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Bethlehem

- The Israeli occupation Army handed over 13 Palestinian families in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city halt-of-construction warnings notifying them that their houses and agriculture wells will be demolished under the pretext of lacking of proper authorization and building licenses from the Israeli Liaison Office in Bethlehem (ILA). Table 1 below gives a detail of the targetted Palestinian structures: Table below gives details of targeted Palestinian Structures in Al Khader Village west of Bethlehem city

Owner's Name	Description of the threatened structures	Area- Square Meter	Building Date
Ramzi Mustapha Salah	Under-construction house	150	2009
Miriam Isma'eel Mousa	Agriculture Well	**	2009
Issa Mohammad Salah	Inhabited House	120	2008
Omar Abdel Salam	Inhabited House	100	2007
Khalid Abdel Salam	Agriculture Well	**	2009
Bilal Abdel Salam	Inhabited House	120	2008

Ibrahim Ghneim	Agriculture Well	**	2009
Mohammad Saleh Abdel Salam	Agriculture Well	**	2009
Hisham Mustapha Salah	Under-construction house	200	2009
Muafaq Hassan Abu Surra	Under-construction house	200	2009
Munther Yousef Salah	Inhabited House	200	2006
Mohammad Ahmad Salah	Stockyard	150	2008
Mohammad Mustapha 'Omran		90	2004

Source: Al Khader Municipality – 2009
July 1, 2009

- Israeli Occupation forces moved into Bethlehem city, raided and searched a house belonging to Brigadier Kifah Barakat, an advisor in the Palestinian president's office. They claimed that Brigadier Barakat "overcame red lines" in Jerusalem, without providing any explanation. PCHRGAZA (July 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over 3 citizens of Kisan village east of Bethlehem city orders to demolish three houses and an animal pen owned by Hussein 'Ali 'Odeh. The three houses are inhabited by 40 family members. Al Quds (July 20, 2009).

Jerusalem

- Crews of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem demolished two under construction houses (150 square meters area) owned by Khaled Abu Jum'a in At Tur Neighborhood. Al Quds (July 1, 2009).
- Israel's Municipality of Jerusalem handed out demolition orders to seven new families in the Wadi Hilwa neighborhood of Silwan, south of the Old City. The families targeted in this round of demolition orders are: Ziad Abu Sneina, Muhammad Abbasi, Abdul-Kareem Abu Hadwan, Nasim Siyam, and three other families living in the same building. The demolition orders came a day after municipal authorities demolished a house on the Mount of Olives. Maanews (July 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality ratifies a plan to establish 20 housing units in the Shepherd Hotel area in Ash She Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem. This is the first stage of the project to be implemented while the second stage will include the construction of 100 housing units. Samanews (July 5, 2009).

- The Israeli occupation authorities are accelerating the construction of a border crossing at Shu'fat refugee Camp entrance. The crossing is being built on 20 dunums area and will restrict the movement of thousands of Palestinian citizens in that area. Al Quds (July 5, 2009).
- A deal set by Land of Israel Fund includes settling Israeli Jews in Beit Hanina city north of Jerusalem city for low prices. The deal is to encourage Israelis to buy properties in East Jerusalem. Al Quds (July 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem ratified the project of building 20 housing units in Shepherds Hotel which is owned by Al Huseini family in Ash Sheikh Jarrah in Jerusalem city. This project is just the starting point of a bigger project to build 200 housing units in Karm Al Mufti lands which were confiscated back in 1968. Al Quds (July 6, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers accompanied by Israeli forces attempted to take over a home they alleged was abandoned, though it is owned by Jerusalemite Suleiman Hejazi who holds deeds to the land the home is built on dating back to the 1940s. Palestinians rallied to prevent the settlers from occupying the house. Maannews (July 8, 2009).
- Citizen Fayez Al Tutanji was forced to demolish an addition to his own house in Nuseiba housing Project 2 in Beit Hanina Town under the pretext that his house lacks valid building permits. Al Quds (July 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over Palestinian Families in Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem city house demolition orders to eight Palestinian houses and a garage. Among owners, the following were known: Mahmoud Al Ruwaidi, Musa Odeh, and Ahmad Al Bissa. Al Quds (July 10, 2009).
- More than 20 Israeli soldiers stormed the house of Mutleq Sha'ban Bisharat from Jaba' village in Jerusalem city alleged for searching for weapons. The soldiers carried out intensive house search and caused damages to the properties. Al Quds (July 10, 2009).
- Unknown Israeli groups razed around 350 tombs in Ma'man Allah Graveyard in Jerusalem city. The Graveyard is 200 dunums area and is registered as Waqf property. Al Quds (July 11, 2009).

