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### Jerusalem

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the third floor of a residential building owned by Talal Hamed Shweiky in 'Ein Al Lu'lu'a neighborhood in Silwan city under the pretext of being built without license; whereby, Jerusalem Municipality delayed the demolition of Nawal Al 'Abasy's house in Silwan city for five days under the same pretext. Quds (Aug 1, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)
- More than 200 Israeli settlers aggressed on the house of Salah Abu Isma'il in Beit Safafa neighborhood south of Jerusalem city and caused severe damages to the properties. The Israeli settler Isaac Hercovitsh claims ownership of the house whereby owners of the house have official papers that prove their ownership of the house since 1966. Arabs48 (Aug 1, 2007).

- Jerusalem Municipality is currently erecting a new bypass road # 20 which will connect Pisgat Zeev and Neve Yacouv settlements with bypass road # 443 leading to Tel Aviv. Palestinian residents living in the catholic complex have to take an alternative road to reach their destinations. Quds (Aug 3, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers are erecting a new highway that goes through the West Bank and Eastern Jerusalem and will be used by both Israeli's and Palestinians but separately. Quds (Aug 12, 2007).
- New constructions are taking place at the city of "Mamilla which includes new buildings, hotels, restaurants and parking lots. This area links Western Jerusalem with Eastern Jerusalem , the Armenian quarter and the Walling Wall. also plans to erect a new site near Zion Gate inside the old city of Jerusalem which will contain parking lots and housing complex. Quds (Aug 12, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities demolished the 50 m<sup>2</sup> third floor of the three-storey house of Samir Al Rewaidy in Silwan city in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (Aug 16, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)

The Israeli Army broke into the house of Wafa Hilmi Al Ajlouny in Az Z'ayem village east of Jerusalem city and caused losses to the properties. Quds (Aug 16, 2007).

- The Israeli Army and Jerusalem Municipality handed out military notice to resident Hassan Muhammad Hassan 'Atiq in Bab Hatta in the old city of Jerusalem to demolish the second floor of his house (120 m<sup>2</sup>). Quds (Aug 17, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers closed the entrance of Wad Abi Hindy in Abu Dis and As Sawahira Al Sharqiya cities with earth mounds. As a result, the road leading to 'Arab Al Saray'a, Al Hathalin and Al Jahalin School will be closed and people wont have access to their lands and school. Quds (Aug 17, 2007).
- The Israel Lands Administration (ILA) is working together with the Ateret Cohanim association to wrest from Palestinian landowners' control of 30

dunums (7.5 acres) of land in East Jerusalem and to transfer it to the association without a tender. Such is the claim outlined in a petition submitted two weeks ago to the High Court of Justice. The land in question, an olive grove called Kerem Hamufti (Karm Al Mufti), is in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. According to documents received by Haaretz newspaper, the ILA has signed a contract with Ateret Cohanim for "the agricultural cultivation" of the land, even though the association has no experience in such work. Haaretz (Aug 20, 2007).

- The Israeli Authorities officially announced that 2200 Palestinian buildings in Eastern Jerusalem are under the responsibility of the Custodian of Absentee Property. Quds (Aug 28, 2007).
- The IOF broke into Al Hakawaty Theater in Jerusalem city. Quds (Aug 31, 2007).

## **Bethlehem**

- The Israeli Army staged into Beit Sahour city and searched the Islamic school, another Palestinian house and a factory owned by Issa Abu 'Aitta. Wafa (Aug 2, 2007).
- The Israeli Supreme Court rejected the appeals filed by residents of umm Salmouna village and agreed on continuing the construction of the Segregation Wall in the area by confiscating more lands. Arabs48 (Aug 3, 2007). [Click here for related information](#)
- Tens of Israeli settlers and under the protection of Israeli Army staged into Khamat Al Quton area (Al Quton Hamlet) in Artas village and tried to take over 400 dunums of lands. Settlers also constructed a number of tents in an attempt to attach the land to the nearby settlement of Efrat. Quds (Aug 6, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)

