolished his home few months ago. (Wafa 20 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) informed a Palestinian farmer in a village in the south of the Israeli-occupied West Bank that a structure he had set up on his land will be demolished due to lack of a building permit. The army handed Mohammad Abu Hammad in Jourat al-Shamaa village, south of Bethlehem, a demolition notice for his 120-square-meter agricultural structure under the pretext it was built without a permit. (Wafa 20 April 2020)
- 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)
- The Israeli army informed a Palestinian farmer in the southern occupied West Bank, that a structure he set up on *his* land will be demolished under the pretext of lack of a building permit. The occupation army presented Mohammad Abu Hammad, a demolition notice for his 120-square-meter agricultural structure in Jourat al-Shamaa village, south of Bethlehem. (IMEMC 22 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) notified the demolition of two inhabited Palestinian homes in Umm Rukba area in the town of Al-Khader, south of Bethlehem, within 96 hours. The two houses are owned by Muhammad Ya`qub Da`du 'and Muhammad Ibrahim Da`du, on the pretext of not licensing. (Wafa 22 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) dismantled a mobile home used as residence for a Palestinian family in al-Dyouk al-Tahta village, west of the ancient city of Jericho, and seized it. The IOA raided the area where the home was located, took it apart and seized it under the pretext the owner did not have a permit to put it there. The mobile home is owned by Yousef Ullian. (Wafa 23 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) seized construction equipment in the village of Bardala in the northern Jordan Valley. The IOA stormed the village and seized a pump and a concrete mixer, while working in a house, without justification. (Wafa 23 April 2020)
- The Israeli army ordered a Palestinian resident of Bardala village in the northern Jordan Valley to halt construction on his home, citing a lack of Israeli permission to build, The Israeli occupation authorities instructed Jamal Rashaydeh to construction on his 150-square-meter house, setting the deadline at May 12. (IMEMC 29 April 2020)
- The Israeli military, informed two Palestinian residents of Beit Jala, southern occupied West Bank, of its plan to demolish two structures, under the pretext of building without a permit. The two structures are located in different areas of Beit Jala. (IMEMC 29 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) demolished a Palestinian-owned car wash under construction in al-Khader town in southern Bethlehem. the IOA bulldozed a car wash in Umm al-Rukba area of the town at the pretext of unlicensed construction. (PALINFO 30 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

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed the greenhouses Palestinian farmers were working in, and forced them to leave, while a bulldozer started to close nearby agricultural roads with dirt mounds. The roads, utilized by local Palestinian farmers, were connecting the Palestinian villages of Kafa and Shufa with a number of neighboring villages, southeast of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem. The closed roads, located near the Israeli settlement of Avni Haifetz, built on Palestinian lands. (MEMC 1 April 2020)
- Armored vehicles of the Israeli army invaded the northern besieged Gaza Strip town of Beit Hanoun, rolled about tens of meters, deep into farm lands, owned by local Palestinian farmers in the Beit Hanoun town, northern Gaza Strip. The Israeli invasion included opening fire and bulldozing of some farm lands, east of the town, inching closer to a local memorial site in the town, itself. Along the northeastern border of the Gaza Strip, Israeli army tanks rolled a few meters inside Palestinian farm lands. (MEMC 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) bulldozed the land of the citizens farmed with olive trees near the village of Odlá, in preparation for the construction of The Eltafi Esttani Street in the area. (NAD 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) razed vast areas of Palestinian land in the town of Ad Dhahria, south of Hebron, in the West Bank, near Shim'a settlement which is built on their lands. (Wafa 5 April 2020)
- Israeli army bulldozers razed land south of Bethlehem located between the settlements of Migdal Oz and Ifrat. The 2-dunum plot is located near the entrance to Migdal Oz and is owned by heirs of Mahmoud Aby Ayyash and that they have the official ownership land deeds. (Wafa 20 April 2020)
- 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)
- Israeli army bulldozers razed, some areas of Palestinian-owned farm lands in south of Nablus city, in the West Bank. Israeli army bulldozers began razing several dunams of Palestinian-owned farm lands in Burin village, near the Israeli settlement of Yitzhar. (MEMC 30 April 2020)

## Expansion of settlements



- The Israeli “Regional Planning and Construction Council affiliated to the Municipality of Jerusalem revealed a settlement plan on the lands of Jabal Al Mukaber, south of occupied Jerusalem, with 410 settlement units, public facilities and a 100-room hotel, and to link the new settlement neighbourhood to the light rail network and the public rail network in the country until 2024. (NBPRS 19 April 2020)
- The Israeli “Regional Planning and Construction Council affiliated to the Municipality of Jerusalem deposited a plan in "Gilo" settlement, south of the occupied city of Jerusalem. The plan, which focuses on building 1300 new housing units, includes 100 thousand square meters for public buildings, 25 thousand square meters for commercial areas, 20,000 square meters for workshops, 15 square meters of open areas, and an area (83 dunums) northeast of the settlement to build up a school and a sports and cultural club. The plan includes the building of ten residential buildings with a height of 10-12 floors and seven towers of 25-35 floors that will constitute a substitute to the old tower consisting of about 290 housing units. (NBPRS 19 April 2020)

### **Erection of Israeli checkpoints**

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a roadblock at the entrance to the town of Abboud to search cars and check the identities of citizens. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) installed a checkpoint at the entrance of Deir Abu Daif village, to search cars and verify citizens 'identities. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a roadblock at the southern entrance to Haris village, to search cars and verify citizens 'identities. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up a roadblock at the entrance to the town of Deir Ballut, to search cars and verify citizens 'identities. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up 2 checkpoints at the entrances of Al-Nabi Saleh and Deir Abu Mash'al villages then searched vehicles and checked the identities of citizens. (NAD 9 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint along road 90 on Al-Oja village then searched vehicles and checked the identities of citizens. (NAD 9 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint in Aqbat Hasna area {located along the main road leading to the west villages of

Bethlehem district} then searched vehicles and checked the identities of citizens. (NAD 9 April 2020)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint at the west entrance of Beit Fajjar town then searched vehicles and checked the identities of citizens until 18:00. (NAD 9 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint at Bazariya village junction located in east Anata town then searched vehicles and inspected identification cards of residents until 16:30. (NAD 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint at Shufat village then searched vehicles and inspected identification cards of residents until 16:40. (NAD 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint beneath Jabarat Bridge located in south Tulkarem city then searched vehicles and inspected identification cards of residents until 16:40. (NAD 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint in Al-Fah's area located in south Hebron city then searched vehicles and inspected identification cards of residents. (NAD 13 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) established 2 checkpoints at the entrance to Ethna village and on a road connecting between Beit 'Omrah and Karma villages. (PCHRGAZA 15 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint at Mukhmas village roundabout to search vehicles and verify citizens 'identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint along the main road near "Bet El" settlement to search vehicles and verify citizens 'identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint in the area between Azzun and Kafr Thulth towns to search vehicles and verify citizens 'identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a checkpoint at the east entrance of Qalqiliya city to search vehicles and verify citizens 'identities. (NAD 17 April 2020)

