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November 1, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed the guard chamber of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) as well as several of the secondary roads leading to it. They also imposed a curfew on Al Balou' area north of Ramallah. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers destroyed 200 dunums of cultivated land and 500 olive trees of Masha village in Salfit District. *Quds*
- In Jerusalem District, a large group of settlers, under the protection of police and soldiers, raided Palestinian house owned by Fawziya Al Kurd in Al Shiekh Jarah neighbourhood claiming that the house belonged to them since 350 years. The house owner Fawziya said "the settlers have been trying to take over her house and a yard next to it for three years. *Quds*
- Israeli forces bulldozed and damaged wide areas of agricultural land located east of Arrabah village to the south of Jenin District. The land is close to the western boundaries of an Israeli military camp called Dotan. *Quds*
- Israeli soldiers prevented trucks loaded with water tanks and food from entering Palestinian villages of Beit Furik and Beit Dajan, southeast Nablus district for eight of the past 14 days. *Haaretz*

November 2, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers razed scores of agricultural fields located in Al Sundus hill looking over Hagai settlement in Hebron District. Eyewitnesses mentioned that the Israeli forces surrounded the area and announced it as a closed military area. Number of landlords reported that Israeli

Authorities are planning to capture the hill which has a total area of 1,000 dunums in order to establish a new settlement outpost. *Quds*

- In Tulkarem District, Israeli bulldozers, backed by tanks, damaged about 100 dunums of agricultural land. Also they uprooted 100 olive plants. This land is located between Kafa, Izbat Al Taiyah villages and Avnei Hefetz settlement to the east of Tulkarem city. *Quds*

November 3, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished 30 tombs belonging to Rafat and Zar'iy families in Al Sheikh Anbar area during road construction. This road will pass through Az Zaiem village and will end up in Anata village. The purpose of this road is to link Maale Adumim and Anatot settlements. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- Settlers from the western settlements of Bethlehem district dug a deep sewage dump in Al Khader villagers' land called Khelat Al Daher. A number of landlords said that the this hole came as a primary step for preparing the required infrastructure for building the settlement's houses. Previously, settlers had placed seven mobile homes on this land in order to establish a new settlement outpost called "Hadaghan". Settlers' activities led to a wide area of destruction and damaging a large number of grapevine and almond trees. The land area was 200 dunums. *Quds*
- In Yanun village southeast Nablus city tens of Jewish settlers attacked the villagers and their houses with stones. *Quds*
- The Israeli authorities dispatched a number of demolition notices to 50 Palestinian houses in Hebron District. *Jadeeda*

November 4, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers destroyed a wide areas of lands belong to villagers from nearby Badwil settlement southwest Kufer al Diek village. Also, they closed the only entrance of the village located near Iskaka village under the pretext of a bridge construction work, which will serve Ariel settlement, one of the largest settlements in the West Bank. It was established on Salfit, Iskaka, Marda and Kufl Haris lands in Salfit District. Moreover, settlers cut down 15 olive trees near the settlement bypass road belonging to Aref Naji. *Jadeeda*

November 5, 2001

- A group of settlers burned a carpet shop belonging to Abedl Salam al Qasrawy in Hebron. Another group of settlers attacked Palestinian cars on road 35 from Hebron to Halhul, another two settlers attacked Palestinian houses near Tal Rumeida settlement in the H2 part of Hebron which is under total Israeli control. *PCI*
- In Jenin district, Yusef Sulaman, 15 years old, was seriously injured, after a number of settlers opened fire on students of the municipal school. *PCI*

November 6, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers started a wide bulldozing process east of the Palestinian village of Taqu' which is adjacent to Tekoa settlement. The mayor "Abu Mifreh" confirmed that a new colonizing road is under construction, this in return will lead to the expropriation of new land in time where settlement expansion is already expropriating more lands. *Quds*
- A Tender Announcement issued in "*Quds newspaper*" is demanding for a new structure in Abu Ghneim "Har Homa" settlement of Jerusalem District.
- Settlers from Shilo and Rachel settlements ploughed Qusra and Jalud village's land using six agricultural tractors in Nablus District. Moreover, the settlers of Elon Moreh opened fire at a group of farmers from Beit Dajan village when they were guarding their land. Furthermore in Jenin District, the Israeli bulldozers continued their destruction works in cultivated land and in the main road which links Jenin with Nablus district to the west of Qabatiya city, south Jenin. Also, they uprooted number of olive trees. *Quds*

