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#### Bethlehem

- The Israeli Supreme court repeals on its decision to demolish the house of an Israeli family (Bibi Family) in Derech Ha'avot startup community, which is next to the settlement of Ele'zar and southwest of Bethlehem city. The house was slated for demolition because it was built illegally on land that did not belong to the state as stated by the Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak. [Al Quds \(September 2, 2009\).](#)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Beit Fajjar village near Bethlehem, raided and searched offices of Beit al-Taqwa Association. PCHRGAZA (September 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces raided Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem city and stormed Bait Al Taqwa Society which is composed of 4 under-construction floors. The IOF also set up a new military checkpoint at Qabr Hilwah area between Beit Sahour and Al Ubaidiyah cities, stopped Palestinian citizens and checked their ID cards. The Israeli inspection process has obstructed the movement of Palestinians heading to their destinations. Al Quds (September 7, 2009).

- Israeli sources revealed that a new neighborhood is being built in Betar 'Illit settlement southwest of Bethlehem city. The settlement council has laid the infrastructure of the neighborhood on a hill located outside the master plan of the settlement. Wafa (September 22, 2009).
- Workers in the West Bank settlement of Betar Ilit southwest of Bethlehem city will continue what they've been doing for the last few weeks: laying the groundwork for new homes. Despite talk over a construction freeze in West Bank settlement in ultra-Orthodox Betar Ilit, in recent weeks infrastructure work began in advance of what appears to be the creation of a new neighborhood. While the construction site falls within the municipal boundaries of the settlement, it is on a hill outside the current built-up area of the town. It appears that at least several dozen housing units are to be built on the site. The site does not appear on the list of 455 housing units that Defense Minister Ehud Barak reported giving approval for two weeks ago, as a last step before the implementation of new understandings on a construction freeze. The fact that the hill is outside the perimeter of existing buildings runs contrary to the Israeli contention that construction is being performed within the existing built-up areas. Haaretz (September 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Al Khader village west of Bethlehem and stormed a number of Palestinian houses and messed with contents. Al Quds (September 23, 2009).
- In Kisan, southeast of Bethlehem, invading Israeli forces delivered several demolition orders to a village council member, commanding him to distribute the papers and ensure the targeted homes are demolished within the week for being built without proper licensing documents. Kisan resident Husein Ali Auda Ghazal said he received his order early Saturday, along with the orders to demolish the homes of two of his sons. The houses are 150 square meters, 120 square meters and 100 square meters area. Al Quds (September 26, 2009).

## **Hebron**

- Israeli Settlers of Beit 'Ayn settlement located north of Beit Ummer town set fire to 150 dunums of lands planted with Forest trees and Almonds. The lands are owned by Al Sleibi Family. Al Ayyam (September 3, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished 4 water cisterns in Al Beqa, a Palestinian community located to the east of Hebron city which are owned by Badawi 'Areef Al Rajabi, Hasan Bader Jaber, Fadel Saleem Jaber and Kayed Fadel Jaber. The demolition process was also accompanied by the destruction of agricultural crops planted in 12 dunums of Lands. The construction of the first cistern was finished only 5 months ago. It received two demolition orders previously in April and July, 2009. The water in the cistern was used to irrigate about 20 dunums of land. Farming the land is the only source of income for 5 families with a total population of 60 people of which 47 are children. The capacity of the cistern was 3,000 cubic meters. The second cistern was still under construction. No water was present there. Three families were planning to take advantage of the would-be finished cistern to irrigate their 5 dunums. The cistern received stop work and demolition orders at the same time as the first cistern. The capacity of the cistern was 1,000 cubic meters. While the third cistern was constructed in 2001. It was previously demolished in 1999. Its capacity was 2500 cubic meters. It was used for irrigation purposes of at least 15 dunums. The owner of the cistern is the head of a 17-member family of which 13 are children. DWG (September 3, 2009).
- Group of Israeli settlers attacked Al Qasaba neighborhood in the Old city of Hebron and threw stones at Palestinian citizens. Wafa (September 3, 2009).
- Israeli settlers continued constructing at least five new caravans on the south-west side of the illegal settlement on Ma'on in the southern West Bank. Israeli settlers are also constructing numerous new buildings in the nearby illegal Israeli outposts of Havat Ma'on (Hill 833) and Avigail." Maannews (September 11, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement south of Hebron Governorate rebuilt an outpost that was dismantled by the Israeli Forces a day before. The outpost is 400 meters north of Susiya settlement. The rebuilt process included the construction of 2 new caravans made of wood and three tents. Al Ayyam (September 12, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers from the District Coordination Office (DCO) in Hebron delivered demolition orders to six Palestinian homes near the village of At-Tuwani south of Hebron. The village, located in the South Hebron Hills area, is designated "Area C" under the Oslo Accords and subject to full Israeli civil and military control. The homes targeted with demolition orders were built over the course of the summer. During

