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Bethlehem

- Israeli planners have approached residents of Walaja northwest of Bethlehem city to seek their consent to withdraw objections to the new neighborhood in return for a number of concessions, including retroactive approval for houses that were built in Walaja without proper permits, a change in the route of the separation fence in the vicinity of the village, and greater ease in securing entry into the rest of Israel. The proposed new neighborhood, to be known as Giv'at Ya'el, would be built in the southeast of the city, near the Malha neighborhood and the Biblical Zoo. The plans, which were drawn up six years ago, call for a major residential area that would ultimately be home to some 45,000 people. The plans also provide for commercial areas and a sports club. A private company, also called Givat Yael, would develop the project, and it has been lobbying for the neighborhood's inclusion in the plan. Maannews (October 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem city, stormed Hajja Hamlet and seized a large number of equipments for the extraction of rocks, including bulldozers, excavators and stone posted machines owned by Mahmoud Ahmad Abdel Nabi, Mahmoud Hammad Taqatqa, Shadi Ahmad Taqatqa and Ahmad Abdullah Thawabta. The seizure of the equipments came under the pretext that the quarries were operating on a previously confiscated land. Wafa (October 1, 2009).
- Israeli occupation forces prevented farmers from reaching their lands to harvest olives in Wadi Ahmed west of Beit Jala. Olive harvesters said they

went to their lands in the morning but were surprised to find Israeli forces had put large gates and barbed wires across the entrances to the land. On further inquiry soldiers told the group they were prohibited from accessing the land because they did not have proper permits to do so. Maannews (October 14, 2009).

Hebron

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities hindered citizens of Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city from accessing their lands to harvest their Olive Grooves and declared the area as "Closed Military Area". Al Quds (October 4, 2009).
- Beit Ummar farmers were barred from reaching their agricultural land to harvest grapes in Wad Ar-Rish by Israeli forces stationed in the area. Dozens of Israeli border guards were deployed in the area and told farmers the zone had been declared closed by the Israeli military, which occupies the West Bank. A number of international peace activists were at the scene alongside the farmers and Palestinian activists who were present to help them. Two internationals, from Germany and Britain, were detained for three hours after arguing with the Israeli soldiers and demanding a reason why the area had been declared closed. Maannews (October 3, 2009).
- The Ibrahimi Mosque was closed to Muslim worshipers Friday night and will not be re-opened for non-Jewish worship until Monday. Israeli soldiers have been stationed outside the mosque since sundown Friday and blocked Muslim access to Muslim areas of the structure, divided in two since 1994 into discrete sections for Muslim and Jewish worshipers. Maannews (October 4, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities prevented Muslim worshippers from entering the Ibrahimi Mosque in the West Bank city of Hebron for the second consecutive day, allowing Israeli settlers to use the site. Jewish settlers who live in armed compounds in the heart of Hebron marked the Sukkot holiday on Monday. The settlers also control half of the Ibrahimi Mosque, which lies in an area of Hebron tightly controlled by the Israeli army. In addition, dozens of settlers reportedly entered the Palestinian markets in Hebron's Old City, causing panic among merchants and shoppers. Maannews (October 6, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation forces razed 8 dunums of lands of Wadi An Nasara area located in close proximity of Kiryat Arba' settlement in Hebron city owned by Mahmoud Al Buti Jaber. Al Ayyam (October 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces handed over store owners of Beit Ummer town orders to close their shops located on the main road. Al Quds (October 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Yatta town south of Hebron city and stormed 15 Palestinian houses in Al 'Umrah neighbourhood west of the town, of which, the following were known: Rashed, Rashad, Khaled, Bader, Saqr Abdullah Id'eis, Majed and Ziad Id'eis. Al Quds (October 7, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers started adding 10 new caravans on previously confiscated lands south of Karmi'el settlement east of Hebron city. The caravans are being added on 50 dunums of lands owned by Al Hathalin family. Israeli settlements activities are also taking place in Kharsina settlement northeast of Hebron city on lands belonging to Jaber family where a plan to construct tens of new caravans to settle families of Israeli soldiers and Police. Another construction activity is taking pace about 500 meters south of Tene settlement on 70 dunums of Palestinians lands that were forcibly confiscated from Palestinians in the area. Settlement construction activities are also taking place in Ma'on settlement and include the seizure of additional areas of lands from the southern side of the settlement. Al Ayyam (October 12, 2009).
- More than 15 Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian harvesters and internationals in Wadi Al Hussein neighbourhood located in close proximity of Kiryat Arba' settlement while harvesting the Olive trees. Al Quds (October 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stationed at Al Shuhada street hindered a group of 130 women from "Follow the Women Organization" from entering the Old City of Hebron city for no reasons. Al Ayyam (October 19, 2009).
- The Jewish families living in Mitzpeh Avichai, near the city of Kiryat Arba in the Hebron city, managed to rebuild a number of homes within a few hours of their total destruction. The homes were demolished the night before. [INN \(October 22, 2009\)](#).

