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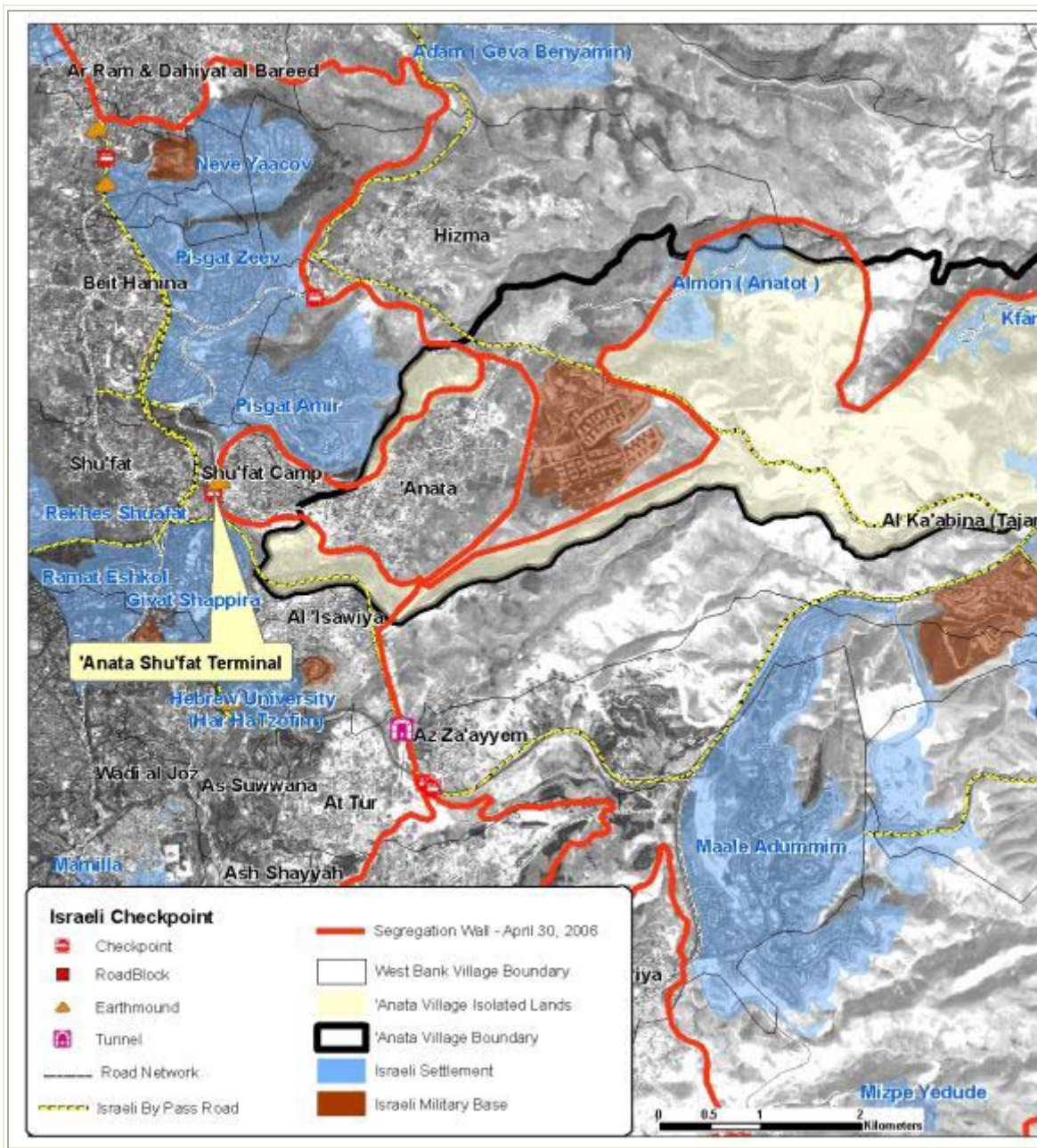
- The IOF aggressed on the house of Salameh Jafal in Abu Dis town and caused sever damages. Wafa (Oct 4, 2006). [Click here for related case.](#)
- The Israeli Civil Administration agreed on expanding the Bedouin village built on the lands of Abu Dis town according to the [E1 plan](#) which will limit any future expansion of the town. Quds (Oct 5, 2006).
- The Israeli Committee against house demolition in Jerusalem revealed that Israeli contractors removed the Palestinian villages and cities from the maps and plans that were revealed for the "Mount of Zion" project which will be established on 170 dunums of land close to the city of [Jabal Al Mukabbir](#). This Manipulation in Plans reassures the Israeli vision in Jerusalem "Land without People is for people without land". Al Quds (October 5, 2006).

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- Ori Ariel the head of an Israeli party announced that Israel will build a new synagogue in the southern part of Al Aqsa Mosque. Arabs48 (Oct 11, 2006).
- The National Planning and Construction Council is set to make a final decision Tuesday on the Safdie plan, an important and controversial plan to build up the area west of Jerusalem. The plan involves the building of 20,000 housing units at two main locations: Har Heret, a forested mountain south of Mevasseret Zion, and Reches Lavan, west of Jerusalem's Givat Mesua neighborhood. Most of the plan, named after architect Moshe Safdie, calls for building up areas currently not under Jerusalem municipality jurisdiction, although some of it covers parts of western Jerusalem. The Jerusalem municipality and the Jerusalem Development Authority, a joint government-municipal corporation, say the construction represents a central component of creating residential land reserves that will lead to a decrease in apartment prices and help keep people from moving out of the city. The neighborhoods are also intended to help maintain a stable Jewish majority in Jerusalem. The Safdie plan, along with other construction plans for Jerusalem, are intended to provide housing solutions for the 950,000 people expected to reside in Jerusalem in 2020 - 230,000 more than the current population.. haaretz (October 15, 2006).
- A final decision on a controversial building plan that would expand Jerusalem westward was delayed by an Interior Ministry planning committee for two months following the objection of environmentalists and at least fifty parliamentarians who say that the project will irrevocably damage the Jerusalem landscape. JPost (October 17, 2006).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Amir Perez issued recently an order that prevents buses and commercial vehicles from accessing Shu'fat camp military checkpoint (located west of the Camp) to Jerusalem city. This order obligates merchants to transport their goods only through Beituniya crossing point south of Ramallah including those from Jerusalem city and the surrounding areas. (Al Quds (October 18, 2006). See Map



