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#### Jerusalem

- Israeli Jerusalem Municipality imposed fine estimated at 60000 NIS on resident Khalil Muhammad Nimir 'Abbasi for building without a permit in 'Ein Al Louza neighborhood in Silwan city. Mr. Muhammad is requested to start with his house-permit procedure or else the Municipality will demolish the house. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Muhammad and his family (his wife and four kids) live in a house of 230 square meters area. Al Quds (February 1, 2007).
- Israeli forces broke into the local council of Beir Nabala village, north of Jerusalem, broke all the doors, the furniture, and seized the computers

- and the land records, in addition to the financial and other official records. Maan (February 4, 2007).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the house of 'Amer Abu Diab in Jabal Al Mukkaber neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (February 5, 2007).
  - The Israeli occupation forces closed the gates to the Al Aqsa Mosque and the old city of Jerusalem and deployed troops intensively in the streets and the area of Magharbah (Moroccan or 'Dung') Gate in an attempt to prevent Palestinians from entering the mosque. It was also reported that Israeli bulldozers have started demolishing a wooden fence and two rooms near the Wailing Wall after days of excavating a new tunnel under the holy Al Aqsa Mosque. Maan (February 6, 2007).
  - An Israeli plan by the Jewish agency for developing the Old city of Jerusalem to construct a "touristic path" that will link the Islamic neighborhood with Jewish neighborhood inside the Old City of Jerusalem. Al Qud (February 7, 2007).
  - The Israeli Jerusalem Municipality started cancelled previously issued housing licenses to Palestinians in Jerusalem city under the pretext of being issued illegally. Al Quds (February 11, 2007).
  - Settlers from Pisgat Ze'ev settlement aggressed on Palestinian properties in Beit Hanina city in Jerusalem. Settlers broke Cars' windows, threw stones at houses and caused a state of panic and fear among residents. Al Quds (February 14, 2007).
  - Plans by Ateret Kohanim movement to dig a tunnel that will link Tsedikyahu cave in Bab Al 'Amoud neighborhood and Hetzlam house in the Islamic neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem. The tunnel is planned to extend a length of tens of meters. Haaretz (February 17, 2007).
  - The Israeli authorities have issued an order to the village of Bir Nabala, located north of Jerusalem on the way to Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, to clear their park. The Israeli notification has given the council of Bir Nabala 45 days to oppose the plan. It is not known what the Israeli authorities have planned for the plot, which is located close to the separation wall. Maan (February 19, 2007).

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- The Israeli Occupation forces handed out resident of Ras Khamis Neighborhood a new military order to reroute the path of the segregation Wall in the area. The new adjustment will exclude ten Palestinian houses to be located on the West Bank side of the wall. Al Quds (February 22, 2007).
- An Israeli plan to build a synongue in Bab Al Qattaneen area in the old city of Jerusalem on the remains of the Israeli Legislative court with the finance of a number of Israeli settlers' leaders, Knesset members and Israeli business men. If applied, this will be considered as the second synongue to be built inside the old city of Jerusalem. Wafa (February 26, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished two residential barracks belonging to Arab Al Jahaleen residents in the area between Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar settlements established on lands of Al Ezariah east of Jerusalem city. The barracks belong to 'omar Muhammad Mansour Al Saray'a and are a home to 7 people. Al Quds & Wafa (February 27, 2007).
- The Israeli Government promotes a preliminary plan to build a neighborhood of 11,000 units for the ultra-Orthodox near the East Jerusalem airport which is considered the largest building project over the Green Line in Jerusalem since the 1967 Six-Day War. The plan also includes the construction of a tunnel under a Palestinian neighborhood to connect the new quarter to one of the settlements in the Beit El area east of Ramallah. The new neighborhood is to be built close to the separation wall near the Qalandyia airport which separates the Palestinian neighborhoods of north Jerusalem from Ramallah. The plan proposes connecting the new neighborhood to the ultra-Orthodox settlement of Kochav Yaakov east of Ramallah, which is at present outside the planned route of the separation wall. To this end, a tunnel a few hundred meters long would be dug beneath the .Palestinian village of Aqab and under the separation wall. Haaretz (February 28, 2007). [For more information, click here](#)
- Israeli Occupation forces handed out Al Commodore Hotel owners in Al Suwana neighborhood in Jerusalem city a military order to close the Hotel under the pretext of carrying out activities considered out of its normal course. Wafa (February 28, 2007).