construction, on 16 July, one building was completely destroyed, allegedly by Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement of Ma'on or the outpost Havat Ma'on. The family, however, continued to build the home. Stop work orders were delivered a few days later on 20 July. The order affected the partially-built home, a cistern, and one other small agricultural structure. The delivered demolition orders likely indicate forces will come in the next 30 days and destroy the buildings. Maanews (September 14, 2009).

- Palestinians were barred from praying at the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron on Saturday as Israeli troops designated the area for the exclusive use of Israeli settlers on Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. The mosque lies in the H2 zone of Hebron, which is under the direct control of the Israeli military. Though it lies in the heart of the city, H2 is host to a few hundred militant Israeli settlers, who are protected by armed soldiers. The area is dotted with military checkpoints, and certain areas are off limits to local Palestinians. Maanews (September 21, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Ma'on settlement east of Yatta town demolished two agricultural rooms in At Tuwani hamlet south of Hebron city under the pretext that the rooms were built without proper licensing documents. The rooms are owned by Jadallah Shihada, Rib'I Ahmad Jibril and Ribhi Ahmad Jibril. It was also reported that Israeli settlers of Ramat Yashai settlement in Hebron attacked a number of Palestinian houses with stones. The targeted houses are owned by Hashem Younis, Hisham Younis, Hani Youni, Wael Sharbati, Yaser As Said, and Raed 'Arab. Al Ayyam (September 23, 2009).
- Israeli Officers guarded by Israeli Occupation forces paid a visit to the 8 dunums land of Mahmoud Al Bouti Jaber which is threatened of confiscation close to Kiryat Arba' Settlement. Al Ayyam (September 23, 2009).
- At least 140 Israeli settlers, protected by a dozen Israeli jeeps, took over the area around the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron, entered the building and performed ceremonies for the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday. Maanews (September 25, 2009).

## **Jerusalem**

- Gaps in education standards between East and West Jerusalem schools continue to widen, according to a human-rights group report. The document, penned by the Association of Civil Rights in Israel and the Ir Amim non-profit organization, indicates that the eastern part of the city lacks some 1,000 classrooms, and that half the classrooms and preschool facilities there do not meet health and security standards. Moreover, over 5,000 school-age students in East Jerusalem are not registered for school. Last year, NIS 577 was spent on each primary school student in the predominantly-Arab eastern section of the city, compared with NIS 2,372 for a student in the mainly-Jewish western part. In preschools, spending per student in West Jerusalem was 2.7 times that of East Jerusalem and in special education 2.5 times. They said 248 classrooms are currently being built in East Jerusalem, and that the shortage of facilities stems from a lack of area designated for classroom building due to Israeli restrictions. Haaretz (September 2, 2009).
- Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel plans to lay a cornerstone on the controversial West Bank hilltop of E-1 on Monday to protest continued international pressure against construction in that inbuilt area of his city. Jpost (September 3, 2009).
- The IOF moved into al-Ram village, north of Jerusalem. They raided and searched a house belonging to the family of 'Abdul Ra'ouf al-Maslamani, and summoned him for interrogation. PCHRGAZA (September 6, 2009).
- Ma'ale Adumim settlement Mayor and the Israeli police laid the cornerstone of a new settlement under the name of "Mevaseret Adumim" in the E1 area west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Al Ayyam (September 7, 2009).
- A joint Israel land department and Jewish National Fund project proposes turning the Al-Farouq neighborhood of Jabal Al-Mukabbir into forest land as part of the ongoing project of "greening Jerusalem. 550 dunums of Palestinian lands will be annexed by the municipality and declared forest land. The plan was part of Israel's general policy to annex Palestinian lands and confiscate assets in Jerusalem's Old City and the surrounding neighborhoods of Sheikh Jarrah, Wadi Al-Jouz, Silwan, and Jabal Al-Mukabbir. Maannews (September 7, 2009).
- The Israel Lands Administration published tenders for the construction of 486 housing units in the settlement of Pisgat Ze'ev in East Jerusalem. The

