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### Report on the Israeli Colonization Activities in the West Bank & the Gaza Strip

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#### July 01, 2002

- The Israeli forces occupied and bulldozed a road in a plot of land, estimated at 6 Dunums near Al Am'ari refugee Camp in Ramallah district. The land belongs to Munif Tarish. *Quds*

#### July 02, 2002

- The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon issued special orders to police and army for erecting the Separation Wall in three different regions: Jenin area, Tulkarem area, and Jerusalem area. *Quds*
- *Harretz* newspaper mentioned that the Jewish colonization society “Homot Shelem” controls over one third of Al Musrara neighbourhood, which is close to Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. Thus, there exist eight settlement outposts in East Jerusalem **in the following areas:**
  - Islamic neighbourhood, 55 Jewish settlers
  - Christian neighbourhood, 100 Jewish settlers
  - Silwan town, 100 of settlers are living there
  - Ras Al Amud neighbourhood, which consists 131 of housing units
- Shimon Hatzif in Al Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood where seven families of settlers live, in addition to another outpost in Ath Thuri town inhabited by three families. *Quds*

#### July 03, 2002

- In Hebron district, the Israeli forces occupied a house belonging to Fuad Al Iwawi and a building belonging to Samir Qafisha, to set up a military point claiming that the region is a closed military area. *Quds*

### **July 05, 2002**

- The Israeli authorities intend to build a settlement road that links settlement outposts inside Hebron city with Qiryat Arba settlement. On the other hand, Hebron municipality clarified that the construction work is for connecting a water line from Qiryat Arba to the outposts. *Quds*

### **July 06, 2002**

- The Israeli authorities resolve to dismantle ten of isolated colonization sites. *Quds*

### **July 08, 2002**

- The Israeli soldiers, who guard Elon Moreh settlement, set fire to an agricultural area cultivated with almond and olive trees in Azmut village near Nablus district. The villagers said that the fire destroyed more than 300 Dunums of land in Al Quttin area, located north eastern Azmut village. Almost 1000 olive trees, 300 almond trees, in addition to other rare trees such as oak were burned down. The villagers added that this land belongs to Ghazi Hassan Alawnah and his brothers, also to Hikmat Alawnah. Furthermore, the Israeli bulldozers spoiled a sheep farm that contained 600 heads of sheep in Tubas city. The farm owners are Hussin and Abedal Rahim Ibsharat. *Quds*
- The settlers have increased their harassment against the villagers in Hebron district. A group of Qiryat Arba and Beni Hefer's settlers destroyed and closed the water pipelines, which lead to Bani Na'im and Yatta villages. *Quds*

### **July 10, 2002**

- The Israeli Defense minister declared that 10 more unauthorized settlement outposts are to be dismantled soon. There are 69 illegal outposts, 34 of them established since Sharon's premiership. *JPost*

### **July 11, 2002**

- Members in the Land Defense Committee in Ramallah and Al Bireh district, confirmed that tens of settlers, accompanied by Israeli forces, continue bulldozing a hundred of Dunums from Al Jib and Beit Ijza land, which are located northwest Jerusalem district. A villager from Al Jib said that Givat Zeev's settlers expropriated more than 250 Dunums that belong to Juda Abu Daya and Jad Abedel All, in addition to a vast area from Beit Ijza. Moreover, the settlers' bulldozers constructed a 12-meter-wide bypass road, to the west of Giv'at Ze'ev settlement. *Quds*
- The Israeli soldiers seized 45 Dunums from Armenian Patriarchate land north Bethlehem for establishing the "Separation Wall". *Quds*

### **July 13, 2002**

- An article in *Al Quds* newspaper calls for obtaining building permits for 17 units instead of 15 and another 17 units on another plot of land in Har Homa settlement.

