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Gaza:

- The Israeli Forces bombed and demolished a house in Kan Yunis district south of Gaza district and belongs to Martyr Yasin Al-Aga. Quds (January 2, 2003).
- The Israeli Forces also demolished 2 houses in Deir Al-Balah and belongs to Al-Nseer Family and confiscated 13 dunums of agricultural land, which belongs to Salah Abu Jaber. In addition to 4 dunums of agricultural land which belongs to Al-Nseer family. And 15 palm trees to Sarsour family. Quds (January 2, 2003).
- The police department in Gaza Strip disclosed that the Israeli forces dug a 30-meters high trench to the north of Kfar Daroum settlement. They also razed 30 dunums of agricultural lands for Al Shawwa, Abu Shaban and Abu Sarsur families, and located to the east of the settlement. Wafa (January 3, 2003).
- 9 houses were demolished when the Israeli bulldozed staged an incursion into Al Salam neighborhood, southeast Rafah. The houses belong to Moen Al 'Alloul, Ziad Ashor, Musa Muwfi, Sabri Al Shaer and Imad Salah. Wafa (January 3, 2003).
- The Israeli forces backed with Israeli bulldozers demolished more than 25 houses in Al Qassas camp and J block that lies on the borders of Rafah area. Quds (January 3, 2003).
- Israeli bulldozers, backed by tanks and heavy artillery, destroyed completely three houses in the Al Barazil residential neighborhood in the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah. Israeli troops. Over the past several weeks demolished more than 70 Palestinian-owned houses in

Rafah city, which is close to the Palestinian-Egyptian borders, thus displacing hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children. IPC (January 5, 2003).

- In the Gaza Strip town of Deir Al- Balah, Israeli occupation bulldozers razed more than 15 dunums (15,000 square meters). of arable lands, owned by Al Shawwa family, in the area of Al Mahatta. IPC (January 4, 2003).
- In the southern Gaza Strip camp of Rafah, Two Israeli bulldozers, and several tanks invaded (Block J). and destroyed ten houses leaving more than eighty residents homeless in cold and rain. IPC (January 2, 2003).
- The Israeli Helicopters destroyed metal workshops in Asguola and Al Zitoun areas of Gaza City. Those destroyed metal workshops belong to Al Bahtity, Yassin and Abu Sha'ban families. IPC (January 6, 2003).
- Israeli occupation army advanced its combat forces and military machineries on Monday Dawn deep into Tel Al Sultan area, south west of Rafah district and destroyed a three story residential building belongs to Abu A'rmana family. IPC (January 6, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished three houses in Al Barazil Neighborhood on the borders line between Gaza strip and Egypt. Wafa (January 4, 2003).
- The Israeli tanks invaded the city of Khan Yunis under a barrage of heavy fire, covering the destruction of a number of metal workshops, owned by Palestinian civilians including Mohammad Zaqzouq, Muhammad Abu Hilal, Nabil Nassar and Alsattary. IPC (January 12, 2003).
- Also, Israeli occupation forces destroyed two Palestinian houses owned by Emad Al-Agha, the civilian Mohammad Sameeh Almasry who was killed by Israeli naval forces on northern Gaza shores several weeks ago, and the house of Martyr Jawdat Abdel Hadi in Beit Hanun. IPC (January 12, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished the house of Khader Abu Hajeil from Beit Hanun city to the north of Gaza strip. Wafa (January 15, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished two houses in Al Barazil neighborhood and belong to Muhammad Malahi Al Shaer and Muhammad Hassan Al Shaer and caused damages to the nearby houses. More than 20 persons became homeless after this demolition process. Wafa (January 16, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished two houses, a domestic well and Men7ala belong to Wahdan Family from Beit Hanun to the north of Gaza strip. In Addition to the demolition of another house and domestic well belong to Al Da'our Family. Wafa (January 16, 2003).

