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- The Israeli company "Keras Investment corbo rich" is trying to take over 3.5 dunums (3563m) of lands from the Islamic cemetery of 'Arab Al Sawahira on the eastern slopes of Jabal Al Mukabbir, an area between Silwan and Al Sawahira Al Gharbiya, claming their ownership of the land. Wafa+ Quds (Feb 2, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities started surveying 18,000 Palestinian residents in Al Barid outskirt, in a way to raise their Jerusalem ID's. Al Ayam (Feb 2, 2005).
- The Israeli Ministry of Defense is planning to reroute the Wall path in Al Barid outskirt which will isolate 45 families from Jerusalem city. This route of the wall is planned to have a new passage near 'Atarot industrial zone. Moreover, the ministry is planning to construct a passage in the Wall along with a checkpoint that connects Al Sawahira Ash Sharqiya with Al Sawahira Al Gharbiya. Quds (Feb 6, 2005).



- The Israeli Ministry of Defense is trying to circulate the three villages of Beir Nabala, Al Jeeb and Al Judeira with a "Depth Wall", forming a ghetto between Jerusalem and Ramallah. This depth wall will be 5km away from the wall's path in Biddu and Beit Surik, 3km away from the Wall path in Qalandyia and Al Ram areas. See pictures of Wall constructions in Ar Ram and Qalandyia areas



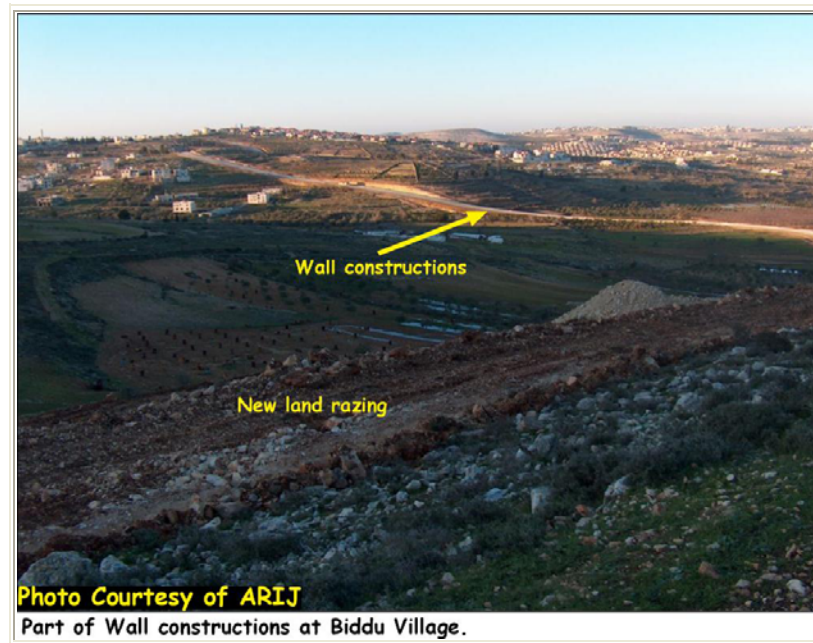
As a result, one entrance through road # 445 (Bypass road between Qalandyia and Giv'at Ze'ev which Palestinians are prohibited from accessing it) will be accessed by the 15,000 residents of these three villages; In the time, Jerusalem ID holders will need special permits to access Ramallah city. Quds (Feb 7, 2005).

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- The Israeli Supreme court re-issued the military order to construct 22km long wall in [northwest Jerusalem villages](#). This wall part was reduced to 22 (from 26) following a ruling by the ISC (Israeli Supreme Court) to adjust the Wall path in these areas. Arabs48 (Feb 8, 2005).



- The Israeli Supreme court issued an order to start constructing the first 6km Wall part in villages' northwest Jerusalem city. This Wall part will be constructed in two main areas, the first is in Jabal Al Muqatam and Ras Al Nader areas between Beit Liqya & Beit 'Anan villages; while the second is near Har Adar settlement on lands of Beit Surik & Biddu. Quds (Feb 9, 2005). Not forgetting to mention that the ISC (Israeli Supreme Court) ordered in June 29, 2004 a halt to the construction of a 30 Kilometer section of the Segregation Wall affecting nine Palestinian villages located northwest Jerusalem City. The court's order came as a result of an appeal presented by Palestinian residents of the nine communities.
- The Israeli Ministry of Defense issued military warnings to confiscate 30 dunums of lands located at [Shu'fat camp](#) entrance to construct a new checkpoint. This new checkpoint will be the only entrance for 40,000 residents of Shu'fat camp, Ras Khamis, Al Salam outskirts and 'Anata town. Lands belong to Al Karshan, Al Kalwty and Al Fasfous families. Quds (Feb 10, 2005).

