

# Report on the Israeli Colonization Activities in the West Bank & the Gaza Strip

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## Jerusalem

- An Israeli restraining order to stop the demolition of 'Abed El Fatah 'Abed Rabou cave and the confiscation of 50 dunums of lands located in the northern parts of Al Walaja village near the Israeli mall "Canyon" southwest of Jerusalem in an attempt to construct Giv'at Yael settlement. Quds (Jul 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Al 'Isawiya village in Jerusalem forced owners to close their commercial stores and searched several numbers of Palestinian houses. Wafa (Jul 1, 2008).
- Jerusalem Municipality is willing to revive the plan of demolishing 100 Palestinian houses in Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan south of Al Aqsa Mosque which the Municipality froze two years ago. PNN & Quds (Jul 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Reconciliation Court in Jerusalem issued an order preventing the Israeli company of developing east Jerusalem and the Donhead services company from accessing a piece of land owned by the Orthodox patriarch in Silwan area. Quds (Jul 2, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished without any pre-notification the house of Kamil Al Sa'ou (110 m<sup>2</sup>) in Al Ashqariya area in Beit Hanina neighborhood, in addition to another house owned by Muhammad 'Ali Naser (120 m<sup>2</sup>) and a basement (70 m<sup>2</sup>) in Al 'Isawiya town. Wafa & Quds (Jul 3, 2008).
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior issued an order to close the Bureaus of the Palestinian company of Housing in Al Sheikh Jarah neighborhood in Jerusalem. Quds (Jul 3, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation troops aggressed on 26 Palestinian houses in Bab Al Magles neighborhood in Jerusalem city, causing extensive loses and damages. Quds (Jul 4, 2008).
- Group of Israeli settlers tried to aggress on the Palestinian houses of Dwiat and Abu Dhaim in Sur Bahir and Jabal Al Mukabbir neighborhoods in Jerusalem in an attempt to demolish them. Wafa (Jul 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers of Jerusalem Municipality razed Al Hamra Al Fuqa piece of land owned by 'Awad Samrin near 'Ein Silwan Mosque in Jerusalem city. Quds (Jul 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers continued razing lands and uprooting Olive trees in Beit Hanina town northwest of Jerusalem city in order to construct a segment of the Segregation Wall. Wafa (Jul 7, 2008).
- Jerusalem Municipality forced resident Khaled 'Adnan Yahya Al Sharabaty from Wadi Al Juz neighborhood in Jerusalem to demolish his house under the pretext of lacking building permits. Quds (Jul 8, 2008).
- The Regional Construction and Planning Board for Jerusalem have approved 910 housing units in new neighborhood (Homat Shmuel C) southeast corner of Har Homa settlement. The buildings will be between five and nine stories over 300 dunums of lands. In addition to another 900 units in Pisgat Zeev settlement north of Jerusalem city over 140 dunums of lands. IsraelNN (Jul 10, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army broke into the Palestinian houses of the old city in Bab Hatta, Al Sa'diya and Al Wad neighborhoods and also in Wadi Al Juz, Silwan and At Tur, causing panic to residents. Wafa (Jul 12, 2008).
- Two years after the Israeli planning authorities rejected the construction plan for West Jerusalem known as the 'Safdie plan', the Israeli Prime Minister's director general, Ra'anana Dinur, asked the Jerusalem municipal engineer to move ahead on the plan. In a letter to the engineer, Shlomo Eshkol, Dinur said that to strengthen Jerusalem, the cabinet voted to build at least 3,000 housing units a year by 2020. Haaretz (July 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into 'Anata town north of Jerusalem city and aggressed on Car repairing Garages and workshops and confiscated several Cars owned by Palestinians from Jerusalem city with Yellow Car plates and caused a state of Fear and panic. This campaign was carried out under the pretext that Palestinians living Jerusalem aren't

allowed to have their cars repaired at West Bank workshops. Wafa (July 13, 2008).

- Jerusalem Municipality charged the resident Faraj 'Ali 'Ilian in Al Thuri neighborhood a penalty of NIS 15000 and issued military warning to demolish his 130 m<sup>2</sup> house for being unlicensed. Quds (Jul 13, 2008).
- The Israeli court for civil affairs in West Jerusalem issued an order to cancel out a previous municipal decision to extract the rights of Palestinian citizens in Wad Hilweh in Silwan city in five plots of land that were designated for the construction of a parking lot by Jerusalem Municipality. This decision came following an appeal filed by Palestinian citizens in Silwan city (Muhammad Atallah Siyam, Naseem Siyam, Issa Qara'een and Hamdi Maswadeh) to revoke the order which was handed out to them by Mayor of Jerusalem city in February 2007, to dispose their land ownership of those plots of land for the sake of building a public parking. Quds (Jul 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to force the resident Fawziya Al Kurd from Al Sheikh Jatah neighborhood to evacuate her house under the pretext of being a Jewish property. Fawziya's house is along 28 Palestinian houses in the neighborhood threatened of evacuation under the same pretext. It is worth pointing out that there is an Israeli plan to construct 250 housing units in the place. Quds (Jul 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished two-storey house owned by Isaac Muhammad Mustafa Hamdan in Al 'Isawiya town and handed owners military warnings to demolish 20 other houses in the town for lacking building permits. Among owners known were Fathi Abu El Humus and Wael 'Abed. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers demolished two apartments owned by Osama and Munther 'Abed El Salam Al Razim (60 m<sup>2</sup> each) in Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina for the same reason, while the employees of Jerusalem Municipality took measurements of Nasri Al Tawel and Iyad Al Tawel houses in Wad El Dam in Beit Hanina. Wafa & PNN (Jul 15, 2008).
- More than 47 residents of Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan received military orders to demolish their houses within a week. Among owners, the following were known: Badran, Jalajil, 'Aqbal and Al 'Abasy (two houses) families. PNN (Jul 15, 2008).
- Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem city warned of the Israeli late practices in the city exemplified in burying an important part of Bab Al

