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Hebron

- Thousands of Israeli settlers tried to erect five new outposts in the West Bank, three of which are in Halhul town south of (Giv'at Etam, Nove Hashmona'im and Hill 1013), one near Allon Moreh settlement in Nablus Governorate (Har Havi) and the last (Shevut 'Ami) near Kedumim settlement in Salfit Governorate, north of the West Bank. Quds (Oct 1, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces staged in Al Hawouz area in Hebron city and carried out a house to house search campaign. Houses of Na'im Zahdeh, Basam Al 'Ejel, Jamel Al Tawil, Khaled Abu Sinaneh and Hamada Quader were affected as some of their properties were damaged during the process. Wafa (Oct 1, 2007).

- The Israeli settlers closed the road between Salameh Hamlet and Dura town; whereby, the IOF searched a number of Palestinian houses in Al Sheikh neighborhood and B'ir Al Mahjar area west of Hebron city, causing severe losses. Wafa (Oct 10, 2007).
- The IOF invaded Yatta town south of Hebron city and searched the houses of Talab Abu Fanous Sanaydeh and his sons Ibrahim, Muhammad and Issa, causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Oct 18, 2007).
- The IOF staged into Halhul town north of Hebron city and searched houses owned by Mufid Al Wahsh, Yaser 'Anaty and Hasan Al Janazreh causing damages to properties. Quds (Oct 18, 2007).
- The Israeli civil administration demolished barracks and houses constructed by Israeli settlers near Qiryat Arba' settlement in Hebron for being illegally constructed in the area. Quds (Oct 18, 2007).
- Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement south of Hebron Governorate aggressed on Palestinian residents while they were harvesting their Olive trees in Al Samu' town south of the governorate. Quds (Oct 19, 2007).
- The Israeli army continue to occupy the four-storey building of Issa 'Ayish Abu Mayala near the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron city. The building is being used as a military post by the army. Wafa (Oct 24, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities notified 6 Palestinian owners to stop construction at their houses under the pretext of being built without licenses. Houses are located in Al Baq'a, Al Bureh and Al 'Adaseh areas near Qiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city and belong to Hassan Badir Jaber, Emad Muhammad Badir Jaber, Hani Salim Fadel Badir Jaber, Faraj Ibrahim Fadel Jaber, 'Adel Rashid Khader Jaber and Anwar Sultan. Wafa (Oct 25, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the tents and the barracks of Tmazim Al Nafakhm Abu Sa'doun and Ghabara families in Qassa hamlet west of Idhna town in Hebron Governorate in an attempt to force them to evacuate their lands and properties. Wafa (Oct 29, 2007) .

Ramallah

- The Israeli army stormed into Al Khansa' women society in Al Bireh town and caused severe damages to the place. Quds (Oct 23, 2007).
- More than 50 Israeli settlers from Talmon settlement located west of Al Mazra3'a Al Qiblyeh village, northwest of Ramallah city aggressed on a number of Palestinian houses in the village and tried to set fire into the Olive orchards in the village. Among the owners, the following were known: Hani Nabhan and Mahmud Al 'Abed Jabril. Quds (Oct 28, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces broke into five commercial complexes and buildings in Ramallah city and caused damages to the shops. Wafa (Oct 31, 2007).

Bethlehem

- The IOF constricted a temporary checkpoint at Husan's village entrance west of Bethlehem city and restricted Palestinian access. Wafa (Oct 16, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces erected a temporary checkpoint on the way to Al Container checkpoint connecting south of the West Bank with its north and detained Palestinians heading to their destinations for hours. Wafa (Oct 18, 2007).
- The Israeli Army aggressed on the house of Hamza Jamal Thawabteh in Beit Fajjar town south of Bethlehem city and detained family members into one room for 13 hours. Quds (Oct 19, 2007).
- Israeli settlers of Bitar 'Illit settlement aggressed on Palestinian residents of Husan village west of Bethlehem city and severely hurt Amin Ahmad Mahmud Hamamreh. Wafa (Oct 20, 2007).
- Israeli settlers of Bitar 'Illit tried to take over agricultural lands in 'Ein Faris area in Nahhlin village west of Bethlehem city. Wafa (Oct 21, 2007).

- The IOF dynamited the main entrance, doors and destroyed the furniture of Ibrahim Al Afandi house in Al Duhaisha refugee camp. Quds (Oct 21, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Bitar 'Illit west of Bethlehem city erected a road on 120 dunums of lands which connects the settlement with lands owned by Wad Fukin and Husan villages in an attempt to expand the settlement's borders. Destroyed lands were planted with Olives, Almonds and Vines and belong to Sukar, 'Attiya and Hamid families. Quds (Oct 24, 2007).