- Jerusalem Municipality demolished the house of Muhammad Ibrahim Al Sayad in At Tur town by mistake, whereas the demolition was intended for the neighboring house. Quds (Feb 11, 2005).
- The Israeli surveyors started putting bench-marks in vast areas of lands in Jerusalem city at favor of erecting new bypass road. This new bypass road will connect the northern part of the West Bank with its southern one; Not forgetting to mention that the bypass road will through '[Anata village lands](#)' to reach Al 'Isawiya and runs down the street leading to Ma'ale Adumim settlement penetrating Al 'Eizariya and Az Za'ayyem lands. Quds (Feb 12, 2005).
- Jerusalem Municipality and the Israeli company "Keren Kayemit" are planning to take over lands around the walls of Jerusalem old city to re-in force the Israeli control in Jerusalem city, at the same time prevent Palestinians from having any constructions in the area. Quds (Feb 12, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed residents of Beit Hanina Al Tahta military orders to confiscate more than 150 dunums of lands at favor of constructing part of the Segregation Wall in the eastern, western and southern parts of the city; in addition to military watch points. As a result thousands of Dunums of Olives will be isolated behind the Walls path and more than 15 wells and three springs will be isolated too. Quds+ Al Ayam (Feb 13, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities demolished without pre-notification the houses of Majed and Mazen Al Shubaki in Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina under the pretext of being unlicensed. It is worth mentioning that the house of 'Adnan Al Shubaki is threatened of demolition under the same pretext too. Wafa+ Quds (Feb 14, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme court issued an order to delay for 15 months the demolition of 'Afefa 'Alyout's house under the pretext of not having building permits in Al Thuri neighborhood, giving the owner of the house time to issue a license; Moreover, the court charged Afefa 'Alyout's NIS 67,000 as a penalty. Quds (Feb 18, 2005).
- The Jerusalem center for Development is planning to transfer Tsadik Yaho cave near Damascus Gate in East Jerusalem into a huge theater for 480 audiences. This place will contain a hall, a meeting room and Café' and will be constructed over 9000m<sup>2</sup> with a cost of NIS 8 millions. Quds (Feb 19, 2005).

- The Israeli chief commander handed residents of Al 'Eizariya military orders to take over 254 dunums of lands in Blocks (4, 6) in the areas of Sahel Ramula, Al Hasba and At Tur to construct part of the Segregation Wall. The wall will extend at a length of 4500m and 30-100m width. This part of the wall will isolate the Islamic cemetery and hundreds of Dunums, whereby the town of Al 'Eizariya will be separated from the towns of Al 'Isawiya, Az Za'ayem, At Tur and Jerusalem city. Quds (Feb 20, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing the main road leading to Beir Nabala town opposite to Ar Ram junction north of Jerusalem city to construct new parts of the Segregation Wall in the area. Quds (Feb 21, 2005).
- The IOF demolished the six-storey residential building (12 apartments) owned by Esam Mustafa Harhash in Ash Shayyah area southeast of Jerusalem city conducted under the pretext of being unlicensed; Moreover, the IOF handed hundreds of warnings to demolish houses in the neighbors of Beit Hanina, Sur Bahir, Al 'Isawiya, Silwan and Shu'fat. Wafa+ Quds (Feb 22, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed residents of Jaba' village to the northeast of Jerusalem city military orders to confiscate 900 dunums for the Segregation Wall and another 100 dunums to expand the colonial road leading to the wall path at Qalandyia checkpoint. Wafa (Feb 28, 2005).