Rahmeh cemetery adjacent to Al-Aqsa Mosque from its eastern side, as a prelude to lay green grass and plant trees in preparation for establishing an Israeli park on lands of the cemetery. Wafa (July 15, 2008).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem city handed out residents of Al Isawiyeh town north of Jerusalem 32 house demolition orders against buildings and housing units in the town under the pretext of being unlicensed. The number of housing units is 60 and is a home to hundreds of Palestinians in the town. Al Quds (July 17, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Ahmad Mohammad Al-Aramin in Al-Ezariya east of Jerusalem and completely demolished it. Maannews (July 17, 2008).
- 13 Israeli military vehicles invaded Qalandyia refugee camp north of Jerusalem city and ransacked the house of Mohammad Emter. IMEMC & Wafa (Jul 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Police will evacuate the house of Al Kurd Family from Al Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in a two days time based on the Israeli High Court Decision which was issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2008 under the pretext that the house is a property of a Jewish Association. This Israeli order will open the way for more Israeli plans to be implemented in the area as there are plans to build 250 new housing units in Al Shiekh Jarrah neighborhood. Al Quds (July 18, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation forces attacked East Jerusalem's Beit Hanina Social Club, scattered the contents of the rooms on to the floor, turning furniture upside down causing a state of panic and fear among the 220 kids who were there for summer camp. PNN & Al Quds (July 19, 2008).
- The Office of the Legal Adviser of the Prime Minister for Jerusalem Affairs issued a precautionary order from Jerusalem Municipality court, to prevent the demolition of 29 apartments out of 32 in Al 'isawiyeh town east of Jerusalem city. This order came after the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued house demolition orders last Thursday to demolish some 60 houses under the pretext of building without a license in the town of Al 'Isawiyeh. Wafa (July 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Police incurred into a Palestinian House in Silwan Cit, at Bab Al Magharbeh and carried out an Intensive house search and caused damaged to the properties. The Israeli Occupation Police also staged into

another tow houses in Wad El Joz and Al Wad Neighborhood in Old city of Jerusalem. Al Quds (July 21, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation army invaded midday the old city of Jerusalem and attacked the Palestinian vegetables buyers in the street and confiscated their stuff. IMEMC News (July 21, 2008).
- Israeli occupation authorities closed down Jerusalem city and imposed a tight closure on Bypass Road Number 1, which separates the two parts of the city. The IOA also set high security measures at crossings borders and checkpoints situated at the city's main entrances, and increased the presence of police guards and police Borders who subjected Citizens to inspection and provocative harassments. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- The Israeli occupation authorities Continued, for the second consecutive day, imposing strict military measures on the village of Umm Tuba and the neighboring villages of the south-east of Jerusalem city. The occupation soldiers carried out raids and incursions to many houses in the village of Umm Tuba and Sur Baher neighborhood, detained a number of young people, and caused a state of fear and panic particularly among children and women. The village's residents were exposed to a complex inspection procedures imposed by Israeli occupation forces at the entrances to the village, interspersed with provocative field interviews. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Al Ezariyeh town east of Jerusalem city and carried out an inspection campaign in the area. Al Quds (July 24, 2008).
- Officers of the Israeli Civil Administration raided a stone, pottery and seedling shop at Hizma town intersection and confiscated 220 meters stones under the pretext that it is prohibited to build houses and establish shops in the region. Quds (July 25, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the five storey building of Majed Abu 'Ieshe in Beit Hanina neighborhood north of Jerusalem city, rendering 70 people homeless. The IOF evacuated the five families inhabiting the building under the threat of weapons and threw out their belongings before demolishing the building. Al Quds & Maanews (July 27, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities raided the houses of Saleh Al Khalid and Fayez Muhammad Ahmad Bishara from Ras Khamis neighborhood

near shu'fat north of Jerusalem city under the pretext of searching for weapons. The IOF damaged properties of the houses and caused a state of panic and fear among its residents. In another incident, Twenty Israeli settlers sneaked into Ras Shihada neighborhood located close to Shu'fat Refugee camp and tried to take over one house in the area. Wafa (July 27, 2008).

- Israel is willing to construct 6000 housing units in Kedar settlement located within Ma'ale Adumim settlement block, east of Jerusalem city. The plan will link Kedar settlement with Ma'ale Adumim block preparing it for annexation once the wall is completed in that area. ARIJ ( July 29, 2008).
- A group of Israeli right-wing activists entered a home in the Palestinian neighborhood of Ras Khamis in north Jerusalem, declaring ownership of the house a Jewish property. The property measures some 20 dunums and contains a number of caravans. Settlers claim that it is a Jewish property for Ramat Gan resident Eliyahu Cohanim, and constitutes part of the so-called "Eastern Gate" compound between the Jewish French Hill neighborhood and the West Bank village of Anata, near Jerusalem. During the previous years, the Israeli Municipality proposed a plan to build a settlement under the name of "Sha'er Mizrah" which was slated to contain about 2000 housing units on 700 dunums of land located between the French hill and Pisgat Ze'ev as to connect the two settlements with each other and prevent Palestinian contiguity. Al Quds & Haaretz (July 30, 2008).
- Israeli settlers attacked land and houses and brought mobile homes with them in order to settle in a Palestinian land in Silwan village at the north east of Jerusalem city. The Israeli army claims that the house was built without the necessary documentation. IMEMC (July 30, 2008).
- The Jerusalem District Court rejected a petition submitted by Israeli rightists squatting in an Arab neighborhood in East Jerusalem and ordered them to evacuate the premises immediately. The rightists have been squatting for some time in a seven-story building they call "Beit Yehonatan," in the heart of the Silwan neighborhood of East Jerusalem. The structure was built illegally by the Ateret Cohanim organization, and has been housing seven Jewish families. Haaretz (July 30, 2008).
- The Arab Knesset Member Hanna Suweid revealed that there are Israeli threats to demolish 15000 Palestinian houses in Jerusalem city under the

pretext of not being licensed and for other security reasons. Al Quds (July 30, 2008).

- The Israeli President Shim'on Peretz called on separating Israelis from Palestinians in the city of Jerusalem through the construction of a wall and a bridge to prevent Palestinian attacks. Al Quds (July 30, 2008).
- The Israeli Court issued a restraining order to stop razing the land of Al Bustan neighborhood owned by a number of Palestinian families in Silwan city. The land is slated for Israeli colonial plans, mainly to establish a Touristic park in the area by Al 'Ad Jewish company who claims ownership of Al Quds (July 31, 2008).

