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

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In this month, according to statistics and newspapers reports, a vast majority of Palestinian houses have been demolished in the west Bank since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada, of which 63 houses were completely demolished, particularly in Jenin, Jericho, and Hebron districts, in addition to large areas of agricultural lands were confiscated and a thousands of olives trees were uprooted in the northern districts where the Separation Wall is being established.

During the month of October, which is considered as “ Olive harvest month “, farmers suffered from settlers living in the nearby settlements who tried to prevent them from picking olives through their continuous attacks and shooting against them. As a result one Palestinian man was killed, and tens were injured.

But the most important incident happened this month was that the Israeli Defense Forces Ben Eliezer has given the green light for the settlers of Tel Rumida in Hebron district to build 16 housing units, as well as rationing 1.9 billion Shekel from 2003 Israeli’s budget for Jewish settlers in the West Bank. In the meanwhile, the Israeli government claims to remove the settlements outposts, which established in the West Bank territories.

This report will show the amounts of lands and houses that have been confiscated demolished or seized.

## October 1, 2002

- Matkhan Tappuah's settlers harassed a plot of land cultivated with olive trees in Yasuf village in Salfit district. According to witnesses, the settlers started bulldozing and cutting down the trees, also prohibited farmers from reaching their land. *Quds*
- The Israeli army bulldozed an agricultural land to the south of Qalqiliya district in 'Izbat Salman village. However, the Israeli bulldozers destroyed agricultural constructions belong to Quzmar family. Meanwhile, the Israeli Authorities notified the villagers from 'Isla, 'Azzun, Habla, Kafr Thulth, An Nabi Elyas, Ras 'Atiya , Ad Dab'a, and Ras at Tira in Qalqiliya district, with the confiscation orders of thousands of Dunums from their land for erecting the Separation Wall, *Quds& Jadeeda*

## October 2, 2002

- In Bethlehem district, the Israeli bulldozers desecrated Romanian convenient land, which is located in Al Khader village. Palestinian sources pointed out that plots of lands cultivated with olive trees have been bulldozed. *Quds& Jadeeda*
- The Israeli forces bombed a house belongs to Muhamad Ibsharat from Tammun village in Jenin district. Moreover, in Hebron district a group of settlers captured over a house belongs to Dandies family in the old city. *Quds& Jadeeda*

## October 3, 2002

- The Israeli authorities referring to the Israeli administration in Beit El decided to raze 100 housing units belonging to the Greek orthodox housing complex in Beit Sahur. George Qassis, one of the demolition decision victims, said that the houses owners received a demolition tenders in May, informing that the Israeli' intend to demolish their houses, under the pretext of not having building permits. *Quds*

## October 4, 2002

- Villagers from Al Lubban ash- Sharqiya said that six armed settlers controlled over the main water spring that supply's the village with drinking water, also, occupied a house belong to Hamed Obidallah. The

villagers added that a colonization plan of controlling 400 dunums from that village is in process, Nablus district. *Quds*

### **October 6, 2002**

- The Israeli bulldozers constructed 24-meters wide road on nine dunums of land belongs to Muhammad Tantash, lies alongside the Qalandiya airport. *Quds*
- In Ramallah city the Jewish settlers burned a house, belongs to Aish Abu Quader . Also, a group of settlers burned another house owned by Samih Abiedalla from Al Lubban ash- Sharqiya village, and occupied it. *Quds*
- A group of Itamar and Gideon settlers killed a Palestinian villager called Hani Yousef and wounded two others during an attack on olive harvesters of Aqraba village near Nablus city. *Jadeeda& Haaretz*

### **October 7, 2002**

- The Jewish settlers, supported by the Israeli Forces, bulldozed 10 dunums of land that are cultivated with olive trees in Tuqu' village, which lies to the south-east of Bethlehem city. *Quds*
- In Tulkarem district, the Israeli bulldozers demolished 12 commercial stores, which lie between Baqa ash-Sharqiya and Baqa al-Gharbiya villages. *Quds*
- The Israeli authorities destroyed 4 houses and 5 barracks in Imreiha village near Yabad in Jenin district, under a pretext that the constructions were built without permits. The houses owned by; Ibrahim , Adied, Akram, and Awad Hamduni. As well as, the Israeli forces dispatched a“house demolition warning” to 15 villagers under the same pretext. *Quds*
- Eyewitnesses confirmed that the Israeli forces bulldozed tens of dunums from land cultivated with olive trees that are belonging to Sa'ir and Beit Ta'mir villagers in Hebron and Bethlehem districts, where hundreds of trees have been uprooted. *Quds*