### **Qalqiliya**

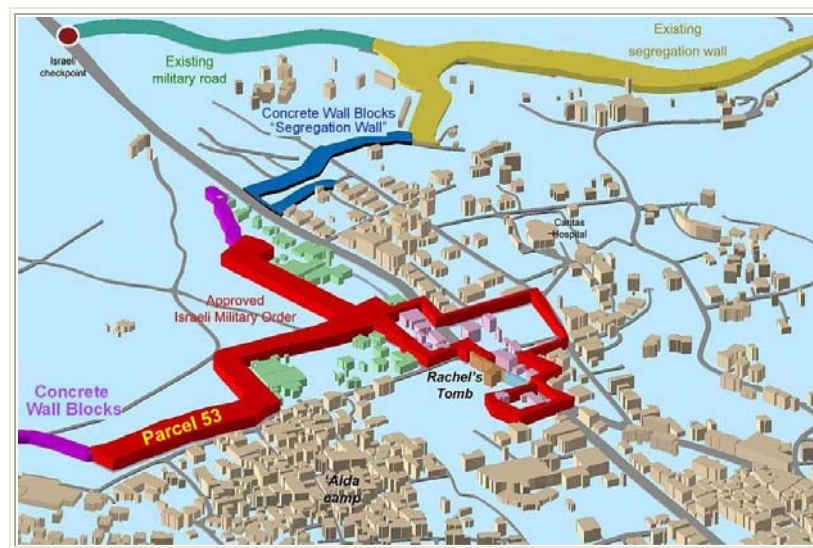
- The Israeli Supreme court issued restraining order not to demolish the houses in Wadi Al Rasha village south of Qalqiliya city to the northwest of the West Bank in referring to the demolition order issued 5 months ago. Quds (Feb 1, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme court agreed on uprooting the Citrus trees owned by Zahriya Hasan Mershed in Kafr Jamal town due to their location close to the house of the Israeli minister of Defense Sha'ol Mofaz. Quds (Feb 17, 2005).
- The IOF closed the iron gates constructed on the path of the Segregation Wall in Jayyus village to the east of Qalqiliya and hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their lands behind the wall. Quds+ Al Ayam (Feb 28, 2005).

## Gaza

- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands around Al Nuriya military base west of the Vegetable market in Al Amal neighborhood in Khan Yunis, under the pretext of looking for smuggling tunnels. Al Ayam (Feb 1, 2005).

## Bethlehem

- The Israeli forces closed the entrance of Al Nu'man village to the northeast of Beit Sahour city with rocks and earth mounds. Moreover the IOF completed the construction of the 500m long fence for the Segregation Wall in the area. Al Ayam (Feb 2, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme court rejected the appeal handed by 18 Palestinian Families along with Bethlehem and Beit Jala municipalities to reroute the Segregation Wall path at Rachel's Tomb area. As a result the area will be attached to Jerusalem municipality borders, violating Oslo agreements. More than 35 houses and vast areas of Olive Grooves will be isolated inside the Wall path. Quds+ Arabynet (Feb 3, 2005).



- Settlers of Betar settlement to the west of Bethlehem city aggressed on Nahalin lands at favor of attaching the lands to the aforementioned settlement. Quds (Feb 11, 2005).

- The IOF closed the only entrance to Husan village which connects the village with the nearby villages such as Wadi Fukin and Bethlehem City as well; as a result, landowners will be hindered from accessing their 1300 dunums of agricultural lands planted with fruitful trees. Wafa+ Quds (Feb 15, 2005).
- The Israeli Kever Rahel Foundation is planning to establish a Jewish community around the Rachel's Tomb compound containing several hundreds of apartments, estimated at 400. The foundation claims that the houses in the area have been purchased from their original owners. JPOST (Feb 16, 2005).
- The IOF constructed several numbers of caravans and military equipments in Rogm El Naqa in Al Rashayida village south of Bethlehem to construct a new military base at the site. Wafa (Feb 20, 2005).
- The IOF handed 16 warnings to residents of Al Mu'aliqat, Al Fwar and Sewana areas in Wadi Fukin village west of Bethlehem to evacuate their lands, trees and demolish their 7 artesian wells for settlement activities. The lands are estimated at 775 dunums and belong to Sukar and Manasra families. Wafa (Feb 20, 2005).

