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Jerusalem

- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands near Al Magareba gate in Jerusalem city. Quds(Mar 1,2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a three – storey house belonging to Ibrahim Musa 'Abed Al Rahem Al 'Anaty in Al Tur neighborhood east of Jerusalem city, under the pretext of being built without a license. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a two – storey house owned by Hani Al Sayyad in same area, under the same pretext. Quds(Mar 1, 2007).
- Jerusalem Municipality issued an order to demolish Al Zahra' Mosque (180 m²) in Ras Al 'Amud neighborhood southeast of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being built without a license. Quds (Mar 4, 2007).

- The two- storey house of Ghalya family is threatened of demolition by the Israeli forces in in Jabal Al Tur east of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being built without a license. Wafa (Mar 6, 2007).
- Jerusalem Municipality and the Israeli Ministry of Interior postponed the implementation of military orders that stipulated the demolition of 470 Palestinian houses located in Al Tur area east of Jerusalem city until the end of this year (2007). Quds (Mar 7, 2007).
- The IOF agressed on the house of Muthfar Hassan Muhammad Abu Roomy in Al 'Ezariya village east of Jerusalem city, carried out an intensive house search and caused severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Mar 8, 2007).
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction is planning to construct a bridge linking the entrance of Al Mugrabi Gate with the Temple Mount in Jerusalem city. Haaretz (Mar 8,2007).
- The Israeli authorities handed out Palestinian families from Wadi Al Hummus area in Sur Bahir village to the southeast of Jerusalem city military warnings to demolish their houses under the pretext of being built without licenses. Among the owners, the following was known: Ahmad Khalil Mahmud 'Aton (200 m²). Wafa & Quds (Mar 12,2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a two-storey building belonging to Musa 'Atun in the Wadi Al Hummus area in Sur Bahir village southeast of Jerusalem city, under the pretext of being built without a license. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers demolished another house owned by Ali Isma'il Abu Sarhan in the area. Quds & Wafa(Mar 14,2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued the excavation works in the area of Al Magharbah Gate which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem . Wafa (Mar 19,2007).
- The IOF broke into Al Ram town to the north of Jerusalem city and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses, and caused severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Mar 20, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the 100 m² house of Muhammad Hanak and the house of Al Natsha family in Al Sheikh Jarah and Wadi Qaddum neighborhoods in Jerusalem city, under the pretext of being unlicensed. On the other hand, the Israeli authorities threatened to demolish the house of Sami Al Rigby from Silwan city under the pretext of being built without a license. Wafa (Mar 20, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities threatened to demolish 6 Palestinian houses and part of Burj Al Laqlaq in Bab Hatta neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem . Quds (Mar 29,2007) .

Bethlehem

- The Israeli forces broke into the village of Beit Fajjar , to the south of Bethlehem city and aggressed on Al 'Zakat' committee and a kindergarten and caused severe damages to the properties. Ma'an news (Mar 7, 2007).
- The IOF completely closed Dar Al Qur'n headquarter and Kindergarten in Al Khader town to the west of Bethlehem city causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa & Quds (Mar 7, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands in Umm Salamuna village to the south of Bethlehem , in order to construct the Segregation wall. Ma'an news (Mar 8, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities handed out residents of Beit Jala city an extension to military order # (99/ 04/ T) issued on December 30, 2004 and stated the confiscation of 3 dunums of Beit Jala lands to construct a military road. Quds (Mar 15, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of Da'oud Sbeih Rabay'a in Al 'Ubeidiya town east of Bethlehem city. Wafa (Mar 21, 2007).

Ramallah

- The Israeli authorities handed out military warnings to several numbers of landowners in Al Beira city south of Ramallah to confiscate lands located in the area of Wadi Al 'Ein adjacent to the settlement of Pesagot southeast of Ramallah city. Quds (Mar 5, 2007).
- The IOF broke into the Palestinian military intelligence headquarters in Um al Sharayet neighborhood southwest of Ramallah city, seized legal weapons, destroyed offices, and caused severe damages to the properties. Quds (Mar 8, 2007).
- The Israeli forces stepped up their military procedures at 'Atara checkpoint, north of Ramallah city in the occupied West Bank . The Israeli soldiers strictly checked ID cards' car permits. Ma'an news (Mar 13, 2007).
- The IOF staged into Surda village to the north of Ramallah city and took over the house of Sami Yusef Hussein. Wafa (Mar 13, 2007).
- The IOF staged into Ramallah city and closed two Palestinian associations and another center for two years, and caused severe damages to the properties. Quds(Mar 19,2007) .