### **October 8, 2002**

- The Israeli bulldozers, with the settlers of Shilo and Maale Levona, devastated a vast area of land planted with olive trees, however, they uprooted hundreds of trees from Sinjil and Turmus'ayya villages, north of Ramallah's district.
- A villager from Sinjil said that the settlers uprooted more than 182 of olive trees that were planted close to Nablus-Ramallah's main road. He added that Shilo and Maale levonh settlers seized 2000 dunums of Sinjil's lands during the past months. *Quds*
- In Qalqiliya district, the Israeli bulldozers with the company of heavy artilleries, started leveling a vast area from 'Izbat Jal'ud village for annexing it within the Separation Wall. Ahmad Jalud, the local council leader, clarified that the bulldozing land, estimated at 70 dunums, is planted with olive and citrus trees. At the same time, the Israeli forces destroyed wide areas in 'Izbat Salman, which is near Izbat Jal'ud , and put down a new benchmarks to become 45 dunums of confiscated land area for the benefit of the Separation Wall . it is important to mention that more than 2600 of dunums from 'Izbat Salman were expropriated for the Separation wall, while the bulldozing process are occurring now in another 600 dunums of land. *Quds*

## October 9, 2002

- The Israeli army flattened three Palestinian houses over its properties. The houses belong to Bilal Khader, Maher Kasem and Abedel Latif Albisher from the Salfit district. The houses sheltered 27 people. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces uprooted over 30 olive trees belong to Mefleh Othman. in Beit lid village beside Enav settlement to the east of Tulkarem City. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces uprooted three illegal settlement outposts. The removed outposts listed as Giat, Near the Karny Shomron settlement, Mitzpeh Shaharit near Bruqin and Wadi haramiyeh, north of Ramallah district. *Jpost*
- Tens of Israeli soldiers dispatched a letter for the Prim-Minster, Ariel Sharon, demanding the dismantling of 109 settlements, which were established throughout the last five years in the West Bank territories. *Quds*

## October 10, 2002

- In Hebron district, Israeli bulldozers destroyed 11 under contraction Palestinian houses, which lies in the areas of Qalqas, Al Sha'aba, and Jabal Al Ja'abra to the south and east of Hebron city, under the pretext of not having a building permits. The ownership of these houses belong to:
  - Raji, Naji, and Jawad El-Atrash from Qalqas neighborhood.
  - Hussin Id'abis, Adnan Abu Turkey in the Al-Sha'aba neighborhood.
  - The other demolished houses were belonging to al Ja'bari family.*Quds& Jadeeda*

## October 11, 2002

- Official Israeli sources mentioned that a new Israeli plan has taken place in the Jerusalem district aims to separate the Israeli people from the Palestinian people by dividing the main road between Jerusalem and Ramallah. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces dismantled 17 settlement outposts; sixteen of the 17 were uninhabited. The dismantled outposts include Giat, Maon Farm, Ein Horon, Wadi Haramiyah, and East Shvot Rachel, south Kiryat Arba, Hilltop 636 Itmar. South Enav, East Ofra, Central Bracha, North Kida, Beit El Hilltop 857, South Alon Moreh, Hilltop 574, West Avni Hefetz, South Karmi Tzur, and Zayit Agar. *Ha'aretz*

## October 12, 2002

- A group of Jewish settlers burned a vast area of olive fields that belongs to Al Mazra'a ash-Sharqiya village and 'Eyyon el-Haramiyeh area along Ramallah- Nablus main road. According to eyewitnesses, settlers from Ofra, which is established on the land of East and northeast Ramallah district, set fire to 200 dunums of land planted with olive trees. *Quds*

## October 13, 2002

- Tens of settlers set fire to a vast area of land cultivated with olive trees in Dura Al Qar', north of Ramallah district. The burned land estimated at 5 dunums. Moreover, in Jenin district the Israeli bulldozers uprooted scores of olive trees belong to a farmer from 'Anin village. *Quds*