- The Israeli Supreme Court granted a petition by the Civil Rights Association in [Israel](#) (ACRI) against a military order preventing Palestinian travel on Route 354, nine miles southwest of Hebron, calling it a "disproportionate action." The petition was filed following a GOC Central Command order prohibiting Palestinians living in the area from using the road, with aim of protecting the residents of the West Bank settlement of Negohot. The court ordered the IDF to rescind the restriction on the road, also known as the Beit Awa Junction, and to find different ways to ensure the safety of the Jewish residents in the area. Ynetnews (October 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities declared Safa village near Beit Ummer town a closed military area and hindered Safa Villagers from accessing their lands in Abu Areish Valley to harvest their Olive trees which are located close to Beit 'Ayn settlement. Al Quds (October 24, 2009).
- The Israeli Supreme Court ruled against a military order prohibiting Palestinians from traveling on a West Bank road in the city of Hebron. The road, Route 443, is one of several currently being disputed, and runs from Hebron into Israel through the West Bank. For the duration of its path through the West Bank, Palestinians were prohibited from using it. Maannews (October 25, 2009).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed over residents Jamal Ibrahim Al Rjoub and Khaeld Abu Mqadem from Dura Town south of Hebron city two orders to evacuate their houses preparing to demolish them. Wafa (October 29, 2009).
- Three Israeli bulldozers, occupation army soldiers, number of settlers, and a number of civil administration employees attacked Al Baqa'a neighborhood to the east of Kiryat Arba' settlement in Hebron city and leveled about 10 dunums of lands and confiscated irrigation networks pipes that were distributed among 5 dunums of vineyard that belongs to 'Ata Jaber and destroyed all the stone barriers and irrigation pool that were used to irrigate 17 dunums that were used for growing different types of vegetables. Al Quds (October 29, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered citizens of Beit Ummer town from reclaiming 25 dunums of their lands which are located 40 meters away from Karnei Tzur settlement located south of the town. The targeted lands are owned by Sabarna and Awad families. Al Quds (October 29, 2009).

Nablus

- Israeli forces detained four young Palestinians after raiding their houses in Madama village south of Nablus. Troops also overran the home of Mu'ammam Zyadeh. Maannews (October 2, 2009).
- The Israeli bulldozers are working to expand two Israeli settlements, Bracha and Yetzhar located some kilometers south of Nablus city. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Civil Administration has also approved the construction of 25 new buildings in Bracha settlement where each building would include three floors. Wafa (October 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation army closed declared large areas of villages northwest of Nablus city as closed military zones and prevented Palestinian harvesters from accessing their land. Areas adjacent to Burqa, Bizarya, An Naqura, and Sebastia villages were targeted. The closure also includes areas adjacent to the main road, and those areas stretching from Shavei Shomron settlement to the evacuated 'Homesh' settlement. Wafa (October 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Army stormed the quarter of the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development in Rafidyia city in Nablus and destroyed its entrance and searched it thoroughly. Al Ayyam (October 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed 10 dunums of lands in Al Khasfa area in 'Asira Al Qiblih village and added 20 new caravans in the area as well as a military tent to protect the razing process. Al Quds (October 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered Palestinian harvesters in Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya village south of Nablus village from harvesting their Olive Trees. Al Quds (October 13, 2009).
- Settlers from the Israeli settlement Yizhar south of Nablus torched the parked car of Issam Edis, a Palestinian man from Huwwara town. The settlers entered the area, set fire to the vehicle then fled. Maannews (October 15, 2009).