- The Israeli Occupation Army handed out residents of El Ezariyeh and At-Tur cities, Palestinian suburbs southeast of occupied East Jerusalem city, a map showing a network of roads to be constructed on lands belongs to the two communities. According to the analysis of the Israeli map conducted by the GIS unit at the Applied Research Institute – Jerusalem (ARIJ), the road network will extend a total length of 13 km starting east of El Ezariyeh at the intersection to bypass road number 417 that leads to Ma'ale Adumim settlement, after which, the road starts shaping westward to At-Tur lands near the Israeli bypass roads number 1. The planned road network will confiscate a total of 809 dunums of lands of the two communities for the route of the road; 567 Dunums of which belong to El Ezariyeh where the bypass road is set to run a length of 9 kilometers, while the remaining 242 Dunums will come from At-Tur where the bypass road will extend a length of 4 kilometers. ARIJ (February 28, 2007). [For more information, click here](#)

## Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation forces handed out residents of Wad Rahhal south of Bethlehem city, four military warnings to stop construction in four houses in the village under the pretext of being without a permit. Al Quds (February 1, 2007). [For more information, click here](#)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the house of Yacoob Saliba Qanawati in Bethlehem and caused damages to the properties. Wafa (February 5, 2007).
- The IOF issued an order to stop construction in Wad Rahal village south of Bethlehem city against a 50 m<sup>2</sup> house and a cement wall for reportedly being built without a permit. OCHA weekly report (February 10, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation Forces obstructed the movement of Palestinians who were trying to access a temporary checkpoint set by the Israeli soldiers at the main entrance of Janata village southeast of Bethlehem city. Residents were forced to wait for long hours of time until they were finally allowed to pass. Wafa (February 10, 2007).
- The IDF issued two orders to stop construction in Harmala village (Bethlehem) against two houses OWNED BY Ahmad Az Zeir and Ali Ahmad Az Zeir for reportedly being built without a permit. OCHA

weekly report (February 13, 2007). [For related information, click here](#)

- Israeli Occupation Forces handed out residents of Battir village west of Bethlehem city a new military order to confiscate 17 dunums of land for military purposes and to construct the Segregation Wall on lands of the village. Al Quds (February 16, 2007).
- The IDF demolished six animal pens in Arab Ar-Rashayida (Bethlehem) allegedly for being built without a permit in Area C. OCHA Weekly Report (February 22, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation forces broke into Al Khleifat neighborhood east of Bethlehem and broke into a number of Palestinian houses. Among the houses, the following owners were known; Mahmoud Ibayat, Tareq Soboh, Tareq, Ahmad and Ziyad Khleif, Naser Id'eis, Taysir Al Gharseh, Ahmad Al Shamali, and Ayman Al Farrar and gave them notices to attend the District Coordination Office in Bethlehem – Kfar Etzion for investigation. Wafa (February 25, 2007).
- Land leveling continues in the wall section of Um Salamuna and Wad Rahhal villages south of Bethlehem city commencing the implementation of phase 1 of the wall. So Far, 1500 vine trees and 1200 Olive trees were either uprooted or destroyed for implementing phase one of the Israeli Segregation wall. Al Quds (February 27, 2007).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished without pre-notification the wall surrounding the house of George Farah Al A'raj located on the road leading to Talitha Qumi School where the wall will be constructed. The wall was demolished due to its location objecting the path of the Israeli Segregation Wall. Al Quds (February 28, 2007).
- The IDF submitted 11 demolition orders to the owners of houses and Seasonally-occupied rooms in Khallet Sakariya (Bethlehem). The new demolition orders were issued under the pretext of building in Area C without having the proper permit. Among the owners, the following were known: Ibrahim Atallah and his sons. OCHA & Wafa (February 28, 2007).

## **Ramallah**

- Israeli forces closed the entrance to the village of Turmus 'Ayya, north Ramallah, with several military vehicles, and prevented Palestinians from entering or leaving the village, until they had been searched. Maan

(February 5, 2007).

- Israeli Occupation Forces handed out residents of 'Aboud village north of Ramallah city a new military order to confiscate an area of 465 square meters from the village to construct a military watch tower at the main entrance of village. The IOF gave residents of the village three days to object the military order. Wafa (February 6, 2007). [Click here for related information.](#)
- The Israeli forces broke into Al-Bireh town and besieged the house Wisam Al Rafidi and severely destroyed the properties and burnt the first floor. The IOF also broke into the house of Hassan Abu 'Ali Mizien, who is currently living in the United States of America, and blew up one of its rooms, before then withdrawing from the house. Al Quds & Maan (February 8, 2007).
- Construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages. OCHA Weekly Reports (February 13, 2007)
- Construction continues near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around Ateret settlement. The land was earlier requisitioned by the IDF and belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages. OCHA Weekly Reports (February 13, 2007)
- The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira village is complete between Beit Sira and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed. OCHA Weekly Reports (February 13, 2007)
- Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Aboud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements. OCHA Weekly Reports (February 13, 2007)
- A group of Israeli settlers from Hallamish settlement backed by Israeli soldiers broke into the land of Mahmud Ahmad Nasar, almost 30 Dunums (30 km<sup>2</sup>), in the village of Deir Nidham, west of Ramallah and stole more than 50 olive trees and destroyed the land. It is worth mentioning that Hallamish settlers have prevented landowners from entering their lands for more than 2 years, except in olive-picking season. Maan (February 14, 2007).