- A group of Israeli settlers took over many agricultural lands owned by Shoukreyia Abd Al Haby from Al Nabee Samou'el area north of Jerusalem city. Quds(Oct20,2006).
- Six Palestinian families living in Ras Shihada area located in [Shu'fat refugee camp](#) and As Salam outskirt (Dahiyat As Salam) received military warnings issued by the Israeli Objection Committee Court to demolish

- their houses under the pretext that the houses were built on lands belonging to Elyakim Robninstein, a member of the Jewish movement ('Ateret Kohnem organization). The court gave the families a period of six months either to evacuate their houses or demolish them themselves; not forgetting to mention that the demolition process will cost each family 60000 NIS. The houses and the land are located close to Ma'aleh Adumim roadway and amount to a total area of 50 dunums. One settler was reported to take over one of the threatened houses and 3 houses were already demolished. Quds (Oct22,2006).
- As a response to the request of Giv'at Ze'ev Israeli settlers (located northwest of Jerusalem city) to not let Palestinians of Northwest Ramallah village from Using Bypass Road number 436, the Israeli Government is planning to construct a 2 kilometers long tunnel that will extend from [Biddu Village](#) to Ramallah city which will only be used by Palestinians while Israelis will continue to use Bypass Road number 436. Al Quds (October 28, 2006).

## **Bethlehem**

- The IOF staged into Al 'Ubeidiyeh, Al Shawawreh and Tequ' towns in Bethlehem governorate and took over numbers of houses, turning them into military posts. Among the owners known was 'Eid Mahmud Rabay'ah. Wafa(Oct6,2006).
- The IOF erected an iron gate at the entrance of Um Rokbah area in Al Khader city west of Bethlehem City. Not forgetting to mention that this entrance was closed following the eruption of the Second Intifadah in September 2006 with earth-mounds. Al Quds (Oct 11,2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The environmental group called Friends of the Earth Middle East stated that the Palestinian village of [Wadi Fukin](#), located west of Bethlehem City, is liable to be seriously damaged by construction plans for the neighboring Israeli settlement of Upper Betar Illit and by the West Bank Segregation Wall, a section of which is slated to be built next to the village. The section of the wall near Wadi Fukin is slated to pass along the northwest side of Wadi Fukin, adjacent to the village's houses. Haaretz (October 16, 2006).
- The IOF staged into Al Duheisha refugee camp southwest Bethlehem city and took over tens of Palestinian houses and caused severe damages to the properties inside .Quds (Oct 17, 2006).

- The Israeli Occupation forces invaded the village of Beit Fajjar, south of Bethlehem, and broke into several Palestinian houses.. Ma'an news (Oct 25, 2006).
- Many Israeli soldiers invaded the village of Al Ubeidiya from several directions and broke into a number of Palestinian houses, damaging personal property in the process. Ma'an news (Oct 25, 2006).
- Israeli Occupation forces fired at Palestinian farmers while harvesting their Olive trees in Jabal Ad Dik area close to Har Homa settlement. It is worth mentioning here that this is not the first time that Israeli soldiers fire at Palestinian farmers while harvesting their olives. Al Quds (October 28, 2006).

### **Ramallah**

- The Israeli military consultant cancelled the military order # ([50/05/T](#)) issued on March 22, 2005, to confiscate 1123 dunums of lands in an attempt to erect " Textile of life" bypass road on the lands of Beit 'Ur Al Fuqa, Beit 'Ur Al Tahta, Deir Ibziq, Saffa, Beit Liqya, Kharbatha, Beit Sira and At Tira which as a result villagers will have no access to road # 443. Quds (Oct 9, 2006).
- A huge Israeli military force staged into Betunia town south of Ramallah city and invaded a number of residential buildings situated at Betunia - 'Ein 'Arik junction and destroyed the entrances of a number of houses. Wafa (October 28, 2006).

### **Qalqilyia**

- The Israeli authorities hindered landowners in '[Azun 'Atma village](#) south of Qalqilyia city from accessing their lands in order to harvest their Olive trees. Wafa (Oct 11, 2006).
- The Al Quds Center for Legal Assistance has appealed against an Israeli military order to confiscate more lands in the West Bank villages of 'Azzun 'Atma, Masha, and Sanniriya in the Qalqilyia area in the north of the West Bank for the Israeli segregation wall. The Israeli military order is to confiscate 165 dunums and isolate another 100. So far, the wall has isolated more than 500 Palestinians behind it and annexed some 1000 dunums. Ma'an (October 17, 2006).
- Israeli military forces entered the village of Jayyus, north east of Qalqilia, and searched the homes of citizens there. It is worth mentioning that the

- Israeli Occupation forces had confiscated thousands of dunums of lands from Jayyus village [to construct the Segregation Wall](#). Palestinian landowners cannot access their lands, unless they have special permits to cross the iron barriers which form occasional gates in the wall. Ma'an (October 22, 2006).
- The High Court of Justice rejected petitions filed by residents of the Palestinians villages of 'Azzun, Deir Istyia, [Kafr Laqif](#), [Kafr Thuluth](#), Hejjeh and [Jinsafut](#) in Salfit Governorate north of the West Bank against the route of the separation fence, ruling that the security consideration is stronger than the damage caused to Palestinians. The fence route, 6-kilometers (3.726 miles) long, was built around the settlements of Emanuel, Maale Shmoron and Karnei Shomron, which are located in the West Bank, on lands belonging to Palestinian villages. YnetNews (October 26, 2006).
  - The Israeli Occupation Forces issued a military order to demolish a number of Barracks in Arab Ar Ramadin east of Qalqilyia Governorate. The IOF only gave residents of Arab Ar Ramadin few days to evacuate their barracks before demolition. Arab Ar Ramadin is a Palestinian community located close to Zufim Gate named after Zufim Settlement established on Lands of Azzoun and Jayyus settlements. Wafa (October 28, 2006).
  - Israeli Occupation Forces continue to hinder Palestinian farmers from Beit Amin, Izbet Salman and Siniryia located to the southeast of Qalqilyia city from reaching their agricultural lands to harvest their Olive trees. It is worth mentioning that the lands are located between the two Israeli settlements Sha'are Tekva and Oranit. Wafa (October 29, 2006)

