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Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered 70 Palestinian farmers and peace activists from cultivating their lands in Al Manzala area in Husan village west of Bethlehem city under the pretext that the lands are classified as "closed military areas". Al Quds (March 21,2009)
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Bethlehem city and stormed a workshop owned by Ra'fat 'Abdeen, a car-wash garage owned by Mahmoud Al Zaghari and the house of Muhammad Taha Ramadan.Wafa (March 24, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers arrested Fadi George A'yaad from Beit Sahour village, near Bethlehem while he was his way back from a trip to Jordan, and was seized at the Allenby Bridge near Jericho. Soldiers had broken into A'yaad's house on YMCA Street the night before, ransacking it and confiscating the man's laptop. Maannews (March 27, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation troops overran Al-Iskan area in Beit Sahour at night and detained an officer in the Bethlehem police station. The troops also overran the home of Samih Da'amseh in the same area and searched his house. Maannews (March 27, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Army stormed Wadi An Nis village south of Bethlehem city, closed its entrances and stormed the houses of Na'im Othman and Daoud Isma'il. Al Quds (March 29, 2009)

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the 130 meters square house of Mahmoud Yousif Al 'Abassi from 'Ein Al Louza neighbourhood in Silwan city. The home was inhabited by 10 people. Wafa (March 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the three storey house of Muhammad Taha 'Afanah from Sur Baher village southeast of Jerusalem city and houses 10 people. The Israeli Occupation Authorities also served resident Issa Muhammad Ja'afrah from Wad Qaddum neighbourhood in [Silwan city](#) a house evacuation order preparing it for demolition under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. The 400 meters square house is composed of 4 floors. Wafa (March 2, 2009).
- The Jerusalem municipality delivered demolition orders to the owners of six structures in Ras Khamis (Shu'fat) which contain 55 housing units. The buildings are: one 20 unit apartment building, two 12 unit apartment buildings, one 8 unit apartment building, one building with two apartments, and one villa. Six of the 55 units are currently inhabited by 35 to 40 people who will be displaced if the demolition is carried out. The demolition orders contained a 72-hour execution order. DWG-opt (March 3, 2009).
- The Israeli Light Rail project has severely affected the Commercial sector in the communities of Shu'fat and Beit Hanina north of Jerusalem city. The project splits off the area of Shu'fat & part of Beit Hanina communities into two parts causing financial damage to owners of shops and stores. Al Quds (March 3, 2009).
- Palestinian citizens in Ras Khamis area managed to issue a precautionary order from the Israeli High Court to prohibit the Municipality of Jerusalem from demolishing the houses until the tenth of March 2009. Wafa (March 4, 2009).

- In a report issued by Al Aqsa Foundation revealed that Israel is planning to open two new tunnels of 56 and 22 meters length to link Ash Sharaf neighborhood in Jerusalem old city with Al 'Burak' Square west of Al Aqsa Mosque. This would provide security and protection to the settlers as they commute between their illegal settlements in Silwan and the Old City. Al Quds (March 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem delivered evacuation orders to the owners of two seven-storey buildings owned by Ahmad Ash Shiekh and 'Awadallah families in Ath Thuri neighborhood – Al 'Abbasiya - Silwan. The two buildings, which were built in 2001, contain 33 Housing units and 250 residents. The orders stated that the families have ten days to evacuate before the municipality will execute the demolition. DWG & Wafa (March 5, 2009).
- Citizen Sharif Muhammad 'Attoun was forced to demolish his 100 meters house in Sur Baher city south of Jerusalem city for not being able to pay the penalty (NIS 120000 = USD 30000) imposed on him for building without proper licensing documents. The house was inhabited by 6 members. Al Quds (March 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over 19 Palestinian Families in At Tur neighborhood in Jerusalem city military orders to evacuate their houses within 40 days period to demolish them under the pretext of being built without proper licensing documents. Houses are owned by: Mahmoud Odeh Al Hneiti (6 apartments, 30 people, 600 meters square area), Hussein Al 'Armeen (one apartment, 8 members, 110 meters square area), Waleed Al Shalalda (one apartment, 6 members, 110 meters square area), Sameera Al Shalalda (one apartment, 5 people, 75 meters square area), Amal Al Matour (one apartment, 8people, 80 meters square area), Jameel Abul Hawa (Two apartment, 10 people, 200 meters square area), Tawfeeq Al GHazzawi (one apartment, 10 people, 150 meters square area). 'Ali Al Ju'ba (8 people, one apartment), Raed Husheye (200 meters square area), Samer 'Alqam (8 people, 150 meters square area), 'Imran Abdel Rahman 'Alqam (8 people, 100 meters square area), Wael Al Faqeih (50 meters square area, 6 people), 'Ali Al Shalalda (20 people, 200 meters square area), Tayseer Al Faqeih (11 people, 100 meters square area). Nabeel Al Shalalda (15 people, 200 meters square area), Nitham 'Arafat (10 people, 120 meters square area), Hussein Tarwa (10 people, 200 meters square area), Ghazi Ashweiki (6 people, 100 meters square area) and Yahya Al Rashq (8 people, 70 meters square area). Wafa (March 5, 2009).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem took over 15 dunums of land owned by Al Hidra family in At Tur neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Wafa (March 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality court ordered the demolition of the 140 meters square house of Nayef 'Iweda in Shu'fat city for being built without proper licensing documents. Al Quds (March 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over the families of Maher Hanoun and Abdel Fattah Al Ghawi from Ash Shiekh Jarrah neighbourhood north of Jerusalem city two military orders to evacuate their houses in the neighbourhood within a week under the pretext that the houses are owned by Ateret Cohanim Jewish Organization. The houses (3 apartments) of Hanoun family are inhabited by 17 people while the house of Al Ghawi family is inhabited by 50 people. Wafa (March 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Government is planning to invest NIS 600 Million to carry out a plan to Reconstruct Jerusalem city Gates, walls and some neighborhoods and archaeological sites. The Israeli Government is planning to build a huge project in Gilo settlement that will include 2570 housing units. The first stage of the project will include the construction of 860 new housing units. Al Quds (March 7, 2009).
- The Israeli regional committee for building and construction ratified the construction of a Police Station in the Western Wall plaza area in Jerusalem city for security reasons. The station will be built on 140 meters square area. Al Quds (March 7, 2009).
- Citizen Khalil Muhammad Tarhuni was forced to demolish his 25 meters square area house to avoid paying a penalty of NIS 20000 for building his house without proper licensing documents. Mr. Tarhus lives in the house along with his wife and his son. Al Quds (March 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality Court of Jerusalem gave Citizen Faraj Hussein 'Ali 'Illian from Ath Thuri neighbourhood south of Jerusalem city a period of 60 days to evacuate his 140 meters square house and demolish it for being built without proper licensing documents. Mr. Faraja was fined 102 thousand dollars as a penalty for building without license over the past 6 years. Not forgetting to mention that the house is inhabited by 10 people already. Wafa (March 9, 2009).