- In Kharayib Umm al Lahim (Ramallah), the Israeli Occupation Forces demolished a Palestinian house belonging to Muhammad Ibrahim Al Faqeeh allegedly for lack of a building permit as they claimed it is in Area 'C'. Twelve people were displaced as a result including ten children. OCHA weekly report (February 21, 2007).
- Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished a poultry farm belonging to Rabah Naji Zayed in Beit Ikhsa village northwest of Jerusalem city. Al Quds (February 22, 2006). [Click here for related information.](#)
- The Supreme Planning Council for Judea and Samaria legalized the largest-ever illegal construction project in the West Bank. Part of the project is situated on private land, which belongs to Palestinian residents of the village of Bil'in. The project calls for the construction of 42 buildings containing approximately 1,500 apartments. The buildings, already in various stages of construction, are in the neighborhood of Matityahu East, which is located in the large ultra-Orthodox settlement of Modi'in Illit. Haaretz (February 25, 2007).

## Qalqilyia

- The Israeli Occupation forces closed the Iron Gate installed at the only entrance of Azzun Al Atmeh village, south of Qalqilyah city and prohibited Palestinians from passing through. Wafa (February 6, 2007). [Click here for related information](#)
- The Israeli authorities issued 2 orders to demolish two barracks in the village of Jinsafut, located east of Qalqilyah city and adjacent to the illegal Israeli settlement of Immanuel. The barracks belong to Yousef Muhammad Sukkar and his brother Sadiq. It is worth mentioning that the 2 barracks were built 10 years ago and were used as poultry and cattle farms. If demolished, Mr. Yousef Sukkar and his brother will lose a total of two million NIS (~US \$470,600). The farms have more than 100 cows and 150,000 birds. It also sustains eight other families, consisting of more than fifty members. Maan (February 7, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)
- The Israeli forces closed Habla Iron Gate, south of Qalqiyia city and hindered Palestinian vehicles from passing through. This closure

- disconnected the villages south of Qalqilyah from the city itself. Maan (February 8, 2007).
- Settlers from Karne Shomron and Ma'ale Shomeron settlements built on the lands of Kafr Laqif village, east of Qalqiliah city, prohibited Palestinian farmers from working in their lands located close to the two aforementioned settlements. Among the residents who were hindered from reaching his land, Mr. Ahmad Qaddora and owns 80 dunums of Land. Maan (February 8, 2007). [Click here for related information](#)
  - Israeli occupation forces broke into the building of the joint council for planning and development, in the northern West Bank town of Azzun east of Qalqilyah, and vandalized the property. It is worth mentioning that the council provides services to nine villages within the governorate. Maan (February 17, 2007).

## **Tubas**

- Israeli Occupation Forces erected one temporary checkpoint at Tammun Village entrance and obstructed the movement of Palestinians accessing the checkpoint on their way to their destinations. Wafa (February 9, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation Forces erected one temporary checkpoint north of 'Aqaba village in Tubas Governorate and hindered Palestinian residents from passing through. Wafa (February 10, 2007). [Click here for related article](#)
- Israeli soldiers manning Tayaseer Checkpoint east of Tubas city hindered Palestinian farmers from entering the northern valleys despite the valid permits they have to enter the area. Wafa (February 11, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)
- Israeli Occupation Bulldozers destroyed a piece of land planted with field crops in Wadi Al Maleh area, east of Tubas city under the pretext that the land falls within the Israeli "closed military area". Wafa (February 13, 2007).
- Israeli occupation forces have completed the installation of electronic inspection equipments at Tayaseer Checkpoint east of Tubas city. It is



worth mentioning that Tayaseer checkpoint witnessed construction activities in the last couple of months in an attempt to transfer it into a crossing border. More plans to construct a fence that will surround the crossing from all directions. Wafa (February 13, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)

- Israeli Occupation forces erected a temporary checkpoint opposite to Baqa'ot settlement east of Tubas city and obstructed the movement of Palestinians driving on this road. Wafa (February 14, 2007).
- Settlers of Maskiyot settlement stole six sheep from residents of Wadi Al Maleh east of Tubas city. Wafa (Hebron 15, 2007)
- Israeli occupation bulldozers are razing agricultural lands in Al Buqei'a Valley east of Tubas city to construct a trench that will extend a number of kilometers from Baqa'ot settlement to Al Hamra checkpoint. Wafa (February 21, 2007).
- The Israeli Occupation Forced completed the paving of a number of roads they constructed close to the new crossing border which is being constructed to replace Tayaseer checkpoint east of Tubas city. Wafa (February 25, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)
- Israeli Occupation forces intentionally destroyed vast areas of agricultural fields in Al Maleh and Al Qaba communities east of Tubas city while carrying out military training activities. Fields are cultivated with Beans and wheat. Wafa (February 26, 2007).