- The Jerusalem municipality, again accompanied by the Israeli Border Police and other security forces, demolished a part of the home of a family of 17 people, including 12 children, in the Wadi El Hilweh neighborhood in Silwan. This included a bed room and a living room, around 40 m² out of a total of 90 m², both of which were used as sleeping areas for children in the family. The house is owned by citizen Jamal Masalma. Wafa (July 13, 2009).
- The Jerusalem municipality, accompanied by the Israeli Border Police and other security forces demolished the home of a family of 7 people in al Ashqariyeh neighborhood of Beit Hanina. The family, who is registered UNRWA refugees, reported that they had neither received a warning nor a demolition order before the demolition took place. The family was not given time to move furniture and other personal belongings out of the house; these were instead moved by the municipality with the result that much of it was badly damaged. The demolished home belonged to 'Alaa 'Abd Al Razeq Al Shweiki, was 120 square meters in size and was inhabited by eight members. Maannews (July 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced citizen Mujeer Ad Din Muhammad Marwan Qteneh from the Old city of Jerusalem to make a hole in the roof of his house after having it rehabilitated without a license as claimed by the Israeli Authorities. Al Quds (July 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Police closed Nidal center Headquarter in Al Jabsha neighborhood in the Old City of Jerusalem for security reasons. Al Quds (July 16, 2009).
- The West Jerusalem municipality ordered Palestinian Ali Ibrahim Salah out of his home and off his lands following a court decision that found the land belonged to the Jewish Agency. The land and buildings are home to seventy members of the Salah family, and the family had been involved in a 20-year court battle with Israeli settlers claiming they owned the land. Al Quds (July 17, 2009).
- Citizen Saleh Khalil Nimer was forced to demolish his own house in Sur Baher town after one year of building it alleged for not being able to pay the license penalty that was imposed on him by the Jerusalem Municipality. The house is inhabited by 10 family members. Al Quds (July 19, 2009).

- Officers of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem stormed Wadi Hilweh information center in Silwan city south of Jerusalem and gave Jawad Siyam, the center's owner, an order to demolish it. The center is 40 meters square area. Al Quds (July 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Central court in Jerusalem city rejected the petition that was filed against the demolition of two residential buildings composed of 36 apartments in Al 'Abasiya neighborhood in Silwan city. Al Quds (July 22, 2009).
- Elad, the Israeli organization that runs the City of David in East Jerusalem and also works to settle Jews in that area, has asked the Jerusalem municipality to approve four new construction projects there. Elad is seeking to build several apartment buildings, a 100-car-capacity parking lot, a synagogue, a kindergarten, roads and additional tourism infrastructure. The municipality's planning and building council is slated to discuss the applications in the coming months. [Haaretz \(July 24, 2009\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities have entrusted the management of part of Silwan city in East Jerusalem to El 'Ad Jewish organization which encourages colonization in the city of Jerusalem. Al Quds (July 25, 2009).
- An Israeli plan presented by El 'Ad Jewish organization to the local committee for building and planning at the Jerusalem Municipality to establish a new outpost in Al Yaman neighborhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem city. The outpost, if erected, is planned to replace 60 Palestinian houses in the neighborhood. Al Quds (July 25, 2009).
- The Israeli Central Court in Jerusalem city issued an order which gives six families (from Salah family – 55 members) living in As Syrian neighborhood in Al Jabal area in Beit Safafa a period of one week to evacuate the six houses and hand them over to an Israeli settler from Kiryat Arba' who claims the ownership of the houses. Al Quds (July 26, 2009).
- The Israeli Central Court of Jerusalem issued a decision preventing an Israeli settlement company from making use of properties of the Greek Orthodox Church in the old city of Jerusalem. Maannews (July 27, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities closed Qalandyia military checkpoint between Ramallah and Jerusalem after for several hours causing heavy traffic. The closure came as sappers were summoned to examine a

suspicious object as claimed by the Israeli forces. Maannews (July 27, 2009).