new construction project is designated for the outer edge of the northeastern municipal boundary of Jerusalem, and will narrow the distance between the homes on the edge of the neighborhood and the nearby Palestinian communities. Bids have been solicited for construction on an overall area of 138 dunums (about 34 acres), which was subdivided into 25 smaller tenders. Haaretz (September 9, 2009).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued a demolition order against an iron gate in Al Farouq neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukkabir owned by Abu Qalbein Families. The gate is to be demolished within 24 hours as stated in the order. Al Quds (September 9, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities extended the closure of the Nidal Centre for Community Development in Jerusalem's Old City for a year. The center's doors were welded shut on July 16 2009. The center, established in 2000 and affiliated with the Health Works Committees (HWCs), was evacuated and closed because it represented a "security threat" according to Israeli officers. The most recent closure order, signed by General Inspector Dudi Cohen read as follows: According to my authority and according to the Order to Prevent Terrorism - 1948 article 6, I order to extend the closure period given on 12.7.2009 until 10.8.2009 for the Nidal centre on Jabsha Street in the Christian neighborhood of the old city of Jerusalem until 11.9.2010. Maannews (September 10, 2009).
- The Al-Aqsa Foundation for Heritage and Waqf reported the Israel Antiquities Authority, in cooperation with the "Elad" settler organization have already dug a 120 meter long, 1.5 meter wide tunnel from underneath Jerusalem's Palestinian Silwan neighborhood toward the mosque. According to the organization, the tunnel begins underneath the Ein Mosque in Silwan, and has been outfitted with lights, stairways, and iron studs for reinforcement and will be linked to a number of tunnels that were dug by Israel 40 years ago under the town of Silwan and other tunnels that were dug in the vicinity of and below the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque. Maannews (September 10, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers broke into the 2 storey house of Fatima Al Daoudi and attempted to take over the first floor of the house in Hosh Al Hilo in the Muslim quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. The settlers occupied the upper floor of the building, having taken it over a few months ago. The settlers have initiated a legal case against the current inhabitant of the apartment claiming that the property was Jewish-owned prior to 1948. Fatima's lawyer succeeded in obtaining an eviction order

from the courts, which was granted and implemented by the police in the afternoon. The case is still pending before the courts, but a decision is expected in the coming weeks. DWG (September 10, 2009).

- Israeli Security minister gave an order to close Al Hakawati Theater and Mount of Olives Club in At Tur neighborhood for a temporary period of time as to prevent Palestinians from holding Ramadan evenings at the aforementioned locations. Al Quds (September 11, 2009).
- Official sources revealed that Israeli Jerusalem Municipality along with the Israeli Government are preparing a plan to build 3000 housing units in settlements of Gilo, Har Homa, Pisgat Ze'ev and Ramot, all in Jerusalem Governorate. The plan also includes the building of hundreds of housing units in Kiryat Youfel and 'Ein Karem in West Jerusalem. Al Quds (September 12, 2009).
- An Israeli court decided against a settler organization and demanded it stop construction in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan immediately. The court found the settler group Eldad did not have the appropriate construction permits for the Silwan project. The eight million US dollar project was a partnership between the Jerusalem municipality and the settler group that was re-appropriating sidewalks, green spaces and parking lots used by local residents and constructing tourist-friendly areas in the neighborhood next to the City of David. Maanews (September 12, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Dahiyat Al Salam neighborhood next to Shu'fat Camp in Jerusalem city and closed the main road. The IOF also stormed commercial stores and workshops and homes and detained some residents. Al Quds (September 15, 2009).
- The Supreme Court dismissed a petition submitted against the Israel Antiquities Authority by residents of the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, concerning excavations being conducted at the City of David archeological park in the neighborhood's Wadi Hilweh section. The petition, which was the second of its kind submitted by residents - and dismissed by the court - within the last week, alleged that the excavations were being done without the proper permits and were encroaching on the residents' private property. Residents also complained that the archeological projects had damaged their homes. One of the excavations is being conducted next to the Givati parking lot, which is located south of