## Hebron

The Israeli occupation bulldozers broke into the house of Mujahed Badawi Masalmeh and carried out an intensive house search. Wafa (February 1, 2007).

- The IOF broke into the Islamic Charity society in Beit Ula village northwest of Hebron city, damaged the society's main door entrance in addition to four other doors, and confiscated the computer devices and other documents belonging to the society. Wafa (February 6, 2007).

- The Israeli occupation forces took over the house of Naser Al Tamimi in Al Hadadin Market close to the Ibrahimi Mosque and turned it into a military post. Wafa (February 8, 2007).
- The Israeli Occupation forces issued 17 military warnings to stop construction in 17 caves in Qassa Hamlet housing 230 inhabitants, west of Edhna city, west of Hebron city. Caves belong to Ahmad Shehde Hamed Waredat, Izzat Muhammad Abu Sa'doun, Yousif Abdel Qader Al Nattah, 'Aref Muhammad Ahmad Abu Sa'doun, and salem Ahmad An Nattah. Wafa (February 8, 2007).
- Israeli occupation forces handed out residents of Farsh Al Hawa area west of Hebron city a military order number (7/5/T) which stipulates the confiscation of 400 square meters of land for military purposes, mainly to construct a military site to overlook bypass road number 35. Land belongs to Yacob Salman Al Qawasmi. Wafa (February 8, 2007). [Click here for related info](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed lands of Farsh Al Hawa west of Hebron city to construct a military watch tower on the land. Land belongs to Mr. Yacob Salman Al Qawasmi. Wafa (February 12, 2007). [Click here for related info](#)
- Settlers of Kiryat Arba' and under the cover of Israeli soldiers planted tens of dunums of Palestinian lands in Jales Mountain located close to Kiryat Arba' Settlement, east of Hebron City with forestry trees in an attempt to take over the land and annex it to Kiryat Arba' settlement. Lands belong to families of Jaber, Al Lidawi and Al Zour . It is worth mentioning that targeted lands amount to 100 dunums. Settlers of Kiryat arba's have previously carried out some provocative activities on this specific piece of land for the same purpose. Wafa (February 12, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers stated razing lands of Um Al Tal'a in Beit Ummer north of Hebron city to construct a new bypass road that will connect this area with Migdal 'Oz settlement. Lands belong to Muhammad Zeidan Abu 'Ayyash, Fayeq Hasan Abu 'Ayyash and is estimated at tend sof dunums. Wafa (February 13, 2007).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished six houses in the tiny villages of Mneizel and Qwies, near Hebron, claiming that they were "not licensed". It is worth mentioning that Israeli authorities prohibit the

- establishment of any residential building in the area, because it lies near the Israeli settlement of "Asfer". The houses demolished were roofed with tin, and were used by Palestinian farmers for residence and as sheep stables." Among the owners, the following were known: 'Eid Salem Rashid and Mahmoud Abu Qbeitah. Wafa & Maan (February 14, 2007).
- Over 20 Israeli settlers, including women and children, from the Israeli settlement of Abraham Avino have forcibly taken control of an old deserted Palestinian house, near the vegetable market in the southern west bank city of Hebron, aiming to settle there. Despite being outside of the Israeli settlement, Palestinians have been removed from the adjoining vegetable market area of the Old City, in the H2 section of Hebron, which is directly under Israeli military control. Maan (February 14, 2007).
  - The Israeli Occupation forces broke into Al Ihsan Charity society in Hebron city and caused severe damages to the properties after confiscating documents belonging to the society. Al Quds (February 15, 2007).
  - A group of Israeli settlers from Susia settlement uprooted 50 Olive Trees from Susia village east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. Wafa ( Hebron 15, 2007)
  - The Israeli army invaded Taffuh village west of Hebron and besieged the Taffuh charitable society building, before seizing all the charity's files, computers and equipment under the pretext that the society's practices illegal activities which endanger the security of the region, despite the fact that the society receives USAID funds and offers humanitarian services to the local residents such as kindergartens, medical care and care of orphans. Maan (February 15, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation forces broke into the Islamic charity society in Dura village south of Hebron city and confiscated a number of Computer devices, a copying machine, a Fax and some documents belonging to the society. The IOF caused severe damages to the properties inside and destroyed the door entrances of the society. Wafa (February 17, 2007).