- The Israeli bulldozers commenced the construction of the Segregation Wall section to the west of Cremisan Monastery in Beit Jala city, at borders with Al Walajeh village, from its eastern side. The IO bulldozers razed tens of forestry trees planted in the area where the razing process is taking place preparing for this new wall section to be constructed. It is worth mentioning that the Cremisan Monastery's Forest consists of almost 2200 trees which are threatened to be cut due to wall constructions taking place in the area. Wafa (Aug 15, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 10 dunums of lands near Za'tara bypass road east of Bethlehem city in an attempt to construct a new military base. Quds (Aug 23, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces staged into Khirbet Al Deir village (Ad Deir Hamlet) south of Bethlehem city and searched a number of Palestinian houses, causing damages to the places. Quds (Aug 27, 2007).

## **Nablus**

- The Israeli Army manning Al Bathan checkpoint northeast of Nablus city detained Palestinians for hours at the checkpoint and confiscated their car keys and hindered them from accessing Nablus city. Wafa (Aug 1, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities are currently expanding Huwwara prison near Nablus city. Quds (Aug 8, 2007).

- The Israeli Army set fire into 5 dunums of lands planted with 130 Olive trees in Deir Al Hatab town east of Nablus city. He trees are owned b resident Hussein Qasem Hussein. Wafa & Quds (Aug 16, 2007).
- The Israeli Army evacuated by force the family of Sadiq Yousef Ahmad Mansour in Kafr Qalil village claming that the owner has no permit to live in his place. It is worth pointing out the family live in the area for more than 40 years. Quds (Aug 18, 2007).
- The Israeli troops broke into the lawyers office in Karsou' building in Nablus city and caused severe damages to the properties. Quds (Aug 20, 2007).
- The Israeli Army hedged with barbed wires Salah El Din hilltop near Bizariya village north of Nablus city and constructed a military point in the area after supplying it with tents and water tanks. Wafa (Aug 21, 2007).
- The IOF closed [Beit Iba checkpoint](#) located at the western entrance of Nablus city and prevented Palestinians from reaching their destinations. Wafa (Aug 26, 2007).
- Israeli settlers of the evacuated Homesh settlement aggressed on Palestinian lands in Burqa village north of Nablus city and set fire into Olive and Almonds yards causing losses and damages. Quds (Aug 29, 2007).
- The IOF demolished several numbers of barracks in Khirbet Al Taweel near 'Aqruba town southeast of Nablus city owned by Basim Salem

Ahmad and Wasif Mayada. Total losses are estimated at JD 8000. Wafa (Aug 29, 2007).

- Israeli settlers of [Itamar settlement](#) constructed several numbers of tents on different parts of Khirbet Yanun in 'Aqruba town in an attempt to intensify their colonial activities. Wafa (Aug 29, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces relocated [Al Bathan checkpoint](#) north of Nablus city and hindered Palestinian access to the city. Wafa (Aug 30, 2007).

## Tulkarm

- The Israeli Army staged into the southern neighborhood of Tulkarm city, searched a number of Palestinian houses and forced dwellers to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Among the owners, the following was known: Mahmud Al Seways. Wafa (Aug 14, 2007).

## Salfit

- The Israeli soldiers manning [Za'tara checkpoint](#) located east of Salfit city prevented vehicular and pedestrian movement through the checkpoint. Maan news(Aug 1, 2007).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert agreed on transferring Ariel college in the settlement of Ariel into a university centre to attract more people to settle in the area and to encourage the educational process. Arabs48 (Aug 1, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the two-storey house of Mahmud Mustafa 'Abed El Rahman 'Asi in [Qarawat Bani Hassan](#) west of Salfit city for not being licensed. Quds (Aug 23, 2007).
- The IOF closed the only gate of Marda village north of Salfit city and hindered Palestinians heading to their destinations and those entering the village from accessing the gate. Quds (Aug 23, 2007).

