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Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Jenin city, Qabatyia, Burqin and Al Arqa villages, toured in the city and carried out intensive house search campaign. Among the houses, the house of Mahmoud Abu Al Rob was known. Wafa (September 3, 2008).
- Dozens of Israeli military vehicles raided the town of Qabatyia in the northern West Bank and launched a search campaign. Israeli Occupation forces also stormed several Palestinian homes, damaging their contents, Maan News (September 3, 2008).
- Special Israeli units infiltrated to the town of Jaba' in the southern part of Jenin city, hid in an abandoned house located at the town's entrance, and then stormed the town. The Israeli occupation army patrols roamed the streets and the alleys of the town for some time before they left. Wafa (September 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the towns of Qabatyia and Al Yamun in Jenin Governorate north of the West Bank. The IOF roamed the alleys and streets of the two villages amid firing of bullets and sound bombs which caused a state of fear among citizens. IOF also set up several military flying checkpoints in Al Sweitat neighborhood in Jenin city, between Qabatyia and Msaliyah villages, at the entrance of Arraba and Fahma villages, and another checkpoint at the entrance of Al 'Arqa village. It is worth pointing out that the Israeli occupation soldiers stopped vehicles and checked identities of citizens. Wafa (September 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers are adopting a new inspection policy against workers who try to cross Al Jalamah crossing border heading to

their work places inside the Green Line. Despite having permits that allow them to pass through Al Jalameh crossing gate, workers are forced to take off their clothes as a prelude for inspection. Quds (September 6, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the villages of Qabatyia, Merka and Al Hashimiyeh in Jenin Governorate north of the West Bank amid bullets and sound grenades, raided several houses and carried out inspection campaigns in Abu Ar Rub, Al Zakarneh neighborhood and the northern area of town. Wafa (September 7, 2008).
- Several Israeli Military vehicles stormed Qabatyia village in Jenin and roamed the streets and its alleys for more than two hours amid shooting of bulletproof and sound bombs. It is noteworthy that the town of Qabatiya exposed to almost daily incursions by the Israeli occupation forces. Wafa (September 8, 2008).
- Israeli Military vehicles raided Al Masarwa neighborhood, the Old Souq and the former headquarter of the Palestinian security forces in Jenin city. Israeli army bulldozers have caused destruction to the streets of the city. In the same context, IOF stormed Al Zababda village north of Jenin city, stationed at the northern entrance of the village to what was known as 'Bezeq' camp for several hours. Wafa (September 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army confiscated a bulldozer owned by Muhammad Mustafa Jabbarin in At Tayybeh village northwest of Jenin city because of working on a piece of land located in area "C" which falls under the full Israeli control. The bulldozer costs 50 Thousand NIS. Quds (September 7, 2008).
- Israeli military force stormed the town of Jenin across Haifa Street and entered the camp, where soldiers raided the house of Abu Sirryeh and messed with the contents of his houses after detaining the owners outside the house for more than two hours. IOF also stormed the towns of Arraba and Kafr Ra'i and were also seen in other areas around the villages of Sir, Al Jadedda, Sanur and the village of Fahma. Wafa (September 9, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces freed herds of pigs in the vicinity of the settlements', Hermish and Mevo Dotan near the Palestinian villages of Ya'bad (southwest of Jenin city) and Qaffin (north of Tulkarem city) which threaten and harm the Palestinian land and property. The pigs sabotaged large agricultural farms, especially the Olive orchards and dig beneath the trees in a way that harmed the roots of the trees. The release of 'pigs'

causes considerable loss and severe damage to the agricultural crops, adding to that that pigs form real danger to the lives of children, especially that they're being freed during night time and not throughout the day. Wafa (September 10, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces erected two flying checkpoints in Jenin Governorate, one at Maythalon – Siris junction while the second at Jaba' village, on Jenin – Nablus roadway; in addition to another flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Yamun village. Wafa (September 14, 2008).
- Israeli military Occupation Forces stormed Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank and ransacked several homes, among which, the house of Muhammad Abu Sirriyeh was known and messed up its contents. Israeli forces raided the city of Jenin as well as the nearby towns of 'Arraba and Kafr Ra'i, firing into the air and breaking into houses. Maan News (September 16, 2008).
- Israeli Military vehicles stormed the village of Qabatyia south of Jenin city from all directions amid shooting, causing fear and panic among citizens. The Israeli Occupation forces raided several houses and searched and detained house owners. Wafa (September 17, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation patrols roamed the streets and the alleys of Al Yamoun village west of Jenin city. Wafa (September 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces let go wild pigs at 'Anin village west of Jenin city, along side the 1949 Green Line. This has cause a state of fear and panic among residents in addition to the destruction caused to agricultural lands of the village by the pigs. Quds (September 23, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Jenin city and Al Yamoun village north of the West Bank, where Israeli soldiers set up military roadblocks at the entrances of the aforementioned communities and the village of Kafr Dan. Wafa (September 23, 2008).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Forces stormed Qaffin village north of Tulkarem city, amid intensive shooting, which caused a state of fear among inhabitants there, especially children. The Israeli troops conducted search operations in a

large number of Palestinian houses, and messed with its contents; among the houses, the following were known: The house of Mu'ath Amarneh and the house of Iyad Khader. Wafa (September 4, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation soldiers raided the village of 'Allar north of Tulkarem city, and stormed the house of Muqbel Fathi 'Israwi. Wafa (September 8, 2008).
- Israeli military vehicles stormed the villages of Illar and Attil north of Tulkarem city and ransacked several homes there. Maan News (September 15, 2008).
- Israeli occupation Forces stormed the village of Qaffin north of Tulkarem and conducted a wide search in a number of houses. Wafa (September 17, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out residents of Ramin village southeast of Tulkarem city military order stipulating the confiscation of 6.5 dunums of agricultural lands in the village to expand Enav checkpoint. Razing activities will come on 30 Olive trees in the village. Quds (September 22, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Thinnaba village in Tulkarem Governorate and stormed the house of Ragheb Farid Tabbal after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. September 25, 2008).
- Temporary checkpoints were installed around the city of Tulkarem and complicated security procedures have delayed vehicles entering the city. Long lines of cars were held up at the checkpoints, and no reasons for the strict and sudden measures have been given. Checkpoints have been installed on the Tulkarem- Far'oun road running south from the city, as well as on the Tulkarem- Bal'a road running east from the city. The permanent military checkpoint at I'nab east of Tulkarem has been nearly shut down, causing long delays for drivers in both directions. Maan News (September 28, 2008).

Bethlehem

- Tens of Israeli Jeeps stormed the town of Al Ubeidiyeh east of Bethlehem city from its main axes and imposed intensive security measures. The

Israeli occupation soldiers surrounded the house of Fayez Abu Saud Al-Sarhan and searched all its contents. Wafa (September 1, 2008).