- The Israeli Bulldozers staged into the agricultural lands of Abu Samra family to the west of Kfar Darum settlement and razed 18 dunums of it. The Israeli Occupation Machinery destroyed 8 dunums of green houses and 10 dunums of land cultivated with Olive Orchard, in addition to destruction of irrigation networks, a warehouse for fodders and fertilizers. IPC (January, 19, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing and uprooting many Olive and citric trees from lands belong to Palestinians in Qezan Al Najjar area, in the eastern south of Khan Yunis and outside the borders of Moraj Settlement, to prepare for the erection of a new military road of 1.5 Km length and 8 meters width which will afterwards, facilitate the movement and task of Israeli bulldozers staging daily into Khan Yunis. More than Six hundred trees were uprooted for the sake of this new road and belong to Al Saqa, Al Masri, and Al Sha'er and Al Najjar families. This process came after the Israeli forces completed the first stage of erecting the cement wall around Moraj settlement to provide security and stability to the Jewish settlers living there. Wafa (January 18, 2003).
- The Israeli forces bombed and destroyed the agricultural society residency in Beit Hanun, to the north of Gaza Strip. Wafa (January 17, 2003).
- IOF Bulldozers demolished five houses near the borders of Egypt, adding that nine other houses were damaged in the process. Another three houses were demolished in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Hanun. PNA (January 20, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished the 400-m² house of Yousef Awadallah Abu Khusa in Beit Lahiya, to the north of Gaza Strip. Quds (January 21, 2003).
- Three military bulldozers staged into Al Qarara to the south of Gaza Strip and razed some areas of agricultural lands planted with Olive and Citric Orchards as well as green fields. In Addition, the Israeli Bulldozers razed areas of Lands to the east of Al Shuhada Graveyard in Jabalya and destroyed the irrigation networks in the area. Quds (January 21, 2003). The Israeli forces razed a military zone to the north of 'Abasan in Gaza Strip East and close to Dogit settlement to the north of Gaza Strip.
- The Israeli forces demolished eight houses in Al Shou'ob area and belong to Al Soufi, Al Masri, Abu Khatla, and Abu Telakh families. Wafa (January 29, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished a number of workshops and lathes in Al Zaytona neighborhood in Gaza Strip. One of the workshops was completely destroyed by the Israeli bulldozers and belongs to Al

Bahtiti family. In Addition, three houses were bombed by the Israeli Bulldozers and belong to Muhammad Al Dahdouh and Martyr Fuad Mustafa Al Dahshan. Wafa (January 26, 2003).

- The Israeli Forces razed 10 dunums of agricultural lands and belong to Mesbeh and Zurob families from Deir Al- Balah. Wafa (January 31, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished 3 houses in Dir Al Balah ot the south of Gaza Strip. Those three houses belong to Al Soufi, Barhoum and Abu Zaiada families. Wafa (January 3, 2003).

Nablus:

- In Madama village to the south of Nablus district, the Israeli forces bombed the house of Martyr Omar Zayada family, which is inhabited by 11 people. Quds (January 2, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished a three story house of Samir Abu Suod Hanani form Beit Furik, to the east of Nablus district as well as the house (3 story house). of Fahmi Abu Hamish from Beit Dajan. Wafa (January, 7, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished the house of Adel Qanni from kafr Qallil to the south of Nablus district. Quds (January 9, 2003).
- In the village of Beit Wazan near Nablus, Israeli occupation forces demolished the family house of Darin Abu Eisha, as part of the occupation's policy of collective punishment. Darin was killed during an attack against Israeli soldiers inside Israel almost a year ago. The house demolition left Abu Eisha's seven-member family homeless, and damaged several neighboring houses. IPC (January 10, 2003).
- Israeli occupation forces unilaterally closed dawn today the District Coordination Office (DCO). in Nablus, and confiscated the weapons of Palestinian police officers stationed there. IPC (January 11, 2003).
- In A Report issued by the municipality of Nablus district, more than 300 hoses were demolished in the last two years of Intifada causing 300 families to become homeless, along with 4500 homes and commercial stores were partially destroyed in addition to the economical and agricultural losses of the city. Quds (January 11, 2003).
- The Israeli Defense ministry announced the building of the “45 km length Separation Wall “between (Beit Shan).Israel and the West Bank(Salim Village, some time after the Parliament committee for Financial issues endorsed the transfer of 100 Million NIS for the sake of the Separation Wall. Arabynet (January 20, 2003).