Qalqilyia

- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqilyia city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinians heading to their destinations. Wafa (Mar 3, 2007).
- The IOF staged into Jayyus town northeast of Qalqilyia city and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses, causing severe damages to the properties. Maan (Mar 7, 2007).

- The Israeli forces erected a checkpoint at the eastern entrance of Qalqilyah city. Maan news (Mar 9, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities issued military order # (95/20/T) to confiscate 17 dunums and 400 square meters from the lands of Qalqilya city and Azzun town east of the city to expand the military point located at the eastern entrance of the city. Wafa (Mar 13, 2007).
- The IOF erected two temporary checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances of Qalqiliya city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinians. Wafa (Mar 17, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the 350 square meters house of Bassam Musa Yameen in Jit town to the east of Qalqiliya city, under the pretext of being built without licenses. Wafa & Quds (Mar 20, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished an agricultural shed belonging to Mohammed Hassan Mara'beh in the village of Ras 'Atiya, southeast of Qalqiliya city. The village of Ras 'Atiya is one of 6 villages in Qalqilia governorate that is located behind the Segregation wall path. Wafa & Ma'an news (Mar 21, 2007).
- Israeli authorities endorsed an order to confiscate 80 dunums of Palestinian land in the towns of Jayyus and Azzun north of Qalqilia city to construct a new section of the Segregation Wall. Ma'an news & Wafa (Mar 25, 2007).

Tubas

- Israeli occupation forces commenced their militarized training activities in Khirbet Samara east of Tubas city. Wafa (Mar 6, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued digging trenches in Al Beqa'a Ash Sharqiya area east of Tubas city to establish an infrastructure for future Israeli settlements in the area. Wafa (Mar 6, 2007).

- The Israeli forces at Tayasir checkpoint east of Tubas city prevented Palestinian farmers from transferring seedlings to Wadi Al Malih area east of the city at favor of cultivating the lands. Wafa(Mar 7,2007).
- Several numbers of caravans were added to the Israeli southern settlements in the valleys. Wafa (Mar 8, 2007).
- The IOF hindered Palestinian landowner s from accessing their agricultural lands in Wadi Al Malih area east of Tubas city, claiming that they are not residents of the area. Wafa (Mar 10, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of Palestinian agricultural lands in Um Al Qba area in Madarib Al Malih North of the Jordan Valley .Wafa (March 14, 2007).
- The IOF prevented Palestinian cars from accessing road # 90 near the Jordan River east of Tubas city. Quds (Mar 14, 2007).
- The IOF erected one temporary checkpoint at 'Aqqaba town entrance north of Tubas city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinians accessing the checkpoint to their destinations. Wafa (Mar 19, 2007).
- The IOF added several numbers of caravans in Al Hamamat region east of Tubas city. Wafa (Mar 19, 2007).
- The Israeli Army transferred Tayaseer checkpoint east of Tubas city into a crossing border. Wafa (Mar 19, 2007).
- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint at the entrance of Tammun town southeast of Tubas city. Wafa (Mar 20,2007).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces continued their militarized training activities at the eastern slopes of Tubas city. Wafa (Mar 21, 2007).
- The IOF completed the construction of a new road on Palestinian agricultural lands near the Israeli settlement of Beqa'ot east of Tubas city. Lands belong to residents of Tammun village southeast of Tubas city. Wafa (Mar 24, 2007).

- Settlers of Beqa'ot and Ro'i settlements southeast of Tubas city continued razing lands near the settlements to construct new infrastructure in the area. Wafa (Mar 25, 2007).
- The IOF continued adding caravans to Al Hamamat region east of Tubas city Wafa (Mar 31, 2007).