- Dozens of Jewish settlers entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound from the Moroccan Gate (Bab Al-Maghariba). Israeli police guarded settlers who were led by a Rabbi. Maannews (March 9, 2009).
- Israeli cars belonging to the Municipality of Jerusalem brought in bags of grass, ground and milled wood and leaves and placed them on the graves of Ma'man Allah Cemetery. Other Jewish groups also dug up two graves and dug two big holes beneath them in addition to removing and destroying tens tombstones. PNN (March 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over citizens of Al Ka'abna tribe in Jaba' village 11 military orders to demolish their barracks and animal sheds conducted under the pretext that these houses were built without proper licensing documents. Al Quds (March 11, 2009).
- The Israeli Jerusalem court issued a restraining order to stop the demolition of 55 houses in Ras Khamis neighbourhood in Shu'fat city north of Jerusalem city. The court also issued an order to demolish the 35 houses in Al 'Abbasiya neighbourhood in Silwan city until a decision on the objections filed by citizens is heard by the court. PN (March 11, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over Al Huda elementary school administration a military order to demolish a number of rooms in the school under the pretext of being built without a licence 15 years ago. PNN (March 12, 2009).
- A Palestinian family in Sur Bahir demolished an 80 meters square section of their house, displacing 4 people (3 under 18 years old), in order to avoid paying the fines from a demolition carried out by the municipality. DWG (March 12, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem has issued demolition orders to seven Palestinian families (Darwish and Al Khalidi) in Burj Al Laqlaq neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in preparation to confiscate 12 dunums of lands to build a new outpost and a synagogue. Al Quds (March 12, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Ma'ale Adumim imposed an additional Tax of 38 NIS per Ton on Palestinian Municipalities disposing their Solid Waste in Wad Al Bayda area in Abu Dis city. This in turn increases the Tax paid by the aforementioned Municipalities to 60 NIS per Ton. It is worth

mentioning that Wad Al Bayda disposal site serves the Municipalities of Bethlehem, Beit Sahour, Beit Jala, Al Ta'amra, Dar Salah, Al Izariyah and Abu Dis. Al Quds (March 13, 2009).

- A group of Jewish extremists attacked a Palestinian building owned by Elias Dweik in Al Yemen Neighbourhood in Al Bustan Neighbourhood in Silwan city south of Al Aqsa Mosque. The building is inhabited by four Palestinian families. Wafa (March 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem agreed on freezing the demolition orders of 36 apartments in Al 'Abasiya neighbourhood in Silwan city. Al Quds (March 16, 2009).
- The Jerusalem Municipality demolished the top floor of a six floor apartment building in Beit Safafa in Jerusalem. The demolition destroyed one apartment and displaced a family of 7, including 5 children. All are UNRWA refugees. The six-story building belongs to Mahfouz Abu Khalaf, who is reportedly refusing to leave the building. The mission was carried out under the pretext that the building was build without proper licencing documents from the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem. Maannews (March 17, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian house in Hayat Aziz area of Al 'Eizariya town southeast of Jerusalem city and resulted in the displacement of 6 people (4 under 18 years old). The building was an 80 m2 concrete structure. The family had a permit from the PA for the structure, which they had believed was located in Area B. The house is owned by Ghazi. DWG & Wafa (March 18, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued 17 house demolition orders to families in Al Thuri neighbourhood in Jerusalem city under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. Al Quds (March 18, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished three structures (Two residential structures and one animal structure) in Jabal al Baba in al 'Eizariya town southeast of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being located close to the Israeli Segregation Wall. Both dwellings were of zinc and 75 meters square each. One dwelling housed 10 people (7 under 18 years old), and the other housed 9 people (4 under 18 years old). A shed used to house chickens was also destroyed. The barracks are owned by Muhammad Salman Salameh Al Basha, Sa'id Hasan Hawwa and Khalid Salman Al Jahalin. Wafa (March 18, 2009).