- Dozens of Israeli settlers from a settlement called Aliyah set fire to 10 dunums of Olive groves in Al Lubban village near the West Bank city of Nablus. Israeli settlers also assaulted farmers who were harvesting olives.. Maannews (October 14, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Al Taneeb checkpoint west of Nablus city and hindered citizens from entering the city. Al Ayyam (October 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered citizens of 'Azmout village east of Nablus city from accessing their lands which are located in close proximity of Alon Moreh settlement to harvest their Olive Trees. Al Quds (October 16, 2009).
- Israeli settlers set fire into a car owned by Issam Idris Abdel Hamid Sa'adeh from Huwwara village in Nablus Governorate. The settlers also set fire in 50 bales of straw in 'Asira Al Qiblya village in Nbalus Governorate owned by Ibrahim Awad Jaber Yasin. Al Quds (October 16, 2009).
- Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement attacked Palestinian harvesters in Burin village south of Nablus city and hindered them from reaching their lands to harvest their Olive Trees. Al Quds (October 17, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Forces hindered Palestinians and Internationals from accessing agricultural lands in Kafr Qalil and Salem villages to harvest their olive trees located in the vicinity of Ellon Moreh settlement. Al Quds (October 18, 2009).
- Israeli settlers started expanding Itamar settlement east of Nablus city. The settlers razed around 10 dunums of lands owned by villagers of 'Awarta and Beit Furik and might new housing units to the area. Al Ayyam (October 19, 2009).
- Israeli settlements activities are taking place in Eli settlement south of Nablus city. Al Ayyam (October 21, 2009).
- Nine Palestinians were injured and one was detained when dozens of Israeli settlers from Shevut Rahel settlement attacked farmers who were harvesting olives in the West Bank village of Qaryout, south of Nablus. Following the initial attack, both soldiers and settlers stormed the village, clashing with Palestinian residents. Soldiers fired bullets and tear gas. It is

worth mentioning that Qaryout farmers obtained permission to enter their own fields from the Israeli army through the Palestinian Authority's liaison office. Maannews (October 27, 2009).

- Dozens of Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement surrounded the house of resident Jamal Yousef and threw stones at him in the village of Asira Al-Qibliya south of Nablus city. Maannews (October 27, 2009).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities gave Citizen Nizar Abdel Halim Hamida from Qalandyia village a period of one week to demolish his house alleged for being built without proper licensing documents. The house is 18 square meters area and is inhabited by 15 family members. Al Quds (October 4, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked citizen 'Azzam Ahmad 'Ali Al Khtib from Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city while he was on his way back home. Al Quds (October 4, 2009).
- Thousands of right-wing Israelis will attend the laying of the foundation stone for East Jerusalem's newest settlement, as construction of the illegal homes and communities continues on occupied Palestinian land. The ceremony will take place at 4pm, and will be attended by Israeli Minister of the Interior Eli Yishai, Rabbi Meir Lau, and several other members of the Israeli Knesset. This project is the second phase of building on Mount Scopus in what is being billed as the Israeli neighborhood of Nof Zion. One-hundred and five new housing units will be built in the starting phase, financed by Jewish investors from the United States under the Digal Investments & Holdings Ltd registration. A Synagogue, shopping mall and hotel are also in the works on the land. Jpost (October 7, 2009).
- Israeli occupation authorities delivered military order for the confiscation of Palestinian property to several residents of Anata, An Nabi Musa, Al Khan Al Ahmar and Al Isawyaia villages. The targeted lands are located within the Ma'ale Adumim settlement bloc, near the Israeli settlement of Mishur Adumim on the pretext of the move being for the "public interest". The land set to be confiscated amounts to 639 dunums. Maannews (October 8, 2009).