## Jenin

- The Israeli Army prevented Palestinian landowners in 'Anin village west of Jenin from accessing their segregated agricultural lands behind the wall's path even though they have permits that allow them to access their lands. Wafa (Aug 2, 2007).
- The Israeli Army staged into Jenin city, Jenin refugee camp and Ya'bud town southwest of Jenin city searched a number of Palestinian houses and caused losses to the properties. Among the owners, the following was known: Munir Abu Bakr. Quds (Aug 12, 2007).
- The Israeli Army took over two houses owned by Shadi and Raed Metany in Ya'bud town southwest of Jenin city and turned them into military post after forcing all dwellers to leave the house. Wafa (Aug 15, 2007).
- The Israeli Army constructed military tents in the eastern neighborhood of Kafr Dan village in Jenin and restricted access to and from the city. Wafa (Aug 17, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces hedged with barbed wires some agricultural lands southwest of Jenin city and hindered landowners from accessing them. Wafa (Aug 30, 2007).

## Tubas

- The Israeli Army staged into Wadi Al Far'a area south of Tubas city and erected temporary checkpoints and chased Palestinian cars. Wafa (Aug 1, 2007).
- The Israeli Army issued an order to evacuate residents of [Al Hadidiya Hamlet east of Tubas city](#) and announced the area as "closed military area". The Israeli Army also hindered people from accessing the area claiming that they represent a threat to the Israeli's living in the area. Quds (Aug 6, 2007).

- The Israeli Army demolished several numbers of stalls and agricultural pools near road # 90 in [Bardala village in the northern valleys](#). Wafa (Aug 8, 2007).
- The Israeli Army demolished a Palestinian barrack in Al Buqa'a plain east of Tubas city. Wafa (Aug 8, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished barracks and caravans owned by residents of Khirbet Humsa in Al Buqa'a plain in the northern valleys for security reasons. Wafa (Aug 13, 2007).
- The Israeli Army manning Tayaseer checkpoint in the northern valleys hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their lands. Wafa (Aug 15, 2007).
- The Israeli Army manning Al Hamra checkpoint in the valleys area detained Palestinian residents in a small closed room at the checkpoint for hours. Wafa (Aug 18, 2007).
- The Israeli Court of Beit El rejected the appeal handed to it by residents of [Al 'Aqaba village](#) in Tubas Governorate to stop the demolition of four houses in the village. Quds (Aug 20, 2007).
- The Israeli Army set fire into Jader Mountain east of Tubas city due to the military activities taking place by the Israeli Army in the area. Wafa (Aug 20, 2007).
- The Israeli surveyors surveyed t Al Hamamat and Wadi Wahish areas and the surrounding mountains in Wadi Al Maleh area in the northern valleys. Wafa (Aug 21, 2007).
- The Israeli Army is carrying out military training activities east of Tubas city in the area extending from Al Soud wells to 'Ein Al Helweh; in addition, the IOF constructed tens of tents and water tanks in the area. Wafa (Aug 21, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished houses in Khirbet [Humsa in the valleys](#) and confiscated water tanks in an attempt to force dwellers evacuate the area. Wafa (Aug 23, 2007).



- Two military orders were handed to resident Na'ema 'Abed El Raziq and Sufian Sbeih in [Al 'Aqaba village](#) east of Tubas city to demolish their houses. Wafa (Aug 24, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces manning [Tayaseer checkpoint](#) east of Tubas city hindered Palestinians from accessing the northern valleys area. Wafa (Aug 28, 2007).

## Hebron

- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to remove the cement blocks on the Israeli bypass road near Al Samu' town south of Hebron city. Quds (Aug 6, 2007).
- Tens of Israeli settlers set fire into a building and two houses one of which belongs to 'Abed El Rahman Samouh in Hebron city. The settlers also invaded Al Aqtab Mosque in the old market causing damages to the properties inside. In addition, the Israeli settlers aggressed on the Palestinian houses located near the occupied Al Rajaby building and caused damages to the houses of Kayed Mansour Al Ja'bary, Nasr Al Ja'bary, Basam Al Ja'bary, Muhammad Al Ja'bary and Rabi' Al Ja'bary. Maan news & Wafa (Aug 6, 2007).
- The Israeli Civil Administration forced Jawdat Hasouna to close his commercial store in the old city of Hebron under the pretext of being close to the Israeli outpost of Beit Rumano; as a result, 8 other stores will also be forced to close for the same pretext. Wafa (Aug 9, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers attempted to construct a new outpost near Qiryat Arba' settlement in Hebron Governorate in an attempt to transfer it into a permanent settlement in the near future. Quds (Aug 12, 2007).
- The Israeli Army closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and hindered Palestinians from reaching it under the pretext of celebrating the first of September. Wafa (Aug 13, 2007).