- The Abu Dis garbage dump may face closure due to a dispute over fees between the Jerusalem municipality and Palestinian municipal authorities, both of which use the East of Jerusalem dump. The Palestinians are having difficulty paying usage fees and if they are unable to do so the dump may lose its legal status, since a dump over the Green Line may operate only if it also serves the local Palestinian population. [Haaretz \(March 18, 2009\)](#).
- The Supreme Court denied an appeal giving the state a green light to destroy the house of Husam Dwayat in eastern Jerusalem. “The appellant has not made any claim which disproves that destroying the house will have a deterrent capability. The state has shown that the action must be taken to reduce the likelihood of a terror attack.” INN (March 18, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Handed out citizens of Shu'fat, Al Isawiya, Sur Baher, Beit Hanina and Jabal Al Mukkabir house demolition orders for 90 structures in the areas. The demolition orders target 27 houses in the East Jerusalem Ath-Thuri neighborhood, 11 houses in At-Tur and 16 in Shu'fat, as well as 12 in Beit Hanina, 10 in Sur Baher and 15 in Wadi Al-Jouz. Wafa (March 19, 2009).
- Israeli soldiers broke into a meeting of senior planners for the upcoming Al-Quds Capital of Arab Culture events, seized documents, personal papers and one laptop and harassed committee members. The group was in Christmas Hotel in Jerusalem, planning last minute details for the upcoming kick-off of the already delayed events celebrating Jerusalem as a capital of Arab Culture for 2009. Dozens of armed and undercover Israeli soldiers stormed the hotel conference room, after deploying around the entire building. The soldiers took control of the room and restrained several of the planning committee members and they rifled through papers and examined the files of a laptop carried by one delegate. Soldiers took the identity card numbers and personal information of the committee members, and refused to return them. Maannews (March 20, 2009).
- The Israeli mayor of Jerusalem said he would press forward with a plan to raze the entire Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city and “relocate” more than 1,000 residents to make way for a park. Maannews (March 20, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation forces staged into Al Quds University in Jerusalem Old city and arrested two female students for distributing posters of "Al-Quds Capital of Arab Culture events ". Wafa (March 21, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Al Ibrahimyah College in Al Suwwanah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Wafa (March 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Al Quds club and hindered Palestinian citizens from celebrating "Al Quds Capital of Arab Culture" events. The IOF ordered citizens to evacuate the place and close it for some hours. Wafa (March 21, 2009).
- The IOF stormed the house of Hatem Kamal Gharabli in Beit Hanina town north of Jerusalem city and messed up with the contents and caused damages to the properties. Al Quds (March 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Al Matran school in Jerusalem city under the pretext of participating in "Al Quds Capital of Arab Culture" events. Wafa (March 21, 2009).
- Demolition orders were frozen for 90 houses in Jerusalem city which include 27 houses in the East Jerusalem Ath-Thuri neighborhood, 11 houses in At-Tur and 16 in Shu'fat, as well as 12 in Beit Hanina, 10 in Sur Baher and 15 in Wadi Al-Jouz. Maannews (March 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem endorsed an amount of NIS 1.2 million to fund aerial photography in Jerusalem city to assist Construction observers determine Palestinian homes that were built without proper licensing documents. Paltoday (March 23, 2009).
- The Israeli High court ratified an order issued by the Israeli Central court to confiscate 30 dunums of lands of Shu'fat refugee camp north of Jerusalem city to expand the current shu'fat checkpoint located at the entrance of the camp. This order will cause the isolation of 45 thousand Palestinians living in the camp in addition to As Salam neighborhood, Ras Shihada and Ras Khamis. The order will also threaten the existence of 30 commercial stores in the Area. PALTODAY (March 23, 2009).
- The Israeli Court postponed the decision to freeze the demolition of Al Ghawi and Hanoun families in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Wafa (March 23, 2009).
- Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu has struck a secret deal with Yisrael Beiteinu leader Avigdor Lieberman for highly contentious construction on West Bank land known as E1. The plan had been agreed upon even though it did not appear in the official document detailing the

coalition deal between Yisrael Beiteinu and Netanyahu's Likud. The plan is for the West Bank settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim to build 3000 new housing units on the territory, which stretches between it and Jerusalem. Haaretz (March 25, 2009).

- The Jerusalem municipality has frozen a plan for a new Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem (construction of 230 housing units in the area of Abu Dis, east of the Old City – Kidmat Tzion) that was initiated by the right-wing group Ateret Cohanim. [Haaretz \(March 25, 2009\)](#)
- The Israeli committee for planning and construction at the Jerusalem Municipality will ratify a plan to build a new neighbourhood in Mount Scopus in Jerusalem city close to Ash Shiekh Jarrah neighborhood. The neighborhood will include the construction of 20 housing units on more than five dunums of lands of the area. Paltoday (March 26, 2009).
- The Israeli Reconciliation Court in Jerusalem city issued an order to evacuate Al Silwadi Family building in Al Yaman neighborhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem's old city under the pretext that the building and the land built on it (1 dunum) is owned by An Israeli Jew. The building is inhabited by 7 families along with their children. PalPress (March 26, 2009).
- The Israeli ministry of Interior revoked the ID cards of an Armenian family of four members who live in An Nasara neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The family was denied the right to permanent residence in the city. Al Quds (March 28, 2009).
- The Israeli Authority for the development of Jerusalem city along with the Municipality and the Airports Authority announced the intention to convert Qalandyia airport to an industrial zone in addition to the industrial zone already exists there. The airport occupied a total land area of 150 dunums. Al Quds (March 28, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers started razing lands in the area between Ramot settlement and Beit Hanina city. The bulldozers already uprooted a number of Olive trees in preparations for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. March 28, 2009).
- Israeli Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat is proposing to cancel the Jerusalem light rail project after the first two lines are completed. Sources reported

that he wants to replace the rest of the planned rail network with buses. JPost (March 29, 2009).

- The Israeli reconciliation court issued a restraining order to freeze an ownership scheme of houses and lands of Al Silwadi family to two Jewish organizations in Al Yaman Neighborhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem city. PNN (March 29, 2009).
- Members of the Israeli Jerusalem Municipality and a group of Israeli settlers surveyed lands and real estate in Al Yaman neighbourhood in Silwan city which created a state of fear among its citizens. Al Quds (March 29, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Abdullah Al Kiswani from Jerusalem city and carried out an intensive house search. Wafa (March 30, 2009).
- The Israeli Reconciliation Court postponed giving a decision in the case of Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city for a period of 48 hours. Paltoday (March 30, 2009).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation Forces serves three citizens of Tura Ash Sharqiyah in Jenin Governorate military orders to demolish their properties for being constructed without valid licensing. The orders include two water wells owned by Yousif Muhammad Zeid and his brother 'Attiyah; in addition to a small room owned by Hilal Tawfeeq Zaeid. Wafa (March 3, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of 'Anin village a new military order to extend the validity of its previous orders concerning the confiscation of land for wall constructions. Wafa (March 3, 2009)
- Israeli forces stormed the northern West Bank refugee camp of Jenin and the nearby village of Arraba. Soldiers also ransacked several homes including that of jailed Jamal Abu Al-Hayja. The family was ordered to leave the home for several hours as troops ransacked the interior of the house, firing percussion grenades inside. Israeli forces entered houses in the refugee camp, firing gunshots and percussion grenades into the air as military vehicles patrolled the streets. Maannews (March 4, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation forces raided the northern West Bank towns of Tubas and Qabatiya, and the Al-Fari'a Refugee Camp. Three military patrols moved through the streets near the entrance to Al-Fari'a camp. Four other patrols entered the eastern neighborhood of Qabatiya and took up positions on the settler bypass road in the village. In Tubas, five military patrols stormed the city center on their way to Tayaseer military checkpoint, east of the city. Maannews (March 7, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces handed over citizen Mas'oud Qabha from Tura Al Gharbiyeh village southwest of Jenin city a military order to demolish his animal shed that was built a couple of years ago conducted under the pretext of being built without proper licensing documents. Al Quds (March 7, 2009)
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged in Al 'Arqa village west of Jenin city and put signs on a number of buildings in the village, of which, A Mosque and an elementary school for males. Wafa (March 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces set up a flying checkpoint next to Haddad Resort south of Jenin city and obstructed Palestinian movement. The IOF also installed surveillance cameras on one house in Al Hashmiyah village to monitor Palestinian movement. Wafa (March 11, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces set up 5 Military checkpoints in different areas in Jenin Governorate. The first was erected at the road junction linking the villages of Qabatyia, Sanur and Msalyia together; another checkpoint was erected near 'Arraba village west of Jenin city; a third checkpoint was erected at Jaba's' village entrance, on Nablus Jenin roadway in addition to a military checkpoint near Beir Al Basha village and the fifth checkpoint was erected at Sereis village. Wafa (March 13, 2009).
- Israeli forces stormed a number of houses in the town of Arraba, southwest of Jenin. The Israeli patrols raided the town from the southern side, stormed houses and "messed about." Among houses, the following were known: the house of Mufid Al-Qar'awi and Anwar Iz Ad-Din. Maannews (March 12, 2009).
- Israeli troops put up a military checkpoint at the Muthalath Al-Shuhada (Martyrs Triangle) in the southwest of the city of Jenin. Palestinian