## **Ramallah**

- The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Al Bireh city, Al Am'ary refugee camp and the nearby village of 'Abawin and aggressed on several numbers of Palestinian houses causing extensive loses. Wafa (Jul 1, 2008).
- The IOF broke into Abu Bakr Al Sidiq Mosque in Beit Rima town northwest of Ramallah city, dynamited entrances and confiscated properties. Wafa (Jul 3, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army broke into Abu Obayda Mosque and in Silwad sport club in Silwad town northeast of Ramallah, confiscated computers, files and caused severe damages to properties. Wafa (Jul 3, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces set fire into seven Olive trees in Ni'lin town in Ramallah. Quds (Jul 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army announced Ni'lin village as a closed military area and hindered any access to it, in addition, the IOF closed the entrances to the village with earth mounds. Quds (Jul 5, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into Qibya village council in Ramallah, destroyed properties and confiscated files. Quds (Jul 6, 2008).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on Ramallah- Nablus road near Turmus'aya village north of Ramallah city and hindered Palestinian access to Ramallah. Wafa (Jul 7, 2008).

- The IOF moved into Qarawat Bani Zaid village, north of Ramallah city raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Qajdi 'Emad 'Arar. PCHRGAZA (Jul 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army moved into Al Bireh town raided and searched the building of the Municipality and confiscated computer sets and documents. PCHRGAZA (Jul 8, 2008).
- The Israeli settlers of 'Amona outpost confiscated lands in order to expand the outpost borders and hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their lands located nearby the outpost. In addition the Israeli Occupation Army is planning to announce the area located between the settlers houses in the outpost and the nearby bypass road as a security area which means Palestinians are banned from accessing the area. Quds (Jul 10, 2008).
- The IOF broke into Ramallah Governmental Hospital in Ramallah city after dynamiting main entrances and doors. Quds (Jul 11, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers detained hundreds of Palestinians at 'Atara checkpoint north of Ramallah city. Palestinian vehicles were also detained for hours and were thoroughly inspected by Israeli soldiers under security pretexts. This has caused a delay in Pedestrian and Vehicular movements. Wafa (July 12, 2008).
- The Palestinian village of Bil'in west of Ramallah city turned to a Canadian court for help in its fight against settlement construction. It filed suit for damages in Quebec Superior Court in Montreal against Green Park International and Green Mount International, two sister companies registered in Montreal that are building and selling apartments in Modi'in Illit's new Matityahu East neighborhood. Jpost (Jul 13, 2008).
- The IOF staged into Kober village north of Ramallah city and carried out a house to house search campaign. July (18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities put benchmarks on lands of Ni'lin village to establish a tunnel in the area. The construction of the tunnel will cause the confiscation of more than 200 dunums of lands of the village. Quds (July 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Al Bireh, Sinjel, Deir Al Sudan and Al Mazra'a Al Sharqieh in Ramallah Governorate and searched neighborhoods under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. Al Quds & Wafa (Jul 19, 2008).



- Four Israeli jeeps invaded the village of Kobar, north of central West Bank city of Ramallah, and drove through its neighborhoods. IMEMC (July 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Military Soldiers completely closed the main roadway that connects Ramallah and Al Bireh cities with the western villages and deprived hundreds of Palestinian citizens from moving to their work and their institutions. The IOF also closed the road linking 'Ein 'Arik village with Deir Ibzeig' and which is also used by at least 26 other Palestinian villages and towns heading to and from Ramallah and Al Bireh cities. Wafa (July 20, 2008).
- Six Israeli military vehicles drove in and through Al Bireh and Biteen streets and neighborhoods. At the same time, a number of Israeli settlers attacked Bedouin's tents near Ramallah city. The settlers humiliated and attacked the Bedouins in an attempt to force them out of the area in order to expand the Israeli settlement built in close parameters from the site. IMEMC (July 24, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation troops stormed Al Jalazon refugee camp located in the central West Bank city of Ramallah and searched a number of homes there, soldiers left after kidnapping three men. IMEMC (July 26, 2008).
- After a five-year battle, the Israeli defense establishment has finally agreed to dismantle a 2.4-kilometer stretch of the separation fence north of Qalqilyah. The move will return 2,600 dunums of agricultural land to its Palestinian owners. The dismantled stretch will be replaced by 4.9 kilometers of fencing closer to the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line), at a cost of more than NIS 50 million. Haaretz (July 28, 2008).

## **Bethlehem**

- The Israeli Occupation Army removed Al Container checkpoint northeast of Bethlehem city. Maan News (Jul 2, 2008).
- The IOF searched a house belonging to the family of Mahmoud Hassan Al Wardian in Bethlehem city. PCHRGAZA (Jul 3, 2008).
- The IOF moved into Al Duhaisha refugee camp to the south of Bethlehem city raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Ziad Rahhal. PCHRGAZA (Jul 3, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces moved into Al Shawawra village to the east of Bethlehem city raided and searched a house belonging to the family of 'Ali Mohammed Hamdan. PCHRGAZA (Jul 3, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation troops staged into Al Khadr town south of Bethlehem city and broke into the houses of Muhammad Hussein Gharib and his sons. Wafa (Jul 7, 2008).
- The IOF staged into Al Khadr town south of Bethlehem city and broke into the house of Ramzi Salah the mayor of the town. Wafa (Jul 10, 2008).
- Some 60 Israeli settlers, including a Knesset Member and local rabbis invaded Osh Ghrab camp in Beit Sahour city. IMEMC & IsraelNN (Jul 11, 2008).
- The IOF invaded Al Khadr town south of Bethlehem city and broke into Sbeih stores, causing extensive loses to the properties. The IOF also raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Nadeem Mahmoud 'Eissa. PCHRGAZA & Wafa (Jul 12, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation troops raided an apartment in the old section of Al Khadr town west of Bethlehem city, shouting at the inhabitants and claiming that a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at an Israeli vehicle in the area. Meanwhile Israeli Occupation forces stormed Wadi Em 'Ali neighborhood of Bethlehem and arrested people. Separately, undercover Israeli forces infiltrated 'Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem. The Israeli military vehicles infiltrated 'Aida refugee camp north of Bethlehem city and surrounded the houses of Ayman Al-'Amareen and Hammuda Srur and arrested them after ransacking both houses. Maannews (July 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed Al Container checkpoint east of Bethlehem Governorate and carried out an intensive inspection campaign which obstructed the Pedestrian and vehicular movements for hours. Wafa (July 13, 2008).
- More than 100 Israeli settlers invaded Osha Ghrab camp in Beit Sahour city and tried to construct tents in the area in an attempt to erect new outpost. Wafa (Jul 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Nahhalin village west of Bethlehem city and carried out house to house search campaign after

forcing dwellers to evacuate their houses under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Jul 14, 2008).

