



Israeli forces continue systematic crimes in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)

(13 – 19 April 2017)

- **Israeli forces killed a Palestinian civilian in southern Bethlehem in employment of deadly force.**
- **7 Palestinian civilians, including 3 children, were wounded in the West Bank. Israeli forces continued to target the Gaza Strip border areas, but no casualties were reported.**
- **Israeli forces conducted 39 incursions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank and 2 limited ones in Jerusalem.**
 - *40 civilians, including 19 children, were arrested in the West Bank.*
 - *18 of them, including 12 children, were arrested in Jerusalem.*
 - *Contents of 3 bookshops for university services in Hebron were confiscated and the bookshops were closed.*
- **Israeli forces continued their efforts to create Jewish majority in occupied East Jerusalem.**
 - *2 houses in al-Mukaber Mount were demolished.*
 - *Hundreds of settlers stormed al-Aqsa Mosque in the Jewish holiday.*

- **Israeli forces continued to target the Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Strip Sea.**
- **Israeli forces turned the West Bank into cantons and continued to impose the illegal closure on the Gaza Strip for the 10th year.**
 - *Due to the Jewish Passover holiday, the Israeli authorities continued imposing a security closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.*
 - *Dozens of temporary checkpoints were established in the West Bank and others were re-established to obstruct the movement of Palestinian civilians.*

Summary

Israeli violations of international law and international humanitarian law in the oPt continued during the reporting period (13 – 19 April 2017).

Shooting:

- During the reporting period, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian man and wounded 7 others, including 3 children, in the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces continued to pursue the Palestinian fishermen in the sea and open fire at Palestinian farmers at the border areas.

In the West Bank, on 19 April 2017, in employment of deadly force, Israeli forces killed Sohaib Mashahra (21), from al-Shaikh Sa'd village, southeast of occupied Jerusalem. The aforementioned person was killed when Israeli forces stationed at "Kufr Ezion" settlement, south of Bethlehem, opened fire at a car he was driving after the car hit an Israeli bus. Israeli forces claimed it was a deliberate attack targeting settlers, but photos of the scene shows it was likely a normal car accident.

During the reporting period, Israeli forces wounded 7 Palestinian civilians, including 3 children, using force against peaceful protests. On 14 April 2017, 2 children were wounded when Israeli forces opened fire at Kufor Qaddoum weekly protest, northeast of Qalqilya.

On the same day, 4 civilians were wounded to the lower limbs when Israeli forces erected a checkpoint at the intersection of Tamoun village, south of Tubas, and opened fire at the youngsters who gathered and throw stones at the Israeli soldiers.

On 15 April 2017, a Palestinian child sustained a bullet wound to the head when Israeli forces opened fire at Kufor Qaddoum weekly protest, northeast of Qalqilya.

In the Gaza Strip, concerning Israeli attacks on fishermen in the Gaza Strip sea, on 13 April 2017, Israeli navy forces opened fire at the Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 4 nautical miles, west of al-Sudaniya shore, north of the Gaza Strip. On the same day, Israeli gunboats opened fire at the Palestinian fishing boats sailing within 1.5 nautical miles northwest of Beit Lahia shore, north of the Gaza Strip. A similar attack recurred off al-Sudaniya shore on 14 April 2017 while 2 others recurred off Beit Lahia shore on 15 and 19 April 2017.

In the context of targeting the border areas, on 13 April 2017, Israeli forces stationed at the border fence, north of al-Sayafa area, northwest of the Gaza Strip, opened fire at agricultural lands adjacent to the border fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel.

On 18 April 2017, Israeli forces stationed at the border fence, east of Beit Hanoun village, north of the Gaza Strip, opened fire at the border area, however, neither casualties nor material damage were reported.

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