## Israeli Closures

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed at the gate of the Apartheid Wall, adjacent to the Shweikeh suburb of Tulkarm, fired tear gas and tear gas canisters at the citizens, on the pretext that they were throwing rocks.(NAD 1 April 2020)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) closed the agricultural road between the villages of Kafa and Al-Hafasi, and the agricultural road between the villages of Kafa and the suburb of Thunaba, in the city of Tulkarm, with dirt mounds. (NAD 1 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed greenhouses belonging to Palestinians while they were working in, and forced them to leave, while a bulldozer started to close nearby agricultural roads with dirt mounds. The roads, utilized by local Palestinian farmers, were connecting the Palestinian villages of Kafa and Shufa with a number of neighboring villages, southeast of the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem. The closed roads, located near the illegal Israeli settlement of Avni Haifetz, built on Palestinian lands. (IMEMC 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) sealed off the main entrance to Bani Naim town, east of Hebron city, in the southern occupied West bank. The IOA closed the metal gate installed at the entrance of the town, preventing passage in both directions and forcing passengers to take longer routes to reach their destinations (WAFSA 10 April 2020).

## Other

- Palestinian prisoners in Ofer military camp and detention center near Ramallah refused to accept their meals this morning in a protest measure against failure of the Israel Prisons Service (IPS) to examine prisoners who were in contact with an infected inmate released two days ago. Nour Sarsour, 19, from the town of Beitunia, near Ramallah, was tested positive with coronavirus after his release from prison and arrival at home. He seems to have contracted the disease while in prison and was released and sent to Ramallah without the IPS conducting any corona tests on him leaving the possibility that he could have passed the disease to other inmates. The Israeli Prison service only checked the prisoners who were in contact with Sarsour but did not take any samples from them to test them for coronavirus, claiming that it was waiting for an official medical report from the Palestinian Authority proving that the released prisoner has the disease. As a result, it said, the prisoners at Ofer started protest measures to prevent the spread of the disease to the other sections of the prison and prisoners, demanding carrying out proper tests on the prisoners who were in contact with Sarsour to see if they have been infected or not. (WAFSA 2 April 2020)
- The Israeli government put forth a condition for shipping medical aid to the besieged Gaza Strip, for fighting the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

pandemic. Israeli “Defense” Minister, Naftali Bennett, was quoted during a press briefing in Tel-Aviv, as saying that Israeli officials are considering sending some humanitarian aid to Gaza. Bennett, however, conditioned this medical aid with the return of two Israeli soldiers who went missing in Gaza in 2014, when Israel carried out a large-scale offensive on the coastal enclave. Bennett stated that various levels of the Israeli government need to get involved in a thorough dialogue over ways to deliver humanitarian medical aid to Gaza, provided that such a dialogue takes into account ‘*other inseparable matters*’. Bennett also added that his government will be unlikely to approve the release of Palestinian prisoners, in the near future. (IMEMC 2 April 2020)

- An emergency unity government to confront coronavirus: that’s been Benjamin Netanyahu’s pitch to his rivals in Kachol Lavan since Israel’s March 2 Knesset elections. Kachol Lavan chief Benny Gantz acquiesced to what he considered Netanyahu’s genuine call to “put politics aside” for the sake of the country’s welfare, splitting his party apart in the process. And now, the prime minister is letting on that dealing with the pandemic was never his only priority. With coalition negotiations underway in Jerusalem, West Bank annexation still remains a top priority on the agenda for the Israeli right. Netanyahu still wants to pursue the Trump plan, and Naftali Bennett, Yamina party head and acting Defense Minister is making annexation a *condition* for [joining the government](#). This revanchist turn clashes with the success of Israeli-Palestinian [collaboration](#) on the coronavirus front, an accomplishment that cannot be taken for granted if the annexationists get their way. Israel recently won rare praise from the United Nations for its cooperation with the [Palestinian Authority](#) in the face of the [coronavirus pandemic](#). OCHA, the UN’s disaster response agency noted “close, unprecedented cooperation aimed at containing the epidemic.” Speaking to the Middle East Quartet late last week, UN Special Envoy Nickolay Mladenov echoed those sentiments, calling the coordination “[excellent](#).” accommodations for those who stay) in Israel, the establishment of a joint communication mechanism, the supply of testing kits and protective equipment to the occupied territories (albeit a relatively small amount thus far), and the enforcement of public health restrictions across the Green Line are all critical achievements in Israel and the PA’s fight against coronavirus. The effort has not been seamless, with incidents like the apparent [abandonment](#) by Israeli Police of a sick Palestinian worker at a West Bank checkpoint. The West Bank also still suffers a [dearth of ventilators](#) and other critical

equipment. And Gaza, with its threadbare health care system, would be especially [hard hit](#) if the infection rate grows. But, on the whole, the joint undertaking is still important, generating unprecedented support from the Palestinian public. Israelis and Palestinians have been able to coordinate on key areas to combat coronavirus in large part because the PA provides a single address in Ramallah for Israel to relay its concerns to. Annexation threatens that line of communication. Many project that even a land-grab ostensibly limited in scope, such as one covering Area C (60 percent of the West Bank) or the roughly 30 percent allotted to Israel under the Trump plan, could [seriously undermine](#) the Palestinian Authority - or even trigger its collapse. It is important to remember that the PA did not enter the coronavirus pandemic on the most solid footing. Ramallah was unable to pay public servants in full for a period of several months last year. Sending Palestinian guest workers home may be a public health imperative for Israelis and Palestinians in the time of coronavirus, but it has the potential to devastate the West Bank's economy, which is [heavily reliant](#) on remittances. Washington had cut all aid to the Palestinians, including now much-needed humanitarian assistance, and relations with the United States reached their nadir in late January after the release of the Trump plan. Pushing annexation now, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and acting Defense Minister Naftali Bennett appear intent on doing amid coalition talks, is really playing with fire when it comes to the PA's continued stability and Israelis' security. Without the PA, Israel might find itself forced to coordinate a response to coronavirus with disparate local Palestinian leaders across the West Bank. If the door is definitively closed on a two-state solution, Palestinians will (understandably) demand the rights and privileges that come with Israeli citizenship; not just political and civil liberties but access to social services, including health care. This would accelerate extant trends driving support for one state among younger Palestinians. In the West Bank, closures and curfews designed to curb the pandemic's spread would have to be implemented on a city-by-city, village-by-village basis. Israel security forces could redeploy in the West Bank to fill the vacuum left by the PA. While the West Bank Palestinian leadership is not particularly popular with the public, PA officials enforcing these measures are far more likely to [achieve compliance](#) than Israeli troops who will take their place if the PA folds. Israel-PA cooperation against coronavirus is laudable. But rocket fire from Gaza late last week, followed in short order by an Israeli military response, made clear that the sudden appearance of an external threat will not simply erase all of the old antagonisms, Watchmen style.