- Israeli Occupation Authorities opened the Rachel's Tomb compound north of Bethlehem city to private Israeli cars for the first time in Eight years. Until the first of September, the tourist destination was accessible only by armored bus from the Israeli side of the Segregation wall. Maan News (September 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces raided the houses of Khaled and Ezz Ad Din As'ad in Al Khadr village west of Bethlehem city, searched the houses after forcing all dwellers to leave them. Wafa (September 2, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers raided the house of Imad Ayyad from 'Aida Refugee Camp located north of Bethlehem city and caused damages to the properties. The IOF also stormed the town of Beit Ta'mar east of Bethlehem and raided several houses using police dogs. Among the houses, the following were known: Hassan Dannoun, brothers Suleiman and Raed, 'Adel Hasan Dannoun, Wafa (September 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces surrounded the house of Kamel Abdullah Al Badan in Tequ' village southeast of Bethlehem city, stormed and searched the house, and then arrested the owner and took him to an unknown destination. Wafa (September 4, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Army raided the house of Adel 'Attia Ramadan in Ad-Duheisha refugee camp south of Bethlehem city. The house of Magdi Abed Mustafa Sobeh in the Al-Balou' area in Bethlehem was also raided. Wafa (September 5, 2008)
- Hertzal Yehizqel, head of Har Homa settlement council warns of Ehud Barak's intention to endorse the construction of a Palestinian neighborhood in Ush Ghurab site, east of Beit Sahour city as it threatens the Jewish existence in the area, and that the neighborhood is to be constructed on an area designated for future Israeli road to link Gush Etzion settlement bloc with settlements inside Jerusalem. Quds (September 6, 2008).
- The IOF Stormed Al Ubeidiyeh village east of Bethlehem city and stationed in Abu Sarhan neighborhood east of the village. The IO soldiers raided the houses of citizens and messed with its contents after forcing owners to leave the houses. Among the houses, the following were known: Amir Fawzi Abu Sarhan, and Fayez Abu Saud al-Sarhan,

Mohammed Abdel Qader Abu Sarhan, Oqla Abu Sarhan, and Mohammad Jamil Abu Sarhan. Wafa (September 6, 2008).

- Large forces of occupation soldiers raided Al Khadr village old town west of Bethlehem city under intensive exchange of fire and surrounded the soccer stadium. Wafa (September 9, 2008).
- The Israeli Civil Administration issued tender to build 32 housing units in Betar Illit settlement located southwest of Bethlehem city. The tender is a continuation to a previously issued tender which stated the construction of 286 units in the settlement. La'adat (September 9, 2008).
- 12 Israeli military patrols moved into the village of Al 'Ubeidiyeh east of Bethlehem city across the main entrances and stationed in the streets and neighborhoods. The IOF had seized the roof of two houses owned by 'Aqba and Jamal Shanayta and transferred them to military barracks. The IOF also erected a checkpoint on the main street. Wafa (September 9, 2008).
- Israeli military forces raided the village of Abu Injeim south of Bethlehem city through its main entrance, imposed intensive security measures exemplified in closing the main entrances and preventing the entry and exit of citizens to and from the village. The IOF also raided the houses of citizens and messed with its contents. Among the houses, the following were known: Raed Musa Al Hreimi, Atiyah Ahmad Al Hreimi, Muhammad Saleh Al Hreimi, Azizi Abed Al Hreimi and Muhammad Ahmad Al Hreimi. Wafa (September 10, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers surrounded the house of Ibrahim Mohammed Hassan Ayish from Al 'Asakrah village east of Bethlehem, raided and searched the house before arresting its owner. Wafa (September 10, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation troops stormed the village of Tuqu, south of Bethlehem, before midnight and raided several houses, including those belonging to Khaled Khalil Sabah and Salem Abu Mefreh, the director of the Boy's School in the village. The soldiers threatened to demolish the school if the students threw stones at Israeli soldiers. Maan News (September 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al Duhaisha refugee camp south of Bethlehem city and raided the houses of Ahmad Tawfeeq, 'Adel 'Atiyah and Osama Al 'Ayasa. Wafa (September 15, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation soldiers destroyed the car of Abdel Qader Shakarneh from Nahalin village southwest of Bethlehem city. The IO soldiers also raided a number of houses and commercial stores in the village. Wafa (September 15, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided the village of Dar Salah, east of the West Bank city of Bethlehem and conducted forcible house-to-house searches. The soldiers raided the homes of Khalid Abu Haniyeh, Khalil Mubarak, Abdullah Al-Huzeabi, Jamal Al-Huzaibi, Azmi Al-Ajdal and Adil Al-Ajdal. Maan News (September 16, 2008).
- Eight Israeli military jeeps and three armored personnel carriers' raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp south of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, ransacked a number of homes, among which, the home of journalist Usama Al-Ayasah and handed him a warrant summoning him and his son to an Israeli intelligence office. Maan News (September 16, 2008).
- Israeli troops raided the village of Husan, west of Bethlehem, overran it after midnight and broke into several houses, forcing residents to wait outside. Maan News (September 17, 2008).
- Several Israeli military vehicles raided the town of Beit Fajjar south of Bethlehem, took cars with Palestinian license plates from their owners including one ambulance. IOF also stormed the pharmacy of Sana' Thawabta and the clinic of Dr. Iyad Thawabta in the town and several other Palestinian houses who were forced to leave their houses under the threat of weapon. Maan News (September 21, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Army stormed Tequ' village south-east of Bethlehem city and launched a large-scale raid on the homes of citizens and messed up with contents. Among the homes, the following were known: Mohammed and Mustafa Khalil Jibril, Khaled and Mahmmoud Abd sabah. The IO army also raided Dar Salah village east of Bethlehem and raided the home of Ahmed Suleiman Salah, and searched his house thoroughly. Wafa (September 24, 2008).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction against plans to demolish the second and third floors of the four-story house of Palestinian resident Ala Abu Dahim in Jabel Mukkaber, East Jerusalem, Haaretz (September 3, 2008).