the Old City's southern wall, at the entrance to Silwan. The second excavation, which was the subject of the residents' most recent petition, exposed a drainage channel structure from the Second Temple period that extends over a distance of many dozens of meters. [Jpost \(September 16, 2009\)](#).

- A new colonial plan aims at the expulsion of hundreds of Bedouin families from Al Malihat Tribe near Mikhmas east of Jerusalem city for the sake of expanding Ma'ale Mikhmas settlement. It is worth mentioning that Al Malihat tribe was handed over for the second time evacuation orders within four months period to evacuate their place of living for settlement expansion. Al Quds (September 17, 2009).
- The Al-Aqsa Foundation for Waqf and Heritage said it had learned Israeli settler groups were planning to break into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on Sunday under the pretext of celebrating the upcoming religious holiday. The settlers' groups had published posters online and in public urging adherents to enter the compound on 27 September under the pretext of celebrating Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. Al Quds (September 25, 2009).
- Clashes broke out after a group of about 150 Israeli settlers entered the Al-Aqsa compound under the guard of local Israeli authorities. Al Quds (September 27, 2009).
- An organization committed to populating East Jerusalem with Jewish residents has said that it has six properties in the Old City to sell to 22 Jewish families, which would bring the number of Jews living in the Arab quarters of the walled city to 1,000. "The heart of Jerusalem is calling us," reads a new brochure that the association Ateret Cohanim is circulating in an apparent effort to market the buildings. "Six registered assets are now up for sale, opening to us the possibility of adding 22 families to the Jewish community's flourishing." The brochure also says that these 22 families would bring the number of Jews residing in the Old City (not including those in the Jewish Quarter) to 1,000. The document also specifies which Old City assets are earmarked to be populated by Jews, and provides details on plans for expansion of Jewish settlements elsewhere in East Jerusalem. All the assets are listed with Hebrew names, such as Beit Sha'ar Haprachim (House of the Gate of the Flowers, referring to Herod's Gate), Beit Hanes (House of the Miracle) and Beit Hakorban



(House of the Offering). Prices are specified next to each asset, the number of families it can hold and other details. [Haaretz \(September 29, 2009\)](#).

## Jericho

- Israeli Occupation forces entered Fasayel village near Jericho, and confiscated the tractor of a local farmer. The owner of the tractor was identified as Jaser Khalil Muhammad Ka'abneh. Maannews (September 29, 2009).

## Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Qalqilyia city and stormed a number of houses searching for "wanted Palestinians" as claimed. Among houses, the following was known: Ahmad Abu Labada. PCHRGAZA (September 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak ratified the construction of 37 new housing units in Karnei Shomron settlement established east of Qalqilyah city. Al Ayyam (September 24, 2009).
- Israeli forces handed demolition orders to eight Azzun residents, whose homes are now set for demolition within thirty days. The following residents of the town, in the Qalqiliya district, were targeted: Nasser Salameh Salim, Yousif Salameh Salim, Ikrema Salameh Salim, Azem Muhammad Ibrahim Salim, Hazim Muhammad Ibrahim Salim, Sa'd Rashed Salim, Kamal Yousif Salim and Khaled Yousef Salim. Maannews (September 30, 2009).