vehicles were prohibited from accessing the area for fifteen minutes. Maannews (March 17, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Burqin Valley west of Jenin city and stormed three houses and messed up with the contents. The houses are owned by Akram Ibrahim Turkman, Iyad Fathi Qais and 'Amer Fayez Turkman. Wafa (March 18, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Silat Al Harthiya village west of Jenin city and stormed the pharmacy of 'Izat Jaradat, a store owned by 'Adel Qablawi and the house of Prisoner Samir Al Sa'di. Wafa (March 20, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forced a citizen from Al 'Arqa village under the threat of weapon who drives a tanker of waste water to discharge waster water in a drinking water well owned by Samih Mohamed Hammad. The Israeli Occupation also staged into 'Arraba village and raided the houses of Mu'in Dbeis and Muhammad Shibani, carried out intensive house searches and messed up with the contents. It was also reported the IOF set up a temporary checkpoint in the area between Kufeirat and Kafr Qud villages west of Jenin city, stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked ID cards. Maannews (March 25, 2009).
- Israeli military vehicles stormed the village of Aqqaba village south of Jenin and confiscated mobile phones and detained four men. March 26, 2009).
- An Israeli military force storming homes in Jenin city and jenin refugee camp under intense fire and evacuating residents. The forces stormed the house of As-Sa'di family and destroyed several pieces of furniture and confiscated a computer. An Israeli military force also stormed the refugee camp and confiscated one computer owned by owned by Raja' Al Ghoul and a number of computers from an internet café owned by Al-Ghoul's brother; they also confiscated four cell phones. Paltoday & Maannews (March 31, 2009).

Hebron

- For sufficient electricity to reach the settlements inside Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates, Israel builds high voltage electricity lines around the Palestinian built-up area starting from Wad Al Ameer area a, Beit

Khayran, Al Hawawer, Wad Ash Shunnar, Al Jumjuma, Al Marjama, Wad Khneis, Thar Al Hawa, Umm Al Sahali, Beit 'Anoun and some parts of Hebron city. The electricity lines will extend to provide services to Betar Illit settlement and reaching to Kiryat Arba' settlement which will hinder Palestinian citizens from sufficiently utilizing their lands located in the areas where the high voltage lines will be constructed and about 150 meters away from the location. It is worth mentioning that the high voltage power reaches to 161000 Kilovolt. Al Quds (March 3, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation Forces raided the house of Isma'il Muhammad Hammad Abu Haniyah from Al 'Arroub camp in Hebron Governorate. Maannews (March 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the house of Issa Al Froukh in Sa'ir village north of Hebron city, forced its resident to leave the house, caused damages to properties and destroyed windows and electrical devices, bed rooms and the kitchen. Wafa (March 5, 2009).
- Israeli settlers blocked a road in the southern West Bank in protest of Israel's reported intention to remove military checkpoints. The demonstration took place at the Tarqumiya checkpoint, west of the city of Hebron. Maannews (March 6, 2009).
- Israeli authorities notified the residents of the village of Al-Baqa'a that their homes were slated for demolition because they were built without permits. The eight homes and four agricultural buildings slated for destruction will render more than 40 homeless. The owners of the eight homes and four agricultural buildings slated for demolition are as follows: Azmi Jaber, Belal Azmi Jaber, Nader Abdel Aziz Jaber, Muti' Jaber, Fadi Jaber, Ayyad Jaber, Hassan Jaber, Abdel Wahab Jaber, Sa'id Jaber, Faraj Jaber, Ziyad Jaber, Badawi Arif Al-Rajaby. Maannews (March 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities took over 50 dunums of lands of Yatta town to construct a new bypass road along side Karmi'el settlement southeast of Yatta village south of Hebron city. Lands are owned by Al Hathalin, Qar'is, and Abu Hmeid. Wafa (March 9, 2009)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces took over the house of Yousif Sami Muhammad Sabarneh from Beit Ummer Town north of Hebron city and transfereed it into a military post after forcing its inhabitants to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. The IOF also took over other

houses in the town, of which, the following were known: 'Ali Rashid Ikhaleil and Ahmad Abdel Hamid Abu 'Ayyash. Wafa (March 9, 2009).