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- A group of Israeli settlers attempted to demolish a number of commercial stores in the Old city of Hebron, near Abraham Avini settlement. Wafa (February 19, 2007).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers have attacked into Al Aqbat mosque in the old city of Hebron. The mosque has been closed by the Israeli authorities since the beginning of the second Intifada in September 2000. Maan (February 19, 2007).
- The Israeli occupation forces issued a new military order number 59/167 which stipulates the confiscation of 665 square meters of lands of Beit Ummer north of Hebron city to establish a waster water treatment plan. Land belongs to Mahmoud Abdel Rahman Atieh Al Hamed and is located close to Karmeï Zur settlement. Wafa (February 20, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation forces forced a number of Palestinian residents to close their commercial stores in Al Qazazeen neighborhood in Hebron Old city for security reasons. Among the owners, the following were known: Abdel Hafith Al Bakri, Musallam Al Muhtaseb and Taha As Sayed Ahmad. Wafa (February 21, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 3 agricultural houses in Idhna village west of Hebron city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Properties belong to Mahmoud Hussein An Nattah, Ibrahim Hashem Al Batran, and Abdel Hamid Salem Abu Juheisheh. In another incident, The IO bulldozers demolished 3 other barracks used as cattle and poultry farms in Ar Ras area. Wafa (February 22, 2007).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Avigal settlement uprooted 30 Olive trees in Um Al Shaqhan area in Yatta town south of Hebron city which belong to Yousif Jabarin after one day of planting them. Settlers' violation came as an attempt to take over the land which is located very close to the location of the settlement. In another incident, the IOF hindered Palestinian land owners from planting their lands in Zeif area east of Yatta town due to its location close to Avigal settlement. Wafa (February 25, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers started razing tens of dunums of lands in Huraibeh hamlet south of Beit 'Awwa town along side the bypass road that links the Israeli Segregation Wall path with the established Israeli settlements in that area. Razing activities are taking place to expand the Israeli bypass road by 40 meters more and to install barbed wires on both

- sides of the bypass road. Lands razed are estimated at 100 dunums and is owned by the families of Al Suweit and Masalma. Lands are cultivated with Olive trees. Wafa (February 25, 2007).
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked two Palestinian houses in the old city of Hebron owned by Mufeed Al Sharabati and Jamila Al Shalaldah and caused damages to the properties. Wafa (February 25, 2007).
  - A group of Israeli settlers living in caravans belonging to Sham'a settlement in As Simou' area south of Hebron city harassed against 3 Palestinian farmers while they were grazing their sheep in the fields close to the area where the caravans are set. Wafa (February 28, 2007).

## Nablus

- The Israeli Occupation forces bombed the house of Al Ratroot Family in Hettin Street in Nablus city and caused severe damages to the properties. Al Quds (February 1, 2007).
- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint east of Nablus city, close to Al Bathan Village and obstructed the movement of Palestinian using the road. Wafa (February 1, 2007). [Click here for related information](#)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces installed electronic gates at Beit Iba checkpoint, at the western entrance of Nablus city. Accordingly, Palestinian residents were subjected to thorough inspection and caused a delay to those heading to their destinations. Wafa (February 4, 2007). [Click here for related information](#)
- Israeli forces continued to expand the Huwwara military checkpoint south of Nablus. The working group had built a large roundabout near the checkpoint, which is 100 meters away from Huwwara refugee camp. The Israeli soldiers on the checkpoint prevented citizens who hold Jerusalem IDs and Israeli IDs from entering the city of Jerusalem. The thorough searching procedures of the soldiers delayed the citizens' movement, many of whom were attending their places of employment. Maan (February 7, 2007). [Click here for related information](#)
- Israeli bulldozers continue to carry out work on expanding the checkpoint of Huwwara, located south of Nablus in the north of the occupied West Bank. This checkpoint is being expanded to the east and