Hamas was not behind the most recent attacks, and it is even working with Israel, however informally, in some areas to address the pandemic. But the Israel-Hamas relationship, still largely characterized by hostility, cannot hold a candle to the kind of close security coordination between Israel and the PA. Without that partnership, Israelis and Palestinians might find themselves in a two-front war: one, an armed conflict, and the second, a fight against coronavirus. This is a conflict both sides can ill afford now. Israel is relying on the military to administer a lockdown at home and suspending enlistment for some IDF units. Meanwhile, casualties from and infrastructure destruction from an escalation with Israel could completely overwhelm a Palestinian healthcare system already severely strained by coronavirus. These are not new factors. The predominance of coronavirus on the global policy agenda does not erase all other problems; on the contrary, it compounds them. Israeli leaders like Netanyahu and Bennett may calculate that now is a convenient time to annex West Bank territory. The threat of penalties imposed by foreign governments long stayed the prime minister's hand, even as he ramped up his rhetoric over the course of three election campaigns. But today the world's attention is elsewhere and the Israeli opposition is fractured by the breakup of Kachol Lavan and the Labor-Gesher-Meretz alliance. Yet difficult as it is to see, coronavirus will pass. When it does, annexation pursued under the cover of a pandemic may draw the ire of the international community, from the European Union and even from U.S. political leaders. A recent letter to the Trump administration initiated by U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Chris Van Hollen urged the White House, in light of coronavirus, to release funds that Congress has allocated for humanitarian aid to the Palestinians, and to consider pressuring Israel to ease restrictions on Gaza, framing those moves as being "[in the national security interest](#) of the United States and in the interest of the Palestinian people and our ally Israel." The letter demonstrates that leaders in Washington remain engaged in the Middle East not despite the global public health crisis, but because of it. And in the near term, there are still diplomatic risks: annexation could very well [jeopardize](#) Israel's efforts to solicit foreign backing for its [own efforts](#) against coronavirus - and for those joint efforts with the PA. If annexation is pushed and implemented right now, Palestinians will be in a far worse position when the pandemic ends. Opportunistic Israeli politicians will also find that a global crisis is a weak pretext for annexation. Israel may then find itself the target of censure and international pressure just at the moment it was hoping to rebuild domestically, and reengage with the world. ([Haaretz](#) 2 April 2020)

- Shaked: Without annexation of settlements, government must not exist: Prime Minister [Benjamin Netanyahu](#) must apply sovereignty to the West Bank settlements within a month, or his government should cease to exist, MK Ayelet Shaked of the Yamina party warned on Wednesday. “If the Prime Minister has approval of the US government to apply sovereignty in the coming months, he must act on it immediately,” Shaked said. “The government that is being formed has no right to exist unless it applies sovereignty over Judea and Samaria and the Jordan Valley,” Shaked warned. “We know that the window of opportunity for annexation is in the next month of two. [US President Donald] Trump is heading to elections and we do not know what will happen after the elections. We must take advantage of the next two months to apply sovereignty,” Shaked said. “I call on Netanyahu, and I am sure he will act accordingly, not to enter into any agreement with the Blue and White party without making it absolutely clear, that we are applying sovereignty, without any vetos,” she said. Blue and White Party head [Benny Gantz](#) has opposed the inclusion of sovereignty in the government guidelines. The issue has been a sticking point between him and Netanyahu during the negotiations for the formation of a government. Shaked is among those who are concerned that Netanyahu may agree to forgo sovereignty, just at the moment when it appears that the factors for its application are more favorable than they have ever been in the history of the settlement movement. ([IPOST](#) 2 April 2020)
- If anyone asked Likud’s Yariv Levin, who’s running Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s negotiations with Benny Gantz’s Kahol Lavan party, which he preferred – to be the justice minister but without extending Israeli sovereignty into the West Bank, or to be badminton minister but with annexation – he wouldn’t bat an eyelash. He’d choose the latter. His ideological fervor for Greater Israel overrides even his longing to preside over the destruction of the Supreme Court’s independence. But don’t worry, if he’s appointed speaker, he’ll make sure to turn the Knesset into a fortress whose artillery is aimed at the hall of justice on the next hilltop. As of [Thursday](#) evening, what to do about U.S. President Donald Trump’s “[deal of the century](#)” was the main dispute between Kahol Lavan and [Likud](#), and it delayed the signing of a unity-government deal. [Netanyahu](#) was under enormous pressure from the settler right and most of Likud’s Knesset members. They were pushing him to exploit what they believe are the few months left until the propellers of the presidential helicopter tousle Trump’s orange hair one last time. Then he’ll be replaced by Joe Biden. Ever since Trump’s crooked diplomatic plan was born, the right has