Salfit

- The IOF took over the four- storey residential building owned by Ahmad Saleh Ibdah in Marda village north of Salfit governorate and turned it into military post. Wafa (Oct 16, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands known as the "sun and moon caves" located north of Bruqin village west of Salfit city in an attempt to construct new Israeli factories in the area of Barqan Industrial Zone. Wafa (Oct 20, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces handed resident 'Abed Allah Muhammad Daoud a military warning to demolish his commercial store among other residents to demolish their houses in Haris village west of Salfit under the pretext that the houses were built without licenses. Maan news (Oct 27, 2007).

Nablus

- Hundreds of Israeli settlers uprooted Almond trees and demolished agricultural rooms owned by Najeh Muhammad Odeh and Sameh Muhammad Daglas planted in the lands of the Israeli evacuated settlement of Homesh. Quds (Oct 2, 2007).
- The Israeli Army invaded Bizariya village north of Nablus city, razed lands and erected earth mounds on the road leading to the historical hill on the eastern part of the village. In addition, the IOF constructed several

- numbers of caravans, water tanks and military watch towers on a hilltop overlooking the village. Wafa (Oct 2, 2007).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on Al Bathan-Nablus road and hindered Palestinian access in and out of Nablus city. Wafa (Oct 8, 2007).
 - The Israeli Army dismantled two or three buildings near Kidumim settlement near Nablus which were constructed by the Israeli Army. Quds (Oct 9, 2007).
 - The IOF restricted Palestinian movement at Za'tara checkpoint on Nablus-Salfit junction and detained Palestinian residents for hours. Wafa (Oct 14, 2007).
 - The IOF detained Palestinian students, workers and inhabitants at Yizhar and Jit- Sura checkpoints south and southwest of Nablus city for hours. Wafa (Oct 14, 2007).
 - The IOF constructed a military watch point on the northern Mountain of Nablus city. Wafa (Oct 15, 2007).
 - The Israeli Forces took over the house of Bulous Hawash and a residential building owned by Abu 'Adnan Al 'Amoudy in Ksheka Street in Nablus city and detained its residents in one room. Wafa (Oct 16, 2007).
 - The IOF closed Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city and hindered Palestinian access in and out of the city. Wafa (Oct 17, 2007).
 - The Israeli Army dynamited the house of 'Abed Allah Hawash in Nablus city after planting it with explosive devices. Quds (Oct 17, 2007).
 - The Israeli army aggressed on Palestinian landowners in Zuwwata village northwest of Nablus city while harvesting their Olive trees. Quds (Oct 21, 2007).
 - The Israeli settlers of Ellon Moreh aggressed on Palestinian landowners in 'Azmout village located east of Nablus city while harvesting their Olive trees. Quds (Oct 24, 2007).

- The Israeli settlers returned to the evacuated outpost "Shevut 'Ami" west of Nablus city after being evacuated by the IOF several times before. Quds (Oct 25, 2007).
- The IOF broke into the solidarity committee in Nablus city, destroyed properties and caused damages and loses to the properties. Quds (Oct 28, 2007).
- The IOF closed the main entrance of Jama'in village south of Nablus city with cement blocks. Wafa (Oct 29, 2007).
- Israeli settlers of Ellon Moreh settlement northeast of Nablus city aggressed on the Palestinian farmers in Salim, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmout villages east of Nablus city while harvesting their Olive trees planted in 200 dunums of lands. Wafa (Oct 30, 2007).