- Ten of Israeli settlers took over the two storey house of Suleiman Hijazi in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. The house is 250 square meters area. Al Quds (July 28, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers, accompanied by Israeli police, took over a 500 square meters uninhabited house owned by Salim Family and laid claim to several others in the Palestinian neighborhood of Kubaniyat Im Haroun in the western part of Sheikh Jarrah. Settlers have now established presence in various parts of the area, some of which, such as Im Haroun. Al Quds (July 27, 2009).
- A report issued by Ir Amim organization stated that since February 2009, Israeli settlers occupy one quarter of Lands of Wadi Hilweh area in Silwan city. Al Quds (July 28, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation police allowed 45 far-right Israelis to tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of Jerusalem. Al Quds (July 24, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers tried to take over the house of Darwish Hijazi in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (July 27, 2009).
- The Israeli central court gave settlers the green light to renovate the house of Abu Darwish Hijazi family in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood by cancelling the restraining order which prohibits settlers from occupying the house. Al Quds (July 29, 2009).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation Forces set up a military checkpoint between Al Yamoun and Silat Al Harthiya on Jenin Haifa Road which connects a number of Palestinian communities in that part of the Governorate. The IOF checked Palestinian citizens' IDs who were heading to their destinations. Wafa (July 2, 2009).
- Israeli extremists staged into the evacuated Homesh settlement south of Jenin city and stayed there for more than two hours. IOF also staged into Jenin city and Burqin village, stormed a house and an agricultural store. Wafa (July 2, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation forces released tens of wild boars to Palestinian agricultural fields in Rummana village east of Jenin city. This has caused a state of fear among villages' residents. Wafa (July 6, 2009).
- The IOF set up two new military checkpoints south of Jenin city; the first checkpoint was set at the entrance of 'Anza village while the second was set at the entrance of Silat Ad Daher village, on Jenin Nablus main roadway. Israeli Soldiers obstructed the movement of Palestinians heading to their destinations. Wafa (July 13, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation troops detained dozens of students for several hours at a military checkpoint erected near Seida village southwest of Jenin. Troops were checking civilian's identity papers and taking aside every student they came across, holding them at the flying checkpoint.

Hebron

- The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered Palestinian farmers from Salamah Hamlet southwest of Hebron city from working in their lands under the pretext that working in the lands require a permit from the Israeli Authorities. The hamlet is located 400 meters away from Negohot settlement and is constantly attacked by Israeli soldiers and settlers. Al Quds (July 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers started razing lands in Al Mafqara hamlet east of Yatta town for the expansion of Avigal outpost established on lands of the hamlet. The bulldozers set three new mobile homes on the razed lands which are owned by Al Hamamda and Al Jabarin families. Israeli Occupation Forces also attacked a number of Palestinian cars in the hamlet and broke some windows. Among car owners, the following were known: Muhammad Hussein Hamamda, Wael Abu Qbeita and 'Amer 'Issa. Maannews (July 1, 2009).
- Israeli Civil Administration issued halt of construction warnings to seven Palestinian Families in Idhna town west of Hebron city under the pretext of lacking valid building permits due to their location in C area which falls under the full Israeli control. Houses are owned by Nader Sleimiya, Raed Tumeizi, Farid Tumeizi, Nadeem Al Zgheir, Abdel Majeed Al Tumeizi, Saber Al Tumeizi and Tareq 'Awad. Idhna Municipality (July 3, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed 20 dunums of lands located west of Ma'on settlement established on lands of Yatta Town. The lands are owned by Ash Shawahen and Al Hureini families and were razed for the sake of expanding the settlement. Wafa (July 6, 2009).
- Palestinian farmers from the towns of Beit Ummar and Khirbat Safa north of Hebron were attacked and prevented from reaching their lands by Israeli forces. Soldiers barred the groups from accessing agricultural areas saying they had been classified “closed military zones.” Maannews (July 11, 2009).
- Israeli settlers from the illegal West Bank settlement of Bat Ayin, which is built on the land of the Palestinian town of Beit Ummar, set fire to 150 dunums of lands in Abu Ar Reish area planted with olive, almond, and grape fields. Last month, Israeli settlers uprooted more than 200 trees in the same area. Bat Ayin's settlers have also frequently assaulted Palestinian farmers in the area. Maannews (July 12, 2009).
- Israeli Settlers threatened to set Hebron on fire if Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak carries out a recent decision to open a street into the Jabber neighborhood. Known to the Israelis as Zion Junction, the road has been off limits for the movement of Palestinian vehicles that were banned nine years earlier in the area of the southern Palestinian city. The decision to open the street was taken by Israeli security departments several months ago, as it is the only route available for Palestinians to reach the Al-Ibrahimi Mosque, but at the same time serves as a link between an illegal outpost in the heart of the Old City of Hebron. The street was shut down to all but Israeli vehicles because of settler and Shabak pressure nine years ago, and has been closed to Palestinians since then. The Jaber street neighborhood is hundreds of meters long, beginning at the exit of the illegal Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba, reaching the area of the Ibrahimi Mosque. The northern part of the street was closed in 1994 for Israeli vehicles and in 2000 the southern part was closed to the movement of Palestinian vehicles after the Second Intifadah broke out. Maannews (July 18, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn settlement staged into Safa Hamlet in Beit Ummar town and fired live bullets at Palestinian houses. Al Quds (July 20, 2009).