Qalqilyah:

- More than 2300 dunums were confiscated by the Israeli forces along with 300 olive trees were uprooted from the lands of An Nabi Elia to the east of Qalqiliya district at favor of the separation wall. The land belongs to Muhammad Hanoun and his family. Quds (January 5, 2003).
- The Israeli Occupation forces handed 11 families in 'Azzun 'Atma village demolition orders under the pretext of not having building permits and their location close to the Separation Wall. The houses belong to Ali Ahmad Ali, Ezz El Deen Faris, Wahid Abu Hajla, Marwan Abu Hajla, Muhammad Yonis, Saed Ahmad Omar, Naem Ahmad, Ali Abu Hajla,, Rami Abu Hajla, Abdel Rahim Omar and Muhammad Saleh. Quds (January 6, 2003).
- The Israeli forces started razing hundreds of dunums of lands in Ras 'Atiya to erect a new road of 70 meters length at favor of the Separation Wall. Wafa (January 8, 2003).
- In A report issued by the municipality of Qalqiliya, 30000 dunums of Lands were confiscated in Qalqiliya district and 17 artesian wells at favor of the Separation wall. More than 7000 dunum of land were also confiscated in the eastern side of Qalqiliya district along with 9000 dunums of agricultural land In Jayyus village, to the east of Qalqiliya district for the sake of the Separation wall and belongs to more than 500 families. Quds (January 11, 2003).
- More than 600 dunums of land were confiscated to erect a new road of 70 meters width from Lands of 'Izbat Salman to the south of Qalqiliya district at favor of the Separation Wall, and segregate more than 2000 dunums. Quds (January 11, 2003).
- The Israeli Bulldozers started razing hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive trees in 'Izbat Jal'ud village at favor of the separation wall. The estimated area is 250 dunums of land and belongs to Muhammad Hamdan, Abdullah Qazman, Mustafa Jalud, saed Jalud and Yousef Jalud. The IOF are still confiscating lands from Jayyus, Falamyia, Habla, Sir, Beit Amin and 'Izbat Salman, along with lands to the south and east of Qalqiliya city. Wafa (January 6, 2003).
- 3 Palestinian villages are threatened to banish when the Separation Wall is completed. The villages are Wadi ar Rasha and Ras at Tira and Magaret Al Dabe' to the south of Qalqiliya district along with 1000 dunums of land would be segregated inside the Separation Wall. Wafa (January 7, 2003).

- The Israeli forces took over the house of Farid Abdel Aziz Hussein from Azzoun, who resides inside the Israeli Jails and turned it into military barrack. Wafa (January 7, 2003).
- The Israeli forces handed the rural committee of 'Azzun 'Atma two military orders to demolish two medical units in the city under the pretext of not having building permits and their location in area C. Those two medical units lie near Sharai Tekvah settlement, which was established on lands of Beit Amin and 'Azzun 'Atma. Wafa (January 8, 2003).
- The Israeli forces razed the Mosque of **Dab'a village** in Qalqiliya district and destroyed its main gate. They also obtruded into the local society of the village and confiscated five computer devices, videotapes, photographs and managerial documents. At a later time, the IO Bulldozers razed a school that absorbs more than 132 students for the sake of the Separation Wall. Quds (January, 8, 2003).
- A number of Israeli bulldozers backed with forces started razing 300 dunums of agricultural lands in '**Izbat Jal'ud** at favor of the Separation Wall. The land belongs to villagers: Sa'ed Jalud, Yousef Jalud, Abdullah Quzmar, Muhammad Hamdan and Mustafa Jalud. Quds (January 7, 2003).
- A group of armed settlers backed with Israeli forces put new benchmarks on **Kafr Thulth** lands, directed towards south of **Ras 'Atiya** and **Ras Tira** villages at favor of the Separation Wall. According to those new markers, more than 3000 dunums are expected to be confiscated so that the total agricultural lands that are going to be confiscated would reach to 6000 dunums, in addition to the demolition of a number of houses, animal farms and thousands of agricultural lands which are considered as their lone source of income. Wafa (January 20, 2003).
- In Sanniriya village, the Israeli forces delivered demolition orders to the following listed people:

Name	Area	Type of demolished area
Hazza' Atiya Al Shiekh	200 m ²	House
Muhammad Sa'ed	120 m ²	Animal Farm established on 4 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olives Trees.
Daoud Al Shiekh		

	24 m ²	Residential house
Nemer 'Azzouni	200 m ²	Animal Farm
Omar Ahmad Sa'ed	200 m ²	Poultry Farm

In addition to other demolition order of a two-story house that belongs to Bashir and Bashar Taha, of area 180 m². Quds (January 20, 2003).

Jenin:

- 400 dunums of agricultural land are threatened to be confiscated at favor of the new bypass road that will surround harmeish settlement from three sides. This land belongs to Mustafa and Mahmoud Katane and land Saed Al-Ajjoli from Qaffin village. Quds (January 2, 2003).
- 6600 dunums of agricultural land have been confiscated at favor of the Separation wall, a total of 80% of the lands of Qaffin village. Quds (January 2, 2003).
- In Madama village to the south of Nablus district, the Israeli forces bombed the house of Martyr Omar Zayada family, which is inhabited by 11 people. Quds (January 2, 2003).
- The Israeli soldiers closed hundreds of dunums of Palestinian lands located between 'Anin and Al-'Araqa village and informed their owners of confiscating it for security reasons. The Israeli authority is still confiscating more lands and uprooting hundreds of Olive trees from the village at favor of the Separation Wall. Quds (January 1, 2003).
- Tens of farmers were denied access to their agricultural land, which is cultivated with Olive trees, and were lately razed by the Israeli bulldozers for colonization and expansion purposes. More than 50 dunums were confiscated and more than 400 Olive trees were uprooted. Quds (January 6, 2003).
- Israeli occupation forces (IOF). invaded the eastern side of Jenin city and demolished walls belong to Muhammad Hasan Jalamna, Ahmad abu Shamla and 'Aref Al 'Aboushy. They also destroyed the water, electricity and Telephone networks in addition to other properties such as cars and houses and caused many damages to them. Wafa (January 12, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished the house of Subhi Nazzal from Qabatiya, in Jenin district. Wafa (January 15, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed a sheep byre in Tura Al Gharbiya village in Jenin district claiming its location inside the borders of the Separation Wall. Quds (January 15, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished the house of Saleh Muhammad Kamiel from Qabatiya in Jenin District. Wafa (January 16, 2003).

- The Israeli border police in Jenin District demolished the house of Subhi Tazazi as a collective Punishment. The soldiers took his son “ Yassin Tazazi “ as a human shield while searching the house a moment before they put explosives inside the house and blew it from a distance. Law (January 20, 2003).
- The Israeli forces intend to demolish the house of Martyr Shadi Muhammad Nassar from Nablus district. Wafa (January 27, 2003).
- The Israeli forces declared the confiscation of 15-dunums of Land from 'Aba Al Sharqiya village, in Jenin district to erect a new colonizing road at favor of Ganim settlement. This confiscation campaign will segregate the village from the nearby villages. Wafa (January 26, 2003).