## Tubas

- A massive construction for some 20 permanent housing units and 5 caravans, in the settlement of Maskiyot, Jordan Valley has just recently begun. Effectively this means a new settlement is being established in the West Bank. Maskiyot is in the northern Jordan Valley, it originally served as an IDF outpost in the 80's, and since 2002 lies relatively abandoned. When the IDF left the base a small group of religious students came to live there periodically. Following the evacuation of Gush Katif, in 2005, a group of evacuees from the outpost Shirat Hayam in the Gaza Strip moved to the area to re-establish the settlement Maskiyot. At the end of 2006 then Defense Minister Amir Peretz approved the promotion of a plan to

construct 100 housing units in Maskiyot. In response a group of families from Shirat Hayam moved into the settlement with the aim of not giving up the original plan of establishing Maskiyot. In 2008 Defense Minister, Ehud Barak decided to renew the plan. Recently construction of some 20 housing units has begun. [PEACENOW \(September 6, 2009\)](#).

- Israel started the construction of a new settlement north of the Jordan Valley. The first phase includes the construction of 20 housing units for Israeli settlers who have been evacuated from Sherat Hiyam Settlement in the Gaza Strip. The new settlement named "Masskiot" will be built on the remains of an Israeli military base that was established during the 80's and was evacuated in 2002 to house religious students. Maanews (September 12, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces handed over citizens of Al Makhoul area in Al Hadidiya hamlet east of Tubas city demolition orders against a number of tents and barracks. Among owners, the following were known: Burhan Hussein Asmar Bisharat, Ahmad Khalaf Salem Bani Odeh, Khalaf Ahmad Sslem Bani Odeh. Al Quds (September 26, 2009).

## **Salfit**

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Kafd Ad Dik village west of Salfit city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses, of which, the following were known: Fayez Odeh At Turk, Iyad Fawwaz Al Turk, Musleh Nayef Ad Dik. It is worth mentioning that the IOF stole JD 4500 and NIS 14000 from Mr. Musleh house. Al Ayyam (September 12, 2009).
- Wild boars entered the residential areas of Al-Matwi in Salfit, destroying fig trees and vine groves and causing the loss of crops. The herds of boars like these have been causing massive losses to Palestinian farmers year after year destroying walls, gardens, trees and even injuring three residents over the past few years. Maanews (September 16, 2009).
- Spain has disqualified Israeli academics from a solar power design competition because their university is in the West Bank. Spain expelled a team representing Ariel University Center of Samaria from an international contest called the Solar Decathlon, in which 20 universities are presenting designs for solar-powered homes. Haaretz (September 25, 2009).

## Ramallah

- The organization, Halamish, gained a name for itself with the construction of a small outpost near the hareidi-religious settlement of Modi'in Illit (Kiryat Sefer). The outpost has been dubbed Givat Sefer, and already includes a beit midrash building for studying Torah. INN (September 3, 2009).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued a restraining order that prohibits the continuation of settlement activities on lands of Kafr 'Aqab village south of Ramallah village. Wafa (September 3, 2009).
- The IOF moved into Beit Leqia village, west of Ramallah. They raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Younis Sa'id Mousa, and summoned him for interrogation. PCHRGAZA (September 5, 2009).
- The IOF moved into Bil'in village, west of Ramallah. They raided and searched houses belonging to the families of Yassin Mohammed Yassin; Hamza Suleiman Bernat; and Mohammed Ahmed Yassin. PCHRGAZA (September 5, 2009).
- The IOF moved into Bitounia city, west of Ramallah, raided and searched al-Sho'la building. PCHRGAZA (September 5, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Shevut Rahel settlement uprooted more 200 olive trees near the Palestinian village of Al-Maghayir, north of the city of Ramallah. The trees were owned by Muhammad Sadeq, Sidqi Muhammad Abu 'Alya, Jameel Abdullah and Rateeb Abdullah Na'san. Last Thursday 150 olive trees were found uprooted in the same village, which lies near the unauthorized settler outpost of Nofe Yarden. Maannews (September 8, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli trucks again lay down tons of solid waste on lands of west Ramallah villages such as Qibya, Ni'lin, Shibtin, Shuqba, and Budrus. The solid waster is being laid down not very far from residential areas in the aforementioned villages. Al Quds (September 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Bil'in village and stormed the house of Abdullah Abu Rahmeh, damaged the door entrance and internal doors as well and caused damages to furniture. The IO forces also staged

into the houses of Rateb and Khaled Abu Rahmeh. Al Quds (September 24, 2009).