- Crews of the Israeli Ministry of Interior guarded by the Israeli border police started conducting a statistics process of Palestinians in Jerusalem and the surroundings. Quds (September 3, 2008).
- 50 Israeli rightists entered East Jerusalem refugee camp of Shu'fat and attempted to place a mobile home in the location of Sha'ar Mezrach Outpost near the camp. Settlers were also attempting to lay claim to the area, which lies on land Israel occupied in 1967. Haaretz & Maan News (September 4, 2008)
- Israeli police announced that Muslims hoping to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem on Friday will not be able to drive or take public transportation directly to the mosque. Police plan to cordon off the area near the mosque. Jerusalem police also restricting entry of West Bank Palestinians into Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque compound for the first Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. A police statement says married men between 45 and 50 years old can enter with a permit, while those under 45 are banned, and those over 50 can enter freely. Married women between 30 and 45 need permits. Maan News & Haaretz (September 9, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities will replace the course of bypass road 20 aimed to link Pisgat Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city with Began Street North, the section which was stalled for some time due to its course passing through Palestinian lands, with another route. This means the issuance of tenders for the construction of 2,000 housing units in the settlement that were frozen due to the need for the construction and paving of that new road route. Moriah - the municipal agency, supervising the construction and paving of the road except for the road at dispute, was given the Green light to continue the work based on the new route. According to plans, it is supposed to link the new bypass road (Road number 1) with Bypass Road 344 north of Jerusalem city, as part of Hizma Road. The majority of the road's route (about 2 kilometers) passes through areas within the Jerusalem Municipality boundaries, while a length of 0.5 kilometers of the road, requires the confiscation of Palestinian land, that's why it wasn't paved. Quds (September 6, 2008)
- After 10 years of negotiations, the Israel Lands Authority and Bezeq have agreed that the phone company will vacate the so-called "antenna hill" in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Bayit Vegan - and the lot will be rezoned for housing. In return for vacating the 100-dunam lot within eight months, Bezeq will receive as much as NIS 9 million. The land will be rezoned for

220 apartments. The plan is for the construction project to connect the ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Bayit Vegan and the largely secular neighborhood of Qiryat Hayovel. Buildings may be built up to five stories, and have apartments of 80 to 120 square meters. It is worth mentioning that Apartments in Bayit Vegan currently sell for about \$120,000 per room, compared with \$95,000 per room in Qiryat Yovel. An apartment of around 120 sq.m is expected to sell for about NIS 1.7 million, with the total cost of the land being about NIS 110 million. Haaretz (September 8, 2008)

- The Israeli Kennest Committee finished the preparations of a referendum law which stipulates that any relinquishment of a region of Israel should be subjected to referendum or elections or to obtain the approval of a majority of 80 MKs. It is worth mentioning that Israel considers lands occupied during the 1967 war (East Jerusalem and the Golan heights) as part of its property and shall be subjected to that law. Haaretz (September 9, 2008)
- The Israeli security members raided Abu Ahmad Atwan house and the house of his son in Sur Baher Town south of Jerusalem. Quds (September 11, 2008).
- A continuation to the Israeli policy of confiscating lands belonging to Palestinian Absentees, the Israeli government revealed its intention to expropriate land belonging to Palestinians living in Palestine for the benefit of Israel, mainly to construct new housing units for Jews, religious schools and a synagogue. Of the land, those located in Jerusalem area, in Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Wadi Al Joz, Beit Safafa; while areas of Jabal Al Mukkabir (Mount Scopus), Umm Tuba and Sur Baher, Israel announced these areas as isolated and has no intention to expand despite building in Abu Ghneim Mountain adjacent to these villages. Quds (September 11, 2008).
- Israeli workers and contractors working for Israeli company "El 'Ad" built a 15 meters square room of bricks to collect waste in Wadi Hilweh neighborhood in Silwan city in Jerusalem city. The room, as claimed by contractors, is to serve the entire population of the area; while the room was built at the entrance of citizens' houses to widen a road for tourists on land belonging to Palestinians. Quds (September 13, 2008).
- Jerusalem Municipality and the Israeli occupation authorities in occupied Jerusalem are engaging in a policy of racial discrimination against students and schools in Jerusalem city and deprive 9 thousand students from attending schools in the current academic year by deliberately

neglecting them. The Israeli Occupation Authorities procrastinate in setting up new schools or adding classrooms to existing schools in the city of Jerusalem, which become a danger to students studying in these schools who suffer from considerable overcrowding rooms. Wafa (September 14, 2008).

- Based on suits filed to the Israeli Reconciliation Court in Tel Aviv from residents of Qalandyia village against the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall, the court decided to construct a new road from Qalandyia village to Qalandyia border crossing instead of the construction of the wall that was planned to close the access of village residents to the border once completed. The road will enable residents an access to the border crossing without having to go through long and tedious alternative. Quds (September 16, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided Al-Eizariya near Jerusalem and stormed the house of Ra'ed Fayeze Saleh Emteirit and a store owned by him. The soldiers destroyed property. Maan News (September 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Ministry of Transportation and the Israeli airports authorities are considering building an airport and Airstrip for military aircraft in Ma'ale Adumim settlement bloc, east of the industrial zone of Mishor Adumim. The airport, if approved, will be built on 600 dunums of land, of 2 km length and 300 meters wide. Quds (September 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed, without pre-notification, 1.5 dunums of land and uprooted 7 Olive trees belonging to Fazwi Issa at the northern entrance of Shu'fat refugee camp for the uses of the crossing which Israel intends to build. The Israeli security members and border guards informed Mr. Fawzi of their intention to uproot the remaining of the planted trees (about 30 trees of Grapes, Olives, Almonds, Lemon and many other kinds) for the same purpose. Quds (September 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed out resident Hasan Al Dibsi a military warning to demolish his house in Al Shiekh Jarrah area in Jerusalem city under the pretext of being built without licensing documents. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Hasan has been paying a penalty of 57 Thousand NIS to the Municipality for building without a license. The house is inhabited by 8 family members. Quds (September 17, 2008)

- The Israeli company "El 'Ad", started to build park lot at Bab Al Magharbeh in Wadi Hilweh Area in Silwan city. Quds (September 19, 2008).
- Israeli forces detained dozens of Palestinian vehicles from the central and northern West Bank Governorates at Al Container checkpoint in the village of As Sawahrah Ash Sharqiyeh East Jerusalem. Israeli Occupation soldiers manning the checkpoint, stopped all vehicles coming from the southern West Bank, and forced passengers out of their cars under the burning sun, resulting in congestion and traffic jams. Wafa (September 22, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities plan to open a large synagogue near Al-Aqsa Mosque, fifty meters away from it. The synagogue is located in Al-Wad Street in the Old City of Jerusalem, in 'Hammam Al 'Ein' market near Alqatanin market leading to the holy mosque, and a few meters away from the Wailing Wall. The synagogue is connected with a network of tunnels connected with Al-Aqsa mosque, while the Israeli occupation authorities intend to open other entrances for the synagogue on the expense of Palestinian homes in the Old city and the Islamic Waqf. Wafa (September 22, 2008)
- The Israeli central court in Jerusalem city rejects the petition filed by Al Muslamani and Jamjoum against the Jerusalem Municipality decision to demolish their houses in Beit Hanina town under the pretext that their lands are a property of the State of Israel. Quds (September 23, 2008)
- The Israeli Supreme court is considering the petition submitted by the Palestinian Housing Council in Jerusalem against the Israeli Authorities order to close the council's headquarters, located Ali Bin Abi Taleb in Jerusalem city on the second of July 2008. Quds (September 25, 2008).
- The Jerusalem police designated a road lane for Israeli settlers at Az Za'yyem crossing point to facilitate their movement to and from Jerusalem. Quds (October 27, 2008).
- The Israeli bulldozers and under the supervision of Rachel Naten'il attacked 'Ein Karem Islamic Cemetery, west of the occupied city of Jerusalem, razed fruitful trees, demolished the wall surrounding the cemetery, and dug up several graves, during which, one tomb was completely destroyed and another tomb was razed and converted into a cesspit to absorb sewage and waste water flowing from Rachel Natan'il house to the tomb. Wafa (September 28, 2008).