Tulkarm:

- The Israeli forces started razing 300 dunums of land in Qaffin village in preparation for the separation wall by digging a “25-meter” width street that will surround Harmiesh settlement from the east and of 300 meter far from the settlement. The land belongs to Kataneh and 'Ajjouli families. Not forgetting to mention that till now, over 65% of Tulkarem agricultural land has been razed at favor of the separation wall. Quds (January 5, 2003).
- The Israeli forces took over a two story house of Lutfi Nimer Sabha from 'Attil village to the north of Tulkarem district and turned it into military barrack as well as surrounding it with military fence and erecting a new checkpoint near the house. Quds (January 9, 2003).
- The total losses of Zeita village to the north of Tulkarem district were as follows: 432 dunums were confiscated at favor of the Separation Wall in addition to 1208 dunums of agricultural lands were segregated inside the western side of the Separation Wall. Wafa (January 12, 2003).
- The confiscation of more than 1000 dunums of land from Al Farsh, Wadi Al 'Abrak and part of Beit Zeidan to the west of Kafer Sour in preparation for establishing a new colonizing site called (Salit 3). More than 30 families will lose their lone source of income specially that those lands are cultivated with Olive trees. The land belongs to Khaled Abdel Qader, Ahmad Saada, Al Zababda family, Abdel Malek Harb, Abdel Rahman Hamza, Al Mudallal Family and Muhammad Husein Saleh, in addition to thousands of dunums of land that have been confiscated and razed at favor of the separation wall. Quds (January 9, 2003).
- The Israeli forces razed the land of Abdullah Odeh, which is cultivated with vegetables in attempt to close the unilateral roads and prevent the villagers from reaching their lands. Quds (January 13, 2003).

- 20 dunums were razed in 'Attil and Baqa Al Sharqiya lands to the north of Tulkarem district. Tens of Citric and Olive trees were cultivated as the Israeli bulldozers started razing those lands which belong to Muaiad Al Ragheb from 'Attil and Ahmad Faris Abu Sa'da from 'Allar. The Israeli bulldozers are working on expanding the borders of Harmish settlement established on Qaffin lands. Wafa (January 16, 2003).
- The IOF intends to demolish a commercial area in East Barta'a village at favor of the Separation Wall. The threatened area includes 12 houses, 56 commercial shops, 3 sewing workshops and a lamp Factory. According to the Israeli military orders, those houses were built without licenses and therefore, must be demolished. ARIJ (January 20, 2003).
- Military orders to demolish 172 commercial stores and 28 houses and lie to west of the Segregation Wall, which caused the confiscation of thousands of dunums of Lands from the village, and Baqa Al Sharqiya. Among the owners, Mu'en Ibrahim, Mahmmod As'ad, Ibrahim Mahmmod As'ad, Ziad Abdel Latif As'ad, Amjad Abdel Latif As'ad, Abdel Rahim Ash Shawareb, Abdullah Ash Shawareb, Awni Muhammad Abdullah As'ad, Taiseer Ibrahim Tawfiq, Abdel Halim Hasan, Abdel Rahman Yousef Khalil, Ibrahim Muhammad Ahmad Sa'ed, Ahmad Swalha, Naser Saed Al Taher and Mahmmod As'ad. Quds (January 20, 2003).
- The Israeli Occupation forces will start building a security wall to circulate the Israeli settlements in the West Bank in addition to other existing defense tools of total expanses 30 million NIS to provide protection to 149 settlements (4 million settlers). This Wall is estimated to be 1000 Km² length and have total expanses 790 million NIS (700-1000 thousand NIS per Kilometer). Arabynet (January 20, 2003).
- The Israeli forces warned 53 owners of commercial shops in Nazlat 'Isa, in Tulkarm district to evacuate their shops and prepare them for demolishing after the demolishing campaign that took place last week and resulted in demolishing of 62 commercial shops. In Addition, more lands are going to be confiscated at favor of a new bypass road of 9845m width and 24m high. This road will segregate Tulkarem district, its camps and some of its villages to be scattered inside the Separation Wall. Wafa (January 28, 2003).
- The Israeli forces warned 11 families in Nazlat 'Isa in Tulkarm district to evacuate their houses to prepare for demolishing them under the pretext of their closeness to the Green Line area, and leaving more than 50 persons homeless. Wafa (January 27, 2003).

