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May 3, 2002

- In Bethlehem city the Israeli soldiers destroyed stone factory owned by Ahmad A'yash. *Quds*.
- A Jewish colonist from Kedumim runs after a Palestinian woman with her children on a bypass road between Sarra and Jet villages near Nablus city. *Quds*

May 4, 2002

- In Tulkarem district, the Israeli forces seized a Palestinian house in Izbat Jarad and transformed it into a military barrack and watchtower point that to overlook the entire of city of Tulkarem. *Quds*

May 6, 2002

- The Jerusalem municipality bulldozers demolished two houses under construction and a room in Silwan town under the pretext of not having building permits. The first house with an area of 100 ms belongs to Mouhamad Abu Sarhan, and the second one is 120- m2 area and belongs to Mouhamad Siyam. The demolished houses were located near a settlement outpost known as "Daoud city". *Quds*

May 7, 2002

- In Nablus district, Israeli bulldozers started destroying hundreds of dunums which were cultivated with wheat and chickpeas and that belong to Salem, 'Azmut, and Deir Al Hatab villages to the east of Nablus city. A

group of villagers pointed out that the Israeli forces are determined to erect a number of military checkpoints along the bypass road, which leads to Elon Moreh settlement. *Quds*

- During the imposed curfew on the old city of Hebron district, the Jewish settlers damaged and looted a number of commercial stores. *Quds*

May 8, 2002

- The Israeli bulldozers resumed bulldozing and uprooting olive trees in Ar Ras and Kafr Sur south of Tulkarem, in order to erect a fenced wall that will separate the villages of Kafr Sur, Khirbet Jubara and Far'un from the "Green line. Simultaneously, the Israeli army opened a new road, which leads to Salit settlement, culminating in the confiscation of more than thousand dunums. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers accompanied by soldiers, damaged scores of olive trees at the sites of Zardat, Khelat Khalil, Wadi al Birak in Kafr Sur Land. *Quds*
- A group of Nahalat Shimon's settlers, accompanied with Israeli soldiers,
- Occupied a Palestinian house in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. Also, Israeli sources mentioned that colonization societies exert a lot of effort to control over Palestinian real estate in East Jerusalem. *Quds*.

May 10, 2002

- The Israeli forces bombed a three-store-building in Tulkarem city owned by the martyr Abedel Baset Odeh, while another building was also destroyed during the process. *Quds*

May 12, 2002

- A group of settlers attacked villagers from Amatin village west of Nablus city while working in the fields. *Quds*
- In Jerusalem district, the municipality of occupied Jerusalem delivered a house demolition warning to a Palestinian house in Jabal al Mukabbir town that belongs to Yahya Zaatrah, in spite of paying 20,000 Shekels as a building tax to the municipality. *Quds*

May 13, 2002

- The Israeli forces started transforming a military location that was set up in Turmus'ayya near Ramallah district into a settlement outpost. This new outpost will be an extension to Maale Levona settlement. An Eyewitness

said that the Israeli army levelled the land to erect caravans in the area and he pointed out that the lands of Rafid, Maghrabat and Ras Karkar, which belong to Turmus'ayya village, became under the control of settlers and under the protection of Israeli soldiers. This new colonization plan will destroy agricultural lands and olive tree fields. *Quds & Jadeeda*

May 14, 2002

- In Bethlehem district, the villagers warned of an Israeli plan to expropriate a vast area of agricultural and historical land in Beit Sahur estimated at 50 dunums. The area belongs to the villager Khalil Abu Sa'da. In addition, there are plans to construct a bypass road leading to "Har Homa" settlement in Abu Ghnaim Mountain. Therefore, the Israeli Authorities sent a house demolition warning to Izat Musleh. Also, the Israeli authorities started fencing the northern entrance of Bethlehem city towards the tunnel road in Beit Jala town. *Quds*.
- During the last few days, a number of settlers confiscated a wide area of land in Ramallah and Nablus districts. The Land Defence Committee confirmed that the old new plan proposed to seize more than 50,000 dunums from the two districts is a plan in action. Furthermore, the Israeli authorities are planning to build a separate colonial fence between Ramallah and Nablus to control over the area located between Shilo and Maale Levona settlements and to link it with Ariel settlement, which is set up on Salfit district land. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- The Israeli tanks shelled residential building in Hebron district, which caused damage to 11 apartments. After a while, 52 of the Palestinian residents found themselves dispossessed. *Quds*