- An Israeli Keneset member, Uri Ariel, steered into one of eight caravans in the “Metzbeh Assaf” outpost that lies adjacent to Beit El settlement in the West Bank, and dwelling about 50 of the settlers. *Quds*

### **October 14, 2002**

- The settlers of Maale Levona and Shilo, shot fire towards the farmers during the harvest of their olive trees in Sinjil village for the second consecutively day. In addition, they stole a number of olive packages. *Quds*
- The Israeli army brought a huge bulldozer for destroying tens of dunums and also uprooted hundreds of olive trees, which belongs to Khalif family from An Nabi Elyas village east of Qalqiliya district. *Quds*
- Israeli authorities put down benchmarks and signs near a number of Palestinian houses in preparation to demolish them for being set up besides the Separation Wall in Tura al Gharbiya, Tura ash-Sharqiya and Dhaher al-Malih, which lies to the south west of Jenin City. The following list is the houses owners name: *Quds*
  - Ibrahim Hassen Zeid
  - Hashem Zeid
  - Mouhamad Kabaha
  - Ali Adya.

### **October 15, 2002**

- In Qalqiliya district, the Israeli military vehicles uprooted more than 50 olive trees that belong to: Hussin Hamdan, Arif Salim, Taher Kadumi, from Jayyus village. The bulldozers leveled about 8 dunums from Azzun village, cultivated with olive and citrus trees, which belongs to Nawaf Radwan and his brother. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces demolished a house in Qabatiya village and warned five Palestinian house owners in Umm-ar Rihan in Jenin district to demolish their houses under the pretext of building without permits. *Quds*

### **October 16, 2002**

- The Israeli forces leveled a house that belongs to Taleb Makhamreh in Yatta village in Hebron district. Meanwhile, a group of settlers commenced destroying and bulldozing tens of dunums from a land which belongs to Amur family, located 2-kilometers south of Hagai settlement in Dura village in preparation to seize it. *Quds & Jadeeda*

- The Israeli forces started removing mobile houses from the site of Havat Gilad, an illegal settlement outpost, which is located in Nablus district. *Haaretz*

#### **October 17, 2002**

- In Tulkarem district, the Israeli forces demolished a water container that supplies Sameh Saqallah's land, which is located south of Far'un village. Also, the Israeli forces damaged and uprooted olive and palm trees in allegation of building the Separation Wall. On the other hand, they are constructing a 100-meter wide road after the destruction of tens of dunums in K.Abu-Mansur and Ar-Rahawat villages. *Quds*
- *Peace now* reported that only 8 out of 106 settlement outposts established in the West Bank territories have been completely dismantled since 1996, The *Peace now* organization claimed that another 7 outposts have been partially taken down.
- Outposts that have been completely or partially removed, according to *Peace now*, includes: Givat hatank, Kiryat Arba drom, Migdal Oz Ma'arav, havat Maon, Psagot Mizrah, Havat Gilad.

#### **October 18, 2002**

- Efrat's settlers uprooted 50 olive trees that belong to Mahmoud Salah in Al Khader village in Bethlehem district. In addition to, the Israeli forces confiscated 3 Dunums of agricultural land and transformed them into a military site. The land belongs to Mahmoud Elahmad and lies in Rummana village to the west of Jenin city. *Quds*

#### **October 20, 2002**

- According to eyewitnesses in Jayyus village, Israeli bulldozers uprooted and destroyed more than 150 olive trees that belong to Jaser Salim and Hasan Beyda. Meanwhile, the Israeli forces bulldozed tens of Dunums from an agricultural land extend between 'Izbat Salman and 'Izbat Jalud in Qalqiliya district for establishing the Separation Wall. *Quds*

#### **October 21, 2002**

- The Israeli army bombed a house, belongs to Rafiq Abu Rub from Qabatiya village in Jenin district. *Quds*

- A number of settlers from Maale Levona, which established to the east of Ramallah city, attacked Turmus'ayya's villagers and prevented them from picking their olives by setting fire at the fields and the vehicles. Turmus'ayya's harassment was after a continues attacks executed on Sinjil, Al-Mazra'a ash Sharqiya and Al Lubban ash Sharqiya by Shilo and Maale Levona settlers in an attempt to confiscate 9 dunums from their land. On the other hand, the villagers of Al Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya confronted the Israeli bulldozers, which were levelling their land to expand Talmon and Givat Horish settlers (established on Al Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya and Al Janiya lands). *Jadeeda*