- The IOF imposed curfew on Beit Ummer Town and closed entrances with earth mounds before carrying out an intensive house to house search campaigns. IOF also took over a number of Palestinian houses and turned them into military posts. Among houses, the following were known: Nasri Sabarna, 'Ali Rashid Ikhleil, Ahmad Abdel Hamid Abu 'Ayyash, Ibrahim FATHI Awad, Muhammad Mahmoud Ibregheith, Ibrahim Shahada Abu 'Ayyash, Hussein Muhammad Ibregheith, Muhammad Jameel Museif, Yousif Jameel Museif, Yousif Muhammad Bahar, Ibrahim 'Illian Ikhleiel, Jamal Muhammad 'Illian Ikhleiel, Omar Muhammad Mamhoud Ibregheith, Sameer Bahar, and Omar Zreiq Abu 'Ayyash. The IOF also inflicted damages to Palestinian homes, including the floors and tiles, kitchens and bedrooms and stormed the town's mosque. Wafa (March 11, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over citizens of KHALLET AL MAYYA east of Yatta town military orders to demolish 8 houses in the area conducted under the pretext of being built without proper licensing documents. Houses are owned by Ahmad Musa Makhamra, Muhammad Nofel Hoshieh, Isma'il Jibreel An Najjar, Ziyad 'Ayed An Najjar, Shaher Muhammad Rib'I and Khalil Shehdeh Rib'I and Muhammad Shaher Rib'i. PALTODAY (March 16, 2009).
- The Israel Defense Forces has decided to station troops at the so-called "House of Contention" in the West Bank city of Hebron, the building from which the army forcibly evacuated settlers about three months ago. The significance of the move is that the owners of the building will be unable to use it as long as it is held by the IDF. Haaretz (March 16, 2009).
- Israeli Settlers of Kiryat Arba' aggressed on Palestinian houses in Ar Ras and Wad Al Hussein areas in Hebron city and throw stones and iron bars. Among houses, the following were known: Jamal Abu S'efan, 'Abdel Hai Abu S'efan, and other houses owned by Da'na and Al Ja'bari families. Al Quds (March 17, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Bulldozers close Beit 'Anoun road south of Hebron city. Wafa (March 19, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation forces and crews from the Israeli Water company "Mekorot" confiscated means of irrigation used by Palestinian farmers to

irrigate crops in Al Baq'a area located close to Kiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city conducted under the pretext to prevent theft of water from the Israeli side. The IOF also expelled farmers from their land. Wafa (March 19, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces installed a communication Tower on lands of Jabarin family in Yatta town. Paltoday (March 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers commenced the construction of a new bypass road on the expanse of Umm Al Khair village, in the vicinity of Karme'al settlement in Yatta town. The IO bulldozers already constructed 1 km road south of the settlement and extending to its northern side and annexed tens of dunums of Palestinian lands within its path. Lands are owned by Al Hathalin, Awad and Fansha. The razing process caused losses to farmers and threatens a number of water wells in the area in addition to a number of animal sheds. Wafa (March 22, 2009).
- About 50 Israeli settlers from Karme'i Zur settlement aggressed on Palestinian farmers and peace activists from Beit Ummer and Halhul towns north of Hebron city and tried to prevent them from accessing their lands located close to the settlement. Lands are owned by Citizen Hasan Ibrahim Abu'Ayyash. Wafa (March 22, 2009).
- Israeli settlers from Karme'i Tzur settlement aggressed on Palestinian farmers and peace activists in Beit Ummer and Halhul Towns and hindered them from accessing their lands located close to the settlement. Al Quds (March 23, 2009)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of Khashm Al Karm and Al Daqiqa hamlets southeast of Yatta town military orders to halt the construction of 8 water wells in the hamlets. Wafa (March 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the house of Muhammad Abu Qbeita in Yatta town and search it thoroughly. The IOF confiscated his car in addition to three other cars in the area. Wafa (March 24, 2009).
- Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak has approved the establishment of a new settlement in southern Mount Hebron. Barak approved the changing of Sensana illegal settlement outpost to a legal one. The Israeli Civil Administration in West Bank has put a detailed plan to build 440 housing units for approximately 2,500 occupiers in the new settlement. In the first

stage, Israeli authorities will give permit to the building of 50 housing units to the Jewish occupiers who grabbed the area before Barak's decision. Already more than 30 families and 14 singles inhabit the Sinsanah site. The plan, which allocates agricultural Palestinian land for construction purposes, shows Sensana as an extension of nearby settlement of Eshkolot, although it is located about three kilometers north of it and the separation wall separates the two. The plan also shows that there is no road between the two settlements and that the access to the Sensana is through the Green Line. [Maannews \(March 24, 2009\)](#). (1)

- The Israeli Civil Administration in Hebron Governorate handed out citizens of Sa'ir village north of Hebron city military orders to halt the construction of a number of houses and a quarry in the village. Among owners, the following were known: Nael Yousif Al Tarwa, Iyad Hijza Al Mator, in addition to a quarry owned by Yousif and 'Awni Al Tarwa. PNN (March 25, 2009).
- Reservists marked their last night stationed in the southern Hebron Hills by damaging confiscated Palestinian vehicles. On their last night at the base, the reservists got drunk and vandalized some of the vehicles they had confiscated from Palestinian drivers, for transporting passengers who lacked permits to enter Israel. Some soldiers broke windshields, ripped out mirrors and electronic equipment, and beat the cars with their weapons. Haaretz (March 25, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Forces carried out census in the Old city of Hebron where they surveyed the commercial stores in the city along with population census in the vicinity of Badran Coffee shop in Al Qasaba neighborhood. Al Quds (March 25, 2009).
- Israeli occupation authorities issued a military order calling for the confiscation of a piece of land in the town of Beit Ummar north of the city of Hebron. The declared purpose stated in the order was to establish an isolation barrier that separates between the eastern neighborhoods of Beit Ummar and the main Hebron-Jerusalem Road (a.k.a. By-Pass Road 60). The military order, numbered T/04/09, indicated that the Israeli occupation forces place its hands on a piece of land in Parcel 2 of Beit Ummar lands for the purpose of erecting a barrier at a length of 295 meters. The Order did not specify the nature of this barrier. LRC (March 25, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed the lands of Wadi Ash-Shajjna area, south of Dura town near Hebron city. The razing process was

concentrated on the main road linking Hebron to the nearby town Adh-Dhahriya. The bulldozed land had been covered with planted wheat, and belonged to the Amer and Al-Bustanji families. Maanews (March 26, 2009).

- The Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' settlement aggressed on Palestinian houses located in the vicinity of the settlement, threw stones and destroyed windows. Settlers also hindered Palestinian farmers from accessing their lands located in the vicinity of the settlement and are owned by Hasan Ibrahim Abu 'Ayash. Wafa (March 31, 2009).

