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February 1, 2002

- In Nablus District, tens of Bracha's settlers attacked two women from As-Samriah neighbourhood and beat them when they were returning back to their homes at Jarzeem hill. *Quds*

February 2, 2002

- In Jericho District, the head of Deir Hajla convent reported to "Al-Quds" newspaper that number of settlers assaulted the main water's bump building and damaged its contents, thus leaving the church in shortage of drinking water. Settlers have also seized 500 dunums from convent lands and erected tents. It is worth mentioning here that two months ago, settlers from Monelivo military post attacked the guards and destroyed the bump. *Quds*

February 3, 2002

- Palestinian sources mentioned that settlers started to set up a new settlement outpost in a 2,000 Dunums of land confiscated from Janata village southeast Bethlehem. The Israeli settlers placed ten mobile houses and wrote a sign on the ground calling the place "Maale Rechavam". *Quds*
- In Nablus district, the Israeli forces reinforced their military post on Jarzeem hill with electronic watchtower and other assets. Israeli bulldozers had also devastated wide areas on the hill. *Jadeeda*

February 4, 2002

- In Jerusalem district, the Israeli bulldozers demolished two under-construction houses in Albustan neighbourhood of Al 'Isawiya town with a total area of 180 m². The two houses belong to Ahmad Othman and Omar Shalalda. The Israeli authorities claimed that the two houses were built without a legal permission. *Quds, Jadeeda & PIC*
- The Jerusalem Centre for Social and Economic Rights was able to cancel a house demolition order which was given –by mistake-to Samieh Al Barawii in Anata village. *Quds*

February 5, 2002

- The Jerusalem Municipality sent demolition notices to 15 house-owners in Beit Hanina neighbourhood under the pretext of not having permits. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- In Nablus district, the Israeli soldiers closed several roads and erected checkpoint. Ten Villagers from 'Aqraba village were stopped by and were not allowed to reach their land for reclamation and feeding their sheep. *Quds*

February 6, 2002

- Mayor of occupied Jerusalem admitted that his government was demolishing Palestinian houses in Eastern Jerusalem to avoid a Palestinian majority, added that the demolition would not stop because it carried political implications. In implementation of his statements, The Israeli-Jerusalem municipality bulldozers demolished three houses in Beit Hanina neighborhood to the north of Jerusalem, under the pretext of unlicensed construction .the houses area estimated between 125 and 160 m² and belonging to Khaled al Natsha ,Khaled Abu Sbaih and Basam Shubaki. Another two families were able to get court permission for stopping the demolishing. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- In Ramallah district, the Israeli soldiers occupied a Palestinian house belongs to Ahmad Abu Sheikha from Al Janiya west Ramallah city and turned it into a military barracks. *Qud*
- In Nablus district, the Israeli soldiers cleared Nablus-Ramallah road next to Beita village. The mayor said that the Israeli bulldozers dug a trench in the main road of the village with 1.5 m depth and 4 m width. *Quds*
- In Bethlehem district, the Israeli forces established a new military post on fore dunums of land belongs to the brothers Jamal and Yaccov Shahin .The

confiscated land is located next to Wadi Rahhal village, west of Bethlehem city. A 250 meters road is also under construction in the same area. At the same time, the Israeli forces devastated three dunums of Ahmad Shahin's land in Artas village. Efrat's settlers attacked an agricultural land causing damage to 450 m long fence and the uprooting for numbers of grapevines.

Quds& Jadeeda

- In Bethlehem District, tens of villagers from Za'tara prevented the progress of the Israeli bulldozers while constructing a new settlement bypass road at their land. The road with a 8.5 km long will link between Tekoa , El David, Nokdim, Maale Amos and Al Fardus outpost with Jerusalem boarder through Beit Sahur city. *Quds* February 7, 2002
- The Israeli Authorities uprooted more than 200 olive trees belong to Mohamad Saleh Taha from Qatanna village northwest Jerusalem city. *Quds*
- In Nablus district, settlers from Bracha ran after shepherds from Kafr Qallil village south Nablus district. *Quds*
- In Jerusalem district, the Israeli bulldozers started the process to level tens of dunums from an agricultural land belongs to Biddu and Beit Surik villages. The Israeli Authorities intend to open a settlement bypass road to link the two settlements of Neve Shammual Har Adar. In the process, more than 50 dunums belong to Beit Surik village have been bulldozed.

Jadeeda

February 8, 2002

- In Nablus district, number of Israeli tanks and bulldozers dug trenches in the main road between Nablus and Ramallah; also they captured two residential buildings, and transformed them into a military barracks. *Quds*
- An article in the Israeli newspaper *Kul Haeir* mentioned that the Israeli ministry of housing recently frozen a plan to construct 400 housing units in Sur Bahir in Jerusalem District. *Quds*

February 9, 2002

In Hebron District the Israeli Authorities delivered demolition notices to a number of constructed rooms in Al Buyara area near Kharisina settlement. These constructions belong to Sufian Sultan and are using to raise domestic birds. *Quds*