## **Tubas**

- Israeli Occupation Forces manning [Tayasir Checkpoint](#) informed Palestinian residents of the northern valleys that they are no longer allowed to spend the night outside their homes. This procedure is among other procedures Israel is taking against Palestinians of the northern valleys as to restrict their movement into and out of the area. Al Quds (October 5, 2006).
- Israeli Occupation Forces manning [Qaffin](#) agricultural gate (Gate number 436) prevented Palestinian Landowners who have no permits from accessing their lands located west of the Segregation wall for Olive Harvest. A total of 400 Palestinian farmers only (out of 1200) were granted

- permits by the DCO in Tulkarem to access their agricultural lands isolated behind the wall. It is worth mentioning that an annual product of the Olive Oil in Qaffin village reaches to 700 Ton which contributes much to the income of the Palestinian families. Al Quds (October 13, 2006).
- The Israeli Occupation forces surrounded Tubas Municipality building and started shooting randomly against Palestinian residents who were in the site and caused severe damages to more than ten cars were parked in the area. Wafa (October 15, 2006).
  - Israeli soldiers manning Tayasir Checkpoint asked for the first time Tubas residents to show the Birth certificates of their children whose age exceed one year and trying to cross the checkpoint. It is worth mentioning that during the last few days, children accompanying their parents were forbidden to cross the checkpoint unless their parents show their birth certificates to the soldiers. This new Israeli procedure "law" was added to the list of procedures "laws" that the Israeli Occupation forces imposed on residents of the Northern Valleys in addition to "ID Restriction Law" which states that only residents of the Northern Valleys are allowed to enter the area. Wafa (October 15, 2006).
  - Israeli settlers from Sal'it and Mechola settlements are carrying out some expansion activities as to link the settlement of Sal'it to its neighbouring settlement Mechola. Other expansion activities are also taking place in Rotem and Maskiyot settlements in Wadi Al Maleh area in the northern Valleys. Wafa (October 16, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
  - A new procedure is added to the list of Israeli procedures taken against the people of the Jordan Valley which is the full inspection of people's cellualars' at checkpoints. Many Palestinian residents of the Jordan Valley were forced to give their cellualars for inspection by the Israeli soldiers. Such procedures are among the procedures Israel is taking to isolate the Jordan Valley area from the rest of the West Bank Governorates. Wafa (October 17, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
  - An Israeli military helicopter executed an airdrop of Israeli soldiers east of the West Bank, into the city of Tubas overnight. The airdrop lasted until the early morning Wednesday, especially in the woods near the town of 'Aqqaba in the northeast of the occupied West Bank. The Israeli Occupation forces raided the city of Tubas after the airdrop and broke into the villages of Tayasir, Tammun and 'Aqqaba in the Tubas governorate. The Israeli soldiers then launched a search campaign in the houses of the

villages and they also erected a temporary barrier at the Tammun crossroads. Ma'an (October 18, 2006).

- Israeli Occupation Forces confiscated five trucks used for agricultural purposes in Bardala village, in the northern Valleys and transferred them to Bisan Crossing point located at the upper northern valleys. The confiscation of the trucks is one among the many procedures that the IOF takes against residents of the northern valleys aiming at expelling them from their land. Wafa (October 22, 2006).
- Israeli occupation forces continue to hinder Palestinians from grazing their sheep on Al Buqi'a Valley in Tammun town due to its location close to Baqa'ot settlement established on the lands of the town. Wafa (October 30, 2006)

## Hebron

- The Israeli settlers of Ramat Yashai aggressed on the Palestinian houses in Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city and destroyed the water network in the area. Quds (Oct 1, 2006).
- The IOF took over several numbers of houses in Sa'ir in Hebron and caused severe damages to the properties. The houses owned by 'Azat and Fayez Abd Al Rahman Al Farokh. Wafa(Oct4,2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Ramat Yashai aggressed on the houses of Hisham Al 'Aza and his brother in Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood, causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Oct 11, 2006).
- The Israeli Forces took over the house of 'Adnan abu Hamdiyeh in Abu Sneneh Neighbourhood, south of Hebron city and turned it into a military post. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- A number of Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba's and Kharsina settlements started their constructional activities in Baroukh Military Base located between the two aforementioned settlements in an attempt to fortify the base. The activities included the construction of 6 meters high Segregation Wall in addition to razing the lands of Jaber family that surrounds the military base and the construction of a new colonial road that will link the base with the main road once the construction activities are completed. It is worth mentioning that Baroukh military base was established on 50 dunums of lands originally belonging to Palestinians from Wad El Ghrous area during the nineties. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Hebron Old city and turned three Palestinian houses into military posts. Houses belonged to Nael and