Ramallah

- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed down 'Attara checkpoint north of Ramallah city and detained Palestinian citizens & cars who were trying to access the checkpoint, for hours. Wafa (March 3, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers broke into Bil'in's Center for Peace and set fire into everything in the center. PNN (March 3, 2009).
- Israeli settlers showered Palestinian cars with stones on the road between Ramallah and Nablus. Car windows were broken, and Israeli soldiers were present during the stoning. The attackers came from the settlement of Shilo. Maanews (March 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of Four Palestinian Villages in Ramallah Governorate a new military order to confiscate 142 dunums of lands for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall in the Area. The villages are: Bil'in, Kharbatha Bani Hareth, KharbathaAl Misbah and Deir Qiddis. [Wafa](#) (March 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Silwad city east of Ramallah city and stormed the house of Othman Rasem Hamed and destroyed home furniture and the computer device. Wafa (March 17, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces imposed stringent checks on Palestinians at three checkpoints between Ramallah and Nablus, in the West Bank, forcing hundreds to wait. Intensive searches and long waits were reported at the 'Atara checkpoint in Birzeit, at a roadblock in the village of As-Swya, and at another checkpoint in the village of Za'tara, known as the Tappuh checkpoint. Maanews (March 19, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation forces set up two temporary checkpoints in Ramallah Governorate, one Al Tarbiya outskirt, on the main road that separates Al Jalazoun refugee camp from Beit Il settlement and the other was set at the entrance of the camp itself. Wafa (March 19, 2009).
- Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak issued an order against demolishing Israeli homes built on privately owned Palestinian land in the West Bank settlement of Ofra. The order came in response to a petition submitted last June by residents of the nearby Ein Yavruz village and the Israeli human rights group Yesh Din, insisting that Israel's High Court of Justice force the state to evacuate the settlement. The complaint noted nine illegal settlement structures built on private Palestinian land. [Haaretz \(March 23, 2009\)](#).
- The High [Court of Justice](#) issued a conditional order Tuesday giving the state 60 days to justify its opposition to enforcing an evacuation and demolition order for nine homes in the Samarian settlement of Ofra. In its ruling, [the court](#) criticized settlers for what it described as giving "[the impression](#) that activities were carried out with the goal of creating new facts on the ground and in order to thwart the issuance of an interim order." [JPOST \(March 25, 2009\)](#).

Tulkarem

- Israeli troops overran several areas in the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem Israeli troops deployed in the eastern and central parts of the city, where they raided several houses. The homes apparently belong to Raed Awwad and Yousef Ar-Raghd from the town of Thanabah, nearby, and Abdel Latif Jarad, whose house was apparently, ransacked by the time the soldiers left. Israeli troops also raided Anbata village in east Tulkarem, driving around its streets after they deployed in the city, throughout the early morning hours. Maanews (March 3, 2009).
- Israeli forces patrolled the streets and neighborhoods across the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem. While in the city, forces "provoked" Palestinian policemen in the streets and frustrated civilians. Maanews (March 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Thinnaba village east of Tulkarem city and ransacked a number of Palestinian houses, of which,

the following were known: Mu'awiya Al Srouji and Lu'ai Al Jamal. Al Quds (March 5, 2009).

- For the third week on row, the Israeli Occupation bulldozers continue razing lands in the vicinity of Enav checkpoint east of Tulkarem city. Al Quds (March 9, 2009).
- The Israeli patrols raided Tulkarem city and the Refugee camp and the village of Dahiyat Al Shweika and stormed a number of Palestinian houses and messed about. Among the raided houses, the following were known: The house of Hijazi Family, the house of GHanem Family, the house of As Sabbarini Family and the house of Mansuri family. The Israeli soldiers also raided Al Hoji building, the house of Mahmoud Jaber and the house of Ibrahim Qasem Freij. Wafa (March 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into 'Attil village north of Tulkarem city and carried out a house-to-house search campaign in the village. Among houses, the following were known: Naser and Al Tahlawi family houses. Wafa (March 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers manning Enav checkpoint east of Tulkarem city obstruct the movement of Palestinians and vehicles accessing the checkpoint for long hours as the Israeli bulldozers are levelling the land surrounding the checkpoint in an attempt to expand it. Wafa (March 18, 2009).
- Five Israeli military vehicles invaded the village of Sayda, north of Tulkarem and broke into the house of the late Rami Al-Ashqar and his brother. Maannews (March 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Iktaba village in Tulkarem Governorate and stormed the house of Jamal Hanoun and messed with its contents. The IOF also raided a warehouse located next to the house and belongs to the Oil Production society and poured more than a ton and a half of the olive oil on the ground. Wafa (March 20, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces raided the house of Mas'oud Sa'id Al-Ashqar from Sayda village north of Tulkarem city as well as a home in Allar that belongs to Thyab Zahran. Maannews (March 25, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation forces issued a military order to close the only agricultural gate number 753 that links the villages of Far'oun, Ar Ras, Kherbit Jubara and Kafr Sur located south of Tulkarem city with each other. The order will be put into effect on April 1, 2009 and will transform the gate status from Agricultural to seasonal, opens only at agriculture season. Maannews (March 25, 2009).

Salfit

- Israeli Occupation forces closed entrances to Haris village, west of Salfit. Soldiers reportedly piled dirt to block a road before arresting a young man from the Shamlawi family. Israeli bulldozers also dug up large piles of earth, closing the village's three main entrances and preventing anyone from entering or exiting the area. Maannews (March 4, 2009).
- At least 150 youth taken from their homes by the Israeli Occupation troops in Haris village north of Salfit city and herded into a middle school with their heads covered with sacs. The youth were being 'roughed up' and questioned. IO troops also stormed and searched several houses in the village and imposed a curfew. Maannews (March 26, 2009).
- The Israeli army forces under the command of Defense Minister Ehud Barak, together with Israel Police, made their way to Kokhav HaShachar in eastern Binyamin and destroyed four buildings in the start-up outpost neighborhood of Meoz Esther. They then redeployed further to the south, and destroyed another house in Maaleh Shlomo. This was the fourth time that Meoz Esther has been violently taken down since it was first built 16 months ago. INN (March 26, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities decided to confiscate tens of dunums of Palestinian lands for the expansion of Barqan Factories west of Salfit city. Al Quds (March 26, 2009).
- Six Jewish settlers were detained on suspicion of throwing stones at a Palestinian vehicle travelling near the "Gilad Farm" outpost in the West Bank and trying to run over police officers in response to the demolition of five illegal structures at the "Maoz Esther" outpost. Ynetnews (March 28, 2009).