### **July 15, 2002**

- In north of Ramallah district, the Israeli forces expropriated more than ten Dunums from Al Bireh town's land, which is located between "Jawal" company and dahyat al mu'alemin near Jalazun refugee camp area. *Quds*
- A group of Israeli surveyors, under the protection of Israeli army, conducted a land survey in Ar Ras al Gharbiya and al Shamaliya village's land of Tulkarem district. *Quds*
- The land surveyed will be the land available after most of it is taken for building the fenced border that is estimated at 50.000 of Dunums. *Quds*

### **July 16, 2002**

- A group of Jewish settlers uprooted almond trees from a plot of land, which is located near Tel Rumida settlement in Hebron city. This land is three Dunums and belongs to the villager Abdel Aziz Abu Haikal. It's worth mentioning here that this is not the first attack against Abu Hikal properties where settlers tried to force him to leave in order to annex his land to their settlement. *Quds*
- The Israeli authorities demolished a 140-meter-squared house that belongs to Radwan Al Dabash in Sur Bahir village of Jerusalem district under the pretext of not having a building permit. Three villagers were able to stop demolition orders. *Quds*

### **July 23, 2002**

- Haaretz newspaper mentioned that the construction on several settlement outposts in the West Bank that were dismantled since Barak government has resumed.

Location	Outpost name	Number of the family/houses
Near Eli	Shuna	15 families
On Alon Road	Mitzpeh Keramin	6 mobile houses, for 11 families
Near Ofra	Muna	19 homes
Near Shvut Rachel	Adei Ad	6 homes
	Beruchim	25 of permanent homes

- Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers finished Nablus bypass road construction that called “Gil’ad Zar”, which start from Kedumim settlement until reach to Yizhar settlement, and also they continued opening the new road that pass through east Gosh Etzion. *Quds*

### July 24, 2002

- The general director of the Israeli Defense Ministry decided to extend the “Separation Wall” to another three km east of the green line, in order to include another three Israeli settlements; Shaari Tikva, Es Efrayim and Elqana. The separation wall will be extended to reach the Samaria road number 5. As a result, one km from the Palestinian Authority land will be annexed. *Quds*

### July 25, 2002

- The Israeli forces continue bulldozing and confiscating land in Jenin district in order to construct the “Separation wall”. *Quds*

### July 27, 2002

- The Israeli bulldozers started uprooting and destroying in Kufr Thulth village land in Tulkarem district. The mayor, Hussin Alsaifi, stated that the Israeli bulldozers uprooted more than 50 olive trees and bulldozed 200 Dunums from the villagers’ land area, which is located near Maale Shomron settlement. The Israeli bulldozers also blocked access to agricultural road. *Quds*

- The Israeli authorities are in the process of constructing a 55-meter-wide bypass road in Bethlehem, beginning at Gilo settlement until Abu Ghnaim Mountain and ending in Zatarra village, in addition to placing fence and digging trenches at the side of it. *Quds*

### July 28, 2002

- In Hebron city, a hundred of settlers attacked Palestinian houses in the old city, the sources said that the girl Nivin Jamjum , 14 of age, was fatally shot in the head. They also injured 15 of Palestinian villagers. Moreover, a colonist stabbed a seven-year-old child and another colonist fired at a nine-year-old child. The settlers also captured a 3-storey-house that belongs to Abu Najeeb Sharabaty and burnt another that belongs to Abu Samir Sharabaty. It is worth mentioning that 400 of Jewish settlers live in Hebron surrounding 120,000 of Palestinian. *Quds*
- The settlers committee in the West Bank, demanded that the Israeli authorities destroy a Palestinian village called Al Maya in Hebron district, where 1000 Palestinians reside. Settlers claim that some of the houses in this village have been built without permits. *Quds*

### July 29, 2002

- The Israeli forces blew up a Palestinian house that belongs to Muhamad Afaneh in Birqin village west of Jenin city. *Quds*

### July 30, 2002

- The Israeli newspaper *Maariv* issued that a military site established near Ofra settlement has been transferred into a civilian settlement outpost responding to the settlers' demands, who fenced and annexed the site to Ofra settlement.
- A group of settlers stormed the building of religious affairs in Hebron city and destroyed its properties. *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	Confiscated Lands	Threatened Lands	Uprooted /confiscated/ burnt/razed trees	Demolished Houses	Threatened Houses
Ramallah	266	0	0	0	0
Nablus	300	0	1300	0	0
Bethlehem	45	0	0	0	0
Hebron	3	0	105	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	1	0
Tulkarem	200	0	50	0	0
Jenin	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1455</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

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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