

ARIJ Monthly Report on the Israeli Colonization Activities in the West Bank

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Colonization Activities in the West Bank

October 1, 2001

In Hebron District, a group of colonists, backed by Israeli forces, erected a new caravan in Umm Al Shaqhan hamlet, which is located east of bypass road # 60 between Susiya and Maon colonies. They were set up on Yatta village land, aiming to place a new colony and confiscate more land. The captured land is 150 dunums. Moreover, Jewish colonists of Nokdim erected three mobile homes east Al Fardis hill that belongs to Alzeer Family in Bethlehem District in order to establish a new colony outpost. Furthermore, the colonists under the protection of Israeli occupation army stormed Kafr Laqif village in Qalqiliya District. The villagers mentioned that the colonists burned olive trees belonging to Adura Ahmad Adura and Abed Al Rahman Rasheed. The area of the land is three dunums. *Jadeeda & Quds*

The Israeli bulldozers started establishing a security zone along the main road that serves the northern valley in order to separate Bardala and Kardala villages in Nablus District. This came after a group of colonists bulldozed 350 dunums agricultural fields. *Quds*

October 2, 2001

The Israeli peace movement revealed an Israeli plan to install four new colonies in the West Bank and Gaza. It added that two of the planned sites lie near Kedumim north of the West Bank and a third near Beit Hagai in the Hebron District and a fourth in the Katif Bloc in the Gaza strip. In addition, Maale Shomron colonists, supported by Israeli soldiers, erected mobile homes in order to install a new colony outpost in area called Qarnet Al Haj Ahmad, which belongs to Kafr Thulth land in Qalqiliya District. *Quds, Jadeeda & Ha'aretz*.

The Israeli forces captured a Palestinian house owned by Mouhamad Ghareeb in Beit Ijza village northwest Jerusalem City and transformed it into military barracks, under excuse that firing had occurred from the village toward "Givon Hadash" colony which is built on the land of the village. *Quds & Jadeeda*

The Israeli forces gave an ultimatum to a villager from Huwwara village south Nablus city, demanding him to evacuate his garage in preparation to raze the land around it. *Quds*

October 4, 2001

In Nablus District, the colonists of Itamar attacked a number of Palestinian villagers and farmers in Yanun village. *Quds*

October 5, 2001

The Israeli local committee for Planning and construction in Jerusalem endorsed on a plan to develop 79 dunums of area to build houses in Pisgat Zeev colony. The plan includes the construction of 270 housing units. *Quds*

In Nablus District, the colonists spread chemical substances on the villager's cultivated land in Al Hima region of Tubas. *Quds*

A group of colonists started setting up a new colony outpost in Al Maleh area of Tubas District. According to eyewitnesses, a number of colonists placed mobile house in the location and initiated a wide bulldozing process. *Quds*

The Jewish colonists of Shavei Shomron burned and uprooted more than 30 olive trees from Burqa village land in Nablus District, the land belonging to Amar Mohamad Bazari, Mohamad and Bedalla bazary. *Quds & Ayyam*

In Hebron District the Israeli army evicted a school called Al Nahda and transformed it into a military barracks. *Quds*

October 6, 2001

The Israeli forces raided the three-story house of Marwan Al Mehisary, and occupied it as a military post in Al Khader village of Bethlehem District. *Jadeeda*

The Israeli army destroyed three houses, took over 15 other houses, and turned them into military outposts in Hebron District. *PIC & Ha'aretz*

October 8, 2001

Tens of Jewish colonists from Mehola and Shadmot Mehola began moving into new outpost, which established on the northern valley villagers land near 'Ein Al Beida village of Tubas District. *Quds*

October 9, 2001

Palestinian villagers of Yanun, located in Nablus District, noticed a number of Jewish colonists poisoned the Palestinian drinking water supplies. *Jpost*

October 10, 2001

Witnesses noticed a new colony outpost lying one km from Mehola colony in Jordan Valley. The new outpost that is called Givat Saleit includes ten caravans. In addition the head of colonization council committee David Levi inaugurated an industrial zone called Mitarim in south Hebron District that lies on 1200 dunums of land. *Quds*