- south of the existing checkpoint. It is believed that the checkpoint may be transformed into a large military-controlled crossing. Maan (February 9, 2007).
- IOF erected a temporary checkpoint on the road way between Nablus and Al Bathan and detained hundreds of Palestinian cars and caused delays to residents who were driving on the way. Wafa (February 10, 2007).
  - At Huwwara checkpoint, the Israeli Occupation forces blocked Palestinians from passing through Huwwara and Za'atara checkpoints, south of Nablus, preventing more than 90 Palestinian teachers from going to schools, which are located in southeastern areas of Nablus, severely hindering the functioning of schools in the area. Maan (February 11, 2007).
  - Israeli soldiers manning Za'atara checkpoint, east of Salfit, stopped Nablus identity cards holders and prohibited them from passing through the checkpoint. The soldiers also detained a number of Palestinian vehicles and searched them meticulously, severely delaying the movement of the car drivers and passengers. The police issued fines to people with Palestinian cars who were attempting to pass through the checkpoint. Maan (February 13, 2007).
  - The Israeli Occupation Forces relocated the checkpoint located in Majdal village southeast Nablus city to a place close to 'Aqraba village southeast Nablus city. Residents under 35 years old were hindered from passing through the checkpoint. In addition, 6 families from Al 'Irfan and Al Taweel areas were notified to evacuate their barracks and move from the area under the pretext that these areas were previously confiscated by the Israeli forces, two of which are from Yanun village. Wafa (February 13, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation forces erected three watch towers of ten meters high near the Za'atara checkpoint, south of Nablus city north of the West Bank. The towers were erected on the hills in the area so it is possible to monitor a vast area. Maan (February 13, 2007).
  - The IOF uprooted and confiscated 800 olive trees and 300 almond trees (covering 38 dunums of land) belonging to a Palestinian farmer from Beit Dajan. The IOF requisitioned the land in 1987 while the owner was

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- abroad; when he came back in 2001 he planted the land. OCHA Weekly report (February 13, 2007).
- The IOF replaced the road blocks with a metal gate at the western entrance of Sarra village which connects the village with Jit junction. OCHA Weekly report (February 14, 2007).
  - Settlers from Yitzhar settlement uprooted 100 new planted olive trees and cut down another 70 trees in Madama village south of Nablus city. OCHA Weekly report (February 17, 2007).
  - Israeli military forces have further tightened their measures at the Zatar checkpoint, east of Salfit, and the Huwwara checkpoint, south of Nablus. The Israeli soldiers at Zatar checkpoint prohibited Palestinians from Jenin and Tulkarem less than 30 years of age, from passing the checkpoint. Troops were also checking and searching the citizens at the checkpoint in a provocative manner. Israeli soldiers stationed at Huwwara checkpoint banned Arab Israelis from entering Nablus city. Israeli soldiers fixed a sign to the checkpoint stating that Arab citizens of Israel are not allowed to enter the city. Maan (February 18, 2007).
  - The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers started razing vast areas of lands from Burin Village south of Nablus city in an attempt to annex it to the Israeli military base established east of Huwwara checkpoint. Wafa (February 18, 2007).
  - Israeli forces have continued the expansion of Huwwara checkpoint, south of Nablus, in the occupied Palestinian West Bank. They have extended the checkpoint from several directions for the second consecutive week. Huge vehicles dug in the area from the eastern side of the checkpoint and put in the foundations for iron poles, while other vehicles flattened the land ready to be paved over. The extension and construction is being carried out under the guise of protecting the soldiers at the checkpoint. Maan (February 20, 2007).
  - A number of Israeli military jeeps broke into Rafeidya hospital, south of Ramallah city, and stole a Kalashnikov rifle from a security guard at gunpoint. Maan (February 24, 2007).
  - The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers started razing lands and uprooting Olive trees belonging to Sulaiman Qasem Sa'ed Najjar in Burin Village south of Nablus city in an attempt to expand Bracha illegal settlement established on lands of the village. Israeli Bulldozers also razed 20

- dunums of lands east of Huwwara checkpoint in an attempt to create a geographical contiguity between the checkpoint and the nearest Israeli military base. Lands belong to Mustafa Yaseen Najjar, Latifa Muhammad 'Abed Musa, Taher Muhammad Najjar, Saleh Qasem Najjar, Taher Isma'il, Khaleel Qasem, 'Iesha Najjar and Qasem Najjar. Wafa (February 24, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation forces bombed the house of in the Old city of Nablus and another abandoned house in the same area. Wafa (February 24, 2007).
  - During the Israeli incursion into Nablus city, the Israeli Forces demolished: one house completely with explosives leaving one family (3 persons) homeless in Nablus old city and is owned by Basem Abu Seriyeh, a first floor apartment with explosives in a two-storey building and demolished one room in another house in Nablus old city (both uninhabited), and one coffee shop in the old city and one apartment in al Makhfiya area outside the Old City were burnt when the Israeli Forces used fire grenades. Many doors and walls of houses and stores were damaged as well during the military operation. Wafa & OCHA Weekly Report (February 25, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation forces broke into Al Sanabal TV station in the Old city of Nablus and stole the contents of the station. Wafa (February 26, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation forces bombed at Al Sal'ous building in Al Makhfieh neighborhood in Nablus city after forcing its residents to evacuate the building. Wafa (February 26, 2007).
  - Israeli occupation forces took over Thafer Al Masri School for males and Jamal Abdel Naser School for females in the Old city of Nablus and turned them into detention centers. In another incident, Israeli occupation forces set fire into the house of 'Allam Tbeileh in Rafidia neighborhood after forcing its residents to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Wafa (February 26, 2007).