- Flanked by a heavy police presence, Israeli right-wing leaders laid the foundation for an expansion of a settlement in East Jerusalem's Jabal Mukaber neighborhood. In reaction to perceived Israeli infringement on the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Israeli police blocked streets to allow a procession of settler leaders and activists to the settlement of Nof Zion. The ceremony marked the beginning of construction of 105 housing units, an addition to an existing 95 units. Israelis aspiring to become settlers in the new houses brought a Torah scroll to Nof Zion's synagogue. Maannews (October 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces demolished one house in Al Marwaha area in Beit Hanina city north of Jerusalem city owned by citizen Amjad Al Taliqi. The house is 70 square meters area and is inhabited by 5 family members under the pretext that these houses were build without proper authorization form the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem. The IOF also demolished one other under construction house in Al Ashqariyeh neighbourhood in Beit Hanina city for the same pretext and owned by Al Zaghal family. Maannews (October 14, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities are planning to demolish 150 Palestinian houses, home to about 1,000 people in East Jerusalem, according to a new report from the Jerusalem Center for Social and Economic Rights. The center's research unit reports that the majority of the houses under threat are in the neighborhoods of Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Al-Ashqariyya, Nusayba, Silwan, Ath-Thuri, Al-Mukabbir, Sur Bahir, At-Tur, Az-Za'yyim, Iisawiyya, and Ras Khamis. Many of the houses slated for destruction were built at least three years ago. The group of houses under threat does not include another 125 houses and apartments whose owners were given demolition orders in the neighborhoods of Al-Bustan, Al-Abbasiyya, and Wadi Hilwa. Maannews (October 14, 2009).
- The Jerusalem Municipality court issued an administrative order to demolish the house of Nidal Al Si'o in As Suwwana neighbourhood alleged for being built without proper licensing documents. Al Quds (October 16, 2009).
- Resident Husni Abu Sarhan was forced to demolish his own house in Jabal Al Mukabbir to avoid paying a penalty of 70 Thousand NIS for building his house without proper licensing documents. The house was inhabited by 6 family members and is 110 square meters area. Al Quds (October 18, 2009).

- The Sephardic Jews community claimed that they are about to receive six houses in the Old City of Jerusalem from the Custodian of Absentee Property. Al Quds (October 18, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Iyad Al Jallad in Jerusalem city, the coordinator of the national committee for the Jerusalem Fete. The IOF confiscated 3 computer devices, flash memory, other electronic devices, papers and documents belonging to the committee. Al Ayyam (October 21, 2009).
- Resident Rashid An Natshe was forced to demolish part of his bakery in Shu'fat town under the pretext that it was built without proper licensing documents as claimed by the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem. The Municipality also imposed a penalty of NIS 5000 (USD 1500) on him. The area of the demolished part is 110 square meters. Al Quds (October 21, 2009).
- Riots erupted between Palestinians and dozens of right-wing settlers in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah as Several religious settlers performed "group dances" at the home of the Al-Ghawi family, which was evicted earlier this year before their home was handed over to Israelis. Maannews (October 23, 2009).
- Israel is planning a major archaeological dig under the Western Wall (Kotel) plaza, opposite the Temple Mount. The excavations will create an archaeological park directly underneath the area where worshippers currently stand while praying at the Kotel. The current prayer area will remain open, supported by pillars, while a new area will be added underneath, at the level at which worshippers at the ancient Temple stood in the past. [Israelnationalnews \(October 23, 2009\)](#).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem gave the family of Al Ghawi in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood until next Sunday to remove the tent which they established next to their house which was occupied by Jewish groups last month. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Reconciliation court issued an order to deport the family of Al Ghawi of Ash Shiekh Jarrah neighborhood for 15 days. Al Quds (October 23, 2009).
- The Israeli Jerusalem Municipality is planning to demolish 59 Palestinian houses alleged for being built without proper licensing documents, out of which, 42 houses are located in East Jerusalem. Al Quds (October 24, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation forces demolished the house of Ahmad Abu Sarhan in Sur Baher town east of Jerusalem which is inhabited by 12 family members. Al Quds (October 27, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities demolished the homes of 6 Palestinian families in East Jerusalem, with the result that **26 Palestinians, including 10 children, have lost their homes**. Another 2 families, 19 people in total, including 8 children, were affected by partial demolitions of their homes. **Details on the demolitions are listed below:**
 1. The house of Khamis At Tahhan In Dahiyat al Salam, on the outskirts of Shu'fat refugee camp, Israeli forces demolished the home of a Palestinian refugee family of 9 people, including 4 children, the youngest of which is 5 years of age. This is not the first time that the family suffers demolitions. According to the family they were forced to self-demolish parts of their home, which at the time consisted of 2 structures, in 2006. The rest of the home, together with barracks which served as an alternative shelter was demolished by Israeli authorities a year later. The structure which demolished this morning, which consisted of 2 bedrooms, a kitchen and sitting room, totaling around 55 m², was built in August 2008 by volunteers from the Israeli Committee against House Demolitions (ICAHD).
 2. The house of Nemer Ali Nemer In the Al Ghezayel area of Sur Bahir: Israeli Occupation authorities demolished the home of 4 Palestinian families. This includes (i) a family of 6 (2 parents and their 4 children, 3 of which are below the age of 18, including a child of 5); (ii) a family of 2 (the son of the first family and his wife); (iii) a family of 4 (another son of the family, his wife and 2 children under 18); and (iv) a family of 3 (another son of the family with his wife and a child). The demolished structure, which was built in 2000, was a 2-storey building containing 4 housing units, totaling around 700 m². The owner received a demolition order in 2000 while the building was still under construction and has been trying to fight demolition before Israeli courts ever since. The families were not given time to move furniture and other personal belongings out of their homes before they were demolished, with the result that much of their belongings were destroyed.
 3. In the Al Sala'a neighbourhood in Jabal Al Mukabber Israeli Occupation authorities demolished the home, consisting of barracks, of an elderly Palestinian woman of 75 years and her son. This is the second demolition suffered by the family. Their initial home, located in