In Jenin District, the Israeli soldiers bulldozed and burned hundreds of olive trees in Rummana village that belongs to Ibrahim Ahmad, Gazi Abu Suis, Riad Sbihat and Aziz Bushmaq. Moreover, in Hebron District the Israeli forces captured a Palestinian house belonging to Hasan Al Qadi, which is located in Al Rahma Neighbourhood and transformed it into military point. *Quds*

October 11, 2001

The Israeli bulldozers destroyed plot of agricultural land estimated at about four dunums of villager's land located in 'Ein Bani Salim and belong to Al Halaiqa family, eyewitnesses said that this land is set beside a bypass road # 60 leading to Qiryat Arba colony in Hebron District. Furthermore in Ramallah District the Israeli army forces confiscated five dunums of Silwad village land that belongs to Tawfiq Mohamad Iyad. Also the mayor of Silwad village said that the confiscation process aiming to expand a military point. *Quds*

October 12, 2001

The colonization group which controls land and Palestinian buildings in east Jerusalem succeed in getting hold of 18 dunums near "Al Sadiq Shemon" area in Al Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. In addition, the "Ateret Kohanim" group occupied a four-story building in Al Tury neighborhood south Jerusalem. *Quds & Ha'aretz*

October 13, 2001

In Qalqiliya District Israeli surveyors, accompanied by military forces, started surveying a wide area of land in 'Isla village. The villagers said that more than 100 dunums of land have been surveyed in order to construct a new colony bypass road. The land which is located in area called "Qatain Al Sahel" belongs to:

- Anwar Maso'd

- Ibrahim Shabita
- Mohamad Abed Al Kariem

Moreover, the Israeli forces delivered a warning notice to the farmer Mohamad Zeid from Qalqiliya District threatening that his land will be bulldozed if he does not cut his trees, which are located near Israeli checkpoint. *Quds*

A group of Jewish colonists, under the protection of Israeli forces, bulldozed a wide area of land in Al Mazra'a Al Qibliya village in Ramallah District. The number of trees that are uprooted approximately 80 olive trees in an area called Al Sheikh Issa and Al Khelah Al Qabliya near an Israeli military post. *Quds*

October 15, 2001

The Israeli forces destroyed olive and apricot fields belonging to farmers from Al Fandaqumiya village southeast Jenin District and close to Al Sanur military base affected tens of nurselings plants. *Jadeeda*

October 16, 2001

The Jerusalem mayor said that the current preparation for establishing hundreds of colonization units in the southern side of Al Aqsa mosque wall and pointed out that American Jews donated money for housing units erected beside the tunnel that links the colonies with each other. *Jadeeda*

October 17, 2001

The colonists of Yizhar and Bracha attacked Burin villagers' south Nablus District while they were picking olive trees in their fields and prevented them by force from picking their olive trees. *Quds*

October 18, 2001

In the last two days, the Israeli forces began expanding the military base established on Jarzeem hill in Nablus District. Eyewitnesses stated that a portable houses and watchtowers are moved to the hilltop. *Quds*

October 19, 2001

The villagers of Tubas are warning of a new colonization plan Israel intends to execute it in the northern valley. Eyewitnesses noted the Israeli army had finished setting up a new group of colony outposts in Palestinian agricultural land belonging to 'Ein el Beida villagers adjacent to Tubas region. *Quds*

The Israeli tanks damaged more than 200 dunums of agricultural yields in Al Almaniya neighbourhood located in area "A" of Jenin District. *Quds*

Israeli sources unveiled a new illegally colony site carrying the name "Maale Rahvam", in memory of the slain Israeli Tourism Minister Rahvam Zeevi. The outpost is located 1 Km east from Nokdim colony in Bethlehem District. In addition, six mobile homes placed in the location, and the colonists intend to establish centre for milking goats in the new colony. *Quds*

October 21, 2001

In Nablus District, the colonists of Bracha seized a three-dunum plot of land east of Kafr Qallil village. It is important to mention that a water well exists near this land. *Quds*

A number of colonists in company of Israeli army stormed Al Kayal mosque and damaged its contents in Hebron District. The army declared it a closed military area and entry for prayers were prohibited. *Quds*