- Yeshivat Ateren Cohanim Plans to inaugurate the synagogue on the surface of Hammam Al 'Ein area west of Al Qataneen market in the old city of Jerusalem city and is 50 meters away from the Al Aqsa Mosque. Quds (September 30, 2008).

Hebron

- Israeli Occupation Forces raided a number of houses in Adh Dahriyeh and Idhna towns south and west of Hebron city in the West Bank. The IOF raided Al Mashrou' area southwest Adh Dahriyeh town, and carried out incursions into a number of homes. The IOF also raided Idhna town west of Hebron city and carried out similar operations in different parts of town which affected a number of houses, known of its owners, Khalid Mohammed Suleiman, Mohammed Awad Abdel Fattah, during which, the IOF damaged the targeted houses and their owners were detained in the open air. Wafa (September 1, 2008).
- The IOF moved into Yatta village, south of Hebron city. They raided and searched a house belonging to the family of 'Eissa Mohammed Qbaita. PCHRGAZA (September 2, 2008).
- The IOF moved into Dura village, southwest of Hebron city, raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Ahmed Mahmoud Al Talahma. PCHRGAZA (September 2, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces ransacked the home of an elderly Palestinian man, 80-year-old Muhammad Abu Rayyan, in the West Bank town of Halhul, near the city of Hebron and stole jewelry and cash worth estimated at 3000 Jordanian Dinars (4300 US dollars) while searching the house. IOF also damaged parts of the family's blacksmith workshop near the house before leaving. Maan News (September 3, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers imposed harsh security measures on Palestinians trying to access the old city of Hebron and the vicinity of the Ibrahimi Mosque. IO soldiers detained Palestinians and held them for long hours before allowing them to go. Quds (September 6, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over seven Palestinian farmers from Hebron Governorate, notices requiring them to stop work on land adjacent to bypass road number (60), and preventing them from reclaiming their lands as well. Farmers were in the process of reclaiming

53.5 dunums of land in cooperation with the European Union in partnership with the Belgian Foundation 'Oxfam' and financed by the European Commission. The project is implemented in Hebron, Bethlehem and Dura areas, and lasts for three years during which, 1500 dunums will be reclaimed and other 543 dunums will be rehabilitated and 111700 meters walls will be built, in addition to the construction of 30 kilometers of agricultural roads and the cultivation of 85 thousand seedlings. Wafa (September 8, 2008)

- The Israeli Occupation soldiers raided the only clinic of the Palestinian Medical Relief Society in Al Baq'a neighborhood in Hebron city and destroyed contents. Quds (September 9, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities resumed work on a power line at the expense of Palestinian lands and properties in Hebron city, south of the West Bank. Electricity Company workers resumed, under the protection of the Israeli occupation forces, working to establish a high-pressure electricity network of 161 thousand volts strength, in Al Sha'aba area near 'Qiryat Arba' settlement east of the city. The network will link Hadar Betar settlement located southwest of Husan village west of the city of Bethlehem, and the power station located in Al Sha'aba area east of Hebron city near Qiryat Arba' settlement on lands owned by An Natsheh and Al Siyori families in the city. The power line will deprive hundreds of families from their lands because of power line's strength; it will also deprive citizens the use of their lands for construction purposes especially citizens of Al Sha'aba area. Wafa (September 10, 2008).
- Israel altered the status of roadblock at Ras Al-Jora, north of the West Bank city of Hebron to allow trucks between Hebron and the Tarqumiya crossing with Israel, which lies to the west of the city. Ras Al-Jora checkpoint had been converted from an earth mound into a set of two gates staffed by Israeli soldiers. The passage is now open to vehicles between 5:00 am to 8:00 pm. Maan News (September 10, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army intensified their procedures relating to siege and closures in various parts of Hebron city and surrounding towns, and spread its patrols in the streets and at crossroads between the city and the towns and villages in the governorate, where they closed Halhul bridge, which links the city of Hebron with Bethlehem and raided the village of Dura. The IO army also detained Palestinian citizens in the old city of Hebron and the area around Al-Ibrahimi Mosque. Wafa (September 11, 2008).

- Israeli Occupation Forces have carried out violent raids in a number of houses in Hebron city and destroyed contents of the targeted houses, under the pretext of searching for wanted Palestinians. Among the houses, the following were known: the house of Mohammad Abu Musa and his brothers. Wafa (September 12, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Yatta town south of Hebron city and raided the house of Sadem Badawi Muhammad Dabaseh. The IOF confiscated a computer and messed with the contents of the house, causing damages to the properties. Wafa (September 14, 2008).
- The Israeli military jeeps raided the western neighborhoods of Beit Kahel town west of Hebron city and carried out intensive house searches. The IOF also tightened military siege and closure on Hebron city, closed its many roads and junctions, such as Halhul Bridge that links Hebron city with Bethlehem and Beit Kahel Bridge that links between Hebron city and Tarqumiya terminal. Wafa (September 16, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces raided Hebron city and Beit Ummer town and stormed a number of houses, among which the houses of Mahmoud Abdel Aziz Awad, Muhammad Hussein Ja'far 'Adi, Adeeb Hussein 'Adi and Hussein 'Adi. Wafa (September 17, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided the town of Beit Ummar north of Hebron, stormed the house of Ahmad Kamel Al-Alami, destroyed property, and confiscated a computer. Israeli Occupation soldiers also fired a sound bomb inside the home to frighten children inside. Wafa & Maan News (September 18, 2008).
- Kol. Ha'ir, the Israeli newspaper reveals how a Jewish family from South Africa was able to take over a piece of land in Hebron city with the help of the Israeli Civil Administration in Hebron. The Newspaper also revealed that many other locations were also annexed and confiscated by other Jewish families in various areas in the West Bank, they are:
 - 1- Giv'at 'Olam, 4.5 km away from Itamar settlement.
 - 2- Yashof Mechi Yousfi (Hada'at) next to Shilo settlement.
 - 3- 'Omer'Edie in the Jordan Valley.
 - 4- Hatira, Moshe Raz: next to Karnei Shomron.
 - 5- Solem Yacoov, shamuclRahmani: east of Kochav Yacoov.
 - 6- Beit Hogala, Otah Kobos: east of Jericho city
 - 7- Israel Orbach: at An Nabi Samuel.