### **Tubas**

- Settlers of Ma'ale Jalbun took over 400 dunums of lands and hedged it with barbed wires in Qa'un to the north of Bardala village. Lands belong to: Hamid Sawafta, Muhammad Ahmad Sayil, Husni 'Abed El Karim Sawafta, Deeb Sadiq Sawafta, 'Ali Hussein Sawafta, Suleiman 'Osik Sawafta, Fuad Mer'i and Yousef Abu Naseriya. Wafa+ Al Ayam (Feb 4, 2005).
- The IOF handed families east of Bardala village in the northern valleys warnings to evacuate their houses within few days preparing them for demolition; Tens of families will lose their agricultural lands and properties. Wafa (Feb 22, 2005)

### **Jenin**

- The Israeli chief commander Moshe Keplenski issued military order to confiscate 301 dunums of lands cultivated with Olives in Tura Al Gharbiya village west of Jenin for military reasons. Lands located in Block (20387), Parcels: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and belong to more than 25 families. Among the owners, the following were known: Jabr 'Abed Allah Abu Hatab, Tariq

- Tawfiq Qabaha, Naser Faris Mas'ud Qabaha, Ibrahim Khalil Qabaha, Rafiq Salem Qabaha, Muhammad Mas'ud Qabaha, 'Abed El Latif Qabaha and Nathmi Muhammad Qabaha. Al Ayam+ Wafa (Feb 13, 2005).
- The IOF re-constructed the military checkpoint at Qaffin junction- Baqa Ash Sharqiya north of Tulkarm district which was dismantled 6 months ago. Quds (Feb 26, 2005).

## Hebron

- The IOF destroyed field crops cultivated in 1000 dunums of lands in Kherab Janba, Al Taban, Al Fekhit, Al Markiz and Al Majaz to the southeast of Yatta town. Among the owners, there following were known: 'Ali & Othman Muhammad Al Jabarin, Khalid & Omar Hussein Al Jabarin, Issa Yunis Al Makhamreh, Issa Ahmad Issa, Musa Ibrahim Abu Yunis and the family of Al Hewaysha. Wafa (Feb 1, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Al Ragaby family near the Ibrahim Mosque and turned it into military barrack. Al Ayam (Feb 4, 2005).
- Settlers of Asfar settlement east of Sa'ir town to the northeast of Hebron city took over about 2000 dunums of lands and cultivated it with Olives after hedging it with barbed wires. Lands belong to: Muhammad Hamad Al Khashan, inherits of Salim 'Ali Al Shalalda, the inherits of Sabri 'Abed El Rahman, Harb, Mustafa Al Shalalda, Tabun Al Shalalda, the inherits of Yahya Khashan al Shalalda and Al A'raj Al Shalalda. Moreover the Israeli authorities re-issued a military order to confiscate 200 dunums of lands located to the west of Qiryat Arba' Settlement east of Hebron city and belong to Al Ja'bary family to erect a road that will connect the aforementioned settlement with the military base in the west. Wafa (Feb 6, 2005).
- The IOF took over the houses of Fakhri 'Attiya Da'na, Mahmoud Al Buty Jaber and Na'im Da'na in Biyar Al Mahawir area near Qiryat Arba' settlement and turned them into military posts. Al Ayam (Feb 6, 2005).
- The Israeli chief commander Moshe Keplenski issued an order # (T-16-5) to confiscate 2 dunums from Tel Al Tuwani and Umm Saba to the eat of Yatta town. Wafa+ Quds (Feb 8, 2005).
- The IOF took over the houses of Munther and Nasri Muhammad 'Ali Da'na in Wadi Al Nasara neighborhood east of Hebron city and transferred them into military posts, after forcing the 26 dwellers to evacuate the houses under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Feb 12, 2005).