- The Israeli settlers occupying Al Rajaby building in the old city of Hebron aggressed on the nearby Palestinian houses and caused loses to the properties. Among the owners, the following were known: Muhammad Rabi' Al Ja'bary, Ghaleb Mansour Al Ja'bary and Munther Al Ja'bary. Wafa (Aug 23, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers are attempting to take over 70 Palestinian buildings, lands and commercial stores in the area of Abraham Aveno settlement in the Old city of Hebron, the western triangle market and Al Rumeideh neighborhood in Hebron city under 's 1950 absentee property law. Quds (Aug 31, 2007).

### Ramallah

- The Israeli Army set fire into tens of dunums of lands planted with Olives in Bil'in village. Lands belong to Muhammad 'Abed El Hadi Samara, Ibrahim Ahmad Hassan and Rashid Muhammad Abu Rahma. Quds (Aug 4, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing about 500 dunums of lands in Qarnet Abu Baki area in the western part of [Al Mazra'a Al Qiblya town](#) near Ramallah in order to construct a new settlement in the area. Quds (Aug 6, 2007).

### Qalqiliya

- The Israeli bulldozers started razing lands in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqiliya city in an attempt to erect a new military road in an attempt to connect Kedumim military camp and the road connecting the village with Jit. As a result, around 1000 dunums of lands will be razed. Wafa (Aug 13, 2007). [Click here for more information](#)
- The Israeli Army closed [the northern entrance of 'Azun town east of Qalqiliya city](#) and hindered Palestinian access into or out of the town. Quds (Aug 22, 2007).

- The Israeli Forces manning the iron gate at the main entrance of '[Azun Atma village](#)' south of Qalqiliya city hindered Palestinians from reaching their agricultural lands. Quds (Aug 27, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces staged into Qalqiliya city and demolished three houses owned by 'Adel Al Haj Hassan, Reziq Al Qab'a and Qasem Hussein Harb. Wafa (Aug 29, 2007).
- The Israeli Army hindered Palestinian landowners in [Jayyus village](#) from accessing their lands segregated behind the wall claiming that the permits landowners have are no longer valid to allow them access their lands. Quds (Aug 6, 2007).

## Gaza

- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Shayma' area north of Beit Lahya town, searched Palestinian houses and razed agricultural lands planted with fruitful trees. Wafa (Aug 1, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers and under the heavy barrage of gunfire staged into Al Nahda neighborhood in Gaza city and took over Gaza International Airport and a number of Palestinian houses in the area and turned them into military posts. Quds (Aug 4, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Beit Lahya town under the heavy barrage of gunfire and shelled on the Palestinian houses. Wafa (Aug 9, 2007).
- The Israeli Army shelled on the tower building in Gaza International Airport east of Rafah governorate and completely destroyed it. Wafa (Aug 9, 2007).
- The Israeli Army demolished the two-storey house of Ahmad Mahmud Abu Daqa in 'Abasan Al Jadeda east of Khan Yunis city. Wafa (Aug 14, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers razed 50 dunums of lands planted with Olives and Vegetables in 'Abasan Al Jadedea east of Khan Yunis city. Wafa (Aug 14, 2007).
- The Israeli Army shelled on the house of Jamal Abu Daqa in 'Abasan Al Jadedea east of Khan Yunis city and caused severe damages to the properties. (Aug 15, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 20 dunums of agricultural lands in Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis and caused severe damages to the houses in the area. Wafa (Aug 23, 2007).
- The Israeli Army shelled the airfield south of Ansar housing complex west of Gaza city and caused severe losses and damages to the site and to the nearby houses. Wafa (Aug 28, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces shelled on a commercial store near Al Shaga'iyah junction owned by Al Khodary family and caused severe damages to the store. Quds (Aug 31, 2007).