Hebron

- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint on the road connecting Dura and Adh Dhahiriya towns southwest of Hebron city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinians heading to their destinations. Wafa (Mar 1, 2007).
- The IOF broke into the Islamic charitable Society in Ash Shuyukh town east of Hebron city, and seized some of the charity's properties, causing severe damages. Wafa (Mar 4, 2007).
- Number of checkpoints in Al Karaj and Al Saray'a areas in Yatta town south of Hebron city, and hold up many Palestinian cars and obstructed their movement while heading to their destinations. Wafa (Mar 6, 2007).
- The IOF broke into Beit 'Awa town to the south of Hebron city and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses, caused severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Mar 10,2007)
- The Israeli authorities handed out families of al Rashaida, al Ka'abna, Saray'a and Ka'abnat Alro'in living in al Msafer area located between the towns of Yatta (south of Hebron city) and Bani Na'im east of the city military warnings to evacuate the area in order to build the segregation Wall. Wafa (Mar 11, 2007).
- The IOF broke into the village of Zif located on the southern slope of Mount Hebron and aggressed on its Mosque causing damages to the properties.Haaretz (Mar 13 , 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers issued two military orders stipulating the confiscation of 2 dunums of lands from Halhul town north of Hebron city,

in order to establish an Israeli military base and to construct a road connecting the military base with bypass road # 60. Among the owners, the following was known: Ali Musa Abu Yusef. Wafa (Mar 19, 2007).

- Dozens of settlers from Kiryat Arba settlement took over an unoccupied Palestinian building in Wadi Al Nasara neighborhood. The house belongs to Fayez Al Rujby, and is located on the main road between Kiryat Arba settlement and Hebron city. Haaretz & Wafa (Mar 19, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers completely demolished a two- storey house belonging to Ibrahim Hasouna Abu Yusif in Halhul town north of Hebron city and turned it into a heap of rubble, under the pretext of being built without a license. In addition, two other Palestinian houses are threatened of demolition under the same pretext. Wafa & Maan (Mar 20, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing about 100 dunums of Palestinian agricultural lands in Adh Dhahiriya town south of Hebron city, in order to expand the Israeli stone crusher of Hagay. Among the owners, the following were known: Mahareb Salem Al Waredat and Mahmud Al Tukhman Al Waredat. Wafa & Quds (Mar 22, 2007).
- Israeli Occupation Forces obstructed the movement of Palestinians who were trying to access a temporary checkpoint set by the Israeli soldiers at one of Khursa village junctions southwest of Hebron city. The IOF stopped tens of Palestinian vehicles, and checked their ID cards. Wafa (Mar 24, 2007).
- More than 30 Israeli settlers from Negohot settlement to the west of Dura town south of Hebron city attacked the Palestinian houses in Khirbet Salama village located near the settlement, and caused severe damages to the houses and properties. Wafa & Quds (Mar 24, 2007).
- The IOF broke into Hebron city and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses, and caused severe damages. Wafa (Mar 27, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Karmeil Zur north of Hebron city prevented Palestinian farmers from Halhul town north of the city from accessing their 5 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Almond and Vine trees. Wafa (Mar 29, 2007).

Nablus

- The Israeli forces invaded El Far'a camp northeast of Nablus city and hindered residents from leaving their houses. Maan (Mar 1,2007) .
- The IOF broke into the neighborhoods of Al Qasariya, Al 'Aqaba and al Qayroun in Nablus city, took over several numbers of Palestinian houses and transformed them into military points. Quds(Mar 1, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing lands in Jabal Ebal north of Nablus city. It is worth mentioning that the site outlooks the western, eastern and southern parts of the city. Wafa (Mar 3,2007).
- The Israeli forces relocated Yezhar military checkpoint, just some 500 meters away from Huwwara checkpoint, to the south of Nablus city. Ma'an news (Mar 5, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces declared that Huwwara military checkpoint south of Nablus city as closed military zone. Wafa (Mar 7,2007).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Ras Al'ain, Tal'at al Tur, Khallet al 'Amoud neighborhoods and Tell Street in Nablus city, and took over several numbers of Palestine houses. Wafa(Mar 8,2007).
- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint near Al Badhan village northeast of Nablus city and detained a number of Palestinian cars, under the pretext of searching them. Wafa (Mar 8,2007).
- The IOF confiscated 100 dunums of Palestinian agricultural lands planted with Olive and Almond trees in Deir Al Hatab village east of Nablus city, according to military order # (144 / 05). The confiscated lands are located near Elon Moreh settlement east of the village, and belong to 'Abed Al Ghany 'Abed Al Rahem Al 'Hmad. Quds(Mar 13, 2007).
- The Israeli forces took over several numbers of houses in the Ma'ajin and Ras Al Ein areas west of Nablus city, and turned them into military posts. Maan & Quds(Mar 17,2007).