Qalqilyah

- Israeli forces raided the town of Jit, east of Qalqiliya, and stormed a number of houses there and searched them, claiming they were looking for “wanted” Palestinians. Among houses, the following were known: the house of Ali As-Sidda, the house of Taysir Yamin and the house of Nasser As-Sakhen. Soldiers also destroyed property and beat 17-year-old Mahmoud Ali As-Sidda. Maannews (March 4, 2009).
- Dozens of Palestinian citizens and foreigners in solidarity in Wadi Ar Rasha and Ras Tira south of Qalqilyah clashed with the Israeli occupation forces in an attempt to prevent Israeli bulldozers from completing the construction of the Segregation Wall on their lands. Maannews (March 4, 2009).
- 20 Israeli settlers from Moshe Zoher outpost uprooted more than 70 Olive trees in Jinsafut village east of Qalqilyah city and owned by citizen Khader 'Eid. Settlers also razed tens of dunums of lands owned by Mahmoud Abu Sa'd and Muhammad Bashir. Maannews (March 11, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers stage in Far'ata village in Qalqilya Governorate and stormed a number of Palestinian Houses, of which, the house of Yousif Awad, the House of Abdel Kareem Al Taweel, Tayseer Al Taweel and Tareq Al Taweel. Al Quds (March 14, 2009).
- Israeli forces handed a warrant to Abdel Mu'ti Ahmad Salah from Kafr Jammal northeast of Qalqilyah Governorate telling him to evacuate his home claiming it is a Jewish property. The home is known as the “Abu Khilaf home,” Salah grew up in the home, inherited it from his father, and raised his own children there. Maannews (March 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces imposed curfew on the village of Azzun east of Qalqilyah and detained citizens and vehicles at the village's northern entrance including an Ambulance car. Maannews (March 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces manning Azzun 'Atmeh iron gate imposed tight measures on citizens of the village south of Qalqilyah city and hindered citizens from passing the through causing delays to hundreds who access the gate daily. Al Quds (March 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces imposed Curfew on Jayyus village south of Qalqilyah city while Palestinian farmers were heading to plant Olive trees in their lands isolated behind the Israeli Segregation Wall in the village. Palpress (March 30, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation troops began fencing in the northern side of Azzun village, located east of Qalqilyah, effectively separating the village from their agricultural lands. In preparation for the operation, the IO troops closed the northern entrance to the village last month on the pretext that village youth were throwing stones at nearby settlers as they drove on the road passing through the area. The fence being installed is three-meters tall. Its route begins at the entrance to the village and so far runs for five kilometers near the main road. Maannews (March 31, 2009).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation forces set up a military checkpoint at the entrance of Bardala village north of Tubas city and detained a number of Palestinian vehicles. Wafa (March 26, 2009).

Nablus

- Dozens of pigs belonging to Israeli settlers of the illegal settlement of Al-Hamra adjacent to the village attacked a Palestinian young man while he was in his farm from the village of An-Nasarieyah, north of the West Bank city of Nablus. Ayman Ibrahim Hamdan, 25, was transferred to Rafidia Hospital in the city after being bitten by one of the pigs. Maannews (March 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities served 2 Palestinian farmers from Kherbit At Tawil east of 'Aqraba village military orders to demolish homes and animal sheds. This in turn increases the number of threatened houses in the village to 20 as the Israeli Occupation Authorities threatened to demolish 18 other structures in the village in January 2008. Al Quds (March 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation military handed over demolition orders to residents of Kherbet At-Taweel in 'Aqraba village south of Nablus city to demolish six homes and a mosque in the two villages. [Maannews](#) (March 8, 2009).
- Tens of Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement aggressed on Palestinian cars while driving on road that leads to Burin Village south of Nablus city. Wafa (March 8, 2009).

- The Israeli military checkpoint at Beit Iba west of Nablus was removed, and replaced by a large iron gate two kilometers away. Israeli authorities justified the construction of a “small checkpoint” near the village of Deir Sharaf “in order to ensure the security of the region,” where “vehicles will only be checked at random.” Maannews (March 15, 2009).
- More than a dozen young Palestinians from Deir Istiya southwest of Nablus were forced to strip naked by Israeli troops, while they were on their way to tend lands west of the village that are sandwiched between two Israeli settlements, Ariel and Immanu’el. The men all had permits to access the land, but were accosted by a group of at least 15 armed Israeli settlers and prevented from passing into their land. Maannews (March 20, 2009).
- Israeli forces set up a military checkpoint at the Beita crossroad south of Nablus city and search vehicles coming in and out of the village and checking the ID cards of citizens. Maannews (March 21, 2009).
- Israeli forces opened the Qusin-Nablus gate to allow Palestinians to move freely through after five years of closure. The gate lies between the villages of Qusin and Beit Wazan west of Nablus, and had previously been the main Nablus-Qalqilyah road. Maannews (March 22, 2009).
- The Israeli High Court issued an order which prohibits Shomron Regional Council and Rechalim society from continuing building in Rechalim settlement in Nablus Governorate. Arabs 48 (March 23, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation troops closed the main eastern entrance of Madama village south of Nablus by piling a several foot high dirt mound on the road. Paltoday (March 25, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Yetzhar junction and hindered Palestinian vehicles from passing through. Wafa (March 26, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces stormed several homes in the Askar and Balata Refugee Camps south of Nablus and took seven youth between 16-20-years-old. The homes of the young men were stormed, searched, and the boys violently pulled from their families. Maannews (March 26, 2009).

- 15 Israeli settlers aggressed on a number of Palestinian citizens from Madama village south of Nablus city while they were grazing their sheep. Settlers forced citizens to leave the area under the threat of weapons. Wafa (March 28, 2009).
- Extensive Israeli earthworks being carried out in preparation for the construction of a road connect the settlement of Eli, north of Ramallah, with the Hayovel outpost Yuval. The earthworks are being carried out on private land owned by residents of the Palestinian village of Qaryut. Dozens of trucks brought gravel and earth over the past two weeks for the foundation of the 1,400-meter-long road. The cost of the project is estimated at a few million shekels. More than 90 percent of the road's course passes through privately owned Palestinian lands. Other construction activities were also reported in Havat Jil'ad outpost west of Nablus as settlers constructed a new bypass road in the area for the service of Israeli settlers. Another road that links Gil'ad Farm outpost with Nablus main road; another road for the service of Tantur Mountain outpost located north of Eli settlement. Haaretz (March 29, 2009)
- The Israeli Occupation army decided to confiscate a total of 549 dunums of Deir Sharaf, Burqa, Sebastiya and Ramin lands for the construction of a 12 meters wide colonial road for the service of Israeli settlers of Shavei Shomron settlement as stated in the military order number 165/05/T. Maannews (March 29, 2009).