### **October 22, 2002**

- In Bethlehem district a number of settlers attacked a group of foreign volunteers with Palestinian farmers, when they were picking the olive harvest in their fields near Tekoa settlement, which established on Tuqu village land. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers uprooted 400 olive trees in the same area. *Quds*
- The Israeli Supreme Court informed that the Israeli defence Minister, Binyamin Ben Elazar, gave building permission to the settlers in Hebron district to construct 16 housing units in Tel-Rumida settlement. *Quds*
- The Israeli Defence Minister, Binyamin Ben Elazer, announced his intend to endorse on another 300 kilometres as an additional part to the Separation Wall. *Quds*
- To the east of Nablus city, the Israeli soldiers demolished a house that belongs to Ibrahim Naji martyr's house in Balata camp. Meanwhile, in Salem village, the Israeli forces demolished another house that belongs to Mahmoud Abu Hajar. *Quds*
- Furthermore, in Hebron district, the Israeli forces razed two houses in Ad Deirat and Ar Rifa'iyya villages, which are located to the east of Yatta village, under the pretext of not having building permits. Muhamad El-Amur and Salem El-Hawil own the houses. Also, the Israeli authorities warned another 15 houses and an infirmary of having the same fate. *Quds & Jadeeda*

### **October 23, 2002**

- The Israeli soldiers bombed a house that belongs to the martyr Shadi Alnejmi from 'Ein Beit el-Ma Camp in Nablus district. Meanwhile, in Tulkarem district, the Israeli forces demolished 2 houses in Ar-Ras and 'Izbat Shufa villages under the pretext that the two houses are so closed to the Separation Wall. *Quds*



- The Israeli forces delivered demolition warnings to three houses owned by brothers from Al Khader village in Bethlehem district. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces demolished a pool for collective water, its capacity 450 cubic meters, which belongs to Saber Hamad in 'Izbat Shufa village in Tulkarem district. *Quds*
- In Jericho district, the local council leader of Al Jiftlik village said that the Israeli bulldozers demolished 16 houses and leaving the following families homeless: Saed Idamin, Mohamad Al Masri, Zahrah Masaied, Zidan Anuz, Musa Ahmad, Fauaz Anuz, Mohamad ahmad, and Awad Masaied.
- In addition, the Israeli bulldozers leveled more than 2 dunums from the nursery of Met'ab Edahdur, as well as 3 commercial stores and 6 farm animals. *Quds*
- In Qalqilyah district, The Israeli forces started bulldozing tens of dunums, which belong to Abed Elrahim Jada' and Jamal Al-Kasim, from the southern part of Habla's village for the establishment of the Separation Wall. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers continued the uprooting and destroying of hundreds of dunums from the lands of Jayyus and 'Izbat Salman villages. *Quds*

### **October 24, 2002**

- In Bethlehem district, the Israeli bulldozers started destruction an agricultural land in Janata village that is located to the south east of Bethlehem city. The land bulldozing process aimed to open a 6-kilometre road, which extends to another road. The construction has started a couple of months ago. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces razed parts of a house that lies in Husan village in Bethlehem district, under the pretext of not having a building permit. The house belongs to Muhamad Sabatin,. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces began establishing a 400-meter wide fence on a 2 dunums of villagers' land east and northeast of Qalandiya Israeli checkpoint, which separates Jerusalem-Ramallah road. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished 4 houses and 480-m<sup>2</sup> farm in addition to a water well in Beit Hanina town to the north of Jerusalem city, under the pretext of not having building permits. The houses belong to Izedin Abu Nijma, Ibrahim Iwada, Mouhamad Abu Irmilah, and Faiza El-Nashashibi. *Quds*

### **October 25, 2002**

- The municipality of Aqraba city issued that thousands of dunums are threatened in the area, which extend from the west of 'Awarta, passing

through Aqraba land reaching Beit Furik and Yanun villages in Nablus district. *Quds*