8- Har Sinai Farm next to Susia settlement.

9- Megen David Yohanan sharet east of susia settlement. Quds (September 19,2008)

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a new military order number (08-05-T) stipulating the confiscation of 22 dunums of lands of Yatta town. Lands belong to resident Muhammad Khalil Mahmoud Abu Qbeita (Parcel 1 & 2) mainly to add cement blocks of 2735 meters length and 8 meters width on the lands. The order includes the lands of Kherbit Imneizel, Huraiba An Nabi and Al Khalil Valley. The IO Authorities also issued another military order stipulating tens of dunums of lands of Kherbit Susyia located southeast of Yatta town as Closed Military Areas, where no one is allowed to access about 150 dunums of land located to the west of Susiya settlement and 30 meters away from the Palestinian built-up area. The order will also hinder Palestinians from accessing 13 water wells located in the area. Quds & Wafa (September 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Soldiers raided Idhna and Dura towns and detained people and checked their IDs before letting them go. The IOF also confiscated tens of Palestinian cars in Halhul town north of Hebron city. Wafa (September 20, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stepped up military deployments in various locations in Hebron Governorate and carried out raids and searches of houses in the city of Hebron. Patrols also roamed the streets and alleys of Al Salam Street, 'Ein Sarah, Bi'r Al Mahjar area, and the area around Al Ahli Hospital. IO forces also set up flying checkpoints on crossroads, and detained Palestinian citizens and checked their identity cards. The army also raided Al Fawwar refugee camp south of Hebron. Wafa (September 23, 2008).
- In a report issued by Machsoom Watch Team revealed that Israeli soldiers stationed at one of Tel Rumeidah roadblocks, which is settled by a number of Orthodox Jews along with Palestinians, forced Palestinian school children to wait in long lines along a red line drawn by the soldiers, and forced them to open their school bags for inspection. Quds (September 26, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation troops broke into several Palestinian-owned houses in Al Fawwar refugee camp in Hebron in the West Bank, ransacked houses causing panic to those inside, especially to children. IMEMC (September 28, 2008)

- Israeli Occupation Forces tightened its military actions in Hebron city south of the West Bank, carried out raids and searches of Palestinian homes, where also Israeli occupation forces raided the house of Tariq Mustafa Abu Afifah located in the city, in Wadi Al Hurieh area south of the city. The IOF also set up temporary checkpoints and deployed foot and mobile patrols in the main streets and at the crossroads, especially in areas close to Israeli settlements, Namira, Khallat Haadour, the Old City and the northern entrance of the city. Wafa (September 28, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers raided a number of Palestinian houses in Hebron city, Beit 'Awwa and Al Fawwar refugee camp. The soldiers caused damages to the house of 'Attayah Abdel Raheem Samooh in Tal Al Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city. Wafa (September 29, 2008).

Ramallah

- An Agreement between Israeli settlers and the Israeli army to take over Private Palestinian lands in the West Bank through military orders and based on the inability of Palestinian land owners to read papers and related documents. In recent weeks, two houses were built in the settlement outpost named "Mount Artis", north of the settlement of "Beit El" and eight Jewish families moved to live in the houses. The land belong to Mahbuba Yaseen from Dur Al Qare' village in Ramallah, block number 39, parcel number 55, and is estimated at 300 dunums of land. It is worth mentioning that Mahbuba received an Israeli confiscation order in 2003 to establish an Airstrip for military helicopters. Arabs48 (September 4, 2008).
- Israeli military Occupation forces destroyed a vegetable stand near Qalandyia checkpoint between Jerusalem and the West Bank city of Ramallah. The Israeli troops demolished the stand on the grounds that it did not have a governmental license. The stand is owned by Iyad Muhammad. Maan News (September 10, 2008).
- Some 40 Israeli settlers arrived at an IDF position near Talmon settlement, west of Ramallah and assaulted reservists manning the post and called them "Nazis". The incident at the outpost was followed by a demonstration held near an IDF base against the decision to close a road leading to Gush Talmonim region when settlers were driving home from work. The incident came also as a response to IDF forces and Civil Administration workers decision to remove construction supplies from Yad Ya'ir Illegal outpost. Haaretz & Ynetnews (September 11, 2008)

- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al Bireh town and toured the streets, especially the area behind Family revitalization society, the Hashemite School and the cemeteries. Wafa (September 14, 2008).
- The Israel Occupation Forces backed off a planned evacuation of an illegal West Bank outpost after a throng of Israeli settlers from the nearby settlements, including Dolev, Talmon, Nahliel, Niryah, and Harsha, gathered at the outpost site at the time of evacuation and prevented the army and the police from evacuating the outpost. IOF officials held talks with settler leaders in an effort to coordinate an agreed upon relocation of the outpost closer to the settlement of Dolev. Haaretz (September 16, 2008)
- The Israeli military jeeps raided Al Jalazon refugee camp north of Ramallah city and stormed the houses of Mu'taz Awad Nakhleh, Muhammad Roshdi Salah and Aysar Majdi Salah. Wafa (September 18, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Al Tireh village near Ramallah city and razed a piece of land that held a military point in the past. Wafa (September 18, 2008).
- Twenty Israeli settlers stormed the house of Journalist Yousef Qotob in Al Mazra'a housing project in Bir Zeit city near Ramallah city and destroyed his car and windows of the house. Wafa (September 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Forces completed the destruction of Yad Ya'ir illegal outpost near Dolev, northwest of Jerusalem, west of Ramallah city. INN (September 19, 2008)
- Israeli Settlers vandalized Palestinian property in several locations after the Israel Forces evacuated the outpost of Yad Yair (a site visited from time to time by right-wing activists) near Dolev, northwest of Jerusalem. Several incidences of settlers' violence elsewhere in the West Bank were apparently a response to the evacuation. Incidents were exemplified in throwing stones at Palestinian cars in the area between Ramallah and Nablus. Settlers also throw stones at Palestinian homes and caused major damage. Haaretz (September 19, 2008).
- Israeli settlers allegedly vandalized an IOF position near the outpost of Horesh Yaron, northeast of the settlement of Talmon. Settlers damaged at least 10 cars belonging to reservists manning the post, including by slashing their tires. Haaretz (September 19, 2008).