- The Israeli forces raided Balata refugee camp, east of Nablus city, erected temporary military posts and occupied several Palestinian houses. Ma'an (Mar 18, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Barqan Industrial zone southwest of Nablus city confiscated 188 dunums of Kifl Haris agricultural lands to expand the settlement boundaries. The confiscated lands belong to Suleiman Mahmud Shamlawy. Quds(Mar 20,2007).
- The Israeli Forces removed the cement blocks at the entrances of the old town of Nablus city. Quds (Mar 21, 2007).
- Dozens of Israeli military vehicles raided many neighborhoods in Nablus city and ransacked numerous Palestinian homes, turning them into military posts. Maan (Mar 21, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed more than 30 dunums of Palestinian agricultural lands surrounding Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city. The confiscated lands belong to residents of Burin village southwest of the city. Wafa (Mar 25, 2007).
- The IOF broke into the house of E'wyjaan family in Habla neighborhood in the old town of Nablus city and caused severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Mar 25, 2007).
- The IOF erected a military watch point at the entrance of Burqa village northwest of Nablus city and another one at the house of Sbeih Saif. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli settlers started razing lands inside the evacuated settlement of Homesh settlement that was established on Palestinian lands east of the village. Wafa (Mar 26, 2007).
- Tens of Israeli settlers from the evacuated settlement of Homesh northwest of Nablus city closed the main Water Tank installed inside the settlement and supplies water to residents of Silat adh Dhahr town, northwest of the city. In addition, the IOF took over several numbers of Palestinian houses located near the settlement and transformed them into military observation points. Among the owners, the following was known: Ma'mmon Abu Dyyak. Wafa(Mar 28,2007).

Salfit

- The IOF erected a number of checkpoints surrounding the villages of Haris, Deir Istiya and Wadi Qana north of Salfit city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinian residents. Wafa & Quds (Mar 5, 2007).
- The IOF erected one temporary checkpoint near Marda town to the north of Salfit city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinian citizens. Wafa (Mar 17, 2007).
- The IOF broke into Bruqin town east of Salfit city and erected one temporary checkpoint at the eastern entrance of the town. Wafa (Mar 23, 2007).

Jenin

- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of Palestinian agricultural lands planted with Olive trees in Ya'bud village southwest of Jenin city. The razing process is being carried out according to the military order that was issued on (Feb 27, 2007) and stipulates the confiscation of 199 dunums of lands for constructing an Israeli bypass road in the area. Wafa (Mar 6, 2007).
- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint at the entrance of 'Arraba village southwest of Jenin city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinians heading to their destinations. Wafa (Mar 6, 2007).
- The IOF uprooted tens of Olive trees near the Segregation Wall path in Zabuba village northwest of Jenin city. Quds (Mar 9, 2007).
- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint in Bier Al Basha village south of Jenin city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinians heading to their destinations. Wafa (Mar 10,2007).

- The Israeli authorities handed out 17 military warnings to the residents of Faqqu'a village northeast of Jenin city, in order to construct an agricultural road on 150 dunums of lands for the Israelis use. Quds(Mar 14,2007) .
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing vast areas of lands near the evacuated settlement of Tarselah south of Jenin city. In addition, the IOF constructed cement blocs on Jenin-Nablus roadway which obstructed the movement of the Palestinian residents. Wafa (Mar 10, 2007).
- The IOF broke into Kafr Dan village to the west of Jenin city, and caused severe damages to the electricity network and the Palestinian houses in the region. Wafa (Mar 28, 2007).
- The IOF erected a military point near 'Ajja village southwest of Jenin city. In addition, the IOF erected several numbers of temporary checkpoints at the southern entrances of Jenin city, and the villages of Fahma, Sanur, Mirka and Al Mansura. Quds (Mar 29, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished four Palestinian commercial stores in Barta'a Al Sharqiya village to the west of Jenin city, under the pretext of being built without license. These stores belong to Qabha family. Quds (Mar 29,2007).
- The Israeli forces staged into Kafr Dan town west of Jenin city, took over several numbers of houses and caused severe damages to the properties. Among the owners, the following were known: Mohammad Darwish, Saleh 'Ashour, Nesfat Nadaf, Hesham Mer'e and Yassen Mer'e. Wafa (Mar 30, 2007).