- The IOF moved into Bethlehem city and raided and searched a house belonging to the family of 'Abed 'Aziz al-Hraimi. PCHRGAZA (July 15, 2008).
- The IOF moved into Beit Ta'mar village, east of Bethlehem, raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Hmaid Mohammed Souman. PCHRGAZA (July 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Beit Fajjar town south of Bethlehem city, closed all its main entrances with earth mounds and cement blocks and took over a four- storey residential building owned by Muhammad Sham'on, turning it into military post after forcing all dwellers to evacuate it. PNN & Quds (Jul 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert rejected a plan to build 800 new housing units in Bittar 'Illit settlement but he agreed on issuing bids to build 286 units in the settlement. Haaretz (Jul 16, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Petrol set up a temporary checkpoint at the entrance of Al Shawawreh village east of Bethlehem city. Israeli Soldiers stopped and searched vehicles, detained passengers after confiscating their personal ID cards which hampered their arrival to their destination. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation forces accompanied by bulldozers and trucks to transport machinery and equipment staged into the industrial zone east of Beit Fajjar city and started razing the front yards of some factories and confiscated more than 20 machinery, including bulldozers and machinery and equipment for digging and cutting stone; initial losses are estimated at millions of dollars as the occupation forces destroyed a number of stone cut machines, each of which costs about a quarter of a million dollars. Among Factories' owners, the following were known: Khalil Na'im thawabteh, As'ad Mazen Jaradat, Muhammad Hassan Thawabteh, Nabeeh Hasan Diriyah, Hatim Ahmed Natsheh. Maannews (July 2008).
- Six Israeli military vehicles invaded the village of Al Manyia south of Bethlehem city and imposed a closure lasted for a couple of hours. Israeli troops searched and ransacked several houses forcing civilians out of their homes under the threat of weapon. The troops kidnapped Nawaf Abu Nur, 44, after damaging his residence. IMEMC (July 24, 2008).

- Twenty sheep died after Israeli settlers sprayed the fields located in close parameters of Tequ' settlements south of Bethlehem city with poisonous substances in the lands. Sheep belong to Mahmoud Hussein 'Ali Sabbah. Wafa (July 28, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the house of Muhammad Sa'ade al muhseri composed of three floors in Al Khader old city west of Bethlehem city alongside Bypass Road 60 and carried out an intensive house search after detaining the families in one room. The house is inhabited by three families. Maannews (July 30, 2008).
- Around 70 Israeli settlers invaded Osh Ghurab Park east of Beit Sahour and forced international and local volunteers to stop the painting work that they were doing in the site. The settlers, started to paint over the murals, and to kick the painting buckets. The Army arrived at the site but made no move to stop the settler provocation. It is worth mentioning that the painting action was organized by a number of organizations in Bethlehem area, including the Palestinian Centre for Rapprochement between People, PAIDIA, Alternative Information Center (AIC) and Decolonizing Architecture in addition to a number of volunteers in Bethlehem area. IMEMC (July 30, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers continued expanding Al Container checkpoint in Abu Dis city on the expanse of Palestinian Lands located in the vicinity of the Checkpoint in an attempt to transfer it into a crossing terminal. The checkpoint connects the southern and middle West Bank Governorates with the northern Governorates. Al Quds (July 31, 2008).

## **Nablus**

- Group of Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement aggressed on the Palestinian farmer Walid 'Eid while he was grazing his sheep's near the settlement in Burin village south of Nablus city. Wafa (Jul 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the offices of the Solidarity Charitable Society and into the nearby Al Rawda Mosque in Nablus city, destroyed main entrances and confiscated files and computers after handing them military order to close the society for three years. Wafa (Jul 7, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into Nablus Mall west of Nablus city, aggressed on the commercial stores, confiscating properties and files and causing extensive loses after issuing an order to close the mall for two years. In addition, the IOF broke into the residential buildings of 'Antar and Al Sakhtian and confiscated properties. Wafa (Jul 8, 2008).
- The IOF broke into Al 'Aqsa medical center , Al Quran & Al Suna committee and Al Huda Mosque in new 'Askar refugee camp, in addition of confiscating properties from Yazur committee in Balata refugee camp. Wafa (Jul 8, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Nablus Municipality after dynamiting main entrance and confiscated files and computers, in addition, the IOF invaded Tel village southwest of the city and aggressed on the village council and several numbers of houses, causing damages and loses. Moreover, the IOF broke into Al Hajj Nimr, Salah El Din, 'Aisha and Hamza Mosques in Nablus city causing loses and confiscated three buses related to the Islamic School. Wafa & Quds (Jul 9, 2008).
- The IOF broke into a clinic belonging to the Alms Committee in the east of Aqruba village. The IOF forced staff members to leave the clinic under the threat of weapons then broke the door of the administration room and the filing cabinet confiscated some documents, a computer and money totaling US \$ 2,500. Moreover, the IOF broke into the big Mosque in the town and several numbers of Palestinian houses, causing panic to residents. PCHRGAZA & Wafa (Jul 9, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces aggressed on Saint Philipos Church in the old city of Nablus and opened fire at the nearby Palestinian houses, causing damages. Maan News (Jul 9, 2008).
- IOF moved into Qabalan village, southeast of Nablus and raided the Koran Association in the center of the village. The building is compsed of 4 floors: the first floor serves as a sewing workshop; the second is a mosque for women, the third a mosque for men and the top floor is an administration and education center. IOF troops confiscated the entire contents of the building, including computers and all documents, and ordered the closure of the association for two years. PCHRGAZA (July 9, 2008).
- IOF moved into Nablus city and raided offices of a number of Palestinian institutions and ordered one of them to close, claiming it funded terrorist organizations. IOF troops raided the offices of Afaq Television in the

Aaloul and Abu Salha Building in Palestinian Street in the city centre. They confiscated all equipment and ordered the closure of the television station for 2 years, claiming it was funding terrorist organizations. At the same time, IOF troops also raided the offices of the Palestinian Women Committees Association in the al-Deb'ei Building in west Nablus city. They confiscated 5 computers and some documents. IOF also raided al-Rahma Clinic in Faisal Street in the east of the city, and confiscated 4 computers, a PC hard drive and some documents. Additionally, IOF confiscated two buses belonging to Dawhat al-Iman Kindergarten in al-Ma'ajin neighborhood in the northwest of the city. PCHRGAZA (July 10, 2008).