sought to raid its pantry: annexation now, a Palestinian state never – just like a child who wants the crust removed from the bread. In the right's view, and apparently in Netanyahu's as well, it's now or never. At the heart of the dispute is the six-month period defined as an "emergency government," during which Kahol Lavan wants to eschew any diplomatic activity and focus on the health and economic crises. For Netanyahu, Levin and their ilk, this is a death trap. A month before the U.S. presidential election in November, the polls will indicate whether it's a close race. If Israel announces that it's extending sovereignty to part of the West Bank, Biden, who is well on the way to becoming the Democratic candidate, will send a strong message: Hold your horses, my friends. Netanyahu feels like he's standing on his diplomatic legacy's Mount Nebo – like Moses, he can see the Promised Land but can't enter it. He's likely to miss his only chance to make a significant mark on Israel's history. Of the 120 MKs, 67 or 68 are in favor of extending sovereignty: Netanyahu's bloc plus Orli Levi-Abekasis, [Moshe Ya'alon](#), the Derech Eretz breakaways from Kahol Lavan – Yoaz Hendel and Zvi Hauser– and presumably others from Kahol Lavan who would support the move if they could vote their consciences, as Likud proposes. But [Gantz](#), [Gabi Ashkenazi](#) and most Kahol Lavan members oppose an annexation supported by no one but the United States. Gantz and Ashkenazi aren't suffused with messianic sentiment. As the people slated to become prime minister and defense minister in [October 2021](#) in the rotation government, they want room to maneuver diplomatically, not facts on the ground that could cause problems with a hostile world, both in our own neighborhood and beyond. Over the past two days, Netanyahu has shown Kahol Lavan his inner Bibi. In other words, he has reneged on his promises and reopened parts of the coalition deal on which an agreement had already been reached. He's evidently incapable of acting otherwise; it's in his blood. Still, as of this writing, the prevailing assumption is that an agreement will be reached and a government will be formed. Kahol Lavan's veto on [Yuli Edelstein](#) hasn't been lifted, so he won't return as Knesset speaker. His brutal provocations against the High Court of Justice will stain him for the rest of his political career. As of [Thursday](#) night, it wasn't clear what will become of him: Will he be promoted to foreign minister, or, like the folkloric Hershel of Ostropol, carry out his threat to go to bed hungry on the Knesset's backbench? Netanyahu is running the (apparently) final stretch of the coalition talks from his quarantined residence, to which he returned after Health Minister Yaakov Litzman tested positive for [the coronavirus](#). In some ways, this is a convenient position for him. No angry MKs or offended



ministers can lurk in the corridors of the Prime Minister's Office hoping to bang on his door and demand their rightful place in the cabinet. Top Likudniks are sufficing with getting petitions launched by leaders of party branches and members of the central committee, saying there's nobody like so-and-so, and he if doesn't get the right cabinet position (or any), Likud is finished. And then there are people like [Nir Barkat](#): The ice on which the campaign promise to appoint him finance minister was written hasn't only melted, it has evaporated. Barkat is once again bombarding the prime minister, his staff and everybody else with his arsenal of polls. So what? He can set up a shadow government with [Moshe Feiglin](#), [Gadi Yevarkan](#) and a great many others. After all, Barkat promised that if he were declared the nominee, six to seven seats' worth of votes would move from Kahol Lavan to Likud and the right-wing bloc would have 61 MKs. But it didn't work. And since he didn't keep his promise, the promise made to him won't be kept either. As always, Netanyahu is paying almost no attention to the threats by other Likud members. He'll deal with those by Yamina leaders Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked at the last minute. Meanwhile, like a CrossFit instructor in the coronavirus era, he's deploying his loyalists via Zoom; most of the weeping and wailing falls on them. That's how things are in [the quarantine of the long-distance runner](#) – during coalition talks, he feels the high. Political life sometimes makes for strange, unnatural alliances. Sitting together on the opposition benches will be [Yair Lapid](#), Moshe Ya'alon, [Avigdor Lieberman](#), [Nitzan Horowitz](#) and [Ayman Odeh](#). In the Knesset, Ya'alon, an ideological rightist and a former military chief of staff, will be staring at the backs of two of his former subordinates, Gantz and Ashkenazi, who will be sitting in the seats for cabinet members. Kahol Lavan's musical score has changed with dizzying speed, from brotherhood and friendship to hatred and invective. The pre-coronavirus photo-ops of hugs have been replaced with epithets, especially by the betrayed spouses, Lapid and Ya'alon. "Benny showed weakness," Ya'alon tells anyone who greets him. "It was clear to us that he was trying to crawl into the government. What's his agenda? What are his motives? Maybe we'll find out in the future." I asked what he was getting at, whether there was an ulterior motive, not just an offer to lend a hand. "Look, I won't be surprised if in the future we discover that there were other reasons for the move," he replied. "But it's clear to me that he was worn out. He didn't want to be prime minister. He began to fear it and preferred to be No. 2. Now he's a political corpse. The man's irrelevant. His excuse was that he wanted to carry the stretcher. He'll soon discover that his job is holding

the poles of the sedan chair that Bibi is sitting on.” As Ya’alon would have it, Netanyahu was determined to break up Kahol Lavan, something he failed at after the second [general election](#) in September. “This time, he did it easily,” Ya’alon said. “Every time Yair and I heard there were negotiations, Benny would say he was just sounding out positions. He did everything behind our backs, with the help of Gabi, who thinks the world revolves around him being defense minister. As Ya’alon put it, “Gabi viewed Kahol Lavan as a platform for his personal advancement.” Do you think he's eyeing joining Likud? I asked. “It’s not out of the question,” he replied. If it hadn’t been for the coronavirus pandemic, Ya’alon said, Netanyahu would have used the Iranian issue to warn that Israel was facing an existential threat that would justify an emergency government. “Now he’ll escape [the criminal defendant’s bench](#) with the help of Benny and his associates. I agreed to the formation of a narrow government, with one vote for [the Joint List](#) [of Arab parties]. This wouldn’t have brought about the end of the country, but leaving Netanyahu there is existential rot.” I asked him how he would have formed that government after those two jesters in his Telem faction, Hendel and Hauser, announced they wouldn’t support it under any circumstance. “Benny should have done what Ariel Sharon did during the [Gaza] disengagement,” said the man who lost the chance to serve an additional year as military chief due to his opposition to that very plan. “There was opposition in the cabinet, but he went full steam ahead. And they weren’t the only two jesters. Gabi also objected, as did Chili [Troppe], Omer [Yankelevich], Orit [Farkash-Hacohen]. If Benny had shown determination, one of the jesters would have ultimately voted in favor, the second would have abstained, and it would have passed. We would have formed a government, passed the laws barring Netanyahu from running, and then parts of the right-wing bloc would have come to us. “Bogie [Ya’alon] has gone crazy,” said someone in Kahol Lavan. “His hatred for Netanyahu has driven him crazy. He would sit in the cockpit, say non sequiturs, and when he lost his train of thought would simply shout: the submarines, the submarines” – referring to [the so-called submarine affair](#) in which Netanyahu has not been indicted. “Benny is a decent man, too decent. When he came to Yair and Bogie and said, ‘Guys, there’s still no agreement, give me the job of Knesset speaker and if we reach an agreement, do what you want,’ they went crazy. “Benny has chalked up an enormous achievement: parity and the premiership. He's receiving incredible power. It’s an equal splitting of the spoils, even though he's coming in with only 17 or 18 MKs. Every appointment that's brought to the cabinet must be agreed by both of