- Israeli settlers from Talmon settlement set fire into two buildings located in 'Ein Tarsha" area in Al Mazra'a Al Qibliyeh village owned by resident Abdel Hafez Shreteh. Settlers caused damages to an agricultural tractor that was in the area. 'Ein Tarsha Area is a public park planted with fruitful trees and contains a historical water spring. Quds (September 19, 2008)

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation Forces handed over the villages of Jayyus and Flamyia, located northwest of the town of Qalqilyah, military order on the second of September 2008 to seize 427 dunums and 100 meters of land to modify the route of the wall primarily along the western part of the two villages. Palestinian citizens were handed over the military order two weeks after the issuance date of the military order and the objection period is over. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Occupation forces made an amendment to the western section of the Wall in the two villages upon which, 49 Palestinian farmers out of 450 in Jayyus village will gain access back to 2408 dunums of land out of 8600 dunums isolated behind the route of the Segregation Wall. The new order calls for the destruction of 427 dunums of land for the route of the wall, which according to villagers is twice the area than that of the old wall route. Targeted lands are agricultural and are planted with Fruitful trees and Vegetables and contain 70 Plastic houses, which in turn, will increase the suffering of Palestinian farmers and affect their income. The new wall route will begin, as planned, from Gate number (927) to gate number (943), which means the abolition of these two gates, but will continue to isolate the lands of nearly 400 farmers behind the wall who won't be able to access and use the land. Quds (September 11, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation military has decided to allow Palestinian residents of Israel to enter the northern West Bank city of Qalqilyah in private cars without first obtaining an army permit. This is the first time in three years Palestinians from inside Israel have been allowed into the city without special permits. Maan News (September 11, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided the northern and the eastern entrances of Qalqilyah in the northern West Bank and deployed additional troops in several nearby neighborhoods, and several shops selling agricultural equipment. Maan News (September 15, 2008).

Tubas

- Israeli Occupation Forces prevented Khirbat Karzai's Services Council located in the eastern slopes of Tubas Governorate from constructing a road that connects the hamlet with Tubas city. The IOF attacked the Machinery that was preparing to construct the new road and settling up the only road that links the hamlet with the outside world. IOF informed the council they would confiscate any Machinery to settle out the road. Wafa (September 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the towns of Tubas, Tayasir, Iqaba and Qishdah in the northern West Bank and toured in the streets, and fired sound bombs randomly and intensively. IO soldiers stopped cars and pedestrians, and subjected them to searches. Wafa (September 2, 2008).
- Israeli Military Training Activities started to take place east of Tubas city, north of the West Bank. Tens of Israeli military vehicles began to enter the mountain slopes, which stretch from east of Tubas city and even the Jordan Valley as part of the maneuvers campaign. Wafa (September 3, 2008).
- The IOF moved into Al-'Aqaba village, east of Tubas city, patrolled in the streets and threatened to demolish houses and confiscate areas of land in the village. IOF also surrounded Al Haq kinder garden for some hours. Wafa (September 3, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army began a maneuvers campaign in the northern valleys of Tubas city northeast of the West Bank. Large groups of Israeli soldiers were deployed in the area preparing for the campaign. Dozens of Israeli military vehicles, armored and artillery were transported by locomotives to the areas where the exercises are taking place. Wafa (September 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army carried out major bombing activities in the area east of Tubas city, classified as "forbidden area" where Palestinians aren't allowed to access under any circumstances. The explosions mainly targeted planted mines located few hundred meters away from the village of 'Ein Al Bayda. Clouds of white smoke emitted from the area in which the voices of explosions were heard. Wafa (September 15, 2008).
- Israeli military bulldozers started the construction of a road in Wadi Al Malih, 20 kilometers east of the town of Tubas in the West Bank. The

Israeli military bulldozers destroyed large tracts of land in different areas of Wadi Al Malih during the construction of the road which is used by the IO army during military exercises. Construction work extended from Al Hammamat area to Al Farisyieh area east of Tubas city. Israeli bulldozers had to cut one of the tributaries of Wadi Malih and destroyed land inhabited by shepherds and sheep in the region. It should be noted that the military exercises and the construction work taking place in the region annually lead to the ruin of large tracts of agricultural and pastoral lands in Tubas. Wafa (September 15, 2008)

- Israeli military bulldozers dug up large areas of agricultural land planted with potatoes in the Qishda neighborhood in the northern West Bank city of Tubas. Thirty five dunums of the land belong to Fakhri Abdul-Raziq and three other dunums belong to Muhammad Abu Khayzaran. An irrigation network was also destroyed in the area. Maan News (September 16, 2008).
- Israeli settlers living in Masskiyot settlement in the Jordan Valley attacked shepherds while grazing their livestock near the settlement. Wafa (September 17, 2008).
- Israeli armored bulldozers have begun tearing up the land of Palestinian villagers in the town of Tubas, after having issued 'military demolition orders' on the homes of two dozen families which their homes stand in the way of areas they wish to expand the illegal Israeli settlements. It is worth mentioning that twenty days ago, twenty-six families received demolition orders for their homes from the ruling Israeli military authorities. The reason given for the demolitions was 'security reasons'. IMEMC (September 17, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers confiscated 140 dunums (0.14 square kilometers) of land in the northern West Bank village of Bardalah in the northern Jordan Valley near the Bisan checkpoint for military purposes. The confiscated lands belong to Muhammad and Hasan Aryan, Yahya Mujalli and Izzat Abdul-Rahman. Maan News (September 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers started to construct a new military road in Al Salma Mountain in Al Hammamat area east of Tubas city, in the northern Jordan Valley to connect Israeli Military training camps and bases located in the area with each other. Wafa (September 22, 2008)

Salfit

- Tens of Israeli settlers and under the Protection of Israeli Occupation Forces invaded the village of Kafr Ad Deek, near the West Bank city of Salfit and attacked dozens of Palestinian homes and smashed vehicles and throw stones. IMEMC (September 28,2008)

Nablus

- Israeli Occupation Forces closed Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city in the West Bank and prevented the passage through it in both directions. The closure of the checkpoint, which links main cities' centre and south of the West Bank, came after Israeli troops arrested a citizen and blindfolded him. Wafa (September 1, 2008).
- Samaria Regional Council head Gershon Mesika is spearheading a political and financial effort to rebuild the tomb of the biblical figure Joseph, located in Nablus, 30 miles north of Jerusalem. INN (September 6, 2008).
- The IOF raided Nablus city north of the West Bank and opened fire towards the main electricity transformer in the city which led to glitches and power outages. Wafa (September 6, 2008).
- Israeli military force, stormed the city of Nablus through Beit Iba Street, and spread in the city streets and neighborhoods especially in the Aljunied. Another military force stormed Jerusalem Street area located adjacent to Balata refugee camp located south of Nablus before moving to Kafr Qalil village and besiege one of the houses. Wafa (September 9, 2008).
- Tens of Israeli settlers attacked 'Asira Al Qiblyeh village south of Nablus city burnt a house and set fire into agricultural fields planted with Olives. Wafa (September 10, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces prevent Palestinian Ambulance cars and medical crews from reaching the surrounded house in Ras Al 'Ein area in Nablus Governorate. Wafa (September 10, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed down Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city, detained hundreds of Palestinians who were trying to access the checkpoint heading to their destinations, and preventing them from passing through. Wafa (September 10, 2008).