### **Salfit**

- Israeli Occupation forces handed out residents of Bruqin and Kafr Ad Dik a military order to confiscate 404.6 dunums of their lands for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. The military order holds



number 07/01/T and will result in the isolation of thousands of dunums behind its path in the Governorate. Wafa (February 9, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)

- Israeli soldiers manning Deir Ballut military checkpoint located west of Salfit city, issued fines to tens of Taxi drivers. Fines reached to 1000 NIS. Al Quds (February 27, 2007). [Click here for related information](#)

## Jenin

- Israeli Occupation Forces erected two temporary checkpoints at the southwestern entrance of Arraba village, southwest Jenin city and carried out thorough inspections procedures against Palestinian residents who were trying to access the checkpoints. Wafa (February 9, 2007).
- Israeli military forces have set up a temporary checkpoint in the Al Kufair area, north of Tubas. Hundreds of Palestinians and their cars have been prevented from passing. The IO forces searched their cars invasively, after detaining the citizen's identity cards, forcing many drivers to return the way they had came, prohibiting them from crossing the checkpoint. Maan (February 10, 2007).
- IOF continue closing the Iron Gate constructed at the western entrance of Ya'bud village southwest Jenin city for the fifth month on row. Wafa (February 12, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 9 animal pens and 2 residential tents in Mariha village west of Jenin city. The tents were a shelter to 2 families, 10 persons. Barracks belong to residents Nawwaf Hamduni (3 barracks), kayed Hamduni (4 barracks) and Tawfeeq Hamdoni and Mustafa Abu Rmeileh (4 barracks). Wafa (February 14, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation forces erected four temporary checkpoints in various places in Jenin Governorate; the first was constructed at the eastern entrance of Beir Al Basha village, another was constructed on Jenin Nablus Roadway, while two other temporary checkpoints were erected east of Fahmeh village southwest of Jenin city. Wafa (February 21, 2007).
- Israeli military forces raided the city of Jenin and the neighboring town of Zababda, south of Jenin city, and besieged a residential building for

- students of the American university. The soldiers forced the students to evacuate the building and interrogated them, searched the building and prohibited the students from re-entering the building until dawn. Meanwhile, Israeli troops invaded the city of Jenin from the east, and stationed themselves at the entrance of Jenin refugee camp. Maan (February 24, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation Forces attacked an under-construction building in 'Arraba village southwest of Jenin city and transformed it into a military post. Wafa (February 26, 2007).
  - The Israeli Occupation forces handed out residents of Ya'bud, Barta'a and Zabda villages in Jenin city a new military order to confiscate 198.4 dunums of lands for the construction of a new bypass road that will extend 9.3 kilometers length on lands of the three aforementioned villages. Land owners have the right to object the military order within seven days from the issuance date of the order. In another incident, the IOF handed out resident Tayseer Al 'Abadi a military order to confiscate 400 square meters piece of land located alongside Jenin- Tulkarem roadway for the installation of water pipelines to Mevo Dotan settlement. Wafa (February 27, 2007).

## **Tulkarem**

- The Israeli occupation forces broke into the houses of Naser 'Othman and Mujahed Al Hareth from Tulkarem Refugee Camp and caused damages to the properties. Wafa (February 5, 2007).
- The Israeli Occupation forces broke into Irtah, a rural suburb of Tulkarem and carried out an extensive search of a number of houses and farms. The IOF were also reported to confiscate beehives. Maan (February 8, 2007).
- Israeli forces have again intensified their measures against Palestinians in the northern areas of the West Bank, imposing further military checkpoints, prohibiting Palestinians from traveling to reach work, university, family homes and marketplaces. The Israeli military have erected a temporary checkpoint at the main entrance of 'Attil, north of Tulkarem, and prevented citizens, coming from the northern villages, from reaching the city. The IOF also banned Palestinians less than 30 years