them, and only he can fire Kahol Lavan ministers, even when he's deputy prime minister." This Kahol Lavan official insisted that despite what people think, the rotation will really take place. He said the legislation on the matter was put together by former Deputy Attorney General Avi Licht and the experienced political adviser Shalom Shlomo. "It won't let Netanyahu skirt it." This is where the indecent demand for an official residence for [the deputy prime minister](#) comes into play – which both Likud and Kahol Lavan have accused each other of demanding. The source in Kahol Lavan insists that not only is this demand Netanyahu's, it ensures that he will carry out the rotation. "Sara and his demand for an official residence for the deputy prime minister shows they understand [that the rotation will take place]. Benny doesn't want an official residence and didn't ask for an official residence. It doesn't interest him," the source said. "What was the alternative? An election? We wouldn't come out of that well. Support for Netanyahu is rising by the day. Not exponentially, but rising. Three times we tried to beat him at the ballot box, and three times we failed. Benny concluded that it's possible to beat Bibi – maybe, that's not certain either – by pushing him out, by moving him. Not by a decapitation." One of the main demands on Kahol Lavan's list in the coalition talks was to remove [Miri Regev](#) as culture and sports minister. It's a small ministry with a meager budget, but one that became a symbol for everything that's bad in the Netanyahu era. And symbols are important. There was no resistance at all, Regev can't wait until she leaves the ministry. She has nothing left there to destroy, and besides, she was promised before the election a year ago that she would be appointed public security minister. This promise, unlike a slew of others by Netanyahu, will be kept. It's not just to reward Regev – one of the pillars of Bibi's ingratiating base, the wheels of the bulldozer of the prime minister's residence. It's an act foreshadowing the future. Netanyahu has been blessed with a talent for planning moves five steps ahead, which doesn't prevent him from being razor-sharp brutal regarding the task at hand. After the forming of a new government, Regev will ask that a new police commissioner be appointed, someone who thinks the way she does, who will trickle things down to his subordinates and investigators. And in general, there will be a new spirit regarding everything concerning the launching of future investigations into Netanyahu. Two such cases are now waiting on the desk of Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit: [the so-called shares affair](#) and the spying on Gantz during the election campaign. For some reason, the ministry that's considered a political graveyard is the heart's desire of Likud's chief shrieker. Sure, there's

not much the minister can do regarding the police, but it's a grandiose title and ensures membership in the security cabinet. Regev has been preparing for the job for a long time. When the outgoing minister, Gilad Erdan, announced at the beginning of the year his intention to appoint a permanent police commissioner instead of our acting commissioner for life, Moti Cohen, Regev hinted to Erdan to drop the matter because it wouldn't happen anyway. Erdan understood who he was really talking to via Regev, and backtracked. Erdan is honest, and he no longer had the strength to fight a losing battle. His removal now to reward Regev for her actions is stupidity – but not a crime, as is leaving Health Minister Yaakov Litzman, the minister of negligence and irresponsibility, in his post. Regev's candidate for police commissioner might very well be Yoram Halevi, who retired from the force a year ago, a number of law enforcement officials said. Regev and Halevi are close. Two years ago, just before the previous police commissioner, Roni Alsheich, retired, he accused Halevi – then the commander of the Jerusalem District – of being secretly in contact with the Netanyahu family “using a third party.” Who knows, maybe that party was Regev. Netanyahu and Halevi denied the claims. I checked with a senior official in Kahol Lavan. He said the coalition agreement states that every key appointment – excluding the directors general of ministries – will have to be made with the consent of “both prime ministers.” After all, in a year and a half Gantz will have to work with the new police commissioner. It's also clear that Gantz will interview the candidates, too. According to the Kahol Lavan official, there's no chance of appointing a mercenary of Regev and the prime minister's residence who will sow fear in the hearts of investigators and block the awaiting investigations. “We've thought about these scenarios,” he said. Maybe they have, but even in the least bad scenario in which Regev is just a baneful contrarian for the institution she oversees, she'll still be very difficult to digest. Have mercy on all the men and women in blue. At first, Labor MKs Amir Peretz and Itzik Shmuli negotiated separately with Gantz regarding the joining of a government headed by Netanyahu. The two Laborites didn't exchange a word for months. Later their relations thawed a bit and they began coordinating their positions. Peretz, the chairman of the smoldering remains of [the Labor Party](#), didn't feel comfortable entering such a government by himself; he wanted the protective covering of Shmuli, who's apparently more of an ideologue. While the entry of Gantz and Ashkenazi into a Netanyahu government means the dismantling of the sole alternative to Likud rule for now, Peretz and Shmuli don't carry this burden. It's a bit easier for them. Almost all the spotlights were turned on Gantz, so

Peretz and his former vassal can join the coalition celebrations with glee. The corpse of [Peretz's mustache](#) is turning on the barbershop floor, but who cares. The Labor brand went into bankruptcy at the ballot box on [March 2](#); the leader and his No. 2 are joining a right-wing government. The No. 3, Merav Michaeli, will remain in the opposition and join forces with Meretz to the left. Or maybe she'll return to the media as did Shelly Yacimovich, who realized in time that this stream wasn't flowing to the sea, but to the sewer. Peretz is a political corpse in every way. His big days, and his little ones too, are behind him. The position of economy minister is his ventilator. His dream of the presidency is dead. But Shmuli still seems to have a future. Lapid's Yesh Atid has wooed Shmuli for a long time. Shmuli explains his decision to join the government – it seems as social affairs minister – with his desire to contribute in an area close to his heart. Let's see if his political career ends with the end of the incoming government. ([Haaretz](#) 3 April 2020)

- The [United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance](#) (OCHA) announced that the response plan prepared by the Regional Humanitarian Team to counter the coronavirus, requires \$34 million to prevent the further spread of the virus in the occupied Palestinian territories. The United Nations (UN) stressed in a report that the Palestinian health system's ability to deal with an expected increase in the number of patients remains severely limited due to the long-term challenges and critical shortages it is experiencing, especially in [the Gaza Strip](#). "The West Bank and occupied Jerusalem include the most vulnerable groups, whose condition may require extensive medical care, including the elderly, people suffering from hypertension, lung diseases, kidney failure, cardiovascular disease and diabetes," explained [OCHA](#). It further described that people living in [refugee camps and other poor and densely populated areas across the occupied Palestinian territories are at a greater risk of infection](#), due to overcrowding and poor sanitation systems. The UN pointed out that on 27 March, the Regional Humanitarian Team in the occupied Palestinian land launched an adjusted version of the inter-agency response plan to tackle COVID-19, covering the next three months. The organisation indicated that the team launched an appeal to provide \$34 million to prevent further transmission of the virus in the occupied Palestinian land, to provide adequate care to infected patients and to support their families, to mitigate the worst effects of this pandemic. The UN confirmed that until now, 24 per cent of the response plan prepared by the Regional Humanitarian Team has been funded, including a provision of \$4.8 million that will soon be granted by the