November 7, 2001

- Israeli army appropriated a Palestinian house belonging to Mouhamad Aliz and his brother and transformed it into military barracks in Iktaba village. Also, they erected a checkpoint on Iktaba-Dahiayt Al Iskan junction in Tulkarem district. *Quds*
- In Tulkarem district, Israeli tanks destroyed a number of roads, water pipes and electrical poles, in addition to that, they bulldozed tens of olive trees in Shwika village through the reoccupation of West Bank regions. *Quds*
- The Israeli high court decided not to evict the settlers that occupied the house of Al Kurd family in Jerusalem. The settlers had captured the house last week in Sheikh Jarah neighbourhood of Jerusalem. *Quds*

November 8, 2001

- The Israeli army stormed Fasayil village of Jericho district and sent a number of ultimatums of eviction from the area to the following Palestinian villagers: Ayish Da'ajneh, Bajes Da'ajneh and Odeh Qritat. *Jadeeda*
- The Israeli army evicted by force the family of Wael Qunaibi from their house for the benefit of a Jewish colonization society in Jerusalem district-Sheikh Jarah neighbourhood. Also, they delivered evction orders to two other Palestinian families in the same area. *Quds*
- Adel Mahmoud Foroukh, 15 years old was run over by a colonist on the road leading to Amos settlement. The colonist left the body behind and ran away. *PCI*

November 9, 2001

- In Jerusalem district, three colonizing societies demanded the Israeli government to transform Al Omariya Palestinian School (southwest of Al Aqsa mosque) into a synagogue. *Quds& PCI*

November 10, 2001

- Israeli army attacked a number of Palestinian houses in Iktaba and thenaba villages; in addition, they bulldozed tens of dunums cultivated with vegetables and olive trees belonging to Saleh Salim in Tulkarem District. Furthermore, a number of Palestinian houses were transformed into a military barracks by the Israeli army in Baqa Al Sharqiya. *Jadeeda*
- A report issued by the Orient House in Jerusalem District revealed that the Israeli government has rebuilt the infrastructure for a number of settlements outpost which were evacuated since Barak government. The report added that Maale Hagit settlement located east Mikhmas village was considered as an illegal outpost, but recently it has been renewed by putting 9 caravans on it. The second settlement called Neve Erez, also added to it 9 caravans. *Quds*

November 11, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers continuing the destruction of agricultural land-that started last week- in the villages of Burqin, Beir Albasha, Alhashimia and Kafrit which are located in Jenin District. Additionally, they dug 3-km-

long trench in an agricultural land thus prohibiting farmers from entering. *Quds*

- In Hebron district, a colonist car knocked down Su'ad Shalaldeh, 75 years old from Sa'ir, on road 60. The woman was left lying on the road while the colonist escaped. *PCI*

November 12, 2001

- In Jaba' village north Jerusalem district, number of settlers occupied tens of dunums of agricultural land, aiming to annex them to Adam settlement which is established on the village land. The villagers said that a large group of settlers recently attacked the cultivated land and uprooted hundreds of olive trees; also they destroyed the fence that surrounded the lands in preparation to capture them. Villagers also confirmed that the threatened land estimated to be around 90 dunums. Lately, settlers opened a road that links Adam settlement with the bypass road on another 15 dunums from the village land. *Quds*

November 13, 2001

- The Israeli Authorities dispatched a number of demolition warnings for seven Palestinian houses under the pretext of building without permits in Sarta village of Salfit District. *Jadeeda*

The demolition warnings were sent to:

- *Abedelatif Daass*
- *Omran Sarsor*
- *Mahmoud Sarsour*
- *Fu'ad Khatib and his brothers*
- The Israeli forces bulldozed an agricultural land near Nabi Sameul road-Ras Ayyash area northwest Jerusalem city. Furthermore the Israeli Authorities sent an ultimatum to the villager Ahmad Mughrabi in order to demolish his house under the pretext of not having building permits in Rafat village northwest Jerusalem city. Moreover, the mayor Mouhamad Khader clarified that the Israeli army pursues to capture the house of Mohamad Taha that sheltered 14 persons and transform it into military barracks towards Beitunia village. *Quds*
- Israeli sources mentioned that a group of settlers north of the West Bank set up a new site in the place where the colonist Hdas Abu Tabol was

killed: they placed number of tents and intend to transfer a Mobil home to the location next week. *Quds*