- For the third time the Israeli settlers of Yizhar fired missiles on Burin village south of Nablus city. Quds (Jul 10, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into an iron factory in Balata area along with another plastic factory near Rujeeb village east of Nablus city. Wafa (Jul 11, 2008).
- The IOF aggressed on Afaq local TV station in Nablus city and sealed it with wax. Quds (Jul 11, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation machinery raided Asira Al Qablyia village south of Nablus city and carried out a house to house search campaign. Wafa (July 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army hindered landowners in Al Naqura area near the Israeli bypass road leading to checkpoint #17 from accessing their agricultural lands planted with Olives, Almonds, Figs, Tomatoes and Cucumber. Quds (Jul 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into 'Askar old refugee camp near Nablus city closed all its main entrances and carried out a house to house search campaign. In addition the IOF broke into Nablus mall and aggressed on the commercial stores. Wafa (Jul 14, 2008).
- The IOF moved into Nablus city and the neighboring 'Ein Beit al-Maa' refugee camp. The IOF raided offices of International Solidarity Association for Human Rights on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of al-Israa' Building and confiscated 15 computers and some documents and files. IOF troops also raided and searched a number of houses. Pchrgaza (July 16, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into lawyer office of Firas Abu Hassan in the center of Nablus city and confiscated files, computers and documents. Arabs48 (Jul 16, 2008).
- The IOF re-erected Al Bathan checkpoint northeast of Nablus city and detained Palestinian vehicles going in and out of Nablus city. Wafa (Jul 16, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into 'Askar new and Old Camps, and Balata Refugee Camp east of Nablus city and carried out a house to house search campaign under the pretext of searching for wanted Palestinians. Wafa (July 17, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army invaded the city of Nablus with over 30 military vehicles. The Israeli troops spread in several neighborhoods and launched a kidnapping campaign against civilians and ransacked several houses. The Israeli troops also invaded one of the student's dorms in Al Rafidia Neighborhood west of the city and kidnapped several students after ransacking the place and confiscating a number of computers in the dorm. IMEMC (July 21, 2008).
- 15 Israeli Jeeps staged into Nablus city from Al Juneid Area in the west and Balata Refugee Camp from Huwwara Checkpoint. The Jeeps toured in most parts of the city and in the streets and alleys of the camp, and raided and searched the house of Kareem Abu Issa and destroyed some of its contents. Wafa (July 21, 2008).
- A number of Israeli military vehicles raided a number of neighborhoods in Nablus city, and toured in the city for several hours, and withdrew at a later time via the eastern entrance of the city, heading towards a military camp near Nablus. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- Twenty Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement attacked the house of Fadi Najjar located on the outskirts of Burin village south of Nablus city and smashed his car that was parked in the nearby. Settlers also the road junction leading to the village. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- More than one hundred Israeli settlers from the illegal settlement of Yizhar south of Nablus attacked the nearby village of Burin in protest of the Israeli army attempt to remove a trailer that was illegally installed by the settlers earlier that week. Settlers unleashed their anger on the Palestinian villagers, by blocking the road to the village with burning tires, and

throwing stones at them and their homes throughout the day. Maannews (July 25, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation soldiers staged into 'Askar old refugee camp and Balata refugee camp and beit furik village and broke into some houses searching for wanted Palestinians as claimed. Wafa (July 25, 2008).
- Israeli occupation forces intensified their arbitrary actions at the military roadblock set up near the village of Huwwara south of Nablus, in the northern West Bank. The Israeli occupation soldiers deliberately obstruct the movement of citizens and delay inspection procedures, causing considerable congestion in the way of citizens who try to cross the checkpoint. The Israeli occupying forces continued to implement their expansionist activities aiming at expanding Huwwara checkpoint in an attempt to transfer it to an International border crossing. Recently, the IOF worked to establish a corridor and erected iron poles along the corridor's path. Wafa (July 27, 2008).
- A gang of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement, to the south of Nablus city in the West Bank, set fire into a Palestinian house in the village of Burin located close to the settlement, owned by Sa'id Mahmoud An-Najar, apparently burning it to the ground. Maannews (July 28, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation army set fire into Hindiyeh furniture store composed of 4 floors and is located on Al-Quds road in Nablus city. Losses were estimated at \$3million. Maannews (July 29, 2008).

## **Hebron**

- The Israeli Occupation Forces opened fire at the Palestinian houses located near the Segregation Wall path in Beit 'Awa town southwest of Hebron city and searched houses belonging to Al Siwaity family and detained them in one room. Quds (Jul 2, 2008).
- In the framework of expanding settlements in Hebron, The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak agreed to build a boarding school for the religious school of "Beit Romano" (Yeshivat Shavei Hevron) in the city of Hebron. The decision will include the addition of one big building composed of a number of floors to be used by religious students. Arabs48 & IsraelNN (Jul 3, 2008).