## **Tulkarem**

- The Israeli Supreme Court issued a final order regarding the appeals filed by Far'oun, Jubara Hamlet, Ar Ras, Kafr Sur, Falamyia and Jayyus in 2003 which states the dismantling of the wall section which is built on lands of the aforementioned Palestinian villages and return around 6000 dunums back to Palestinians out of 25000 dunums that are already isolated by the wall. Al Quds (September 10, 2009).

## **Nablus**

- A group of Israeli settlers attacked Mr. Ahmad Jamal Abdullah, a Taxi Driver at Al Hamra junction. Settlers also attacked Citizen Samer Abu Mahyoub in the same area and tore his ID card and broke the windows of his car. Al Quds (September 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces set fire into 20 dunums of lands planted with Olive Trees near Shavei Shomron checkpoint west of Nablus city. Al Quds (September 7, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian homes in the village of Urif south of Nablus. The settler entered a building owned by Munir An-Noury and currently under construction and destroyed the walls. Not forgetting to mention that the building is located near the Yitzhar settlement. Maannews (September 9, 2009).
- Israeli settlers set fire to two cars and threw stones at several houses in the Nablus-area village of Asira Ash-Shamaliyya. One of the cars belonged to Adel Al-Muhtaseb, and that settlers also stoned homes in the village of Urif, south of Nablus. Maannews (September 10, 2009).
- The Israeli Settlers attacked the under-construction house of Brusli 'Eid in Burin village. Al Quds (September 10, 2009).
- The Israeli Supreme Court has ordered the executive authorities to set a timetable to demolish 13 Palestinian houses in Yatma village and 47 others in As Sawiya village in Nablus Governorate under the pretext that these houses were built without proper licensing documents from the Israeli

Civil Administration in the Governorate due to its location in Area C which falls under the full Israeli control. Al Quds (September 10, 2009).

- Violent clashes between Israeli settlers and Palestinians erupted in the village of Iraq Burin south of the West Bank city of Nablus as settlers from the nearby illegal Israeli settlement of Yitzhar attacked Palestinians in Burin and failed to steal dozens of sheep from a Palestinian shepherd who was in the area. Maannews (September 13, 2009).
- Israeli settlers' groups started building in Shavei Shomron and Yetzhar settlements. The settlers set up four new caravans in Yetzhar settlement and machinery were seen working in Shavei Shomron settlement. Al Ayyam (September 13, 2009).
- Sixty Israeli settlers set fire to agricultural lands in Jit and Amatin villages in Nablus Governorate. Maannews (September 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Shavei Shomron checkpoint, detained hundreds of Palestinian vehicles and prevented them from passing through the checkpoint established on the main road linking Nablus, Deir Sharaf and Tulakrem cities. Al Ayyam (September 23, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers razed 40 dunums of lands of 'Asira Al Qiblyia village and destroyed a water spring in the village. Israeli settlers of Yetzhar also set up 30 caravans and a military tent and declared the area as "closed military area". Al Quds (September 27, 2009).
- A number of Israeli settlers from "Yits'har" settlement to the south of Bourin village, south of Nablus, uprooted 150 olive trees belonging to Ahmed Mustafa Qadous and the heirs of 'Abdul Qader 'Omran in Khellat Swar area in the village. PCHRGAZA (September 28, 2009).

## **Gaza**

- The IOF moved nearly 400 meters into the southeast of al-Shoja'eya neighborhood, east of Gaza City. They leveled areas of previously-razed Palestinian land. They also destroyed a number of water heating tanks. PCHRGAZA (September 3, 2009).

- The IOF moved nearly 200 meters into Abu Raida area in the east of Khuza'a village, east of Khan Yunis. They leveled areas of previously-razed Palestinian land. PCHRGAZA (September 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers fired at Al Qarara town east of Khan Younis city in the Gaza Strip and caused damages to an animal barn and caused the death of two goats. Al Quds (September 17, 2009).