the same place, was demolished by the authorities in 2006. The demolition process in this case was relatively rapid; the first demolition order was received in May, the second in September and now the demolition has taken place.

4. In the **Farouk neighborhood of Jabal al Mukabbir** Israeli Occupation authorities demolished part of the home of a Palestinian family of 5. The demolished part served as an extension to the home, which houses the 2 parents (the father being blind), his wife and their 3 adult children (of 18, 23 and 28 years). The family will remain in the rest of home in crowded conditions.
 5. In **Al Ghezayel neighborhood of Jabal al Mukabbir** Israeli Occupation authorities demolished the remnants of the home of a Palestinian family of 14 people, including 8 children of ages 4-17. Following the receipt of a demolition order in September the family itself demolished parts of the building; the rest of the building was demolished by the authorities today. The family owns another building nearby, where the family is currently living in crowded conditions. DWG (October 28, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation police and employees of the Israeli-controlled Jerusalem Municipality raided and dismantled a sidewalk tent set up by a Palestinian family evicted by Israeli orders from their East Jerusalem home in August and confiscated the contents of the tent, including sheets, kitchenware, and a television set. Only four members of the Al-Ghawi family were in the tent when Israeli forces arrived to take it down by force. The Al-Ghawis were one of two families from the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem forcibly evicted, whose homes were then handed over to Israeli settlers. More than 50 members of the two extended families were thrown into the street. The Al-Ghawi and Al-Hanoun families have been sleeping in the street near their former homes ever since the incident while they petition to be returned to their homes. Maannews (October 27, 2009).
 - Tens of Israeli settlers attacked Salah family houses in Beit Safafa city south of Jerusalem with weapons in an attempt to take over them. It is worth mentioning that Israel plans to build 550 housing units in the area to link the area of Mar Elias Monastery with that Al Habayel Area in Beit Safafa. Al Quds (October 31, 2009).
 - The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued an order to close Shalezar restaurant in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. The

restaurant is owned by Al Hussein family alleged for being built with proper Authorization form the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem. Al Quds (October 31, 2009).

- With the infrastructure nearly complete for the Jerusalem light rail system, the Israeli Knesset Finance Committee has given a green light for Citypass, its operator, to start the next stage. In two months, residents will start seeing trains chugging along the tracks as the project enter its yearlong testing and commissioning phase, when all the rails and cars are to be meticulously examined, the operating controls worked out and the train's integration in city traffic perfected. [Jpost \(October 31, 2009\)](#).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued an order to confiscate 42 dunums of lands of Tura Al Gharbiya southwest of Jenin city and extended the seizure of 28 dunums of lands isolated west of the Israeli Segregation Wall until year 2011. The lands are owned by 'Ubadi family. Al Ayyam (October 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces hindered Palestinian harvesters from accessing their lands adjacent to the Israeli segregation wall in Faqqu'a village east of Jenin city. Wafa (October 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered Palestinian harvesters in 'Anin village west of Jenin city from harvesting their Olive Trees. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Occupation authorities issued only 350 permits out of 1650 to citizens of 'Anin village in order to access their lands segregated by the Israeli wall. Al Quds (October 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered 320 Palestinian citizens from accessing their lands located west of the Israeli Segregation Wall in At Tayyba village west of Jenin city. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Occupation Authorities only issued 160 permits out of 450 to land owners who applied to access their lands west of the wall. Al Ayyam (October 15, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Shakid settlement set fire into 150 dunums of lands segregated behind the Israeli segregation wall and planted with Olive trees in Ya'bud and Nazlet Ash Sheikh Zeid and Al 'Arqa villages southwest of Jenin city. The lands are owned by Muhammad Suleiman

Barari, Yousif and Wasif and Wasfi As'ad Abu Baker, Muhammad 'Aref Berri and Nidal Dahi Berri. Al Ayyam (October 19, 2009).