May 15, 2002

- The Israeli bulldozers continued working in Ofar military site for expanding it. The site is established on Beituniya village west Ramallah district, at the place where the barracks have been placed. *Quds*
- The Palestinian media centre mentioned that the Israeli forces would transfer the chick point near Qalandiya refugee camp into Al Malufiya area at the southern entrance of Ramallah city, and that for tightness the siege around Ramallah district. *Jadeeda*.
- The Israeli government informed all foreign councils and missions in Ramallah and Jerusalem about segregating the West Bank into eight separate areas. *Quds*

May 16, 2002

- In Far'un village of Tulkarem district the Israeli forces imposed curfew on the village while the Israeli bulldozers opened a new bypass road, which will pass through the village land from its southern part. *Quds*
- The Jewish settlers occupied a house in the Old City of Jerusalem. *Jadeeda*
- The Israeli soldiers are implementing the first stage of separation plan by a 70 km fence along the West Bank borders. *Quds*

May 20, 2002

- The Israeli government issued tenders for the construction of 975 housing units in the West Bank. In 2001 bids were issued to build 810 housing units. Most new tenders involve the areas below:
- 76 land plots in Geva-Binyamin, 24 land plots and 315 apartments in the Givat Hazit settlement in Ifrat .
- 244 apartments in Betar Illil settlement and 224 in Ma'ale Adumim.
- Furthermore, the Arim governmental urban development cooperation issued a tender for 74 plots in Har Adar. *Quds*
- During the last Israeli invasion of Bethlehem district, Israeli bulldozers started establishing a fenced road digging trenches two meters deep and two meters wide. The road starts at the boundaries of both Beit Jala and Beit Sahour cities to extend to the Israeli checkpoint at the northern entrance of Bethlehem. This resulted in the confiscation of about 2000 dunums of Palestinian land. *Quds,*

May 21, 2002

- The Israeli forces bulldozed an agricultural land in Dahiyat Shuika near Tulkarem city. In Far'un village the Israeli army continued bulldozing to construct a settlement bypass road that links a number of settlements at Al Kafryat area. *Jadeeda*
- In Jerusalem district, Israeli bulldozers demolished two residential buildings in Beit Hanina neighborhood, which belong to Jamal Edin Sanduqa and Naser Burqan in addition to another two houses under construction under the pretext of not have built license. Moreover, the municipality of occupied Jerusalem dispatched 40 house demolition orders to Palestinian buildings. *Quds*
- A colonist from Yizhar settlement, established on Huwwara, Burin, Madama, Asira al Qibliya, and Einabus villages south of Nablus city, ran over the villager Mahdi Shahrur and escaped toward the settlement. *Quds*

May 22, 2002

- A group of settlers tried to set fire to wheat crops in the southern and eastern sides of Asira al Qibliya village near Nablus city. *Quds*
- The mayor of As Samu' village in Hebron district said that the Israeli authorities are planning to seize and expropriate thousands of dunums of agricultural land, after bulldozing and spoiling its cultivated areas. *Quds*

May 25, 2002

- The Israeli Ministry of Housing ratified the decision to expand Givat Hamatos settlement established on the Palestinian land of Beit Safafa village, southwest Jerusalem. The confiscated land is about 1000 dunums and the number of proposed housing units reaches 4200 housing units. The plan also includes the construction of nine hotels opposite to mar Elias Monastery and it is believed that this expansion will lead to the establishment of a new settlement called Givat ha Arba. *Quds*

District	Lands Confiscated	Threatened Lands	Uprooted/ confiscated/burnt/ razed trees	Demolished Houses	Threatened Houses
Jerusalem	0	0	0	6	41
Tulkarem	0	0	0	3	0
Bethlehem	200	50	0	0	1
Hebron	0	0	0	11	0
Total	200	50	0	20	42

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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