October 23, 2001

The Palestinian child Mahmoud Jaber {4 years old} was seriously injured when a colonist from Qiryat Arba in cold blood ran over him in his car in Albaqa area east Hebron city. As well as another Palestinian child called Yazan Alnather {5 years old} beaten by a group of colonists in Al Dabboya colony outpost in the center of Hebron city. *Quds*

In a continuing demolition policy against Jerusalemite's houses in East Jerusalem in allegation of illegal buildings, Israeli bulldozers razed three under construction houses, one of them in Jabal al Mukabbir neighborhood, while the other two houses in Wadi Kadum village. *Jpost & PIC*

October 25, 2001

The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said to the colonists' supervisors in the Jordan valley that he was committed to establishing 50 housing units in the valley colonies immediately, and installing another 150 housing units in the coming years. *Quds*

October 26, 2001

In Qalqiliya District the Israeli forces bulldozed and uprooted wide areas of olive trees in 'Azzun village belonging to the villagers Misbah Anaya and Qasem Salem. In addition, in Arraba village of Jenin District the villagers stated that Israeli bulldozer uprooted tens of olive trees from land that is located at the entrance of the village close to Dotan military base and the soldiers prevented the landlords from picking the fruits. *Quds*

The Israeli local committee of construction and planning in Jerusalem endorsed plans for a mall near the Israeli justice ministry in East Jerusalem. It is estimated to be 58 dunums and lies between Salah Aldin Street and Nablus Street. According to the suggested plan, four new buildings will be added and will comprise of six stories. Furthermore, another plan in East Jerusalem comprised a hotel erection and commercial building located between Alsultan Sulieman Street and Wadi Aljoz town .the planning area is 35 dunums. *Quds*

October 27, 2001

Qalqiliya District, the colonists of Kedumim set fire to olive trees belonging to the villagers from Jit: Abedel Ghani Abedel Alla and Khader Sa'edah. The fire destroyed 100 fruitful olive trees. *Quds*

In Hebron District The Jewish colonists added new caravan to a new outpost where established in Um Alshuqhat area that is located between Susiya and Maon colonies south Al Samu' village. Moreover, in Qalqiliya District the colonists' bulldozed 50 dunums of land also uprooted olive trees from Jit village. *Jadeeda*

October 28, 2001

The Israeli forces imposed curfew and intensified the siege around Deir Nidham village south west Ramallah District. They also captured a Palestinian house belonging to Ahmad Asaf and transformed it into a military barracks. *Jadeeda*

October 30, 2001

The Israeli bulldozers destroyed six historical tombs through a wide bulldozing process in Al Shikh Anbar area near Az Za'ayem village in the northeast Jerusalem. The bulldozers began opening a long colony bypass road east Al 'Isawiya village stretching from Az Za'ayem to Israeli military base that set up on 'Anata village and near Anatot colony. In addition, this process threatening tens dunums of villagers' land in 'Anata, Az Za'ayem, Hizma, and Al 'Isawiya villages. *Quds & Jadeeda*

The Israeli authorities demolished four houses sheltering tens of Palestinians in Beit Hanina and Shufat villages in east Jerusalem under the pretext of illegal building. Two were under construction houses in Beit

Hanina Neighborhood. The villagers confirmed that a number of houses are subjected to demolition for its closeness to “Rekhes Shuafat” colony, which stretches from Bir Nabala road until Ramot colony. The demolished houses belonged to:

- *Mustafa Abu Nie’, 150m²*
- *Abedel Salam Abu Alqam, 240m²*
- *Husin Al Kiswani*
- *Sa’ida and Shouman families.*

Palestinian families complain that it is extremely difficult to obtain building permits in East Jerusalem. [Click for more](#) *4Jadeeda, PIC, Jpost & Ha’aretz*

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District	Land confiscated	Land threatened	Uprooted / confiscated trees	Houses demolished	Threatened houses
Hebron	154	0	0	3	0
Qalqiliya	50	100	160	0	0
Nablus	353	0	30	0	0
Jerusalem	18	172	0	7	0
Ramallah	5	0	80	0	0
Jenin	200	0	0	0	0
Total	780	272	270	10	0