November 14, 2001

- There are reports that the Israeli housing ministry prepares to present tenders for constructing 200 housing units in Maale Adumim settlement to the east of Jerusalem. *Haaretz* newspaper mentioned that another 400 units are under construction in the settlement. It is worth mentioning that Maale Adumim settlement is the biggest Israeli settlement in the West Bank. *Quds*
- In Bethlehem District, the villagers of Al Khader confirmed that a wide colonization process in progress on their land. Also, settlers from Gush Etzion bloc west Bethlehem District opened a bypass road in khelat Al Thaher agricultural land, aiming to link the new settlement outpost with Bethlehem western settlements. The new outpost called “Tel Hadaghan” has seven caravans, water and electrical networks. As a result of this bulldozing process 200 dunums of land were destroyed and uprooting number of olive trees and grapevines. *Quds*
- The Israeli military administration of Beit El dispatched house demolition orders to 51 households in Al Ezariya, Zaeem and tur villages in order to construct a bypass road near the Hebrew university in Al Tur area. The head of the village council of Zaim said that the Israeli bulldozers destroyed a wide area of land and demolished ten houses in the last years for this road and pointed out that the military administration sent an expropriation order for 18.4 dunums of Zaim lands in attempt to expand the military road. Moreover, endorsing a new Israeli plan containing new settlement outpost construction in beit Safafa village on area called kherbat Tabaliya or Telat Al taiara on 980 dunums of land for establishing 4600 housing units in order to expand the settlements close to Jerusalem such as Har Shemuel . *Quds*

November 16, 2001

- In Nablus District, Itmar Jewish colonist’s bulldozed land called Bab Alghars in Ain Yanun village, which is located northeast of the village and estimated at 197 dunums that belongs to Jamal Alkhiat. Alkhayat said that the colonist preventing them from entering the land. *Quds*
- The Jewish settlers started lately to set up a new settlement and rehabilitate an old one in the Jordan valley. Four mobile homes were

placed and another ten repaired for Givat Salit, the new name of the settlement, which is about a kilometre away from Kfar Mehola settlement. Meanwhile, a new industrial zone south of Hebron named Meitarim was established on 1,200 dunum of land. *Quds & Haaretz*

November 17, 2001

- The Israeli forces uprooted scores of olive trees from Nazlet Alsheikh Zeid village lands around Shaked settlement that is near Yabad village of Jenin District confiscating hundreds of dunums of agricultural land to open a road that links Shaked settlement with the main road. Moreover, tens of settlers began erecting a new settlement outpost besides Al Turum village where an Israeli woman was killed. *Quds*

November 19, 2001

- A small settlement outpost was transformed into a settlement after adding a number of caravans. The expanded outpost is located south of Alon Morieh and Itmar settlements near Salem village east of Nablus city. *Quds*

November 20, 2001

- In Nablus District the Israeli soldiers continued expanding a military post near Tell secondary and elementary schools in Tell village west Nablus city. *Jadeeda*
- The Israeli government announced it would set up permanent housing units instead of mobile homes in the settlements in Hebron and will intensify the colonization activity in Selwan town of Jerusalem District. *Haaretz* newspaper mentioned that Ariel Sharon lately has ordered to renew the construction in the Tel Rumeida settlement in Hebron while the settlers announced that 12 new Housing units would be built. In addition, construction was renewed in Efrat settlement where some caravans were erected on Givat hatmar hill that is a few kilometres from the settlement. *Jadeeda*
- In Qalqiliya District, the Israeli army imposed a tightened siege on Azzun village and set up two military posts, the first one on a water tank and the second on wells at Kufer Thaluth road. *Quds*

November 21, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers dug 2 trenches along the Salfit-Iskaka road in Nablus District. *Jadeeda*
- The Israeli machines bulldozed wide agricultural land in Irtah area southwest Tulkarem city, belonging to Ayub Abu Rabi', mohamad Hajawi, faiq Hanun, and Abu Awni Hawash. According to eyewitnesses, the heavy Israeli bulldozers dug trenches. *Quds*
- According to the Israeli central bureau of statistic, sources have revealed that there was a decrease in numbers of new housing units built in settlements of the West Bank and Gaza strip since Sharon came to power comparing to the total housing units built in the year 2000. 832 new housing units were approved during the first six months of this year, while 4499 housing units were built during the year 2000. Also, according to the same source: 26 settlements erected since last election, ten of them were expanded and two others were evacuated, "Hill 866" near Itmar and "Nahlyal south". *Quds*
- In Tulkarem district the Israeli bulldozers uprooted scores of forestry trees in the eastern neighbourhood. *Quds*
- East of Bethlehem District Jewish settlers of Tekoa and Nokdim settlements blocked roads to Palestinians traffic for the second straight day. Despite calls by US secretary of State Colin Powell to impose a freeze on constructions in the settlements, leaders of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza insisted they would continue to build and establish new encampments, noting that the Israeli government has not imposed a freeze on settlement construction. *Jpost*
- The Israeli police forces have closed down several Palestinian Authority offices in Al-Eizariya on Jerusalem's eastern outskirts, claiming that these offices were being used by Palestinian security agencies. *PCI*
- In Hebron district, the Israeli army bulldozers destroyed a three-story building belonging to the Gheith family and sheltered 20 people, including 13 children, all of whom have been rendered homeless. *PCI*