- An Israeli military order to confiscate another 235 dunums of agricultural lands of 9845 meters length and 24 m width from Deir Al Ghusun, Bal'a, 'Anabta, Kafr Al Labad, Shofa, which constitutes most of Tulkarem lands. This military order will divide Tulkarem district into five isolated areas according to the Israeli maps. Quds (January 27, 2003).
- An Israeli military order to confiscate 500 dunums of land from the eastern side of Tulkarem district at favor of the Separation Wall. Al Quds (January 31, 2003).

Hebron:

- The Israeli forces bombed a blacksmith workshop located in a three-story building in Halhul village, to the north of Hebron district, and caused damages in the building that belongs to Sharif Melhim. Wafa (January 6, 2003).
- Earlier, IOF demolished another two-story house in the village of Beit Kahil near Hebron, and belongs to Mahmmoud Ishmael Brawish. Quds (January 3, 2003).
- Israeli military forces issued a military order to close two educational institutions in Hebron, Hebron University, and the Palestinian Polytechnic for 14 days, renewable for up to six months for security reasons. Law (January, 14, 2003).
- The Israeli Occupation forces blew up the house of Tayseer Al Shweeki, a Palestinian prisoner, in Um Al Karem neighborhood, west of Hebron city and caused huge damages to the nearby houses. The house is 240-m² area. Quds (January 20, 2003).
- The Israeli troops obtruded Alia hospital in the city, a time before they obtruded Al Muhtaseb, Al Ahli and Al Mizan hospitals and started scrutinizing it in a very drastic way. Wafa (January 18, 2003).
- The Israeli forces break into the Police station of Nuba village in Hebron district and beat some policemen who were in the place. Wafa (January 17, 2003).
- Some settlers set fire to three Palestinian stores, robbed contents and also opened a burst of indiscriminate fire towards civilian's houses of Hebron. The settlers set fire to the Islamic Al Awqaf Directorate in the old town of Hebron, in the mean time; the Israeli Forces barred the fire engine from reaching the scene of crime. IPC (January 19, 2003).
- In Beit Ummar, The Israeli occupation bulldozers razed 11 dunums of agricultural land along side Qarne Zur settlement cultivated with Fruitful Orchards and belong to Muhammad Abdel Hamid Jaber in

order to erect a new colonizing road and military fence for security purposes. Quds (January 20, 2003).

Ramallah:

- The Israeli forces closed the military checkpoint that crosses Ramallah-main road for people holding Palestinian Identities and prevented them from reaching their workplace in Ramallah and Al Bireh. Wafa (January 6, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers working on erecting new roads and trenches in Rafat, Samir, Amis, Um Al Sharayet, Al Msewen to the south of Al Bireh district in preparation of the separation wall. Wafa (January 3, 2003).
- New colonizing plans are being processed on Qalandiya agricultural lands, to the north of Occupied to establish a new military fence around Airport, 100-150 meters far from the second military fence that has been established on buffer zones (Under the Israeli control). Wafa (January 3, 2003).
- The Israeli soldiers informed the family of Martyrs Wafa Idris its intent to demolish the house after assaulting some members of the family and beating them with guns and hands. Wafa (January 3, 2003).
- The Israeli forces closed the two main access roads that link the northern and middle valleys together and declared them as closed military areas. They closed the iron gate established on Tubas Road as well as the Al Hamra cross road that links the mid valleys with the rest of the districts. Quds (January 4, 2003).
- 2 constructional workshops along side Al Kassarat area and Qalandiya camp in Ramallah district were demolished without pre-notification and at favor of the Separation wall. See Table Below, Quds (January 7, 2003).