Humanitarian Fund, after redirecting the first standard allocations allocated by the fund. [UNRWA](#) has also launched an urgent independent appeal, requesting \$14 million to cover COVID-19 interventions in its five areas of operations, for the next ninety days. (MEM, OCHAOPT 3 April 2020)

- Palestinian Saadat Sabri Gharib, 38, had never imagined that his house, which was built by his father in 1979, would be turned into a very narrow cage surrounded by barbed wire and surveillance cameras. Gharib's house is located in the Biet Ijza neighbourhood, west of occupied Jerusalem. It was surrounded by about 100 dunams of land owned by Gharib's father. However, the Israeli settlers stole all of this land and kept the house, which is only 500-metres square. Since 2008, his house has been turned into a very small cage surrounded with concrete walls and located in the middle of an [Israeli settlement](#) -*Giv'on Hahadasha* settlement. It has only a very narrow passage with 12 cameras monitoring it. Gharib, his mother, his wife and three children live in this house. The family is subjected to stone throwing, live bullet shooting, insulting and burning. The family also received seven demolition orders, but fought in the Israeli courts and stopped them," stating that 40 dunams were stolen by the Israeli occupation authorities in 1979 and 60 dunams were isolated from his house by the [apartheid wall](#) in 2007. In 1979, the settlers offered his father a large amount of money for the land. Putting pressure on Gharib in order to leave his house, the Israeli occupation prevents him from planting any trees near his house, from carrying out any renovation works or from making any repairs. ([MEM](#) 4 April 2020)
- The economic losses of the besieged Gaza Strip are estimated at \$200 million due to the Israeli siege and the coronavirus, revealed the [Popular Committee Against Gaza Siege](#). These are the direct and indirect losses of the industrial, commercial, construction and tourism sectors. Almost all economic sectors are in recess now because of the coronavirus, adding to this the Israeli occupation siege and the shortage of cash. The committee further stated that in order to help solve the problems in Gaza, the international community must put pressure on Israel to lift its siege on Gaza, and that there must be joint international, Islamic and Arabic relief efforts to meet Gaza's medical, food and humanitarian needs. Meanwhile, he called for the UN

Agency for Palestine Refugees ([UNRWA](#)) to increase its food and medical aid. (MEM 4 April 2020)

- In response to a humanitarian appeal launched by the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza to obtain \$23 million in urgent aid, in addition to medicine and medical equipment including 250 respirators in order to deal with the coronavirus in the besieged enclave, Israeli Minister [Naftali Bennett](#) announced that no humanitarian aid will be allowed into Gaza, until the release of Israeli soldiers, or their remains, captured by the Palestinian resistance movement [Hamas](#). “There is talk of the humanitarian world in Gaza – Israel also has humanitarian needs, which are mainly the recovery of the fallen,” [Bennett disclosed](#). “I think that we need to enter a broad dialogue about Gaza’s and our humanitarian needs. It would not be right to disconnect these things... and certainly, our hearts would be open to many things,” he added. [Linking the issue of the Israeli soldiers](#), or remains of soldiers, to the issue of the urgent humanitarian needs for the Gaza Strip related to the fight against the coronavirus, is nothing short of deceptive. It is nothing more than an attempt by Bennett to paint a glowing image of himself and his country, and convey that they are concerned with humanity, while the Gazan rulers are portrayed as savages due to withholding two, or the remains of two, Israelis in Gaza. The two Israeli soldiers were captured or killed while they were in their tanks bombing Palestinian homes and killing civilians in 2014, when the 51-day Israeli offensive killed more than 2,260 Palestinians, including more than 400 children and nearly the same number of women, wounding more than 11,000 others. If two Israeli soldiers are being held by the Palestinians and the Israeli minister wanted them to be released on a humanitarian grounds, why did not he release 5,000 Palestinian prisoners living in dire conditions in Israeli jails, including 43 women and girls, 250 boys and over 1,000 patients, with at least 250 suffering from serious conditions? Several rights groups have warned that the Palestinian prisoners inside Israeli jails are vulnerable to contracting coronavirus, given the overcrowded prisons and bad ventilation, with a severe lack of hygiene. On Thursday, the [Israeli Prison Service](#) let out six Palestinian prisoners from Ofer Prison. They must have contracted the coronavirus because a prisoner from the same prison had been recently released and tested positive for the virus. Rights groups have reiterated several times that Israel is imposing a media blackout regarding the news about the coronavirus among prisoners, in order not to underscore their humanitarian crimes. Meanwhile, if the Israeli minister wanted the release of the Israeli

soldiers captured in Gaza on humanitarian grounds, why did he not lift his country's strict and illegal siege imposed on the Gaza Strip in 2007? Why did he not look at the number of Palestinians who died due to the lack of medical equipment, proper healthcare and medicine as a result of his country's siege? Why did he not look at the thousands of Palestinians who are still displaced because they could not rebuild their homes which were destroyed by his army in 2014? Why did he not consider the hundreds of children, mothers and fathers who have been waiting to be reunited with their loved ones who have been imprisoned by his country? Despite all of this, the Israeli minister must know that the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip put all their hostilities with the Israeli occupation aside and provided Israel with millions of medical face masks, while it faces an increasing outbreak of the coronavirus. Hassan Shehata, owner of a sewing factory in Gaza, told *AFP* that the Israeli companies sent materials to him, and his factory is to make millions of medical masks for Israel. The owner of another factory in Gaza revealed that he has already signed contracts with Israeli business partners to provide one million masks and 50,000 protective suits by the end of April. Mr Bennett, we do not want people like you, with the blood of innocent people on their hands, to teach us, the Palestinians, lessons about humanity and morals. Please, do not paint an innocent image of you and your unscrupulous country at the expense of our suffering inflicted by you and your violent state. Enough of your merchandising of humanity on the world, while you remain inhumane. The views expressed in this article belong to the author and do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of Middle East Monitor or Informed Comment. ([MEM](#) 4 April 2020)

- The Palestinian Prisoners and Ex-Prisoners Commission stated that Israel has 200 Palestinian children in detention, commemorating 'Palestinian Child Day' on April 5th. Since the year 2000, Israel has arrested *no less than* 1700 Palestinian minors between 12 and 18 years, in addition to the detention of children younger than 10 years. These children are subjected to very harsh interrogation and even torture during their detention, in clear violation of international human rights standards. He called on the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, the Human Rights Council, UNICEF and Amnesty International to pressure Israel to release the minors.(IMEMC 5 April 2020)
- Dozens of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails have gone on an open-ended hunger strike to denounce Tel Aviv's deliberate neglecting of their peers amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Israel Prison Service