- The Israeli Occupation Army installed three road blocks between Hebron city and the nearby villages of At Tiwani and Yatta. IMEMC (Jul 6, 2008).
- The IOF closed Halhul Bridge which connects Hebron city with the villages and towns in the north, in addition of closing Al Slam Street in the city. Moreover, the IOF erected five new caravans in the Israeli outpost west of Karmi Zur settlement between Halhul and Beit Ummar towns. Quds (Jul 7, 2008).
- The IOF moved into Beit Kahel village to the northwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Sayaf Ibrahim Al 'Asafra. PCHRGAZA (Jul 8, 2008).
- The Israeli settlers of Beit Rumano and under the protection of the Israeli forces started expanding the settlement borders on the expanse of the nearby Palestinian lands. In addition, the Israeli settlers took photos for the Palestinian houses of Al Jab'a, Dandis, Al Sha'rawi, Siyaj, Abu 'Asab, Abu Markhiya and Nayroukh families in Al Qazazin and Qantara Al Shaloudy neighborhoods around the settlement. Wafa (Jul 9, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished the houses of Muhammad Karama (180 m<sup>2</sup>) and Jamal Karama (two- storey house 200 m<sup>2</sup>) in Wadi Abu Ktela neighborhood west of Hebron city rendering 18 individuals homeless; in addition, IOF also demolished part of their mother's house (Amina Karama). IOF also demolished fences and uprooted dozens of fruitful trees before their withdrawal from the area. PCHRGAZA & Wafa (Jul 10, 2008).
- The IOF raided and searched several numbers of houses south and west of Hebron city, causing damages to properties. Wafa (Jul 10, 2008).
- IOF moved into Nablus city and besieged the building of the Municipality of Nablus. They blew up the door of Accounting Department and then searched the department. They confiscated 4 computers, some maps and a camera. PCHRGAZA (July 11, 2008).
- The Israeli occupation forces intensified their actions in Hebron Governorate, south of the West Bank. The IOF erected many flying checkpoints at some Villages' entrances where they detained dozens of Palestinian citizens and made them wait for long hours. Affected Villages are: Beit Amra Idhna entrances, Beit Kahel and Halhul bridges, Nabi Yunis and al Fawwar Junction. Wafa (July 13, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces added new caravans to the existing Baruch military base located between Qiryat Arba' and Kharisena settlements south of Hebron city. Quds (Jul 14, 2008).
- The IOF detained tens of Palestinian residents on the main entrances of Halhul Bridge, Beit Kahil Bridge, Al Nabi Yunis junction, Al Fawar junction, Idhna main entrance and Beit 'Amra entrance. Quds (Jul 14, 2008).
- Group of Israeli settlers from Qiryat Arba' aggressed on the house of Ibrahim Jaber in Wad Al Nasara neighborhood in Hebron city, causing damages to properties and panic to residents. Wafa (Jul 16, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation forces invaded the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron city, drove through the town, and fired volleys of shots into the air before announcing the curfew before imposing on the city. Maannews (July 17, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities informed resident Hilmi Al Jamal in Hebron city Industrial zone of their intention to confiscate his 180 meters square land for military uses. Wafa (July 17, 2008).
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked Al Nasara Neighborhood in the city and tried to take over several Palestinian houses. The Israeli settlers threw stones at a number of Palestinian houses and provoked civilians trying to get them out of their homes. This is not the first time this neighborhood has been attacked by Israeli settlers, noting that Israeli settlers practiced different attacks on civilians and their homes many times earlier. IMEMC (July 21, 2008).
- The Israeli army invaded a medical center in Yatta village south of Hebron city and broke some of the medical equipments and furniture, and attacked the medical staff and some patients. IMEMC News (July 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into the town of Beit Ummar from its eastern entrance which is consolidated by the presence of a Military point that obstructs the movement of Palestinians accessing it. Wafa (July 21, 2008).
- Entrances of Dura town, Kharsa village, Ad Dhahriyah town, and Al Fawwar refugee camp were closed by the Israeli Military Patrols for some

time during which Palestinians citizens and their vehicles were stopped and subjected to inspection and scrutiny. Wafa (July 22, 2008).

- Israeli military forces stormed Al Zeitoun suburb in the city of Hebron and raided several houses and inspected them thoroughly and drove residents out under the threat of weapons. Among the houses, the following were known: Zuhdi Al Sharabati, Nazmi Al Sharabati & Awad Al Sharabati. In Al Hawoz area, the Israeli occupation forces raided the houses of Zuhair Abu Eisha, Zakaria Bayyoud al-Tamimi and Fakhri al-Tamimi. Wafa (July 23 2008).
- Haaretz newspaper reported that Menachem Livni - a former leader of the Jewish terrorist underground, has been cultivating a plot of land east of Hebron since 1991, at the outskirts of the Palestinian village of Bani Naim. Haaretz (July 2008).
- IOF moved into the northern and western parts of Hebron undercover of intense gunfire and took position in Shu'ab al-Maleh area. They closed all entrances to the area and besieged 4 houses, including an under-construction house, and 2 storey house owned by Wa'el Mohammed al-Beitar. Twenty-five people, including 15 children live in the houses. IOF troops took positions atop of a number of houses and hills in the area and ordered residents of the four houses through megaphones to evacuate the houses with hands up. They opened fire at it from and fired 8 shells. The house and a neighboring animal farm were damaged and fire broke out. An Israeli bulldozer moved towards the besieged houses and started to pave the dirt road leading to them. It also demolished fences on both sides of the road. It then started to demolish al-Beitar's house. Three other houses belonging to Al Natshe, Al Qawasmi and Al 'Owewi families also received some shelling and properties were destroyed. In addition, the IOF demolished the house Shihan Ad Din An Natsheh in the area. Wafa (July 26, 2008).
- Israeli settlers attacked school children and internationals who accompany them as they were walking from the village of Tuba to a summer camp in the village of At-Tuwani, both in the southern Hebron hills. Settlers threw stones at the children and their companions. IMEMC (July 27, 2008).
- Israeli military vehicles invaded the city of Beit Ummer and soldiers opened fire randomly with rubber-coated bullets and live ammunition. The IOF also stormed the village of Safa, north of Beit Ummar city, and raided the home of Kussab 'Ali Abu Dayya. Israeli forces destroyed the

family's furniture and belongings, including a computer and mobile phone. Maannews (July 27, 2008).

- The IOF continued for the second day on row closing Hebron city's main entrances with roadblocks and earth mounds and iron gates. The IOF also closed Beit Kahel Bridge linking Hebron city with Tarqumiya terminal and prevented Palestinian residents and vehicles from passing through the northern entrance of the city through Halhul Bridge which was also closed with barbed wires. Israeli soldiers also broke into some Palestinian house in Al 'Arroub Camp and Ash Shiokh and caused damages to the properties. Among house owners, the house of Muhammad Riziq Muhammad 'Ayayda and the house of the Handicapped Musa Abu Shanab were known. Wafa (July 27, 2008).
- Six trailers for settlers were found at the Mitkanim base next to the Avraham Avinu neighborhood in the West Bank city of Hebron. The trailers are full of residents of the Hebron Jewish Community, enjoying all the services offered by the military facility. An overhead shot of the base shows at the top a military outpost and command center, and at the bottom, the trailers for the families complete with yards for their children to play in. Haaretz (July 29, 2008).
- 20 Israeli settlers attacked Hebron city from the nearby Kiryat Are' settlement. The settlers violently attacked Palestinian cars passing by the road between Wad Al Nasara village and the Israeli settlement. Israeli settlers attacked and damaged 15 cars, hitting them with iron bars and stones and shot gunfire at random. Moreover settlers attacked civilian houses in the village; settlers broke doors and windows in an attempt to break in. IMEMC (July 31, 2008).

### **Gaza:**

- The Israeli Occupation Army warned Palestinian residents from reaching 300 meters from the Israeli borders, which as a result landowners will be banned from accessing their agricultural lands. Quds (Jul 6, 2008).
- In A report issued by the Wood Industries Union indicated that the estimated losses of wood during the previous months due to the Israeli closures are USD 34 millions. In addition, 95% of the number of carpentry shops were closed down in the Gaza Strip and have caused 660 Palestinian workers TO become unemployed. Al Quds (July 20, 2008).