- of age from passing through 'Anabta checkpoint, east of Tulkarem in both directions, forcing students to follow mountain roads to get to University. Maan (February 10, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation forces invaded the area of Shweika, north of Tulkarem, exploded doors and gates, and launched a campaign of search and inspection into a number of garages and workshops. Materials and paints were reported seized from the workshops. Maan (February 13, 2007).
  - An amendment of an Israeli military order number 77-5/T was handed out to residents of villages located close to Avnei Hefetz and Enav settlements. Wafa (February 15, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation Forces surveyed six Palestinian house in their under construction phase in Far'oun village in Tulkarem Governorate. Owners of the house were warned at an earlier time to stop construction in these houses due to wall constructions being carried out on lands of the village. Wafa (February 21, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation forces broke into Far'oun village south of Tulkarem and took over the houses of Muneer Abdullah and saleem Al 'Asi. It is worth mentioning that these houses are threatened of demolishing due to their closeness to the path of the Israeli Segregation Wall. Wafa (February 26, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation Forces started demolishing the houses of Shaker Mahmoud Budeer, Mufeed Kamel Budeer, Riyad Isma'el 'Omar and 'Uthman Zaki 'Arafat, Fareed Abdel Jabbar and Mahmoud Salem Farkh in Far'oun village south of Tulkarem city. Wafa (February 26, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)
  - The Israeli Last incursion to Nablus Old City caused severe damages to 150 Palestinian houses and commercial stores, out of which 30 and 20 commercial stores were severely damaged by the bombing the city received. Wafa (February 27, 2007).

## Gaza

- The Israeli government has decided to start measures to change the Erez/ Beit Hanoun border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Israel into an international crossing and to declare the Gaza Strip as unoccupied

- territory since February 1, 2007. Maan (February 13, 2007).
- According to the research by the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem, since June 2006, Israel has forbidden all boats, including the movement of fishing boats, off the coast of the Gaza Strip. The prohibition has seriously harmed the fishing sector, which provides a livelihood for many residents of the Strip. Fishermen who violate the prohibition risk being shot at by Israeli Navy craft. Maan (February 26, 2007).
  - Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed vast areas of lands east of Beit Hanoun city which belong to Al Qurra Family. Wafa (February 28, 2007).

## Others

- The Israeli Ministry of interior endorsed a plan to expand Ma'ale Yousif region in the Western Galil on 2800 dunums of lands belonging to a number of unrecognized villages such as Kasra (Kafr Samee') and jet (Yanuh). Wafa (February 1, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities handed out residents of 'Amra village in the Negev 72 house demolition warnings. It is worth mentioning that a total of 172 house demolition warnings were handed out to residents of the Negev during the current week. Wafa (February 1, 2007).
- The Israeli court in the town of Ramla rejected a petition by the residents of Dahmash, a Palestinian village which lies between the Israeli cities of Lod and Ramla, a village which the Israelis do not recognize. The petition called for abolishing an order to demolish the only park in the village, under the pretext of it being founded on Israeli land. Residents of Dahmash village have also been fined 5000 New Israeli Shekels, around \$1,180 US. Maan (February 10, 2007).
- In a report issued by Peace Now organization showed that the number of Israeli settlers residing in illegal West Bank settlements grew by 5% in 2006 to approximately 270,000. This number does not include the number of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem. This rate of increase, which has remained steady in recent years, is 3 times higher than the rate inside Israel proper. PEACENOW explains, "The main growth in numbers is due to the movement of ultra orthodox families to like minded areas in the

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- occupied territories, and the large birth rate, which turn places like Modi'in Illit and Beitar Illit into the largest settlements in the West Bank." In addition, PeaceNow estimates that the number of Israelis residing the so-called 'outposts', which are even deemed illegal under Israeli law, rose by approximately 2000 in 2006. Maan (February 22, 2007).
- The Israeli Authorities annihilated 3500 dunums of land planted with field crops in the Negev area in Israel and belong to the families of Al Zarqan, Al Boudor, and Qabou'a. Wafa (February 22, 2007).
  - In a report issued by 'Peace Now movement reveals that several illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank have annexed land from nature reserves for construction purposes. The findings are based on a comparison of aerial photographs of settlements and nature reserve maps. According to the report, the settlements have claimed a total of 1,900 dunums in land in this manner. Peace Now's report also found that, in the settlement of Karnei Shomron, for example (which is located in the Immanuel settlement 'finger' extending deep into the West Bank, east of Qalqilyah), 73 permanent structures were established within the confines of what is described as the 'Kaneh stream reserve'. In addition, the land of four outposts falls completely within the confines of nature reserves. The most significant of these is the outpost Alonei Shiloh in the Nablus region, which comprises of 44 structures. Maan & Haaretz (February 27, 2007).

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be dmeolished
Bethlehem	17	0	0	0	18
Jerusalem	0	807	0	1	1
Jenin	198.4	0	0	0	0
Tulkarem	0	0	0	6	6
Ramallah	0	0	0	1	0
Nablus	20	0	1270	6	0
Salfit	404.6	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0

Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyia	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	100	0	2080	6	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	740	807	3350	20	25

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