- Israel delivered nine stop-work orders to residents building homes and agricultural infrastructure south of Hebron. Troops also detained the owner of one of the homes. The orders were delivered to seven new houses, one cave, and one cistern in At-Tuwani. The stop-work orders often precede a demolition order, following which demolition can come at any time. Orders were delivered to properties owned by: Jamal Musa, Khalil Ibrahim Issa, Khader Ahmad Rab'y, Ribhy Ahmad, Jadallah Ahmad, Muhammad Ali, Muhammad Issa, and Na'im Salem. Maannews (July 22, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces delivered demolition orders for electricity pylons under construction in At-Tuwani, located in the South Hebron hills. Maannews (July 30, 2009).

Ramallah

- The Israeli Occupation forces detained Al Watan TV crew at one flying checkpoint that was set up by the IO forces and confiscated the TV's camera. Wafa (July 14, 2009).
- The Israeli government is considering confiscating privately-owned Palestinian land near the West Bank settlement of Ofra. This announcement was made by the state prosecutor, in response to a High Court petition filed by a resident of the West Bank town Ein Yabrud and the human rights association Yesh Din. The parties were seeking the demolition of a sewage treatment plant built illegally on the town's land by the Mateh Binyamin Regional Council. The announcement, signed by senior assistant state prosecutor Avi Licht, says the state is considering turning the site into a regional sewage treatment plant that would serve [both Ofra and the nearby Palestinian communities](#). Haaretz (July 21, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces erected a flying military checkpoint at the main entrance to the village of Sinjel, north of Ramallah, stopping hundreds of Palestinian vehicles. Soldiers inspected cars very slowly and scrutinized people's identity cards, causing a heavy traffic jam. Maannews (July 24, 2009).
- Armed Israeli settlers closed Beit 'Ur Al Fuqa road which serves 6 Palestinian villages in Ramallah Governorate and hindered hundreds of

Palestinian citizens from reaching their destinations. Al Quds (July 30, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation forces raided Kafr Aqab and ransacked home of Amin Ja'ar. The IOF barged into his home on the pretext of an "inspection." He noted soldiers also inspected his private car. Maannews (July 30, 2009).

Tulkarem

- Dozens of Israeli settlers took over farmland in Kafr Al-Labad village, in the northern West Bank by erecting three tents that now play home to dozens of settlers. The area now under settler occupation is public property owned by the Islamic Waqf, or endowment and is located outside the village's residential area. Maannews (July 1, 2009).
- A group of Palestinian and Israeli youth with Combatants for Peace were attacked by a group of at least 14 settlers from the nearby Avnei Hefetz settlement settlers south of Tulkarem. Maannews (July 1, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation staged into Atil and Illar villages north of Tulkarem after and searched the homes of Samer Al-Hadrab, Wajdy Saleh Abu Saleh from Atil and Murad Ahmad Taha and Amin Abu Sa'da from Illar village. Maannews (July 7, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers broke into the house of Qasem Ibrahim in Bal'a village east of Tulkarem and caused damages. Al Quds (July 16, 2009).
- Half a dozen Israeli settlers descended on a Palestinian home owned by Qasim Hajj Ibrahim near Tulkarem, ransacked the building and destroyed construction equipment. The home, which is under construction, is in the northern West Bank village of Bal'a, east of Tulkarem, more than eight kilometers away from the nearest illegal Israeli settlements of Avne Hefez and Enav. The settlers drove up to the area, located off of Palestinian roads in areas under Palestinian Authority control, and broke into the main gate of the building at 5am. Maannews (July 16, 2009).

Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation forces handed over citizens of Raba' hamlet, Al Balat areas and Bab al Hareeq east of Kifl Haris village east of Salfit 9 demolition orders to existing and under-construction houses. The IOF also

ordered Citizen Samir Muhammad Al Qaq, an owner of a quarry to remove his barracks in Bab Al Hareeq area. Wafa (July 27, 2009).

Nablus

- A number of Israeli settlers hindered Palestinian farmers from accessing their lands in Jit Village west of Nablus city. Settlers also attacked 'Asira Al Qiblyia village south of Nablus city and caused damages to some of the properties. Wafa (July 1, 2009).
- Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement attacked Burin village near Nablus city and fired live bullets against Palestinian houses. Wafa (July 5, 2009).
- A number of Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement burnt more than 10 dunums of land planted with Olive Trees in the Al-Wama'a area of the Iraq Bourin village in Nablus Governorate. The land belongs to Ibrahim Hamid Hussam Ahid. Maanews (July 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities handed over Citizen Ahmad Ibrahim Hazim Snober from Yetma village in Nablus Governorate a house demolition order due to its location close to Rahel outpost. Al Quds (July 11, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation Army handed twelve Palestinian families from Deir Ballut village military orders notifying them that their houses will be demolished under the pretext of lacking building permits. The owners of the 12 Palestinian houses are: Mr. Kahalil Mahmud Mohammad Abdullah., Mr. Ahmad Mohammad Ahmad Dar Mousa., Idris Jubbara Abdullah, Mrs. Amneh Theib Salem Khair, Mr. Zaeid 'Ali Abdel Halim Abdullah, Mr. 'Abed 'Odeh Abdullah, Mr. Saleh Hussein Saleh, Mr. Najeh Daoud Abdullah, Mr. Mufid Mahfouz Salem Abu Khair, Mr. Abdullah Mahmud Mohammad Abu Khair, Mr. Hatem Abdullah Mahmud Abu Khair, Mr. Suleiman Abdel Hamid Abdullah. Al Quds (July 12, 2009).
- The Israeli police have provided the Samaria Local Authority with a list of 11 unauthorized buildings that it intends to demolish in the near future. The list includes illegal buildings in relatively large West Bank settlements, such as Itamar and Yitzar. Jpost (July 12, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed two locations in 'Ureif village south of Nablus city; in Khallet Al Zabla area, the bulldozers razed 8 dunums of Palestinian agricultural lands and 10 other dunums in Sahel 'Asira area. Nablus (July 16, 2009).
- A small group of four or six settlers descended onto the Ath-Thaer Mountain near the evacuated settlement of Homesh, on lands belonging to Muhammad Abdullah Abu Hilmeh, Odeh Al-Mhabber, Amid Nimer Aboud, Muhammad Abdel Aziz and Basel Baker Najeh Odeh and set fire to 25 dunums of land from Burqa village west of Nablus, destroying tens of olive trees. Al Q1uds (July 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces confiscated two bulldozers owned by citizen Sa'ed Ahmad Yousif Odeh in Huwwara village south of Nablus city and fined him an amount of 15744 NIS alleged for working in an area controlled totally by Israel. Al Quds (July 17, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement set fire into lands between Burin and Madama villages. Al Quds (July 21, 2009).
- 10 settlers riding horses and carrying torches set fire to between 1,500 and 2,000 olive trees in the northern West Bank villages of Tell and Madma south of Nablus protesting evacuation of an illegal settlement outpost. Israeli Occupation forces evacuated an illegal outpost near the village of Sinjil. Angered about the evacuation, settlers set fire to Palestinian fields near Yizhar settlement south of Nablus. Settlers also threw stones at Palestinian cars and blocked the road near the Huwwara checkpoint on the outskirts of Nablus. Maannews (July 21, 2009).
- Israeli settlers pelted stones at the car of Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) member Walid Assaf as he drove north to Qalqilyah. The group of settlers, armed with rocks, were in a car travelling on the Nablus bypass road as they sped to catch up to Assaf's vehicle. As they neared stones were hurled out of the moving vehicle, breaking the windshield of Assaf's car. Maannews (July 22, 2009).
- More than 25 Israeli military vehicles overran the village of Awarta south of Nablus overnight providing security to a group of settlers traveling in two buses and entered the area to visit two archeological sites from periods of ancient Jewish history. The soldiers tore off the main gate of the

village's boys' secondary school and used the compound as a military headquarters. Maannews (July 23, 2009).