- Israeli warships fired a number of anti-tank missiles at fishermen's boats and opened fire heavily at them while fishing in the Sudaniyya area north of Gaza City and Ash-Shati camp west of Gaza City. The shots were fired between 3 and 6 in the morning. The missiles horrified fishermen and damaged several boats. Maannews (July 21, 2008).
- In A report published by the UNRWA showed that 52% of the number of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip is below poverty line, compared to 19% in the West Bank area. Al Quds (July 25,2008)

## **Tulkarm**

- The IOF moved into Deir Al Chuson village to the north of Tulkarm city raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Wa'el Mahmoud Rabai'a. PCHRGAZA (Jul 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army moved into Tulkarm city raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Murad Riad Mughrabi. PCHRGAZA (Jul 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Tulkarm city, closed Dwar Shweika and hindered Palestinian cars from reaching their destinations in addition of breaking into several numbers of houses in the area. Wafa (Jul 10, 2008).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on Iktaba outskirts junction east of Tulkarm city and detained Palestinian vehicles for long time. Wafa (Jul 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Qaffin village north of Tulkarem city and carried out a house to house search campaign and destroyed properties, among which, the house of Waleed Sabbah was known. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- More than 8 Israeli military vehicles stormed Al-Younis building in the city of Tulkarem in the northern West Bank after they besieged the whole neighborhood. The building and other neighboring buildings and offices were evacuated and women, children and infants were sent into the street. Maannews (July 28, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces set fire into the fields of Qaffin village located behind the Israeli Segregation Wall. Already 1200 dunums of lands

cultivated with Olive and almonds were set fire into during the previous months which caused losses to landowners. Al Quds (July 29, 2008).

## **Salfit**

- More than 3000 Israeli settlers accompanied by the Israeli Army invaded Kafal Haris town and broke into the religious sites of Thi Al Nun, Thi Al Kafal, Al Isha' and Banat Saydna Yacouv and constructed tents in the places. In addition the IOF erected temporary checkpoints on the main entrances of the town. Quds (Jul 5, 2008).
- In a move that will triple the size of its industrial park, the West Bank settlement of Ariel has received final approval to construct 27 new factories mostly for steel, aluminum, plastic and metal companies. Jpost (Jul 14, 2008).

## **Tubas**

- The IOF invaded Al Far'a refugee camp and surrounded several numbers of houses, in addition the IOF staged into Tubas city and Tamun town , searched houses and erected temporary checkpoints around 'Aqruba town. Quds (Jul 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army handed the owners of the agricultural stoles located near road # 90 near 'Ein Al Bayda village in the northern valleys military order to close the stoles for three days. Wafa (Jul 12, 2008).
- The IOF invaded Tubas city, Al Far'a refugee camp and Kashda village under heavy barrage of gunfire and closed roads banning residents from accessing their destinations. Wafa (Jul 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Tayaseer checkpoint in the northern valleys and detained tens of Palestinian vehicles for long time. Wafa (Jul 15, 2008).
- Tens of Israeli military Jeeps staged into Al Far'a refugee camp and carried out an intensive house to house search campaign and forced residents to evacuate their house under the threat of weapons under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. Al Quds (July 17, 2008).

- The IOF staged into 'Ein Al Bayda village north of Tubs city and broke into the house of Ahmad Muhammad Faqha, searched the house and destroyed some of its properties. Wafa (July 27, 2008).
- A number of Israeli military vehicles invaded Al far'a refugee camp south of the West Bank city of Tubas and closed its main entrance banning residents from getting in or out the camp. Moreover in Kashda village, located western the refugee camp, Israeli troops searched and ransacked several farm lands leaving some damages. IMEMC (July 31, 2008).

## **Jenin**

- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on the main entrance of Al 'Arqa village west of Jenin city and detained Palestinian cars for hours. Wafa (Jul 9, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces incurred into 'Araba town southwest of Jenin city along with Al 'Arqa village in the west and erected temporary checkpoint on the main entrance for long hours. Wafa (Jul 11, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers attempted to force three Palestinian women to undress at Al-Jalama checkpoint, on the 1949 Green Line north of Jenin, while travelling visit their relatives in an Israeli jail. News (July 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation machinery raided Jenin city and Qabatyia town north of the West Bank and carried out a house to house search campaigns. Wafa (July 13, 2008).
- More than 20 Israeli Occupation machinery raided Jenin refugee camp and Al Yamun town and broke into Palestinian houses in Al Damj and Tal'it Al Ghis neighborhoods and forced all residents to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Among owners known was Hatim 'Arury. Quds (Jul 13, 2008).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on the way connecting 'Araba town and Fahma village southwest of Jenin city, detaining Palestinian residents for hours. Wafa (Jul 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation troops carried out house to house search campaign in Kafr Dan village under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. Quds (Jul 15, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Qabatya, Kafr Ra'i and Burqin towns in Jenin Governorate and searched neighborhoods under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. Wafa (Jul 16, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities refused to grant permits to farmers and owners of tobacco farms in the village of Nazlat Sheikh Zeid to enter their agricultural lands located behind the Israeli Segregation wall. Such practices have caused a delay to Farmers in providing the required services to the lands especially those planted with Olives which need special care before the Picking season, in addition to the tobacco plantations, which the region is famous, needs care to improve the quality and quantity of production. Wafa (July 17, 2008).
- For the second time in two days, the Israeli Occupation Machinery invaded the village of Kafr Ra'I in Jenin city and carried out a house search campaign. Wafa (July 19, 2008).
- Israeli occupation army carried out operations and landing training at Ya'bad's valley, from its eastern side, and continued to hold a number of military checkpoints in the area which is witnessing an intensive military operation. Wafa (July 22, 2008).
- The Israeli Military Jeeps staged into the city of Jenin, Qabatya town, Deir Abu Da'if and Burqin villages and toured in the streets for some time before leaving them. Wafa (July 22, 2008).
- The Israeli occupation army, stormed Jenin city and refugee camp and al Yamoun village north of the West Bank, roamed the streets and its alleys, and soldiers fired live bullets and sound bombs which caused a state of fear and anxiety among citizens. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation troops broke into the house of Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Kezilih in T'enik village northwest of Jenin city and destroyed house property. Israeli Occupation forces also carried out a major incursion into the centre of Jenin city, raiding several houses. In Muthallath Al-Shuhada village, in the west of Jenin, Israeli troops surrounded the house of Jihad Sa'id Washahi and late broke into it causing a state of fear among it's a residents. The IOF also besieged a coffee shop belonging to Zaher Mahmoud 'As'ous in the center of the village and then ordered through megaphones all those who were in the coffee shop to evacuate the coffee shop. Maannews (July 24, 2008).