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- Hazem 'Adnan Zaytoon, Isam Al Hirbawi and 'Adnan Abu Hamdiyeh. Wafa (October 15, 2006).
- Israeli settlers backed by Israeli soldiers completed the construction of a new settlement outpost on lands located to the east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city. The new outpost is located to the south of Karma'el settlement and contains ten housing units. Works on constructing the settlement outpost started three years ago when the Israeli occupation forces razed 50 dunums of land owned by Yamin Jadee' Al Hathalin from Yatta Town. Wafa (October 16, 2006).
  - A group of Israeli settlers from Susiya settlement, located to the east of Yatta Town, south of Hebron city, took over 150 dunums of agricultural lands located in the vicinity of the settlement and ploughed the land and planted it with fruitful trees such as Almonds, Olives and foetry trees. Lands belonging to the families of Al Shamasti, Abu Sabha and Al Sha'abeen. On the other hand, Israeli settlers carried out some expansion activities to cattle farms located in Um Zaytoneh area between Karne'al and Ma'on settlements, south of Hebron city. The expansion activities are carried out on the expense of Palestinian lands belonging to Abu 'Arram family and included the addition of cement bases to the cattle farm preparing for the addition of more barracks to it. It is worth mentioning that the cattle farm was constructed on lands that were confiscated from the same family 15 years ago. Wafa (October 16, 2006).
  - Many Israeli military vehicles surrounded the building in the Ain Sara neighborhood of Hebron and then soldiers broke into the PLC (Palestinian Legislative Council) offices. The Israeli troops forced everybody out and held them in one of the nearby stores where they checked all the workers' identity cards. Ma'an (October 17, 2006).
  - Many Israeli military vehicles invaded Al Faqeir area in yatta city south of Hebron Governorate and took over the house of Musa Khalil Shaker An Najjar and launched an extensive house search. On the Other hand, Israeli military vehicles staged into the area of Al Qarna'a to the west of Ihdna town and launched another extensive house-to-house search that included the house of Abdullah 'Ali Khalawi. Wafa (October 18, 2006).
  - The Israeli Occupation forces invaded Ar-Rama area in Hebron city and broke into the home of Sami Al-Ja'abari. and confiscated his car. Ma'an (October 27, 2006).
  - The IOF continue for the third day on row closing the road leading to Tel Ar Rumeida in Hebron city and preventing two Palestinian families

(Hashem Al 'Azza and his brother) from reaching their houses inside the city. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli high court ordered at earlier time to open that road but the soldiers continue to close the road as to force residents of the area to leave their house which are close to Ramat Yeshai settlement outpost. Wafa (October 28, 2006).

- Israeli settlers living in Yeshai settlement outpost cut off the water networks from Palestinian families living in Tel Ar Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city. Wafa (October 28, 2006).
- Israeli settlers from Asfer settlement northeast of Hebron city stole the Olive product of 1200 Olive trees planted on 100 dunums of lands of Sai'r and Ash Shoukh towns located west of the settlement. It is worth mentioning that owners of these Lands were prevented for the fifth year on row from harvesting their Olive product by Israel settlers who attacked them every time they tried to access their lands. Wafa (October 30, 2006).
- The IOF staged into Qeson area north of Hebron CITY and took over a two-storey house owned by Al Bakry family, and caused severe damages to the properties inside .Quds (30, 2006).

## **Nablus**

- The IOF took over Al Aghbar building in Al Qesariya neighborhood in the old city of Nablus and turned it into military barrack. Wafa (Oct 1, 2006)
- The IOF staged into Balata refugee camp east of Nablus city, and caused severe damages to the properties of house Ali Al Rashed. Wafa (Oct 1, 2006).
- The IOF staged into Balata refugee camp east of Nablus city and transformed parts of Younis building near Al Rawda Mosque to a military watch point .Wafa(Oct4,2006)
- The Israeli forces transformed Al 'Afoury building in Qaryut village in Nablus city into military post and caused severe damages to the water net works in Al Souq street area. Wafa (Qct11,2006)
- The Israeli Occupation forces manning Beit Iba Checkpoint (the only link that connects Nablus Governorate with the rest of the West Bank Governorates), prevented almost 3000 Palestinian residents (Employees, students and elderly people) coming from the northern Governorates from accessing Nablus city. Residents were forced to wait for more than two hours until they were finally allowed to pass after a thorough and a prolonged inspection exercised by the Israeli soldiers manning the checkpoint. Wafa (October 14, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)

- The Israeli Occupation forces closed without pre-notification the “17” checkpoint north of Nablus city and prevented Palestinian residents from passing through. This checkpoint is considered as the only entrance to residents of the northern cities and villages of Nablus Governorate. Wafa (October 14, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Beit Furik town east of Nablus city claiming that Palestinian gunmen opened fire towards the Itamar settlement, near the village. The Forces destroyed the hall and the stores of Al Haj 'Aref, a member of Beit Furik village council in addition to a Studio owned by resident Abu As So'oud and confiscated a number of Computer devices, printers and photocopy machines. Losses estimated at 25000 NIS. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces erected a temporary checkpoint at Immatin village entrance, on Nablus-Qalqilyia Roadway and obstructed the movement of Palestinians who were heading to their destinations. On the Other hand, the Israeli sldiers manning Beit Iba and checkpoints west of Nablus City, exercised harch measure against Palestinian residents who were trying to pass through the two checkpoints. Wafa (October 15, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The IOF erected two temporary checkpoints, one close to 'Araba village junction, on Jenin-Nablus roadway while the other checkpoint was erected on the alternative road leading to Sanur Village. Palestinian residents heading to their destinations were forced to step out of their cars and wait under the heavy rain until they were finally allowed to pass through. Wafa (October 15, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- Israeli Police set up a number of temporary checkpoints on Nablus-Tulkarm roadway and obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles using this road and gave notices to the drivers. Meanwhile, Israeli Police manning Za'tara Checkpoint south of Nablus city gave notices to Palestinian drivers who were trying to access the checkpoint. It is worth mentioning that notices were given randomly, not abiding by law. Wafa (October 17, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- Israeli Police set up a temporary checkpoint on Nablus-Jenin roadway and obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles using this road and forced Palestinian residents to step out of their cars for inspection purposes. Wafa (October 21, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)

- A group of Israeli settlers from Ariel settlement in the North West of the West Bank and broke into the village of Bruqin, west of Salfit. Ma'an (October 23, 2006)
- Confrontations have broken out between Palestinian farmers and Israeli settlers from Gilad Farm outpost in the north of the West Bank who were trying to prevent Palestinian farmers from picking their olives. Gilad Farm is an illegal outpost located close to the settlement of Keddumim, west of the city of Nablus. Ma'an (October 25, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- Israeli soldiers manning the new iron gated erected at the bypass road leading to Alon Moreh settlement hindered residents of Salem village from accessing this gate to their lands to harvest their olive trees. Palestinian residents reported that the Israeli soldiers prevented them from reaching their lands due to their location close to an outpost in the eastern side of Alon Moreh Settlement and composed of 4 caravans and was established 2 years ago on a pre-confiscated lands amounted to one thousand dunums . Wafa (October 29, 2006).

## Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation Forces erected a temporary checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Salfit City and obstructed the movement o Palestinians heading to their destinations. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities prevented Palestinian farmers from Salfit city from accessing their fields when tried to pass through the gates that give access to their lands and olive groves located behind the Wall. Residents of Salfit reported that that iron gates were firmly closed by the IOF. The closure of the iron gates causes great loss to the farmers as they are not allowed through and will miss the opportunity to collect their olives, which cover thousands of dunums of land and are the source of their livelihood. Ma'an (October 25, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli Occupation forces broke into the village of Kafr ad-Dik, west of Salfit in the north west of the occupied West Bank, at dawn, broke into many homes, claiming they were searching for "wanted" people and destroyed a number of cars, including one belonging to the villager, Mohammad Qa'ud. It is worth mentioning that villages of Bruqin and Kafr ad-Dik are located very close to the Segregation Wall and to the Israeli settlement of Ariel. Ma'an & Wafa (October 24, 2006).
- Israeli Occupation forces erected four new iron gates along the path of the wall around Salfit City to restrict the access of Palestinian farmers to their

lands segregated lands behind the wall. Iron Rods of 80 cm high were erected vertically on these gates which forced those willing to access the gates to crawl on the ground to access them. Such a procedure also prevented farmers from using their agricultural trucks for transporting the Olive Product. Wafa (October 29, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)

- Israeli Soldiers in Mas-ha village west of Salfit City prevented Palestinian farmers from accessing their fields segregated behind the Segregation wall under the pretext of not having valid permits that enable them from accessing the gate erected north of the village. Instead, Palestinian farmers were forced to use the gate erected at Azzoun village entrance. Wafa (October 29, 2009). [Click here for related cases](#)

## Jenin

- More than 20 Israeli bulldozers incurred into the city of Qabatyia, north of Jenin city and searched a number of Palestinian houses and destroyed some of their properties. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- Israeli forces have set up several temporary military checkpoints across the different regions in the Jenin governorate and city of Tubas. The first two checkpoints were erected at the northern entrance of Tubas city, another checkpoint at the entrance of 'Aqqaba village, two other checkpoints near Tammun village and another checkpoint on Tubas-Al Far'a Camp Roadway. The Israeli troops thoroughly checked each Palestinian vehicle and its passengers, and prevented their passage through the barriers. Maan & Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces erected a temporary checkpoint at the entrance of Kafr Dan Village west of Jenin. Wafa (October 15, 2006).
- More than a dozen Israeli military vehicles, in addition to a bulldozer and Special Forces, entered the town of Qabatyia and raided the town from all directions before the Israeli troops set up temporary barriers, claiming they were searching for 'wanted' men. The area was also supplied with two electrical generators and a water tank preparing for a broader military operation in the village. Ma'an (October 17, 2006).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces and the Israeli police set up two temporary checkpoints on Jenin-Nablus roadway, close to Arraba junction southwest Jenin city. Wafa (October 17, 2006).
- More than 40 Israeli military jeeps and vehicles entered the town from the northern entrance and took up position on Zakarnah hill, west of

- Qabatiya. The soldiers launched an extensive house-to-house search with the assistance of police dogs and forced the citizens to leave their homes. They gathered the women together in one of the school yards and the men in an open area. The men and women were then interrogated separately. Israeli soldiers also occupied many of the houses through threats and force and turned these houses into temporary military positions with snipers positioned on the roofs of the higher buildings. Ma'an (October 18, 2006)
- Tens of Israeli military jeeps took over Abu Jumhour residential building in Al Marah Neighborhood in Jenin city and forced residents to evacuate the building under the threat of weapons claiming that they were searching for so-called "wanted" Palestinians. Wafa (October 19, 2006).
  - Israeli forces raided the town of Ya'bad, southwest of Jenin, and broke into the houses of Amjad Mitani and his brother. The Israeli soldiers forced the residents to leave the houses and launched a search campaign, during which they destroyed the furniture in both homes. Ma'an (October 21, 2006).
  - The IOF staged into Al Sharqy neighborhood and AlJaberyat area in Jenin city and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses, and caused severe damages to the personal properties inside the houses .Wafa (Oct24, 2006).
  - Israeli Occupation vehicles broke into Qabatiya city south of Jenin in the northern West Bank amid intensive gunfire and carried out an extensive house-to-house search operation. Ma'an (October 25, 2006).
  - The Israeli Occupation Forces bombed one Palestinian house in Burqin Village west of Jenin city belonging to Husein Jaber Abu Al Houf. Wafa (October 24 2006).
  - The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded the villages of Kafr Ra'I and Fahme villages located t the southwest of Jenin city and broke into the house of Khairi Sadeq Shiek Ibrahim and forced its residents to leave the house under the threat of weapons. The IOF also carried out a house to house search in the villages and cause damages to the properties. Wafa (October 28, 2006).
  - The IOF staged into Jenin refugee camp north of the West Bank and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses, and caused severe damages to the personal properties .Among the owners, Abu Khalifa family was known.Ma'an news (Oct31,2006)

## Tulkarem

- The Israeli forces hindered the landowners from 'Atil town north of Tulkarm from accessing their lands behind the walls path. Wafa (Oct 7, 2006).
- The IOF aggressed on the building of "Tulkarm local Television" in Tulkarm city and caused sever damages to the properties. Quds (Oct 12, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The IOF continued to prevent Palestinian farmers from getting close to Nazlat 'Issa and Qaffin iron gates. Israeli soldiers positioned at gate #436, north of Tulkarm, and prevented Palestinian farmers even those with permits issued by the IOF Civil Administration, claiming that the names and numbers of permits are not registered on their lists. At least 1200 farmers, including 400 ones who have permits to cross the gate, have been deprived of their source of income. PCHRAGAZA (October 14,2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- Israeli Occupation Forces handed out ten residents of Far'oun town south of Tulkarm city demolition warnings under the pretext of being built without a license and due to its location close to the path of the Segregation Wall. Residents were only given 3 days to file a restraining against the military warnings. It is worth mentioning that these houses received the same demolition warnings in 2004 but residents managed to halt the demolition plan after filing a suit against it. Wafa (October 17, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities prevented Palestinian farmers from Salfit city from accessing their fields when tried to pass through the gates that give access to their lands and olive groves located behind the Wall. Residents of Salfit reported that that iron gates were firmly closed by the IOF. The closure of the iron gates causes great loss to the farmers as they are not allowed through and will miss the opportunity to collect their olives, which cover thousands of dunums of land and are the source of their livelihood. Ma'an (October 25, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed the Iron Wall Gate number '708' located at the western edge of Far'oun village south of Tulkarem city, the only access to the segregated land west of the wall. Wafa (October 28, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)