Name	Area	Amount of losses
Ali Badran	Restaurant: supports 9 persons	More than 40000 NIS
Jamal Al-Joulani & Thamine Fyyala	2 story building of 2200M ² and commercial shops	280000 JD
Ahmad Hashim	320M ² (2 houses of which one is under construction).	
Fakhri Abu	Backyard Wall	

Alhalawa		
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- A number of settlers assaulted for the third time in three months on the land of Mustafa Hamid from Beteen, to the east of Ramallah district and uprooted 33 olive trees cultivated on 28 dunums of land, increasing the number of uprooted trees in that land to 66. Quds (January 9, 2003).
- The Israeli soldiers closed one of the main roads that link Ramallah and Al Bireh districts with a large number of cities in , the Jordan valley, south and north west bank. Quds (January 13, 2003).
- The Israeli forces bombed the house of Anwar Saliba Al Shayeb in Al Masyoon Neighborhood in Ramallah district. Quds (January 14, 2003).
- The Israeli forces re-erected the two checkpoints An Nabi Samual and Al Jiebnear Givat Zeeve that have been removed 4 months ago and lead to eight main Palestinian villages to the eastern north of city and to the western south of Ramallah district. Wafa (January 15, 2003).
- The Israeli forces obtruded Al Quds Open University building in Ramallah and forced the students under the threat of weapons to leave the building. Quds (January 20, 2003).
- A new military checkpoint has been erected by the Israeli Forces at the eastern entrance of 'Ein 'Arik village, immobilized all the routine semblance of life of the civilians. In addition, the Israeli Forces erected a number of temporary checkpoints at some main entrances in , Ramallah and Al Bireh districts mainly at Beit 'An, Beit Surik, Al Qubibah, Qatna, Beit Ijza, Beit Daqqu, Beit Iksa and Baddo village which lies along side Hdasha settlement established on Palestinian lands. Those temporary blocks were mainly concentrated at Neve Samuel- Baddo road, the only exit to villages lie to the north of city and to the south of Ramallah and Al Bireh districts. Wafa (January 19, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed more than 40 dunums of agricultural lands in Al 'Attara city and uprooted almost 1000 of Olive trees cultivated on that land. The land lies close to Ateret settlement established on lands of the city. Quds (January 20, 2003).

Jerusalem

- A report issued by Land Research center indicates that a total of 123 houses and industrial establishments have been demolished in 2002 of which:
 - 87 house were evacuated and demolished,

- 12 work-place were closed and confiscated under the pretext of its sovereignty to the settlers
 - 12 were also bombed and demolished for security reasons,
 - 2 houses were demolished despite of the Israeli Court order to postpone the demolition process.
 - 10 demolition cases of concrete walls. Quds (January 2, 2003).
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- Plans to set up a new part of the Separation wall in the West Bank 200 kilometers from the Dead Sea area and reaches and Kanah settlement in Salfit. Quds (January 3, 2003).
 - Three Jewish families moved to live in the old city of, increasing the number of Jewish families in the Islamic neighborhood to 85. Quds (January 13, 2003).
 - Ministry of internal affairs issued tenders to demolish tens houses under the pretext of not having building permits in Al Far'a village to the south of Negev area. Quds (January 13, 2003).
 - The Israeli Occupation forces demolished the house of Wisam Al Abbasi, a Palestinian prisoner from Silwan to the south Occupied East, and sealed three other houses the city, which belong to Wael Qasem, Mohammad Odeh and Alaa Abbasi. Law (January 15, 2003).
 - Military orders to demolish four houses in 'Ara city under the pretext of not having building permits. The houses belong to Wael Washahi, Hasan Zabarqa, Majed Da'eef, and Musleh Yunis. Quds (January 21, 2003).
 - Ministry of Housing and Constructions started working on a previously endorsed plan for building 70 new housing units in Wadi Al Jooz Neighborhood and areas near Hebrew University in an attempt to strengthen the Jewish existence in Eastern, in addition to other Jewish neighborhoods found such as Beit Orout Jewish neighborhood, Ras Al 'Amud Jewish Neighborhood, Beit Daoud in Silwan, and Shamon Al Sadeq in Al Shiekh Jarrah. Quds (January 18, 2003).
 - The Israeli forces handed a demolishing order to Naser Al Dien Jum'a Al Skafi from Sliwan city to demolish his house. This house is among other 25 houses threatened to be demolished in the coming days. Quds (January 30, 2003).