### **October 26, 2002**

- The Israeli army seized 2 Palestinian houses in Hebron city. On the other hand, the Israeli soldiers set up 3 military points on the roofs of the villagers' houses. *Quds*
- The Israeli organization for human rights “ B'Tselem” revealed that 140 head of goats were killed, after eating poisonous herbs, which were spread over the ground of Arab el Rafayda area in Bethlehem district by Tekoa settlers. *Quds*

### **October 27, 2002**

- The Israeli forces bulldozed and annexed thousands of dunums from Qalqliya's land for erecting the Separation Wall. *Quds*
- An Israeli newspaper mentioned that the Israeli army is digging trenches in many different places around Jenin and Nablus districts. *Quds*

### **October 28, 2002**

- The Israeli army demolished 4 Palestinian houses in Jenin district. According to local Palestinian sources the Israeli forces demolished a 2-flat house owned by Palestinian detainee Abdulkarim Abu Owais.
- In Jenin refugee camp the Israeli army demolished 2 houses owned by Ali Alsafouri, by placing explosive devices around the houses. Also, they demolished the house of Fouzi Hasaneen. *Quds*
- Tappuah's settlers continued harassing the olive pickers by beating up a number of Palestinian in Salfit district. *Quds*
- Israeli forces and heavy vehicles continued erecting the Separation Wall in the southern villages' land of Tulkarem district, beginning at Far'un's land and ending in Kafr Sur village. *Quds*
- Official Israeli sources said that 1,9 Pillion Shekel (NIS) from the 2003 Israeli's budget slated for the Jewish settlements in the West Bank. These are the main clauses through which the Israeli government is transferring money to the settlements:
  - Israeli Lands Administration-172.4 NIS million to finance land expropriations in the Har Homa area.
  - Transportaion – roads under construction will cost NIS 2 billion.

- Defence- Money for four bypass roads: the Zatarra and Yabad bypass roads, the Keidar- Maale Adumum road, and the Nilli-Ofracim road.the budgut total for the bypass road NIS 288 million.
- Construction and Housing - construction in Maale Adummim at a cost of NIS 21.1 million. And others funding the private security company for the settlers in Silwan, Ras Al Amud and the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem's old city.

In addition to the other sections like industry, agriculture, religious affairs, education and culture, national infrastructure, income tax, and local authorities. *Haaretz & Quds*

### **October 29, 2002**

- The Israeli soldiers' demolished 2 houses belong to Ahmad Mousa and Abu Hadid Adameg in Jenin refugee camp. *Quds*
- The Israeli authorities started a surveying process to some separate areas located between Ramallah district and Jerusalem district where the separate fence passes through. As well as the Israeli bulldozers accompanied by Israeli forces levelled the villagers' land, which lies to the north of Ar-Ram, and also near Qalandyia check point where quarries are located. *Quds*
- Binyamin Ben El-Azar, the Israeli defence Minister, and Afracim Seneh, the transportation Minister, ordered the Israeli Airport Authorities to begin installing five border-passages near the Green Line with the West Bank. The border-Passages will be established in the Following Areas:
  1. Al Jalama north Jenin
  2. At-Tayba at the center of the green line
  3. Tarqumiya village, north-west Hebron
  4. Qalandiya area, north Jerusalem
  5. In the Eastern-Ring road around Jerusalem

### **October 31, 2002**

- The Israeli forces blew up 5 Palestinian houses in Jenin district. The houses belong to Hussam Altubasi, Darwish Abu Elhajja, Mouhamad Swatat and Moustafa Saïda. *Quds*

- In Jenin district the Israeli forces bulldozed a vast area from the land that surrounding Hermesh settlement near Yabad village. Palestinian residents said, hundreds of dunums from an agricultural land are threatened. *Quds*
- The Israeli Defence forces, Ben El Azar said that he singed an orders imposed a demolition of 51 buildings that were establish without licences in the West Bank. *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.

### The monthly report does not reflect ARIJ’s opinion

District	Land confiscated	Land threatened	Uprooted / confiscated trees	Houses demolished	Threatened houses
Jenin	0	0	0	18	24
Bethlehem	13	0	650	1	103
Jerusalem	11	0	0	4	0
Ramallah	0	0	282	0	0
Qalqiliya	123	0	1955	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	3	0
Tulkarm	0	0	30	2	0
Hebron	0	0	0	14	15
Nablus	0	0	0	3	0
Jericho	2	0	0	16	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2917</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>142</b>