## Gaza

- The Israeli forces reinforced a military base east of Al Farahin area in 'Abasan Al Kabera town to the east of Khan Yunis governorate and constructed 4 meters height barbed wires and earth mounds. Quds (Oct 1, 2006).
- The IOF shelled on a Palestinian fiber factory in the industrial zone north of the Gaza Strip, set fire and caused severe losses. Wafa (Oct 2, 2006).
- The Israeli forces demolished a lethal workshop owned by Maher Jabry in Khan Yunis city. Arabs48 (Oct 3, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into the east and north of Gaza northern governorate and razed agricultural lands planted with Citrus and Strawberry. Quds (Oct 3, 2006).
- The IOF demolished the house of Fuad Abu 'Anza in 'Abasan Al Kabera town to the east of Khan Yunis. Wafa (Oct 4, 2006).
- The IOF staged into Al Fakhary area to the southeast of Khan Yunis governorate razed lands, uprooted olive trees, took over several numbers of houses and turned them into military barracks. Among the owners known were Mufid and Kamel Al 'Emour. Quds (Oct 7, 2006).
- The IOF shelled on the house of Abu Madi family in Khan Yunis camp and caused sever damages. Wafa (Oct 9, 2006).
- The IOF demolished a Palestinian house in Tel Al Za'tar on the southern entrance of Beit Hanun town. Quds (Oct 10, 2006).
- The Israeli forces demolished the three-storey house of Miryam Farahat in Al Shaja'ya neighborhood east of Gaza city, causing sever damages to the nearby buildings. In addition the IOF took over several numbers of houses in the area and turned them into military posts. Wafa (Oct 11, 2006).
- The IOF demolished the house of Suleiman Salah in Jabalya refugee camp north of the Strip, turning it to a heap of rubble, in the time his neighbor Isma'il Abu Al Jebin received warning to evacuate his house preparing it for demolition. Wafa (Oct 12, 2006).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged nearly 800 meters into Greater 'Abasan village ('Absan Al Kabera), east of Khan Yunis, raided and searched 3 Palestinian houses and transformed them into military sites. PCHRGAZA (October 12, 2006).
- The IOF Jetfighters dropped a bomb on a 140-square-meter, two-storey house, belonging to Suleiman 'Abdul Hamid Salah, in the densely



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- populated Jabalya refugee camp. The house and two other neighboring houses were destroyed. Additionally, a number of neighboring houses were severely damaged. PCHRGAZA (October 12, 2006).
- The IOF Jetfighters shelled on the 36-square-meter room, which is a subordinate of a 120-square-meter, 3-storey house belonging to Iftikhar Sa'id Farawana in al-Tawabin Street in al-Shojaeya neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. The room and parts of the house were destroyed and two neighboring houses were severely damaged. PCHRGAZA (October 12, 2006).
  - The IOF helicopter gunship fired a missile at a two stores of car batteries belonging to Ameen Saleh al-Riashi, which are located under his 3-storey house, in al-Shagaiya neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. The two stores were severely damaged and the doors of two other stores in the same building were destroyed. PCHRGAZA (October 12, 2006).
  - The IOF staged into 'Absan Al Kabera city east of Khan Yunis governorate and took over three houses, and transformed them into military barracks (posts). In addition, the IOF destroyed a western part of house owned by 'Adal Zar'y and caused severe damages to the properties. Quds (Oct13, 2006).
  - The Israeli fighter jets shelled on a Palestinian house in Al Zaytoon area east of Gaza city owned by resident Saleh Al Riyashi and destroyed it completely. The shelling caused severe damages to the nearby Palestinian houses. Wafa (October 13, 2006).
  - The Israel Occupation Force set up a temporary detention center near the border with the Gaza Strip in Khan Younis where dozens of Palestinian men arrested by troops operating in the tiny coastal strip are interrogated each day. Ynetnews & Arabs48 (October 13, 2006).
  - The IOF destroyed a house owned by Ramie Salah located near Al Khulafa' Al Rasheden Mosque in Jabalya camp north of Gaza strip and turned it into a heap of rubble .Quds(Oct13,2006).
  - The Israeli Occupation Forces razed lands in Izbet Abed Rabbo in Jablayia north of the Gaza Strip. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
  - The IOF fighter jet dropped a bomb on a 400-square-meter, three-storey house, in which 31 people (5 families) live, belonging to Tawfiq Hashem al-'Aschi in al-Salam neighborhood in the south of Rafah. The house was destroyed and 5 neighboring houses, in which 78 people (12 families) live, were severely damaged. In addition, electricity was cut off from large areas in the towns. PCHRGAZA (October 14, 2006).