Tulkarem

- The IOF broke into Tulkarm refugee camp northeast of Tulkarm city, and took over the house of Saleh De'baas and caused severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Mar 1, 2007).

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- The IOF continued closing the Iron Gate # 708 installed west of Far'un village south of Tulkarm city, and prevented Palestinian farmers holding permits from accessing their agricultural lands located behind the Segregation Wall. Wafa & Quds(Mar 5,2007).
- The Israeli authorities prevented Palestinian farmers from Kafr Sur and khirbet Jubara villages south of Tulkarm city, from accessing their agricultural lands located behind the Segregation Wall. Wafa (Mar 7, 2007).
- Israeli soldiers started their militarized training activities, for the third time within two months, in Beit Lid town southeast of Tulkarm city, causing disturbance and fear to the residents. Wafa & Arabs 48 (Mar 16, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Avnei Hefetz southeast of Tulkarm city increased their aggressive activities against Palestinians properties in Shufa village southeast of the city. Wafa (Mar 19, 2007).
- The Israeli forces constructed several numbers of tents on hundreds of dunums of lands owned by residents of Burqa, Bizzariya, Al 'Attara and Kafr Rumman villages. Ma'an news (Mar 25, 2007).
- The IOF erected one temporary checkpoint on Bazzariya – Ramin roadway east of Tulkarm city, and obstructed the movement of Palestinian residents. Wafa (Mar 27, 2007).
- The Israeli army broke into the house of Sheikh Bilal Khamis Abu Sfeireh, in Tulkarm city, causing losses. Ma'an news(Mar 27,2007)

Gaza

- The Palestinian ministry of agriculture assured that the estimated losses of the agricultural sector reached to \$1 million US per day due to the Israeli closure of Karni crossing point. Maan (Mar 12, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers started leveling and razing vast areas of Palestinian lands in Al Buhiry and Abu Mandel areas east of Al Bureij camp south of Gaza city. Wafa (Mar 20, 2007).

Others

- The Israeli authorities demolished 15 houses, 11 tents and sheds in the unrecognized Bedouin village of At-Twayyil Abu-Grul to the north of Negev desert. Arabs 48(Mar 8, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities annihilated 1600 dunums of lands planted with field crops in the Negev belonging to a number of Palestinian families living in the area. Wafa (Mar 14, 2007).
- The Israeli Court of Haifa issued an order to demolish a road leading to the unrecognized Bedouin village of Dar Al Hanoun in Wade 'Ara, within 45 days, under the pretext of being built illegally. It is worth mentioning that the road reaches a length of 100 meters. Arabs 48 (Mar 21, 2007).
- The Israeli cabinet is expected to approve the construction of a town in the Negev to accommodate several army training camps currently based in the center of the country. The town will be built in the northern Negev , some 10 kilometers south of Ramat Hovav industrial zone. The town would be a home to seven camps currently located in central , accommodating over 10,000 soldiers. A train station would be built nearby. Haaretz(Mar 30,2007) .

Governorate	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	3	0	0	1	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	10	10

Jenin	150	0	0	0	0
Tulkarem	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	318	0	2750	0	0
Salfit	0	00	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyia	97	0	0	1	0
Hebron	102	0	0	2	2
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	670	0	2750	14	12

The Monthly overview report gives a list of the Israeli Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory which are based on reports provided by field workers and/or by one or more of the following news sources: Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, Al-Quds daily newspaper, Palestinian National Information Center, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, International Press Center, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Ma'an News Agency, and Yediot Achronot.

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