Jerusalem

- The Samaria and Judea (Shai) District Police will move its headquarter to the controversial E-1 area, which links Jerusalem with the West Bank settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim, by the end of this year, regardless of whether or not the United States approves. Police headquarter is technically within Ma'aleh Adumim's municipal borders. When relocating the police headquarter from Ras Al 'Amoud area the site will be used to construct new housing units for the settlers. Haaretz (Oct 1, 2007).
- The Israeli Chief Commander of the West Bank Ghadi Shamin Alof issued the military order # (07/19/T) to confiscate 1128 dunums of lands in Abu Dis, Al Nabi Musa, Al Khan Al Ahmar and 'Arab Al Sawhira in an attempt to erect a road in the Ma'aleh Adumim area. Quds (Oct 5, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers which belong to the Israeli Ministry of Tourism are razing lands and digging areas in Wadi El Dam (Blood area) between Beit Hanina, Bir Nabala and Beit Iksa villages northwest of Jerusalem city. Quds (Oct 10, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers tried to raze part of a school garden in Ras Shehada Mountain in Shu'fat camp and set bench marks near the garden for the purpose of constructing the Segregation Wall. Quds (Oct 10, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Galitziya School are carrying out building activities over Al Sabra market between the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** and Al Aqsa Mosque which belongs to the Islamic Waqf. Quds (Oct 10, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities resumed excavation works at Bab Al Maghriba area to construct the iron bridge near Al Aqsa Mosque. Quds (Oct 15, 2007).
- The Israeli committee for planning and construction gave the green light to the colonial plan in Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem and Israeli settlers will continue to occupy the houses of Younatan and Maragha in the area. Arabs48 (Oct 16, 2007).
- The Israeli Mayor of Jerusalem Municipality **Uri Lupolianski** agreed on marketing 20,000 new housing units located within the Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem city. Quds (Oct 17, 2007).
- The Israeli Chief Commander of the West Bank Ghadi Shamin Alof issued the military order # (07/35/T) to confiscate 387 dunums of lands in Abu Dis, Al 'Ezariya and At Tur to erect a new road as an alternative road for Palestinians. The road comes as a substitute to the Israeli bypass Road number 1. Quds (Oct 17, 2007).
- An Israeli committee agreed on the 95 meters long and 2.5 meters wide bridge which is being constructed in Al Maghriba gate area. Quds (Oct 18, 2007).
- The Israeli Supreme Court agreed on demolishing the five-storey residential building (2000 m²) in Shu'fat area. The Court claims that the family exceeded the allowed area for building. Quds (Oct 19, 2007).
- The Israeli Reconciliation Court charged resident 'Ayed Kanestiro with a NIS 117,000 as a penalty to be paid to the Israeli committee "Keren Kayemet" claiming that Mr. 'Ayed caused loses to the committee while closing the door which separates his house from their wedding hall in the

old city of Jerusalem . Not forgetting to mention that hall was confiscated from Mr. Kanestiro's property some time ago. Quds (Oct 31, 2007).

Tubas

- The Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection hindered Palestinian farmers from grazing their Sheep in Al Tabaqa, Al Maleh and Al Burj areas in the northern valleys and threatened them of confiscating their sheep if they continue to use the lands for grazing purposes. Wafa (Oct 2, 2007).

Qalqiliya

- The Israeli Forces closed the entrances of Al Dab'a, Ras Tira, Wad Al Rasha and 'Arab Al Ramadin villages east of Qalqilyah city with earth mounds and road blocks. Wafa (Oct 8, 2007).
- The Israeli Army completely demolished the house of Bashir Khadug in Qalqilyah city. Wafa (Oct 15, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces evacuated 60 boys and girls from the illegal outpost of Shvut Ami, near Kedumim in Qalqilyah governorate. Jpost (Oct 16, 2007).
- The IOF surrounded the houses of Faris Zimary and Ja'far Sami 'Odwan in Kafr Thulth town east of Qalqilyah city and detained them for hours. Wafa (Oct 28, 2007).

Jenin

- The Israeli army staged into B'ir Al Basha village in Jenin and searched a number of Palestinian houses causing severe damages to the properties. Among the affected owners, the following were known: Ghanam Abu Nidal, Nizar Ghawadreh, Amjad Ghanam, Shadi Mirshid and 'Abed El Rahman Ghawadreh. Quds (Oct 2, 2007).
- The Israeli government is planning to create a trade area over 1700 dunums of land which will cost NIS 2.5 milliard at Al Jalama checkpoint

area between Jenin and . This trade area will include factories, markets, and stores and will be free from taxes. Quds (Oct 9, 2007).

- The Israeli Forces staged into B'ir Al Basha village in Jenin and took over the houses of Nizar Ghawadreh and 'Abed El Rahman Saleh Ghawadreh and threatened to demolish the houses if dwellers don't evacuate them. Quds (Oct 10, 2007).
- The IOF staged into Qabatiya town south of Jenin city and searched the houses of 'Abed El Fatah Khazimiya and Qusai Nazal in the town. Some of the properties were damaged as the Israeli army was carrying out the house-search. Quds (Oct 19, 2007). The Israeli Forces staged into Jenin city and aggressed on the houses and commercial stores causing loses and damages to the properties. In addition, the Israeli Army set fire into a number of Olive trees in Rummana village west of Jenin city. Wafa (Oct 20, 2007).