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- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed more than 20 Olive and Palm trees aging more than 20 years in 'Absan Al Kabira, east Khan Younis Governorate, south of the Gaza Strip. The trees belong to resident Muhammad Abu Duqqa. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- The Israeli Forces completely destroyed the water, electricity and telephone networks in 'Absan Al Kabira area east Khan Younis Governorate, south of the Gaza Strip during its last incursion to the area and caused severe damages to the properties (razed lands and destroyed trees) and created a state of fear and despair among the 1500 Palestinian residents living in the area. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- Tens of Israeli bulldozers incurred into the city of Beit Hanoun and destroyed a number of factories located along Salah Ad Din Street, near the southern entrance of Beit Hanoun city and razed the road that connects Beit Hanoun city with Beit Lahyia. Wafa (October 14, 2006).
- The IOF razed vast areas of lands in AL Farheen area east of Khan Yunis Governorate and completely destroyed the infrastructure of the area and caused severe damages to the houses. The total losses due to the Israeli violations in the area are estimated at millions of dollars. Quds(Oct15,2006).
- Israeli forces surrounded the area near the Rafah crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip and called for the citizens to leave their houses. Ma'an (October 18, 2006).
- Dozens of Israeli military vehicles penetrated the area and headed to the area of the Kerem Shalom and Rafah crossings, in the southern-most part of the Gaza Strip, adjacent to the border with Egypt. Many other Israeli tanks entered 500 deep into the Strip through the Sufa crossing and headed towards the Rafah crossing. In the process, the Israeli tanks blocked the Gaza Strip road leading to the Rafah crossing. Wafa & Ma'an (October 18, 2006).
- Israeli war planes fired a rocket at a Palestinian house Salah Qeshtah east of Rafah city, south of the Gaza Strip but the rocket did not explode. Ma'an (October 20, 2006).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces demolished the house of Muhammad Al O'mour in Al Fukhari area east of Khan Younis south of the Gaza Strip. Wafa (October 21, 2006).
- The IOF demolished a store owned by resident Abu 'Aalbah located on Salah Al Din roadway which connects Beit Hanun town (located on the

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- northeast edge of the Gaza Strip) with the rest of the Gaza strip. Ma'an news (Oct21,2006).
- Israeli occupation troops still besieging the Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossings in the south of the Gaza Strip for the tenth consecutive day claiming the presence of tunnels in the area, used for weapon smuggling. Ma'an (October 21, 2006).
  - The Israeli bulldozers staged 2km into Karam Abu M'amar northeast of Rafah city south of Gaza strip, and continued razing vast areas of Palestinian agricultural lands. In another Incident, The Israeli bulldozers razed more lands in Hammoudeh and the Eastern graveyard area in the Industrial zone east of Beit Hanoun north of the Gaza Strip. Al Quds & Wafa (Oct21,2006).
  - The IOF razed a 6-dunums area of agricultural land planted with olives al-Fukhari area in the southeast of Khan Younis. PCHRGAZA (October 21, 2006).
  - The IOF demolished 6 Palestinian houses in Al Jaradat area located between the Gaza strip and Egyptian border .In addition, the IOF installed Cameras 300 meters away from Rafah crossing border and other Cameras 400 meters away from the Palestinian-Egyptian Border. .Quds(Oct22,2006).
  - The IOF evacuated from Rafah city in the southern part of the Gaza Strip after demolishing more than 10 Palestinian houses and partially demolishing many others. The IOF also destroyed the infrastructure of the area, and caused severe damages to the houses and razed vast areas of Palestinian agricultural lands. Quds(Oct23,2006).
  - The IOF staged into east area of Gaza strip and took over several numbers of the Palestinian houses, and caused severe damages to the properties. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of the Palestinian agricultural lands at the southern entrance of Beit Hanun town. Wafa &Arabs 48(Oct24,2006).
  - More than 20 Israeli bulldozers staged into the city of "Absal Kabera" east of Khan Younis city and razed vast areas of agricultural lands and partially demolished a number of Palestinian Houses. Wafa (October 26,2006).
  - Head of Public Relations in the "Middle East" Pharmaceutical factory announced that 20 thousand dollars are the total losses of the factory due to the Israeli incursion to the factory which was part of the incursion that

the IOF carried out to Beit Hanoun city, north of the Gaza Strip. Wafa (October 26,2006).

- The IOF staged into Beit Hanun city north of Gaza strip and demolished a house owned by Al Shanbary family. Quds(Oct26,2006).
- The IOF staged into 'Absan AlJadedah town east of Khan Yunis city south of Gaza strip and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses ,and caused severe damages to the properties . In addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of Palestinian agricultural lands in 'Absan AlJadedah town. Wafa(Oct26,2006).
- Israeli warplanes bombarded the three-storey house belonging to Shadi Al-'Uraini with a missile which leveled the house to the ground, and demolished part of the surrounding houses. Owners of the house were only given fifteen minutes beforehand to save their most basic possessions. Ma'an (October 27, 2006).
- A report issued by the Palestinian Planning and Project Unit in the Gaza Strip showed that the losses caused by the Israeli incursions to the northern Gaza Governorate since the beginning of the current year 2006 are estimated at \$ 12 Million, out of which
  - 35 factories and workshops were destroyed at a cost of \$ 2 million.
  - 90 Civil cars belonging to Palestinian residents were destroyed which cost about \$ 300 thousand.
  - 1200 Palestinian houses were partially demolished at a cost of \$ 900 thousand.
  - Losses of the agricultural sector in Beit Hanoun alone are estimated at \$ 2 millions varying between razing of lands, uprooting of fruitful trees; destruction of Poultry farms and plastic houses.
  - Losses of the industrial sector and properties are estimated at \$ 14 million varying between complete and partial demolition of factories and infrastructure, vehicles and towers. Wafa (October 28, 2006).
- In a report issued by the Palestinian Planning and Project Unit in the Gaza Strip showed that during the latest Israeli incursions to the northern Gaza Governorate (Since June 29 untill this date) 35 Palestinian houses were completely destroyed in addition to 300 houses that were partially destroyed due to the heavy shelling the area received. Wafa (October 29, 2006).
- Israeli warplanes shelled on a two storey house in Bani Suhaila town east of Khan Younis Governorate, south of the Gaza Strip. The house belongs

- to resident Muhammad Isma'il Abu Hayya and was completely demolished due to the shelling. Wafa (October 30, 2006).
- The IOF destroyed a tire making workshop located in Al Thalatheen Street near Al Teran crossing in the Gaza city, and caused severe damages to the nearby stores. Arabs48 (Oct30, 2006).
  - The IOF staged into Al Shoka area east of Rafah city south of Gaza strip and razed vast areas of Palestinian Agricultural lands , and caused severe damages to the properties .Wafa(Oct31,2006).
  - The IOF staged into Al Sanati area east of Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis city south of Gaza strip and razed vast areas of Palestinian agricultural lands and demolished the infrastructure of the area. The IOF also took over several numbers of Palestinian houses, and transformed them into military posts. Arabs48(Oct31,2006).