- Dozens of Israeli settlers seized control of 40 dunums (40,000 square meters) of Palestinian land south of Nablus while Israeli soldiers looked on. Israeli Settlers arrived on the land near the Huwwara military checkpoint at noon and unloaded metal and barbed wire from trucks and fenced off the plot of land, which lies between the villages of Kafr Qalil and Burin. Soldiers stationed at the checkpoint did not intervene. The occupied land belongs to the Saud and Abed Ar-Rahim families, and two other private residents, Suleiman Qasem Sa'id Najjar and Adnan Yousef Qadus. Maannews (July 25, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Balata Refugee camp and stormed the houses of Ibrahim Abu Salim, Sabah Hashash, Samir Hashash and Abu Yaser Al Tantawi. The IOF also caused damages to the houses after carrying out an intensive search operation. Al Quds (July 29, 2009).

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Civil Administration handed over citizens of Hijja and Al Funduq villages west of Qalqilyah Governorate halt of construction orders and gave citizens until the 13th of August to ----. The orders targeted 2 residential houses owned by Naser Tayyem and the head of village council and a Mosque. The orders also targeted six other residential houses in Hijja village under the pretext that the houses were built in Area C which falls under the full Israeli control. Al Quds (July 16, 2009).

Gaza

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers staged into the eastern part of Khan Younis city and razed agricultural lands alongside the Separation fence. Lands belong to Abu Duqqa, Abu Tu'eima, Abu Ruda, Al 'omor and Al Bashiti families. Al Quds (July 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers staged 200 meters into Al Mughraqa area east of Beit Hanoun city and razed agricultural lands and burnt field crops. Al Quds (July 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozer staged 500 meters into Al Masryeen street in Beit Hanoun city north of the Gaza Strip and burnt 150 dunums

planted with Wheat and barely owned by Shabat family. Al Quds (July 18, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation forces made their deepest incursion into the Gaza Strip in months near Beit Hanoun, penetrating 500 meters past the buffer zone to burn 150 dunums of land. The agricultural field of wheat and barley crops belonging to the Shabat family was destroyed after an Israeli militarized vehicle left the Erez District Coordination Office (DCO) and drove into the Strip, stopping only to set the land on fire. Al Quds & Maannews (July 18, 2009).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged 200 meters north of 'Absan city and razed agricultural lands and destroyed a house composed of 3 floors and a poultry farm, all owned by Abu 'Awwad family. Al Quds (July 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Bulldozers razed three evacuated houses owned by Abu Mandeel Family east of Al Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Wafa (July 27, 2009).

Others

- Israeli sources reported that the evacuation of Migron outpost will lead to the evacuation of 21 other outposts in the West Bank. The outposts are: Giv'at Sal'it (4 families); Gil'ad Farm (20 failies and 30 students); Ahozat Shalhevet (3 families); Shakid Farm (one family); Mitzpe Yezhar (4 failies); Bani Adam (19 families); Madreshet Nabi'a (One faily and a number of singles); Ma'ale Rehba'am (12 families and 7 singles); the red house (4 families); Hazun David (no inhabitants); southeast 'Ofra (was evacuated); Yatir South (was evacuated); Movo Horon Farm (was evacuated); Yetzhar south (8 families); Nofei Nehmiya (26 families); Ramat Gil'ad (12 families); Giv'an Haroneh (20 families); Kida (30 families); Giv'at 'Asaf (20 families); Migron (50 families); Neve Daniel North (6 families); Mitzpe Lachish (12 families); Avigal (13 families); and 'Asa'il (6 families). Al Quds (July 1, 2009).
- An examination by Peace Now movement of the 2009-2010 Israeli state budget shows that nearly 1 billion shekels are explicitly designated for the settlements each year. [PEACENOW \(July 4, 2009\)](#).