Gaza

- Israeli forces used heavy artillery fire against farmers in the town of Al-Farrahin east of Khan Younis. The shelling lasted for about five minutes, causing farmers to flee the area where they had been tending and collecting their crops. Farmers in the area have come under repeated attack when harvesting or watering crops near the border area with Israel, despite being clearly identified as farmers. Maannews (March 3, 2009).
- Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen on the shore near Khan Younis and Rafah then Israeli warplanes renewed bombing against underground smuggling tunnels along the Gaza-Egypt border. Maannews (March 6, 2009).

- An Israeli warplane shelled on a barracks which is located in Yafa Street in At Tuffah neighborhood northeast of Gaza City which resulted in complete destruction of the barracks. Wafa (March 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces establishes a new military base in Al Farahin area east of Khan Younis city. The IOF placed an earth mound of 5 meters height at the place. PalPress (March 18, 2009).
- Israeli ships opened fire at houses in the Al-Mawassi coastal area in western Khan Younis. No injuries were reported. Meanwhile, explosions were heard in the Al-Farahin area in the east of the city, when an Israeli unit attempted to invade the area. Maannews (March 24, 2009).

Others

- An examination of the data available on the Israeli government Website (<http://www.govmap.gov.il/>) that contains maps and information from the Ministry of Housing, reveals that in plans for the West Bank at least 15,000 housing units have already been approved, and plans for an additional 58,000 housing units are yet to be approved.

Settlement	Detailed Plans		Master Plans	Built Units
	Approved	In Preparation	In Preparation	
Oranit		400		
Alfei Menashe		1058	1000	100
Elkana		380		
Efrat	1301		2500	78
Ariel	797	3200	8000	486
Betar Illit	4723	452		2742
Geva' Benyamin (Adam)	388	1500	1380	388
Giv'at Ze'ev	265	654	4000	0
Gush Etzion - New		3500	13500	
East Jerusalem	3922	1800		3166
Magen Dan		146		
Mattityahu		1200		80
Ma'aale	1708	5700	4000	1564

Adumim				
Immanuel	1459			100
Kiryat Arba'	156	500	2000	0
Karnei Shomron	341	1276		150
Sha'are Tekva		nn		
Revava - New	96			96
Total	15156	21766	35380	8950

Source: PEACENOW (March 1, 2009)

- The UK's Foreign Ministry has ended negotiations to lease a floor in Tel Aviv's Kirya Tower due to the owner, Africa Israel's, role in the construction of illegal settlements in the West Bank. Maannews (March 4, 2009).
- The Yesh Din – Volunteers for Human Rights group petitioned the Israeli High Court of Justice seeking both an interim order and an injunction against the operation of 10 Israeli-controlled quarries in West Bank. The petition included that mining natural resources located on occupied territory and transferring them to for use of an occupying state, was de facto plundering and therefore in breach of international law. YNETNEWS March 10, 2009).
- The Israeli bulldozers belonging to Israeli Land Administration demolished two houses owned by Hammad and Salamah Abu 'Asa and uprooted 100 Olive trees in Beir Al Hamamvillage in An Naqab city inside Israel. PNN (March 12, 2009).
- Avigdor Liberman, the right-leaning party Israeli Beiteinu would ask the Government to continue building in Ma'ale Adumim settlement and work on the Meveseret Adumim neighborhood which is located in the E1 plan area. Al Quds (March 14, 2009).
- The Israeli Cabinet endorsed NIS 32 Million to encourage immigration to Israel from the republics of the former Soviet Union. Maannews (March 16, 2009).
- Israeli Minister of the Interior Avi Dichter issued an order to cancel the Al-Quds Capital of Arab Culture events planned for the Israeli city of Nazareth, and ordered all other events planned in commemoration

throughout Israel. The order came only hours after the announcement that events in Jerusalem would be quashed because they were being run by the Palestinian Authority (PA), which Israel banned from operating in Jerusalem in 2000. Maannews (March 20, 2009).

- Nearly one-third of the proposed separation barrier in the Jerusalem area remains unfinished, mainly because of financial and legal problems, State Comptroller and Ombudsman Micha Lindenstrauss has reported. Three of the planned checkpoints around Jerusalem have not been built yet. The barrier has been completed in most of the north and the south, but its eastern flank remains wide open between Gush Etzion and the southern Hevron Hills, less than 10 miles north of the Arad-Be'er Sheva highway. Budgetary restrictions and fierce opposition from environmentalists are the major obstacles to closing the eastern flank, which is home to animals who would be threatened with extinction by a barrier. The Judean Desert also includes cliffs and unique nature sites that would be severely damaged by an extension of the fence. Israelinationews (March 24, 2009).
- In 2008 the Norwegian Government Pension Fund invested 5.5 million NOK (860,000 US dollars) of tax money in the Africa-Israel investment company, which has been linked to the Israeli settlement industry. The company has built and continues to build illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank through its subsidiary construction firm Danya Cebus. Among the illegal settlements are Har Homa in Bethlehem and Ma'aleh Adumim near East Jerusalem. The company also controls the real estate company Anglo Saxon that offers houses and apartments for rent and sale in illegal Israeli settlements. The Norwegian State Pension Fund also invested in the House and Construction Group, which is involved in building the separation wall, according to a statement from the Joint Advocacy Initiative. Maannews (March 27, 2009).
- At least 40 Arab Israel Railways workers received pink slips, effective the beginning of April. They are losing their jobs after Israel Railways changed its employment terms, and said it would employ only army veterans in the positions these workers held. The workers serve as lookouts at level crossings, to prevent collisions between trains and vehicles. Haaretz (March 29, 2009).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	45	13	0	11	246
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	142	0	0	0	0
Nablus	549	0	0	0	9
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	520	0	0
Hebron	50.295	0	0	0	18
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	786.259	13	520	11	273

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, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, Israel National News, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, Paltoday news-website, Palpress news website, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Palestine News Network, Ma'an News Agency, Al Jazeera News Channel, and Yediot Achronon – English website.

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