- Two armed Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement of Har Bracha fired gunshots, killing a donkey and four sheep belonging to a Palestinian farmer in Burin village in Nablus city. Haaretz (September 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces reopened a dumping site located next to Abu Shusha stone factory, between Qusin and Deir Sharaf villages west of Nablus city. The site was closed for three years due to residents' complaints of the dangers this site causes to people and environment. Quds (September 13, 2008).
- Over 100 of Israeli settlers went on a rampage in the villages of Asira Al-Qabalyia and Madama north of Nablus city. Settlers began attacking Palestinian homes and damaging property. A home owned by Qasim Muhammad Hasan Saleh, whose car was also destroyed by settlers, was severely damaged. Settlers also stormed homes of Abdul-Basit Ahmad, Ibrahim Mikhlif, Jamal, Yousif Dawood, Muhammad Dawood, Ahmad Dawood and Ahmad Abdullah. Maan News & Jpost (September 14, 2008).
- Israeli settlers from nearby Yitzhar settlement set fire to hundreds of their olive trees, causing massive damage to the livelihood of many of the villagers. A preliminary assessment of the damages had concluded that the fire damaged the livelihood of dozens of families, and that 12-17 acres of trees had been destroyed. The settlers had started the fire in an area that Palestinians cannot enter due to security restrictions, thus preventing them from putting out the flames. Ynetnews (September 14, 2008).
- Israeli settlers from the settlement of 'Itamar' burnt 70 dunums of olive fields located close to the settlement, in the village of 'Awarta east of Nablus city. Settlers also tried burning other areas of land in the village. Wafa (September 14, 2008).
- Dozens of Israeli youth settlers from the West Bank settlement of Yitzhar established an indiscriminate outpost named it 'Dan' near the Palestinian village of 'Asira Al-Qabaliya in Nablus Governorate. Haaretz (September 15, 2008).
- A group of armed Israeli settlers attacked the vehicles with Palestinian registration plates traveling on roads close to the settlement of 'Yitzhar'. Wafa (September 17, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided Nablus's old city and raided the house of Mohammad Ubeid. The IOF also raided Qaryut village south of Nablus

and stormed the houses of Falah Ahmad Badawi and Jihad Salah Ad Din Badawi. Maan News (September 18, 2008).

- Tens of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement set fire into more than 200 dunums of agricultural lands in Madama, Burin and 'Asira Al Qiblyia south of Nablus city. In addition, settlers burned a field of crops near the Israeli settlement of Yitzhar, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Wafa (September 18, 2008).
- Israeli settlers from Jil'ad settlement set fire into 300 Olive trees in Sorra village near Nablus city. Wafa (September 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities have issued a permit for an Israeli contractor to dump Israeli garbage on a historically rich and archaeologically valuable area of Palestinian land in Nablus city. The timing of the approval (to construct a dump for Israeli garbage) coincides with a major archaeological discovery in the area. Wafa (September 20, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers started razing lands near 'Azamout village east of Nablus city, in an area between 'Azmout village and the settlement of Alon Moreh. Israeli razing activities to create an infrastructure to serve the aforementioned settlement. Wafa (September 22, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers closed Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city in the face of Palestinian who were accessing the checkpoint heading to their destinations. Wafa (September 22, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the city of Nablus in the northern West Bank and stormed the town from its southern entrance. IO military vehicles roamed for some time, the eastern part of the town and the area around the Old City. Wafa (September 23, 2008).
- The Israeli company Park Brown, along with Kedumim and Karnei Shomron settlements' councils and the regional council of Shomron, are planning to establish a huge dumping site on lands of Qusin and Deir Sharaf villages west of Nablus city. The estimated area is more than 10 dunums and was previously a quarry site, named as "Abu Shawasha Quarry". The plan, if implemented, will affect the lives of the two villages and will contaminate its natural resources. Quds (September 27, 2008).

- A large Israeli military force invaded Nablus city, drove across the city for many hours and conducted house-to-house searches. IMEMC (September 28, 2008).

Gaza

- The Israeli Occupation Army conducted military exercises in the vicinity of the Gaza Strip and southern regions of Israel. Quds (September 11, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation gunboats opened fire on a Palestinian fishing boat in the Mediterranean Sea causing 70,000 dollars of damage. Maan News (September 12, 2008).
- The Gaza Strip's only pharmaceutical factory is shutting down due to the Israeli blockade of the coastal territory not allowing sufficient materials into the Gaza Strip to continue operations. Maan News (September 10, 2008).

Others

- In a report issued by the national and international relations unit at the Palestine Liberation Organization stated that 5 houses were demolished in Jerusalem city during the month of August under the pretext of lacking licensing documents. The report also indicated that the Israeli Authorities confiscated 37 dunums in the Jordan Valley, 6 dunums in Ramin village, 1000 square meters in Halhul town for the construction of a new bypass road, 1500 square meters inside Hebron city for security purposes and the construction of another bypass road of 4 kilometers length between Itamar settlement and Za'tara checkpoint; in addition of razing 100 dunums of lands of Beit Ijza village to expand Giv'on Hadasha settlement. Quds (September 2, 2008).
- The Israeli government will discuss a possible evacuation-compensation bill for settlers in the West Bank during its next cabinet meeting on the 7th of September. The proposal, which was authored by vice Premier Haim Ramon, would give Israeli residents of the territories the option of relocating to Israel proper in exchange for financial compensation around 1 Million NIS. Then plan includes 61800 Israeli settlers living in 72 Israeli settlements located west of the Segregation Wall. Haaretz & Quds (September 4, 2008).