- Israeli sources reported that the US administration gave the green light for resuming the construction of 2500 housing units in Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Maannews (July 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak stated that Israel is committed to removing 23 Israeli outposts within a period of few weeks to months. Maannews (July 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Hebrew daily Ma'ariv tentatively announced an “okay” from the United States to continue building 2,500 settlements in the West Bank. Maannews (July 8, 2009).
- In a report issued by OCHA stated that 613 Israeli checkpoints obstruct the movement of Palestinians in the Occupied West Bank, of which, 38 are around Jerusalem city. Al Quds (July 9, 2009).
- In a report issued by Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture showed that Israeli settlers residing illegally in the West Bank have set fire to more than 1,200 dunums (1.2 million square meters) of Palestinian land in a series of recent attacks. Settlers have gone on the offensive since the spring, attacking Palestinian farmers particularly in villages surrounding the cities of Nablus and Hebron. Maannews (July 12, 2009).
- Israel's transportation minister Katz, a Knesset member of the Israeli right-wing Likud Party, announced a plan to change English and Arabic street signs to reflect just their Hebrew names. English and Arabic road signs for Israeli cities had generally avoided alienating one side, in most cases calling the Palestinian capital Jerusalem in English, Al-Quds in Arabic and Yerushalayim in Hebrew, the three names most commonly used in each respective language. Some signs spell out the Hebrew version first, with the Arabic in parentheses. Al Quds (July 10, 2009).
- The Israeli High Court ordered the state to carry out orders issued in 2005 for the demolition of two illegal settlement outposts in the West Bank, Haresha and Yuval. In their ruling, Justices Dorit Beinisch, Elyakim Rubinstein and Yoram Danziger lambasted the state for delaying the move and for contesting a petition to the High Court on the matter for over four years. The court gave the state four months to report back to it on the progress made in conducting the hearings. JPOST (July 12, 2009).

- The Israeli Ministry of Housing is planning to settle 150 Thousand Jews (Hareidem) in Wadi 'Ara. The plan will include the construction of 3000 thousand new housing units in the area. Al Quds (July12, 2009).
- Israel is considering bringing 3000 Ethiopian to immigrate to Israel. Al Quds (Other 17, 2009).
- 200 Jewish immigrants from France are to come to Israel within this year to live in Israel. Al Quds (July 17, 2009).
- The Land Israel Faithful organization is threatening to take over 56 locations in the West Bank as a response to the Israeli prime minister's decision to evacuate "illegal outposts" in the West Bank. Al Quds (July 15, 2009).
- Israel plans to evacuate settlers from 23 unsanctioned West Bank outposts which were established since March 2001 in a single day. No date has been set for the evacuation although a joint military-police exercise was held last week to prepare for the operation. Some 8,000 people live in the outposts, which are often clusters of mobile homes on West Bank hilltops. Settlers have declared their intention to resist the evacuation of any settlement with a “price tag” campaign that often targets Palestinians. Maannews (July 22, 2009).
- The Israeli government has decided to ban the use of the Arabic term Nakba (“Catastrophe”) to describe the expulsion of Palestinians from their homeland in 1948 at during the war that saw the creation of Israel. Palestinians use the term to describe the mass ethnic cleansing of 1948, when, according to United Nations figures, more than 700,000 Palestinians fled or were forced from their homes in the areas on which Zionist Jews eventually declared the state of Israel. Maannews (July 24, 2009).
- There are now more than 300,000 residents living in Jewish West Bank settlements, according to a Israel Defense Forces Civil Administration report covering the first half of 2009. As of June 30, the settlements had 304,569 residents, an increase of 2.3 percent since January. Most of the growth was in the most religious communities, including the ultra-Orthodox settlements. Modi'in Ilit gained 1,879 residents, a 4.5 percent increase. Beitar Ilit gained 1,074 residents, a 3.1 percent jump. Excluding

these two communities, the growth rate in the other Jewish settlements was 1.75 percent. [Haaretz \(July 27, 2009\)](#).

- The Israeli Government specialized NIS 25 Million for settlement activities in the [West Bank and Jerusalem city](#). Al Quds (July 27, 2009).
- Israeli settlers finished building 11 new outposts in the West Bank in time for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's meeting with U.S. special envoy George Mitchell on Tuesday. The name of the project, dubbed "Operation 11" by the Youth for Israel movement. The IDF had already pulled down two of the new outposts by night's end. One was Netzer, located between Alon Shvut and Efrat, in Gush Etzion. Other outposts established Monday night were Inbalim, near Ma'ale Michmash, Givat Egoz near Neriya, and Oz Yonaton, near Kochav Ya'akov. Others that were still being worked on Tuesday morning included the Judean community of Mitzpeh Avichai, near Hevron, and the Samaritan communities of Nofei Yarden, near Shilo and Reches Sela, south of Shechem. JPost & INN (July 27, 2009).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	16
Jerusalem	0	0	0	9	22
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	40	18	1700	0	13
Salfit	0	0	0	0	9
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	150	0	6	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	8
Hebron	20	0	300	0	13
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60	168	2000	15	81

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 -

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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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