February 10, 2002

- In Bethlehem District, tens of Za'tara's villagers confronted the Israeli military bulldozers that were destroying villagers' lands in order to construct a new bypass road. Also, the Israeli Authorities dispatched six demolition notices to homes located near the new constructed bypass road. *Quds*
- The Construction and Housing Minister Natan Sharansky decided to establish a large settlement in East Jerusalem on the eastern part of Maale Adumim settlement.
- The planned settlement (E1) will be built over lands that belong to Az Za'ayem, Anata and Al 'Isawiya villages. The new settlement with a 1500 housing unit will annex 12.5 km² from Az Za'ayem village downhill towards Khan Al Ahmar. The second part of the plan is to connect the planned settlement with Maale Adumim, Pisgat Zeev and French hill settlements. In addition, five hotels, a commercial mall, two bus and tram stations and an industrial zone will be established within the planned settlement. *Quds, Jadeeda & Jpost*
- In Hebron district, plans to build seven permanent houses in Tal Rumeida settlement are underway. *Quds, Jadeeda & Jpost*

February 12, 2002

- In Hebron District the Israeli forces demolished two houses and an iron industry when they invaded Halhul (see photo) village. *Jadeeda*

February 13, 2002

- In Jenin district, the Israeli forces erected a military checkpoint east Tammun village. *Quds* February 14, 2002
- A group of Jewish settlers harassed old Palestinian villager from Yatta village while he was working on his land, which is located near Susiya settlement established on Palestinian confiscated land since 1980. Moreover, the Israeli Authorities sprayed poisonous chemical substance over more than 200 Dunums of agricultural land cultivated with seeds in Janba hamlet. It is worth mentioning that a week prior to that, a group of settlers seized over 50 dunums of land cultivated with forest trees located near a settlement outpost called Magen Dived east Susiya settlement. *Ayyam*

February 15, 2002

- Media sources revealed that Sharon's government implemented the construction of nine settlement bypass roads in the West Bank costing the government 50 million US dollars. The construction of these roads began in 2001 expropriating land owned by Palestinian villagers. *Ayyam*

February 17, 2002

- In Hebron district, the Israeli Authorities sent a last warning for demolition to number of water wells in At Tuwani and Al Mafqara hamlets, located east Yatta city.
- Local sources pointed out that a number of settlers attacked At Tuwani hamlet villagers by beating tens of farmers, burning at least 200 dunums of land cultivated with wheat and spreading poisonous chemicals on the land. *Ayyam*
- For the first time since the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada in September 2000, the Israeli army erected tents and portable housing for Israeli soldiers in Palestinian-controlled area in the West Bank. The camp is located near Tammun village of Jenin district when the Israeli forces invaded the village. *Quds & JPost*

February 18, 2002

- The Israeli forces fenced the land belonging to Awad's family brothers from Kafr Laqif village of Qalqiliya district. The Land is approximately 80 dunums in area located near Karne Shomron settlement. Also, a number of Israeli bulldozers uprooted tens of olive trees in the land belonging to Ahamad Qadura. *Jadeeda*

February 19, 2002

- The Israeli bulldozers, under the protection of army forces, demolished two Palestinian houses in Umm Tuba village adjacent to Abu Ghnaim Mountain located south Jerusalem city, under the pretext of not having permits. The houses are 80 and 70-meter square in area. The houses belong to Na'im Abu Tair and Majed Abu Tair. The house owners pointed out that they tried to obtain building licenses while the Israeli authorities refused under the allegation that the houses lie on confiscated lands. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces bulldozed a wide area of land that belongs to Mouhamed Rabe'I from At Tuwani area east of Yatta village. The land was

cultivated with one dunum of wheat. Moreover, Israeli forces erected tents on the area to convert it to a military post. *Ayyam*

February 25, 2002

- Settlers from Itamar settlement located southeast Nablus city erected scores of caravans in the southeastern side of the settlement, which overviews Yanun village. *Quds*

February 26, 2002

- For the third time this month the Occupied Jerusalem municipality demolished homes in east Jerusalem. In Beit Hanina neighborhood, the Israeli bulldozers demolished three Palestinian homes under claiming that they were built without permit. *Quds*

February 27, 2002

- Jewish colonization committees in East Jerusalem worked on settlement construction planning in Abu Dis village. Occupied Jerusalem municipality encouraged the 230 housing unit construction plan on land the Jews claiming the owned of it. Also a hundreds of dunum in Abu Dis area the settlers' claiming it owns. *Quds*
- In Nablus District, the villagers from Kafr Qallil mentioned that the Israeli bulldozers for the third consecutive day, worked on destroying the land in Abu Baker hamlet close to Bracha settlement. The villagers added that the settlers brought a caravan to the land in what it seems as a set up for a new settlement outpost in the area. *Quds*
- In Jericho district, the Israeli forces delivered demolition warnings to nine Palestinian houses in Al Jiftlik village. Moreover, in Jenin District The Israeli army bulldozed a wide area of an agricultural land in Bir al Basha village. Also, the Israeli forces sprayed rang land with poisonous substances that caused death to many heads of sheep and goat in Tubas village. *Quds*

February 28, 2002

- The Israeli bulldozers constructed a settlement bypass road in Baruka area in Al 'Eizarya village near Az Za'ayyem to lead to Jericho and Maale Adummim settlement of Jerusalem district. The Israeli supervisor company of the project announced their intention to build walls and

military checkpoint to prevent the Palestinian villagers from entering Jerusalem. As a result, Al Hadba area will be threatened of destruction. Also, eyewitnesses reported that Israeli bulldozers are digging infrastructure to construct settlement units in Ras al 'Amud quarter. *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/razed/ burnt trees	Houses Demolished	Threatened Houses
Jericho	500	0	0	0	9
Jerusalem	50	0	200	10	15
Bethlehem	7	0	0	0	6
Hebron	1	0	0	2	0
Qalqilyia	80	0	0	0	0
Total	638	0	200	12	30

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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