## Others

- In a report issued by Al-Quds center for social and economic rights stated that since the first of 2009 till the end of August 2009 58 houses were demolished by its owners themselves and they were forced to pay an amount of money. The reports also stated that most of the houses that were demolished are inside the Jerusalem municipality borders and were built over lands, where Israel decides to build settlement over it and build public gardens. 350 people were harmed from these demolitions and most of them are women and children. **Maannews (September 4, 2009).**
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu plans to approve the construction of hundreds of housing units in Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Following the approval of the new projects, Netanyahu will consider a complete building freeze on Jewish communities in the area. In addition to allowing for hundreds of new apartments, Netanyahu's government will continue to allow the construction of roughly 2,500 housing units in the West Bank settlements which were approved before the current government took office. INN (September 5, 2009).
- Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak approved the construction of 455 new housing units in settlements in the West Bank. The Gush Etzion settlement of Har Gilo, which is just south of Jerusalem, will receive a major boost to its population with 149 units winning the ministry's approval. Ma'aleh Adumim received a boost of 89 new units. The haredi city Modi'in Illit will see an additional 84 units, the Agan Ha'ayalot neighborhood of Givat Ze'ev is to grow by 76 units, and the small settlement Kedar, which is near Ma'aleh Adumim, has received Barak's okay for 25 new units. The defense minister also approved 20 units in Maskiot in the Jordan Valley, and 12 additional units in the veteran Gush Etzion settlement Alon Shvut. Barak also approved the construction of a Sports Park in Ariel, the statement

continued, and a plan for a new school in Har Adar is currently in the works. Jpost (September 7, 2009).

- Israeli High Court Justices Edna Arbel, Elyakin Rubenstein, and Hanan Meltzer have ordered the state to set a timetable for the destruction of illegal Arab-built structures in the West Bank. Palestinian Authority Arabs have built dozens of illegal structures on Israeli-owned land near the town of Rachelim. The state must enforce the demolition orders “as part of its fundamental obligation to uphold and enforce the law,” the judges ruled. INN (September 9, 2009).
- Israel demolished 31 tents in Al Taweel Hamlet in the Negev and left families homeless. Al Quds (September 9, 2009).
- Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that the proposed freeze on building for Jews in Judea and Samaria is temporary. The proposed building freeze would prohibit Jews from beginning any new building projects, but activists and even residents who generally do not consider themselves “political” continue to build, with or without permits. INN (September 14, 2009).
- The Israel Defense Forces began razing about 100 "dirt mound" roadblocks from the entrances to Palestinian villages across the West Bank as part of an ongoing effort to improve life for Palestinians. The roadblocks had been erected at the start of the second intifada, to prevent Palestinians from traveling directly between villages; they were also erected along main roads in the West Bank, along which both Israelis and Palestinians traveled. As such, Palestinians were forced to take longer, indirect routes to reach their destinations. Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, gave the order to the GOC Central Command, Maj. Gen. Gadi Shamni, to send troops to carry out the razing of the roadblocks. The army wants to complete the removal of the roadblocks by next Friday, ahead of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Haaretz (September 17, 2009).

- Following a communication from the Israeli military announcing the imminent removal of 100 roadblocks from across the West Bank, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) reported the "actual removal of a few of them in the Hebron area." Maannews (September 19, 2009).
- Settler leaders urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to stand by his defense of growth in West Bank communities, vowing that they would continue construction regardless of whether Israel gave in to U.S. demands. "We will build despite any freeze," said Moshe Rozenbaum, head of the Beit El settlement council, at a protest tent in front of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. "You can't stop a community of more than 1,000 residents." [Haaretz \(September 21, 2009\)](#).

### Monthly Violations Statistics – September 2009

District	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	3
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	200	0	0
Nablus	40	0	550	0	60
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	550	0	0	8
Hebron	0	0	0	0	6
Tubas	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	550	750	0	<b>80</b>

*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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