(IPS) intentionally endangers the lives of Palestinian inmates by removing cleaning products from prisons' canteens and refusing to disinfect the prison cells or even conducting any tests on prisoners suspected of carrying the new coronavirus. The report cited 40-year-old Palestinian prisoner Fekri Mansour, who is behind bars in Shata Prison, as saying that Palestinian detainees are denied access to basic hygiene supplies and vital health care services. A number of Israeli jailers and interrogators and even Palestinian prisoners have tested positive for the virus. Israeli jailers did not wear protective gloves and face masks or take any other protective measures while dealing with Palestinian prisoners, and prison cells are small and almost packed with inmates, making social distancing hardly feasible. "To date, the occupation authority has not taken the necessary precautions to protect more than 5,500 Palestinian prisoners in its jails, including women, the elderly, children and sick prisoners. (PNN 6 April 2020)

- The Israeli government is currently exploiting world countries' engagement in fighting the Coronavirus by considering some annexation plans that would confiscate more Palestinian-owned lands, for illegal settlement purposes. Both the Israeli Likud party of Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu and the rival party, White and Blue, of Benny Gantz, have recently come to terms on enforcing Israeli supremacy on large areas of Palestinian-owned lands, by this summer. The agreement between the two parties will include annexation of the Jordan Valley area of Alghour, north of the Dead Sea, with United States being involved in working out related Israeli annexation plans. The Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has pledged, in a phone call, to the chief of Israeli colonial settlements council, David Elhiani, that Israel will wrestle full control over the Jordan Valley's Alghour area, in a few months' time. A US delegation, headed by US ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, has held a series of meetings with Israeli tourism minister, Brev Livin, over the plans. Such recent meetings have focused on ways to make the plans go along with the January-declared deal of the century, announced by US president, Donald Trump. The deal suggests allowing Israel to annex West Bank lands, including a road in the south of West Bank city of Nablus, known as the Hawara bypass road. (IMEMC, NBPRS 11 April 2020)
- Israeli occupation authorities in the internationally-recognized occupied East Jerusalem have imposed restrictions on the work of UNRWA-affiliated medical crews serving refugee populations there. Such Israel-imposed restrictions on UNRWA, only *add* to a great deal

of restrictions Israel has imposed over the past few years, particularly following the US administration's recognition of both East *and* West Jerusalem, as Israel's capital. The UNRWA's mandate includes Palestinian refugee populations in East Jerusalem and that over the past several weeks, the UNRWA has been making some efforts to curb the Coronavirus (COVID-19), among those populations. Israeli practices, including invasion of Palestinian neighborhoods of the old city, would leave a very negative impact on the Palestinian economy and prevent smooth UNRWA-run services, including food rations, education, health and sanitation. (UNRWA, IMEMC 15 April 2020)

- Israel has detained 1324 Palestinians since the start of this year, including 210 minors and 31 women. In addition, 295 Palestinians were placed in administrative detention without charge or trial for periods that can run into several years. Since the outbreak of the coronavirus disease, Israel detained 357 Palestinians in March, including 48 minors and four women. Of the total 5000 Palestinians currently incarcerated in Israel, there are 41 women prisoners and 180 minors. In addition, 26 prisoners have been in jail since before the signing of the Oslo accords between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel in 1993, with 51 prisoners incarcerated for more than 20 years, including 14 who have been in jail for more than 30 years, and 541 prisoners serving one or multiple life terms, the highest is for Abdallah Barghouti with 67 life terms. Among the 5000 prisoners, there are 430 Palestinians held in administrative detention and 13 journalists. (WAFA 16 April 2020)
- The entire world has ground to a halt, but the Israeli military is carrying on its violent routine of occupation throughout the West Bank. From 1 March 2020 to 3 April 2020, Israeli security forces raided 100 homes in the West Bank and arrested 217 Palestinians, 16 of them minors. Forty percent of the individuals detained, and 60% of the minors, were arrested between 12 March and 3 April 2020 – after Israel and the Palestinian Authority had tightened restrictions on movement in the West Bank. B'Tselem field researchers documented night raids on 12 homes, eight of which belong to members of an extended family. In every case, soldiers forced their way in, waking the entire family. In some instances, the soldiers trapped all the members of the family in a single room while they turned the rest of the house upside down. Some of the raids lasted about three hours. Armed soldiers invading your home, an inherently violent affair – and in the middle of the night, to boot – is always terrifying. The “usual” terror is now compounded by the specific fear of contracting coronavirus from strangers who break

into your home and stay there for some time. The fear does not abate once the soldiers leave. Every family whose home was raided continues to worry both for those who remain and for those arrested and taken away. The military's practice never to inform people where their loved ones are being held or when they will be released ramps up the anxiety. ([BTSELEM](#) 16 April 2020)

- **In Area C of the West Bank, 18 Palestinian-owned structures were demolished, seized or dismantled citing the lack of building permits, and 1,200 trees were uprooted on grounds they were planted on 'state land'.** Following the outbreak of COVID-19, the Israeli authorities have largely halted the demolition of inhabited homes, but continued targeting livelihood and service-related structures. Of particular concern is the ongoing demolition of water and hygiene-related structures, which could undermine efforts to contain the spread of the virus. During the reporting period, the Israeli authorities requisitioned two mobile latrines and damaged two water tanks in the herding community of At Taybe (Hebron), and demolished three water cisterns in Kafr Ni'ma village (Ramallah). During the latter incident, Israeli forces also uprooted about 1,200 trees, on grounds that the land was declared 'state land'. No demolition was recorded in East Jerusalem since mid-March. **Eight Palestinians were injured and extensive property, including more than 670 trees, was vandalized by assailants believed to be Israeli settlers.** The injuries occurred in three incidents: in the Israeli-controlled H2 area of Hebron city, where two men (one of whom is mentally disabled) were pepper-sprayed; near Kobar village (Ramallah), where three farmers were beaten with rifles while working their land; and in the Ramat Eshkol settlement of East Jerusalem, where three Palestinian workers were physically assaulted, including one stabbed and severely injured. Another four incidents entailed the uprooting or vandalizing of over 670 olive saplings and trees in At Tuwani (Hebron), Turmus'ayya (Ramallah) and Al Khader (Bethlehem). In the latter village, since the beginning of the year around 1,450 trees belonging to farmers from Al Khader village have been vandalized. Residents from Umm al Kheir herding community reported that settlers poisoned over 20 almond trees. In Ein Qiniya village (Ramallah), settlers ran with motorbikes over land planted with cucumbers, while in Yanun (Nablus) and Al Jab'a (Bethlehem), they herded sheep on, and damaged, cultivated land. In another two incidents, settlers raided the outskirts of Qusra (Nablus) and Al Mazra'a al Qibliya (Ramallah) villages and vandalized property. Since the beginning of March, the weekly average of settler attacks resulting