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- The Israeli authorities issued an order to confiscate 2.5 dunums of lands in Tel Rumeida in Hebron city to erect 700m road to create geographical contiguity between Ramat Yashai in the area and Abraham Aveno in Hebron Old City. As a result tens of Olive trees will be uprooted. Quds+ Al Ayam (Feb 12, 2005)
- The Israeli authorities issued an order to take over vast areas of lands owned by hundreds of families in Tawana village south of Hebron Mountain. Al Ayam (Feb 12, 2005).
- The IOF notified residents Na'im 'Abed El Min'im Shanaran, Ahmad Khalil Shanaran and Isaac Nu'man Shanaran from Khirbet Al Tha'la located between Karmel and Maon settlements east of Yatta town to evacuate their tents and caves constructed on their hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands. Wafa (Feb 14, 2005).
- The IOF took over the two- storey house of Ibrahim Muhammad Salman Al Masharqa in Dura town south of Hebron city and turned it into military barrack. Quds (Feb 17, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Nasri Da'na in Wad Al Nasara east of Hebron city and turned it into military post under the pretext of providing security for the Israeli settlers passing through the main street in the area. Al Ayam (Feb 20, 2005)
- The Israeli troops took over the two-storey house of Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Jabarin in Yatta town south of Hebron city and transformed it into military barrack. Wafa (Feb 23, 2005).
- Settlers of Qiryat Arba' east of Hebron city started erecting a road on 51 dunums of lands in Wad Al Husein northeast of Al Ibrahim Mosque which will connect the settlement with the Mosque. Lands belong to: Sa'ed Da'na, Ahmad Jaber and Jamel Abu S'efan which is cultivated with Vine, Olives and Almonds. Quds (Feb 25, 2005).
- Settlers of Karmeil Zur north of Hebron city took over 25 dunums of agricultural lands southeast of the settlement for expansion purposes. Lands belong to families in Beit Ummar and Halhul towns; moreover the IOF uprooted 30 Olive trees in Khalet Hraybi south of Beit 'Awa town which belong to Musa Abu Gheir Al Swaity. Quds (Feb 25, 2005).
- In a report issued by the ministry of agriculture in Hebron district assured that the IOF uprooted 1760 fruitful trees since the beginning of this month, 1210 Olive trees were uprooted for the Segregation Wall. Al Ayam (Feb 28, 2005).

## **Nablus**

- The IOF broke into the house of Ahmad Abu Saltah in Balata camp, forced the inhabitants to evacuate it under the threat of weapons and threatened to demolish it. Quds (Feb 2, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed residents of Immatin village in Nablus and Deir Istiya village in Salfit military warnings to confiscate 130 dunums of land to expand the nearby Emanuel settlement and to erect a 100m buffer zone alongside the settlement borders. Lands belong to 23 farmers. Wafa (Feb 2, 2005).
- The IOF staged into Burqa village to the northwest of Nablus city, took over the house of Taysser Shaker Higa and turned it into military post. Quds (Feb 3, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed the village council of Immatin military order to confiscate 5000 dunums (70%) of lands cultivated with Olives under the pretexts of security and military reasons. Threatened Lands are considered the main source of income to more than 100 Palestinian families. Quds (Feb 9, 2005)

## **Tulkarm**

- The Israeli chief commander handed residents of 'Akkaba village to the north of Tulkarm city new military orders to confiscate 25 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive and Almonds in Al Shomar area, Block (3) for security reasons. Wafa (Feb 17, 2005).
- The IOF constructed a new military watch tower in Qafin Triangle north of Tulkarm city which connects Qafin with 'Allar and surrounded it with cement blocks. Wafa (Feb 22, 2005).

## **Ramallah**

- The IOF started razing vast areas of lands and uprooting trees in Khirbet Al Maran near Har Adar settlement in Beit Surik village to the northwest of Jerusalem city to construct part of the Segregation Wall. Wafa (Feb 17, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers uprooted huge numbers of Olive trees for the Segregation Wall process in Safa village in Ramallah district. Wafa (Feb 21, 2005).

- The IOF constructed wall blocks in Al Judeira, Beir Nabala, Al Jeeb, Qalandiya and Beit Hanina, as a result 70,000 residents will be isolated from Jerusalem city and the rest of the Palestinian towns. Wafa (Feb 21, 2005).
- The IOF confiscated 2300 dunums of lands and uprooted 700 Olive trees in Bil'in village near Ramallah. Lands belong to Yousef 'Ali Yasin, Suleiman Hussein Al 'Abed, Muhammad Samara, Khalil Abu Rahma and Hashim Barnat. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Supreme court issued a restraining order two days ago to stop confiscating lands in the village for Wall constructions. Quds (Feb 22, 2005).
- The IOF constructed military watch tower and one caravan between Ramallah - Jerusalem districts, located 200m to the east of Qalandyia checkpoint and hedged the area with barbed wires. The estimated lands razed in the area near the checkpoint in Al Kasarat area reached to 7 dunums. Wafa (Feb 23, 2005).