November 23, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a store and a wall belonging to Abedel Salam Abu Khalef's farm in Al Jeeb village near Givat Zeev settlement in Jerusalem district. In addition, they bulldozed a nursery and uprooted a fruitful and forestry trees from the same farm. *Quds*
- The Israeli army destroyed the Tulkarem-Taybeh road in the industrial zone, and dug a trench along its eastern side. Also, the Israeli soldiers set up a military monitoring post in the same area. *Quds*

November 25, 2001

- In Baqa Ash Sharqiya of Tulkarem District the Israeli forces still occupied Abedel Rahim Omar's house and transformed it into a military barracks. *Quds*
- In Nablus District the Israeli forces razed the house and grocery store owned by Khader Abu Salameh from Beit Dajan village in "al Aghuar" region for the second time under the pretext of not having permits. *Quds*

November 26, 2001

- The head of the Land Defence Committee announced that the Israeli bulldozers, under the protection of Israeli forces, started a wide bulldozing process in the land of al Deik Hill that is located near Abu Ghniam Mountain in Bethlehem District, in order to open a settlement bypass road that links Abu Ghneim Mountain "Har Homa settlement" with Jerusalem. The villagers said the bulldozed land area is 200 dunums. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- In Tulkarem District, a number of Israeli bulldozers destroyed a wide agricultural area in Ertah neighbourhood southwest of the city. This land belongs to the following Palestinian farmers:
 - Ayoub Abu Rabeea
 - Mohammad Hejaoui.
 - Fayeq Hannoun
 - Abu Aouni Hwash.
- According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli bulldozers and heavy machines dug trenches and tunnels three meters deep along the land located in west Ertah valley thus disconnecting all track roads leading to Tulkarem city, in addition to damaging the agricultural land and the water network in it. *Quds & Jadeeda*

November 27, 2001

- In Jenin District, Israeli bulldozers destroyed Karem Yabad road. According to eyewitnesses: bulldozers damaged two kilometres from this road, also they bulldozed a wide area of agricultural land beside the road. Moreover, in Qalqilyah District a group of Kedumim settlers uprooted 150 olive trees and stole it from the land of Faruq Hasen in Jit village east of Jenin city. *Quds*

November 28, 2001

- In Bethlehem District, Israeli bulldozers destroyed ten dunums of agricultural land from Za’atra, Teqo’, and Al Moroj villages east of Bethlehem city, in attempt to construct a settlement by-pass road with three kilometres length, and thirty meters width. This road will link the settlement of Nokdim, which is established on Furdis land, with Ma’ale Amos settlement that is set up on Kisan and Rashayda villages land. *Quds*
- A group of Maale Levona’s settlers erected a tent near Sinjel village north Ramallah District. *Quds*

November 29, 2001

- The Israeli army bulldozed a wide area from villager’s land in Deir Sharaf and Naqura northwest Nablus city. The villagers mentioned that the Israeli bulldozers dug many trenches along the sides of the settlement road, which surrounds the village before invading the olive fields and spoiling them. *Quds*
- The monthly report is an overview of events that have been reported by field workers and/or by one or more of the following sources: Al-Ayyam, Al-Quds, Alhayat Al Jadeeda, Ha’aretz, Jerusalem Post, Ministry of Information (MoI) and Palestinian Information Center (PIC). The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for size and clarity.

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted /confiscated/ burnt/razed trees	Demolished Houses	Threatened Houses
Ramallah	200	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	515	0	7
Hebron	0	1000	0	3	50
Tulkarem	100	0	10	0	0
Bethlehem	610	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	33.4	1070	0	0	52
Nablus	197	0	0	1	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	150	0	0
Total	1140.4	2070	765	4	109

The Monthly overview report gives a list of the Israeli Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory which are based on reports provided by field workers and/or by one or more of the following news sources: Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, Al-Quds daily newspaper, Palestinian National Information Center, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, International Press Center, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Ma'an News Agency, and Yediot Achronot.

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