- in Palestinian injuries or damage to their property (nine) increased by 80 per cent compared with an average during January-February (five). (WAFA 18 April 2020). (WAFA, OCHAOPT 17 April 2020)
- 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](#))

- Israeli so called “Defense” Minister, Naftali Bennett, decided that Israel will stop providing the necessary Coronavirus tests for cases from the Israeli-besieged Gaza Strip. Bennet’s decision came following a series of discussions among Israeli army officials that have so far failed to approve conducting tests for fifty potential Gaza-based Coronavirus patients. The decision came shortly after the Israeli army allowed entry and testing of 100 samples from Gaza, based on coordination between Israel and other relevant international health organizations. The testing took place in a nearby Israeli military site, called Tservin, with the help of the Israeli government’s so-called ‘coordinator’ for the occupied Palestinian territories. The Israeli ‘coordinator’ has recently helped bring Coronavirus samples from Gaza, via the Israel-controlled Erez checkpoint in north of the coastal enclave. Bennett’s latest order has reportedly been made with a series of other Israeli army decisions. An Israeli military source, quoted on condition of anonymity said, “It is a mistake that Israel stops doing such tests for Gaza’s potential patients. Preventing the spread of Coronavirus tests comes in Israel’s best interest, as Gaza is directly adjacent to Israeli communities, in south of the country”. Over the past several weeks, Palestinian health ministry officials in the Israeli-besieged Gaza Strip have been appealing to all concerned international bodies to ship much needed testing kits for the Coronavirus, so the health ministry itself can carry out the tests. (IMEMC 22 April 2020)
- A detainee died, in the Negev Desert Detention Camp, after fainting in the shower, and Israeli occupation Army (IOA) failed to provide him with any medical aid for more than thirty minutes. The detainee, Nour Jaber Barghouthi, 23, was from ‘Aboud town, northwest of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, and he was detained by the IOA four years ago, and was sentenced to eight years in prison. The detainee was showering in Section 25 of the Negev Detention camp when he collapsed and lost consciousness. Barghouthi’s death brings the number of Palestinian detainees who died in Israeli prisons since the year 1967 after Israel occupied the rest of Palestine, including East Jerusalem, to 273. Israel is also still holding the remains of five deceased detainees, identified as Anis Doula who died of medical neglect in the year 1980, [Aziz Oweisat](#), 53, who died on May 20, 2018, at an Israeli hospital from serious complications after he was assaulted by several Israeli soldiers in the prison, [Fares Baroud](#), 51, who died on

February 6, 2019, of medical neglect in an Israeli prison, Nassar Taqatqa, 31, who died after having been tortured in an Israeli prison on July 16, 2019, and Bassam Sayeh, 47, who died on September 8, 2019, in an Israeli prison, due to medical neglect. (PPS, IMEMC 22 April 2020)

- The United States said Monday it was ready to recognize Israel's annexation of parts of the West Bank but asked Israel's government to also negotiate with the Palestinians. "As we have made consistently clear, we are prepared to recognize Israeli actions to extend Israeli sovereignty and the application of Israeli law to areas of the West Bank that the vision foresees as being part of the State of Israel," a US State Department spokesperson said when asked if the US would allow Israel's new government to move forward with the process. The step would be "in the context of the Government of Israel agreeing to negotiate with the Palestinians along the lines set forth in President Trump's Vision," the spokesperson told The Times of Israel. "The annexation would be in the context of an offer to the Palestinians to achieve statehood based upon specific terms, conditions, territorial dimensions and generous economic support. This is an unprecedented and highly beneficial opportunity for the Palestinians," the State Department spokesperson said. The Trump peace plan unveiled earlier this year — which angered the Palestinians and was rejected by much of the international community — gave Israel the green light to annex settlements and the strategic Jordan Valley area. The Palestinians have refused to negotiate with the Trump administration, considering it biased. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas [threatened](#) on Wednesday to cancel all agreements with Israel and the US if Israel moved forward with annexation plans. Monday's comments by the State Department expanded on remarks to reporters Wednesday by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who said annexation was ultimately "[an Israeli decision](#)." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [said Sunday](#) that he was "confident" US President Donald Trump would let him fulfill his election promise to apply Israeli sovereignty over parts of the West Bank "a couple of months from now." "Three months ago, the Trump peace plan recognized Israel's rights in all of Judea and Samaria," Netanyahu said, referring to the West Bank by its biblical name. "And President Trump pledged to recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Jewish communities there and in the Jordan Valley." "A couple of months from now, I'm confident that that pledge will be honored," Netanyahu said. According to the wording of the "emergency government" deal between Netanyahu's Likud party and Benny Gantz's Blue and White

faction, starting July 1, 2020, 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.” In addition, “the law will be passed as quickly as possible... and will not be disrupted or delayed by the chairmen of either the House or the Foreign Affairs and Defense committees.” The Netanyahu-Gantz deal stipulates that any Israeli action would need US backing, and must take into account Israel’s peace treaties with neighboring Jordan and Egypt, the only two Arab states that have formal peace treaties and diplomatic relations with Israel. The prospect of annexation has recently drawn international condemnation. The Arab League plans to [hold an urgent virtual meeting](#) this week to galvanize opposition to the annexation plan, and Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi reportedly [approached counterparts](#) in a number of countries including Russia, Germany, Egypt, Japan, Sweden and Norway to oppose the outline. Senior officials in the European Union and United Nations on Thursday [warned Israel](#) against the intention to annex parts of the West Bank, with EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell saying that such a move “would constitute a serious violation of international law.” Meanwhile, in a video briefing with the Security Council, which holds a meeting each month on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the UN Middle East peace envoy, Nikolay Mladenov, said an Israeli annexation would deal a “devastating blow” to the internationally backed two-state solution, and “close the door to a renewal of negotiations and threaten efforts to advance regional peace.” Netanyahu’s right-wing base is eager to move forward with annexation while the friendly Trump administration is in office. Israel captured the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan during the 1967 Six Day War. The Palestinians seek those territories as part of a future independent state. Annexation of West Bank settlements would infuriate the Palestinians and Israel’s Arab neighbors. (TOI 28 April 2020)