Gaza

- The Israeli Army shelled on Palestinian houses in Beit Lahya town north of the Strip and in Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis governorate causing damages and loses to the properties. Wafa (Oct 4, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Fukhary area east of Khan Yunis and razed at least 20 dunums of agricultural lands and uprooted fruitful trees. Quds (Oct 4, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Shaja'iyah neighborhood in the area of Al Mintar crossing point and razed lands. Quds (Oct 7, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural lands near the Agricultural School in Beit Hanoun and caused damages to the properties. Quds (Oct 11, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers invaded Al Masdar town east of Deir El Balah city and aggressed on some Palestinian houses. The IOF also razed 20 dunums of lands planted with Olives, Almonds, Vine and Citrus and hindered landowners from accessing their lands. It's worth mentioning that the

- bulldozers also caused severe damages to the infrastructure. Wafa (Oct 11, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces razed lands in Al Masdar town east of Deir El Balah which belong to Ayman Al Masdar, Muhammad Abu 'Atawy and Abu Shihada family. Quds (Oct 12, 2007).
 - The IOF shelled on the electricity and phone networks in Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis city causing damages to the properties. Wafa (Oct 17, 2007).
 - The Israeli bulldozers uprooted more than 500 Olive, Citrus and Palm trees in Al Farahin area in Khan Yunis governorate, demolished the two-storey house of Muhammad Sha'ban Abu Daqa and caused damages to the nearby houses of Muhammad Qdaih, Sa'ed Qdaih, 'Adnan Abu Daqa, 'Abed El Hadi Abu Daqa and the house of the martyr 'Abed el Ghani Abu Daqa. Wafa (Oct 17, 2007).
 - The IOF staged into Juhr El Deik area northeast of Al Buriy refugee camp, razed agricultural lands and took over the houses of Habash and Abu Hajer families and turned them into military posts. Quds (Oct 17, 2007).
 - In a report issued by the agricultural committee in Gaza assured that the last Israeli incursion into Beit Hanun area which took place on the 10th and 11th of October 2007, caused the destruction of 25000 fruitful trees. Quds (Oct 20, 2007).
 - The Israeli Army shelled on the residential buildings in Abraj Al Nada in Beit Hanun, causing damages to the apartments. Wafa (Oct 21, 2007).
 - The governor of Khan Younis assured that the IOF razed 30 dunums of lands planted with Olives, fruits and vegetables owned by the families of Abu Daqa, Abu Latifa and Qdah during the last incursion to Al Farahin area. The IOF also demolished the green houses, the agricultural rooms and the infrastructures in the area. Quds (Oct 22, 2007).
 - The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of Al Shawa lands east of Beit Hanun area and detained tens of landowners in Al Basha lands. Wafa (Oct 23, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers razed 100 dunums of agricultural lands east of Beit Hanun. Quds (Oct 24, 2007).
- The IOF destroyed two houses in Al Qarara area east of Khan Younis which belong to Abu Sabt and Al Sumairy families. Quds (Oct 28, 2007).
- The IOF shelled on a house owned by 'Abed Al Latif Radwan east of Jabalya town north of the Strip and caused severe loses and damages to the properties. Quds (Oct 31, 2007).

Jericho

- The Israeli authorities notified resident 'Abed Allah Salameh 'Tbayat in Fasayel El Fuqa north of Jericho city of their intention to demolish his house claiming that it was built without proper licensing; In addition, the Israeli Authorities also handed out the only school in Al Fasayel El Fuqa village a military order to demolish the school. Wafa (Oct 22, 2007).

Tulkarm

- The IOF staged into Tulkarm city and searched a number of Palestinian houses causing severe damages to the properties. Among the owners, 'Anan Muhammad Sarhan. Quds (Oct 21, 2007) .

Others

- The Israeli Supreme Court agreed to delay the demolition of 5 houses in the West Bank due to the appeals handed by the Saint Eve organization claiming that the houses were built without licensees. Quds (Oct 5, 2007).
- According to the Israeli Land Administration assured that has constructed 6100 housing units in the West Bank during the year 2006. Quds (Oct 11, 2007).
- More than 3600 Palestinian houses constructed over 800,000 dunums of lands in the unrecognized villages in the Negev are threatened of

- demolition by the Israeli Army under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (Oct 12, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces restricted access of the Palestinians at the Israeli checkpoints such as Jit, Huwwara, Sanour and Al Fandaq. Quds (Oct 15, 2007).
 - The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, a charity that funnels millions of dollars in evangelical donations to every year, is promising U.S. \$10,000 to every Iranian Jew who comes to . The group has helped bring 82 Jews to from since the project began this year, and hopes to bring 60 more by year's end. Haaretz (Oct 22, 2007).
 - The Israeli Army demolished the Palestinian houses in the unrecognized village of Tawil Abu Grul in the Negev claiming it was constructed on State lands. Quds (Oct 25, 2007).
 - An Israeli plan to expand Har Yuna neighborhood in Nazareth on the expanse of 'Ein Mahel lands in an attempt to expand the cemetery of the settlement and to add 871 new housing units. Mahsom (Oct 29, 2007).

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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