Bethlehem:

- The Israeli troops demolished three houses in Al I'bbayat Neighborhood, east of Bethlehem district. Wafa (January 3, 2003).

- The Israeli forces prevented Reziq Suliaman salah from rebuilding his house in Al-Khadr village to the west of Bethlehem district. This house was demolished last year by the Israeli forces and was inhabited by 12 persons that time. Wafa (January 8, 2003).
- The confiscation of more than 90 dunums of Land in Wadi Fukin to the west of Bethlehem district in order to erect a new road that will Link Betar Illit settlement to the east of Wadi Fukin village with Sour Hadasa in the west. ARIJ (January 10, 2003).
- The Israeli forces broke into three residencies and headquarters in Bethlehem district and razed the inside contents. They are civil administration local committee, the office of local administration, Authority of Sewage and Water. Wafa (January 16, 2003).
- The Israeli forces demolished the house of Martyr Andaleeb Taqatqa from Beit Fajjar, to the south of Bethlehem district. More than 12 persons became homeless after this demolition process. Wafa (January 16, 2003).
- In the early morning of this day, the Israeli troops broke into the Roman Catholic Medical center in Beit Sahour and broke a number of doors inside the building and destroyed the Operation room. Wafa (January 17, 2003).
- The Israeli forces razed tens of dunums of agricultural lands in Khallet Al Nahla area in Wadi Rahhal village to the south of Bethlehem to prepare the land for the 8 km new bypass road that will link 'Afrat settlement established on Lands of Al Khadr village with another bypass road that passes through lands of Za'tara, Ras Al Wad, Al Shawawra, Al Nu'man, Al Khas and Beit Sahour to reach "Harhoma" settlement (Abu Ghniem). Wafa (January 30, 2003).
- The confiscation of 7 dunums of land cultivated with 50 Olive trees and belongs to Nakhla 'Atwan from Al Saqa area to the north of Bethlehem district. Wafa (January 30, 2003).
- The Israeli Bulldozers demolished the houses of people listed in Table 1:

Houses demolished on Thursday, January 23, 2003

No.	Name	Property
1	Talal Danoun	Barracks
2	Ali Ahmad Darwish Al Wahsh	House
3	Allan Ahmad Darwish Al Wahsh	A House along with poultry and Livestock farms

4	Talib Ahmad Ibrahim Salah Zawahra	House
5	Juma'a Jadal Mubarak Abu Mhemied	House
6	Haitham Talal Danoun	House
7	Beit Ta'mar council office,	140 m ² office

Almost 10 houses in Za'tara village are still under the threat of demolishing due to the Israeli plan to expand the bypass roads leading to the nearby settlements such as Nokdim and Tuqu'. See Table 3:

Table 3: Houses threatened to be demolished

No.	Name
1	Hasan Marzouq Al Wahsh
2	Ibrahim Muhammad Allan Al Wahsh
3	Muthis Muhammad Ahmad Al Wahsh
4	Muhammad Talal Danoun
5	Hussein Muhammad Makhtoub
6	Ahmad Ali Abu Ra'yyia
7	Al Isteqal street
8	Ibrahim Mahmoud Awad Salahat
9	Jalal Ibrahim Darwish Al Wahsh
10	Ismail Ali Khalaf Darwish
11	Khalid Hussein Zawahra
12	Abed Ali Khamis

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted/ Confiscated/ razed/burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Threatened House
Jerusalem	0	0	0	1	5
Qalqilyia	3450	5000	300	0	15
Hebron	11	0	0	3	5
Ramallah	40	0	1033	1	1
Jenin	65	400	400	4	1
Gaza	108	0	815	97	0

Tulkarem	2055	0	450	0	51
Bethlehem	97	0	50	9	12
Nablus	0	0	0	9	0
Total	5826	5400	3048	124	90

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