- Some Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem could become the capital of a future Palestinian state as part of a final peace agreement, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said in an interview broadcast yesterday. Barak did not say whether these neighborhoods would include all of Arab East Jerusalem, which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East war and annexed in a move not recognized internationally. "We can find a formula under which certain neighborhoods, heavily-populated Arab neighborhoods, could become, in a peace agreement, part of the Palestinian capital that, of course, will include also the neighboring villages around Jerusalem," Haaretz (September 4, 2008).
- The Palestinian Monitoring Group at the Negotiations Affairs Department stated that during the month of August 2008, the Israeli Occupation Authorities carried out 589 raids to Palestinian towns and villages of the West Bank. The raids concentrated on Ramallah, Jenin, Tulkarem, Bethlehem and Hebron Governorates. The report also stated that 443 flying checkpoints were erected during the month of August in the West Bank. Quds (September 7, 2008).
- While Vice-Premier Chaim Ramon (Kadima) has put forward a proposal to pay Israeli settlers of the West Bank (Yesha) to leave voluntarily, a private initiative to counter Ramon's plan is being set up. Attorney Yossi Fuchs is heading an initiative to keep Yesha in Jewish hands. Fuchs, who is running for a spot on the Likud party Knesset list, explains: "We basically know who the weak settlers are. If this law passes in the Knesset, our organization is going to have a list of these people and buy their homes at a price that is higher than the compensation offered by the government and in that way we will fight this law that is being brought upon us." "The compensation offered in this law, the same compensation offered to the people of Gush Qatif, doesn't give much. It gives between half a million to 1 million shekels to a family that wants to leave Yesha. Therefore all we have to do is find investors that would put 2 to 3 hundred thousand dollars at most to invest in a house in the West Bank. INN (September 8, 2008).
- The Israeli government delays the discussion of a plan to compensate Israeli settlers willing to evacuate settlements in the West Bank. Quds (September 8, 2008).
- Settlers in the West Bank regions of Samaria and Binyamin are making preparations to prevent any move to evacuate settlers by forming new citizens committees. In Samaria the committee is headed by Benny

Katzover, a former chairman of the Samaria Regional Council and a founder of Gush Emunim. The Binyamin committee is led by Yitzhak Shadmi, a well-known activist and a former IDF lieutenant-colonel. Jpost (September 10, 2008).

- A report issued by B'Tselem, a human rights organization said some settlements had appropriated land up to two and a half times greater than their own designated area either by fencing it off or by intimidation. Israeli settlers in the West Bank have taken possession of tens of thousands of acres of land, some of it privately owned by Palestinians. The report gave more specific details for 12 settlements which lie east of a barrier which Israel has built in the West Bank, a project Israel calls a security necessity and Palestinians describe as a land grab. It described Israel's unofficial annexation of 4,558 dunums (1,126 acres) of land around the 12 settlements as part of a plan called the Special Security Area plan which has more than doubled the area under the settlers' control. Haaretz (September 11, 2008).
- Two Israeli human rights groups (B'Tselem and Hamoked) stated in a joint report that a new Israeli policy is deepening the separation between the West Bank and Gaza and tearing Palestinian families apart, in violation of international law. The policy, in effect since November 2007, is turning some Palestinians into illegal residents in their own homes. In one high-profile case, a Gaza man has been barred from joining his wife who has West Bank residency. Gazan's who moved from Gaza to the West Bank before 2000 must now obtain special permits to continue living in the West Bank, the permits are valid for three months at a time, and very stringent criteria must be met. Marriage to a West Banker does not guarantee getting a permit. Gazan's caught in the West Bank without permits are sent back to Gaza. Haaretz (September 11, 2008).
- Due to increasing Palestinian attempts to infiltrate Israel through the crossings along the Green Line - sometimes in cars with Israeli license plates and due to growing discontent among West Bank settlers over waits at checkpoints, the IOF Central Command has launched a pilot program to test a car-identification system aimed at reducing the travel time for Israelis crossing the Green Line. JPost (September 11, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Army reported that the Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak ordered the removal of five checkpoints near the Benyamin settlement area northeast of Ramallah. Maan News (September 12, 2008).

- The Israeli settlements' councils and the right wing condemned the Israeli Authorities intention to remove some checkpoints (roadblocks and earth mounds) from various areas in the West Bank stating that the removal of checkpoints will threaten the security of Israel. Quds (September 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Keenest endorsed a referendum law presented to it by the Ministry of Finance and Ministry to grant Tax Privileges to new Immigrants and Jews returning to Israel. Of the main Privileges, the equality if Tax. Al Quds (September 14, 2008)
- Israeli Vice Premier Haim Ramon presented an outline of the evacuation – compensation bill in which Israeli settlers who will agree to voluntarily leave their West Bank homes, east of the separation fence, will be eligible for NIS 1.1 million (about \$305,640) each in compensation funds. Adding that settlers who would agree to be relocated to the Negev will be eligible for a financial settlement 25% higher, and those willing to relocate to the Galilee area will get an additional 15% in restitution funds. Ynetnews (September 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, B'Tselem, issued a report detailing its findings that Palestinians who live near the illegal Israeli settlements constructed east of the Annexation Wall have been regularly and systematically denied access to their land. The report also stated that Israeli settlers pave patrol roads and place physical obstructions on Palestinian lands adjacent to settlements, at times with the authorities' approval, at others not. IMEMC (September 17, 2008).
- The Israeli regional council for building and planning decided to build a new residential project for Israeli settlers who were evacuated from the Gaza Strip settlement back in 2005. The residential project is given the name "Netshan" and will be built in Lachish area to the east of Qiryat Gat. Quds (September 17, 2008).
- A report issued by the United Nation Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) stated that the Israeli military checkpoints continue to hinder movement of the Palestinians in the West Bank and east Jerusalem despite the removal of a small number of them. Adding to that, several checkpoints and roadblocks are still impeding movement of Palestinians in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. OCHA (September 21, 2008)

- In a report issued by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics stated that the population of Israel stands at 7,337,000 people, including 5,542,000 Jewish Israelis (75.5 percent) and 1,477,000 Israeli Arabs (20.1 percent). The report also listed another 318,000 Israelis under the category of "others" in which some 200,000 foreign workers were counted. The report stated that the population has grown by 1.8 percent since last year. Haaretz (September 24, 2008)
- A total closure of Palestinian-Israeli borders has been put in place by the Israeli Occupation army for the duration of the Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah where no Palestinians are permitted to leave the West Bank and Gaza Strip territory to Israel, except in "humanitarian cases. Maan News (September 29, 2008).
- Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert proposes an offer to the Palestinian National Authority. Under the Offer, Israel would return to the Palestinians 93 percent of the West Bank, plus all of the Gaza Strip. In exchange for West Bank land that Israel would keep, Olmert proposed a 5.5 percent land swap giving the Palestinians a desert territory adjacent to the Gaza Strip. The land to be annexed to Israel would include the large settlement blocs, and the border would be similar to the present route of the separation fence. Israel would keep Ma'aleh Adumim, Gush Etzion, the settlements surrounding Jerusalem and some land in the northern West Bank adjacent to Israel. Haaretz (September 29,2008)

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	1.5	600	7	0	1
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	6.5	0	30	0	0
Ramallah	300	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	10	1700	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqiliya	427	0	0	0	0
Hebron	172	0	0	2	0
Tubas	178	0	0	0	20
Total	1085	610	1737	2	21

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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