- The IOF staged into Zabuba village north of Jenin city and searched a number of Palestinian houses, especially those located in close parameters of the Israeli Segregation Wall. Residents were evacuated from their houses under the threat of weapons. The IOF also staged into Jenin city through its northern entrance and toured its neighborhoods. Other incursions were also reported in 'Arraba, Al Yamoun, and Fahma villages where the IOF inspected the agricultural lands of the aforementioned villages, in Wadi Abu Hasan Area and then stationed at the main road that links Kafr Dan village with Burqin. Wafa (July28, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation forces invaded Muthalath Al Shuhada', a village north of Jenin city, shot gun fire and sound bombs randomly. The Israeli soldiers searched and ransacked civilian homes, among them the house of Aysar Weshaha. IMEMC (July 29, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Qabatyia town south of Jenin city , surrounded the two storey house of Naser Zakarne and ordered family members (8) to evacuate the house through loud speakers and carried out an intensive house search. Maannews (July 30, 3008).

## **Qalqilyah**

- The IOF staged into Beit Amin town in Qalqiliya and demolished the house of Emad El Din Mahmoud Omar. PCHRGAZA (Jul 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Sinariya town and demolished the house of Zaki 'Abed Allah Saleh Omar, turning it into a heap of rubble. PCHRGAZA (Jul 6, 2008).
- Twenty Israeli settlers, two of them riding horses from Havat Gil'ad outpost established on lands of Qalqilyah Governorate north of the West Bank, sprayed chemicals on a group of Palestinian farmers while attacking them in their fields. The settlers approached two farmers while they were working on their land in the village of Immatin. In the meantime, an additional fifteen Palestinians from Far'ata who had been working in their land nearby rushed to the aid of the other farmers and were attacked by the settlers who were present in the site. Settlers also threw stones at the Palestinians, threatened to beat them, and set small fires on the hillside. The fires destroyed a total of 60 olive trees before Palestinian firemen could put them out. Maannews & Wafa (July 21, 2008).

- Israeli settlers from Gil'ad outpost established on lands of Qalqilyah set fire into 50 dunums of lands of Immatin village northeast of Qalqilyah city planted with Olives. Lands belong to Muhammad Ibrahim Suwwan, Sameeh Lutfi Suwwan, Ziad Abdel Hafez Suwwan and Sidqi Suwwan. It was also reported that the IOF staged into the village at earlier time and carried out a house to house search campaign and caused some damaged to the properties. Among house owners, the following was known: Sami Abdel Latif Suwwan, Hekmat Metyani, Malek Suwwan, Abdullah Suwwan, and Fa'eq Suwwan. Wafa (July 28, 2008).

## **Jericho**

- Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the offices of the Al-Isra' charity in Jericho in the eastern West Bank, they confiscated files on orphans and needy families who receive aid from the charity, deliberately damaged furniture belonging to a kindergarten affiliated to the charity and confiscated the last remaining computer in the office. Maanews (July 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over Palestinian residents of Abu Al 'Ajaj area in Al Jiftlik, in the northern valleys, three house evictions and demolition notices under the pretext of not having proper licensing documents as the area where they live is classified by the Israelis as "closed military zone", where any kind of Palestinian construction is prohibited. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- Palestinian Farmers reported that Drought threatens thousands of acres of agricultural lands of al-Auja village near Jericho city due to the Israeli activities exemplified in digging artesian wells in 'Ein samia area which feeds Al 'Auja spring basin. The problem rises up from the unfair exploitation of the Israeli side and Israeli settlers of the water basin in the region through the drilling of water wells which affects the level of water in the basin and from the Israeli refusal lay down pipelines from the spring to the water channel located west of the area under the pretext that the region is classified as "nature reserve". Al 'Auja Spring is one of the main springs in Palestine, where the flow of water reached up 2000 cubic meters per hour in some years; the estimated rate of water flowing from it is estimated at nine million cubic meters annually, which is nearly 10% of the total amount of water flowing from all the springs in the West Bank West. Wafa (July 27, 2008)

## **Others**

- Nefesh B'Nefesh is an organization dedicated to revitalizing North American and British Jewish immigration to Israel, will welcome its first summer flight filled with new immigrants at Ben Gurion International Airport this Thursday, July 10. The flight will bring 220 new immigrants from North America to Israel, ranging in age from 87 years old to two months. IsraelNN (Jul 9, 2008).
- The Israeli Ministerial Committee for legislation issues will vote on the law proposal which prohibits "leasing" «State Land» to non-Jews (the Indigenous Palestinian Arabs). These lands are Palestinian "Absentee Properties" and communal lands and the lands that were confiscated from Arab owners and are managed by the «Israeli Land Administration». The law proposal, if adopted, will ensure the survival of the lands classified as "State Land" into the custody of the State of Israel; It will also ensure that no Arab succeed in objecting on the discrimination against Arabs in the distribution of lands in any judicial session. Arabs48 (July 16, 2008).
- The Israeli cabinet agreed to form a ministerial committee to examine proposals for establishing a new Arab city in the western Galilee. The idea was presented by the Israeli Minister of Interior Me'ir Sheerit, and if the plans go through, it would be the first new Arab city since the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948. Maanews (July 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Reconciliation Court in Eilat city issued a long-term precautionary order to prevent excavation acts or any installation works in the Muslim cemetery in Umm Rishrash. The order is valid until a final decision is taken concerning the case. Wafa (July 23, 2008).
- The Jewish Agency, in conjunction with the French aliya organization AMI, greeted 450 new French immigrants on Wednesday at Ben-Gurion Airport. JPOST (July 23, 2008).
- The Israeli Ministerial Committee on immigration agreed to encourage the migration of 1,400 Ethiopian Jews from Ethiopia to Israel. The Committee also examined 18 thousand immigration applications from Ethiopia to Israel. The Committee decided to prepare programs to accommodate the new immigrants, and that the government funds projects of that purpose. Arabs 48 & Maanews (July 25, 2008).
- An Israeli plan to expand "Tsorel" settlement in Samhata village in Nazereth. The plan will cause the complete annexation of the eastern side of the village if implemented. Arabs48 (July 26, 2008).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	20	0	0	13	128
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0		0	0
Ramallah	0	0	7	0	0
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	2	0
Hebron	0	180 m <sup>2</sup>	0	4	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>180 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>128</b>

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