### **Salfit**

- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to stop constructing part of the Segregation Wall on 5000 dunums of lands in Al Zawiya village near Salfit, according to the appeal handed by the landowners. Quds (Feb 3, 2005).
- The IOF handed Marda village council in Salfit military orders to confiscate hundreds of Dunums cultivated with Olives to construct part of the Segregation Wall in the area; thus connecting it with the part being constructed around Ariel settlement. Quds (Feb 27, 2005).

### **Others**

- The IOF razed 2000 dunums of lands in Al 'Araqeb area in the Negev which belong to Al 'Aqabi and Al Turi tribes. Wafa (Feb 1, 2005).
- According to the Civil Administration office at the Israeli ministry of Defense, settlers are proceeding with constructions in illegal outposts in the West Bank. New structures in four outposts awaiting evacuation were reported. In Givat Haroeh outpost near Eli settlement, between Ramallah and Nablus, three new trailers have been added to it in addition to infrastructure and two additional mobile homes. A fence and a hut have also been built on Givat Asaf outpost near Beit El settlement, north of Ramallah, and preparation works for building a sty has also been done. A

hut and a temporary structure have been added to the Shalhevet outpost near Yitzhar settlement. In Givat Hadelgel outpost, near Karnei Shomron settlement, settlers had finished constructions in one of the houses, in addition to a playground and a road. Haaretz (Feb 2, 2005).

- In a report issued by the Israeli movement of the "Peace now" assured that there are 99 unauthorized Israeli outposts in addition to intensive constructions in 15 outposts. The report classified the outposts in the year 2004 as follows:

**1. Outposts dismantled during 2004:**

- Ginot Arye
- Tal Bimyamin Synagogue

**2. Outposts dismantled and rebuilt it:**

- A. Mitzpe Yitzhar

**3. New outposts erected during 2004:**

- A. Migron south
- B. Ofra North East
- C. Ofra south east

**4. Expansion of Existing outposts in 2004:**

- A. Nofei Nehemia
- B. Eli 762- Haro'e
- C. Givat Hatamar (Efrat)
- D. Kida (Adei Ad North)
- E. Esh Kodesh
- F. Gva'ot Olam (Avri Ran Farm)
- G. Alt. 468 (Nofei Prat)
- H. Gilad Farm
- I. Ma'ale Rehay'am
- J. Givat Asaf
- K. Rechelim South
- L. Tzur Shalem

**5. Settlements in which permanent construction is being carried out:**

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- A. Amona
  - B. Shalhevet Yizhar
  - C. Palgei Mayim
  - D. Hayovel Section
  - E. Nof Harim
  - F. Bruchin
  - G. Givat Harel
  - H. Ahiva
  - I. Tko'a D
  - J. Itamar Hill 777
  - K. Itamar Hill 782
  - L. Yair Farm
  - M. Derech Ha'avot
  - N. Adei Ad
  - O. Haresha, Haaretz+ Araby.net (Feb 2, 2005).
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- Israel will get \$ 50 millions out of \$ 350 millions given to the Palestinians as a donation from the USA. These millions came to Israel to develop three passages in the Gaza Strip (Karni, Erez and Sufa) and to construct five passages in the West Bank at cost of \$ 180 millions. Moreover, the Israeli ministry of Defense started the constructions in Al Jalma passage near Jenin and in "Bab Afraim" passage near Tulkarm and will soon start constructions in Tarqumiya passage in Hebron. Quds (Feb 7, 2005).
  - The Israeli land Administration demolished 10 houses in the unrecognized village of Beir Hadaj south of the Negev which belong to the family of Abu Mrehil from Al 'Azazmeh tribe, displacing 100 inhabitants. Al Ayam (Feb 10, 2005).
  - The Israeli authorities are planning to construct an electronic fence north of the West Bank after dismantling four settlements. Quds (Feb 14, 2005).
  - The Israeli land Administration and Jerusalem Municipality are planning to construct a residential neighborhood "Hai May- Naftwah" on the remains of Lifta village northwest of Jerusalem city. This plan will be constructed on 455 dunums of lands, containing apartments, mall, Synagogue, hotel (120 room), parks and natural reserve. Arabs48 (Feb 14, 2005).
  - Jerusalem Municipality allocated NIS 5 millions as a budget for demolition of the non-licensed Palestinian houses in East Jerusalem. Quds (Feb 15, 2005).