## **Others**

- According to a report issued by the Peace Now movement assured that 31 outposts have seen expansion and infrastructure works and 12 outposts have even seen the construction of permanent buildings. The report also assured that there is construction of permanent buildings in 12 outposts, including those in Bnei Kedem, Neveh Erez, Palgei Mayim, and near Itamar. In addition, the construction of two roads - the Tekoa-Jerusalem road and the Ma'aleh Adumim-Jericho road (in the section east of Kfar Adumim) - has recently been resumed. Haaretz (Oct 3, 2006).
- The Israeli Minister of Defense Berez announced his wiling to dismantle 12 indiscriminate outposts in the West Bank. Among the outposts known were Skali farm, 'Arousy farm, Maon farm south of Hebron and hilltop 725. Quds (Oct 7, 2006).
- According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Jerusalem the past year has seen a 40 percent rise in the number of West Bank checkpoints, All in all, according to the bureau's figures, there are 528 checkpoints operating throughout the West Bank. All while stricter policies have been placed the authorization of crossing permits. The organization also says that Palestinians deal not only with the permanent checkpoints but with temporary roadblocks 'flying roadblocks', which can reach up to 155 a week throughout the region. Ynetnews (October 11, 2006).
- The IOF froze the evacuation of a number of military bases in the northern area. It is worth mentioning that a year and a half ago, the Israeli army

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- evacuated two military bases such as Ghadot close to Minahim junction, and Fast military base in the Golan. Two other military bases such as Delvah & Houshnet in the Golan and Ben 'Ami near Akko were slated for evacuation but were delayed for further notice. Quds(Oct11,2006).
- The Israeli Defense minister Amir Perez orders all illegal structures in West Bank, both Jewish and Arab, to be demolished; Mr. Peretz has already signed an order to demolish the structures in question, which belong to both Jews and Arabs. The demolitions are set to begin in the following days upon his order to prepare operational plans illustrating the process of evacuating the illegal outposts. Ynetnews (October 12, 2006).
  - Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz ordered senior Israel Defense Forces officials to speed up the evacuation of illegal settlement outposts from the West Bank. Haaretz (October 16, 2006).
  - Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz declared that he intends to move against a number of unauthorized outposts within two weeks. About 12 outposts are earmarked for destruction which were planned to be destroyed prior to the start of the war with Lebanon. JPost (October 16, 2006).
  - Settler leaders appeared to be weighing a deal with the government by which it would agree to the relocation of a number of outposts in exchange for the legalization of others to prevent a second violent confrontation between Israeli forces and settlers over the possible removal of a number of unauthorized outposts. The 105 unauthorized outposts are being divided into two categories: those constructed prior to March 2001, and those which were built afterwards. Talks deal only with 50 outposts built after March 2001. JPOST (October 18, 2006).
  - The PEACENOW Israeli Movement published an article which reveals that settlers of 'Amona settlement outpost which was evacuated during the first quarter of 2006 intend to build a huge synongue in the location where the outpost was constructed. It is expected that the construction of the synongue will cost a total of 320 thousands NIS. Peace Now movement adds that the location where the synongue is intended to be built belongs to Palestinians and was confiscated from them in 1996 when the outpost was first constructed. .. Quds (Oct18, 2006).
  - The Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peret announced his willing to evacuate some of the outposts in the West Bank .One of the outpost mentioned is Givat Asaf from Beit El, which was built on private Palestinian property .Haaretz(Oct19,2006).

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- Nearly three-quarters of the 102 outposts in the West Bank - 74 percent - are at least partly built on private Palestinian land, according to a survey by the Peace Now settlement monitoring team. The survey found that 6,986 dunums of land used for outposts - 43 percent of all the land on which outposts are built - are private Palestinian property. An additional 7.6 percent of the area on which the outposts are built is territory whose recognition as state lands is pending. Private Palestinian property accounts for between 40 percent and 70 percent of the land on which 30 of the outposts are built, including West Tapuah, Givat Hahish, Haroeh and Mitzpeh Dani, according to the survey. Haaretz (October 20, 2006).
- Israeli plans to construct a 4 meters high wall around the house of the Israeli President Moshe Katzav and another 3 meters high wall around the house of the Israeli Finance minister. According to the plans, the wall (ranging between 9.4 and 9.94 meters) will be constructed along the roadway near Terrasanta in Smoltskin Street and is expected to be higher than the wall around Jerusalem city or known as the Jerusalem Envelope project. Quds(Oct21,2006).
- A secret, two year investigation by the Israeli ministry of defense shows that there has been rampant illegal construction in dozens of Israeli settlements and in many cases involving privately owned Palestinian properties. The information in the study was not released in public and was classified as "political and diplomatic dynamite." Haaretz (October 25, 2006).
- The Israeli Defense minister Amir Peretz does intend to demolish initially a mere 86 illegal West Bank structures, 47 of which were built by settlers and 39 of which were built by Palestinians. But his plan calls for the demolition of 20 structures in Tel Tawani, near the Maon Farm outpost in the South Hebron Hills, a small number of additional structures in the Yitzhar settlement near Nablus, as well as in Psagot, Efrat, and Kiryat Arba. Haaretz(Oct25,2006).
- The Israeli regional Committee for housing and construction in Haifa city announced its plans to confiscate 7000 dunums of Al Karmel city lands to establish "Al Karmel Park" in the city. Wafa (October 27, 2006).
- The Israeli army would like to build a training camp at Negev Junction; about ten kilometers from Ramat Hovav industrial zone, but is waiting for completion of a plan to handle environmental problems. Haaretz (October 27, 2006).

- Israeli Bulldozers demolished a number of barracks and houses in the unrecognized village of Al Taweel in An Naqab (Negev) inside Israel under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (October 31, 2006).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	3	6
Jenin	0	0	0	1	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	10
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	0	3	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	126	0	20	38	0
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	0	5
Hebron	150	0	0	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	276	0	20	45	21

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