## Others

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished two houses owned by 'Abed El Rahman Shraiteh in Al Nasasrah neighborhood in the Negev under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (Aug 1, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities agreed on constructing a new Palestinian city on an area of 35 Km<sup>2</sup> between Ramallah and Nablus to become a home for 70,000 Palestinians. Alwatan voice (Aug 3, 2007).
- The Israeli Electricity Company in Haifa city is constructing a gas pipe along with a road on the lands of Qumbaza village which will destroy the cemetery of the village. Quds (Aug 3, 2007).
- Israel is reviving plans for a nuclear power plant in the Negev Desert ; the project would be presented to the government for approval in the coming months. If approved, the power plant would take about eight years to complete. Haaretz & Quds (Aug 4, 2007).

- The Israeli Committee for Planning and Construction demolished the house of Fawzi Darawsheh in 'Arabet Al Batuf town in the western Galilee under the pretext of being unlicensed. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers uprooted trees surrounding the house. Wafa (Aug 11, 2007).
- The Israeli Army demolished a lethal workshop in 'Ar'ara village which belongs to Sa'ed Abu Sharqiya under the pretext of being built without licenses. Arabs48 (Aug 13, 2007).
- The Israeli Army demolished a house owned by 'Adel Abu Sbeit in Sa'wa village in the Negev for not being licensed and charged him a penalty of NIS 15,000. Wafa (Aug 15, 2007).
- In a report issued by the Israeli movement PEACENOW, the number of Israeli settlers of the West Bank has increased by 5.5% and the construction has ravidly increased in the settlements of Har Bracha AND Yitzhar in Nablus, Beit Hagai and Negehot in Hebron, Mod'in Illit in Ramallah, Bittar Illit in Bethlehem, Ariel in Salfit and Giv'at Zeev in Jerusalem . Quds (Aug 19, 2007).
- The Israeli OR organization is constructing new settlements on lands of the Negev and the Galile. This is not the first time that OR organization carries out illegal settlement construction as many of the settlements were built illegally such as Mitzpe Eron in Wadi 'Ara. Arabs48 (Aug 22, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a theme park (three dunums of lands) owned by Raed 'Abahry in Al Furdies town inside 1948 borders claiming that it was built without license. Wafa (Aug 23, 2007).
- In a report issued by the Israeli movement "PEACENOW" assured that the Israeli authority is currently erecting 6 bypass roads to the east of the Segregation Wall, they are: (1) Za'tara bypass road (Librman Road) which will cost NIS 124.5 Millions; (2), Shim'a- Mitar road which will cost NIS 80 millions; (3) a road between Al Z'ayem and Hizma villages which will cost NIS 35 millions; (4) expanding road # 5 near Ariel settlement which will cost NIS 40 millions; (5) expanding road 1 Jerusalem - Jericho which will cost NIS 85 millions and (6) a new entrance to Ma'ale Mikhmas settlement is being erected and will cost NIS 12 millions. Arabs48 (Aug 27, 2007).

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- Development in the northern Negev received a boost on Tuesday from Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who approved the creation of a new rural settlement district in eastern Lachish , consisting of seven new communities. Five of the new communities - Hazan, Shomriya, Mirsham, Amatzia and Carmit - are designated for some 200 Gaza evacuee families. Two others, Hanav and Shekef, are for people who want to help build up the area. The estimated cost is NIS 300 for infrastructure work and NIS 200 for road work. Overall, some 500 housing units are being laid out as a starting base. The project also includes tourism enterprises, guesthouses and vineyards. Jpost (Aug 29, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities started demolishing Palestinian houses and confiscating properties in Tawel Abu Grul village in the Negev . Wafa (Aug 30, 2007).

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	10	400	200	0	0
Jerusalem	0	30	0	0	2
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarem	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	500	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	130	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	2	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	70	0	500	2	0
Qalqilyia	0	1000	0	3	0
Hebron	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	2
Total	580	1430	2830	9	4

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