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- The Israeli committee for planning and construction agreed on constructing new residential complex "Holotset" in the Negev to settle settlers of Gaza Strip who are going to be evacuated according to Sharon's disengagement plan. This complex will contain 500 housing units, whereby the committee agreed on expanding the town of Bat Hadar near 'Askalan for the same reason. Quds (Feb 15, 2005).
- The Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon announced lately that the pullout from the Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip and north of the West Bank will be in the time of constructing the wall in the areas of Gush Azion block of settlements and south of Hebron Mountain. This plan will isolate four Palestinian villages housing 18,000 residents located within the vicinity of the Gush Etzion Block; Moreover, new plans to construct new settlement near "Gava'ot" settlement inside Gush Azion block of settlements to settle 5000 Israeli families. Arabs48+ Arabynet (Feb 15, 2005).
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior issued military orders to demolish 15 houses in Tel 'Arad town which belong to the families of Al Nabari and Abu Rayash, claiming that the houses area source of Annoyance. Arabs48 (Feb 15, 2005).
- Israel is planning to construct 24-28 passages alongside the Segregation Wall path in the West Bank and a main station on the entrance of Ramallah to ease the Palestinians' movements. Quds (Feb 16, 2005).
- The Israeli committee "Keren Kayemt" is planning to construct 6391 new housing units in the settlements of the West Bank during the year 2005 and they are as follows:
  1. 2100 housing units in Ma'ale Adumim (600 units will be marketed at the end of the year 2005) and at favor of constructing another 1500 units in the settlement, Israel intends to evacuate Al Jahlin family living nearby the aforementioned settlement.
  2. 1500 units in 'Ein 'Illit
  3. 500 units in Bittar 'Illit
  4. 35 units in Har Gilo
  5. 132 units in Bizgat Zeev
  6. 200 units in Givat Binyamin
  7. 240 units in 'Etz Afraym
  8. 90 units in Al Kana
  9. 24 units in Alon Shevot

10. 70 units in Har Adar inside the Green Line Arabs48+Arabynet (Feb 25, 2005).

- The Israeli Peace Now movement's Settlements Watch project issued a report on settlement construction in the Gaza Strip from August through December 2004. Using aerial surveys of the area, Peace Now found that significant settlement construction is continuing in Gaza, despite the Israeli government's plan to evacuate settlements from Gaza. The most of the activity is taking place around the largest Gaza settlement, Neve Dekalim, which has two different sites where permanent construction is occurring at a rapid pace. Smaller scale building construction is also occurring in Dugit and Elei Sinai. Gaza greenhouse construction continued in the second half of 2004, with a great deal of investment and effort being made in preparing grounds for new greenhouses. The religious settlements, built on a strong ideological commitment, are the ones most responsible for this type of growth, particularly Bnei Etzmon, Ganei Tal, and Netzer Hazani. New greenhouses can also be found in the settlements of Gan Or and Slav. Finally, grounds are being prepared east of the settlement of Ganei Tal for further construction. The closeness in proximity to the existing settlement buildings leads Settlements Watch to believe that it is for further construction of housing units, not greenhouses. Peace now (Feb 25, 2005).
- The Israeli Hemnota company which belongs to Keren Kayemet committee took over vast areas of lands in Hebron, Jericho, Gush Atzion, Givat Zeev and Ma'ale Adumim through illegal deals. Total costs of the deals reached to NIS 30 millions. Arabynet (Feb 27, 2005).
- The house of Al Fahmawi Majed Mahagneh in 'Ein Ibrahim neighborhood in Umm El Fahem city is threatened of demolition in a maximum duration of two weeks. Wafa (Feb 28, 2005).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	2075	0	0	0
Jerusalem	1434	3.5	0	9	2
Jenin	301	0	6020	0	0
Tulkarm	25	0	687.5	0	0

Ramallah	2307	0	700	0	0
Nablus	5130	0	0	0	1
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	2080.5	0	41745	0	0
Tubas	400	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11677.5</b>	<b>2078.5</b>	<b>49152.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

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