Jericho

- Israeli Occupation authorities ordered three Bedouin families in Jericho to leave their land within two days before their homes are bulldozed. Israeli patrols came to the area and handed over orders in which they ordered Mohamad Hasan Az-Zayed, Ali Hasan Az-Zayed and Hani Ali Az-Zayed to evacuate their homes in order to demolish them. The extended Az-Zayed clans live in shacks and tents in the village of An-Nuei'ma, north of the city of Jericho. It is worth mentioning that the families have faced pressure to leave the area for years and have petitioned in Israeli courts repeatedly to reverse the demolition orders against the family homes. Maannews (October 18, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities handed over orders to Palestinian farmers in the district of Jericho and the Jordan Valley informing them they would have to evacuate structures within 16 days. The Israeli orders were handed over to residents of the Al-Jaftalek and Fasayel areas. Most of those who were warned are living in the areas of Khelat Al-Foula and Kherbat A'llan. Among them:
 1. Yousef Ibrahim Ghawanmeh, owns a sheep shack
 2. Ahmad Ibrahim Ghawanmeh, owns a sheep shack
 3. Kahled Mohammad Jahalin, owns a residency shack and another for sheep
 4. Qais Saleh Nasasreh, owns 15 dunnums planted with vegetables
 5. Khaled Mohammad Abu Hanieyah, owns 20 dunnums planted with vegetables
 6. Hasan Husein Rashid, owns a residency shack
 7. Mohammad Id'eis, owns a shack for residency and another for sheep.

Meanwhile, a number of An-Nue'meh residents received Israeli military home demolition orders a few days earlier. Among them:

1. Naser Mousa Qrenat
2. Jihad Deif Allah Rashaydah
3. Suleiman Mohammad hasan Az-Zaied
4. Mahmoud Ibrahim Abi Kharbeish
5. Mohammad Ibrahim Abu Kharbeish

6. Omer Abu Kharbiesh
7. Hani Az-Zaied. **Maannews (October 23, 2009).**

Salfit

- Group of Israeli settlers from Revava settlement razed lands of Haris village, from its western part and owned by Ma'moun Amin Muhammad Daoud and Farid Mustafa Hasan Sultan. Wafa (October 1, 2009).
- Palestinian farmers in the Farkha village in Salfit were complaining of the presence of wild pigs in the northern West Bank, which continue to ravage residential and agricultural areas. The boars destroyed lands in the Al-Matwi area of the village, damaging plants there and terrifying locals. Residents have also been attacked, with some sustaining serious injuries. Maannews (October 10, 2009).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation forces set up new caravans at Mechola settlement in the northern valleys. Al Ayyam (October 23, 2009).

Qalqilyah

- Israeli Occupation forces invaded the town of Azzun in Qalqiliya, assaulting a guard at the area's pumping station, which provides most of the water for residents. The facility was searched and the door broken in. The guard, Ahmad Abed Al-Hafeth Adwan, said forces spent at least thirty minutes searching the building and surveying the water source. Maannews (October 1, 2009).
- The Israeli military imposed a curfew on the West Bank village of Jayyus, near the city of Qalqilyah. 12 Israeli military vehicles entered the town and declared the curfew over loudspeakers, without giving a specific reason. The Israeli soldiers forced their way into Palestinians' homes, searching them and forcing residents into the street, despite also ordering them to remain inside their homes. Maannews (October 22, 2009).

Ramallah

- The Israeli occupation army stormed the house of Basel Mansour in Bil'in village west of Ramallah city and messed with its contents. Al Ayyam (October 1, 2009).
- The Israeli army had prevented a number of farmers from Az Zaytoun village from reaching their land west of the town and asked ordered them not to return to the Wad Abu Qare area. The purported practices were intended to confiscate 600-700 acres from the village's lands via attacks on farmers and forbidding them from entering their privately owned land. Maannews (October 3, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers demolished an agricultural room and uprooted a number of trees in Turmsayya village in Ramallah. The land where the agricultural room is built is owned by citizen Rajeh Abu As Sukkar. Wafa (October 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Settlers of Dolev settlement uprooted 250 Olive trees owned by Abdullah Odeh from Deir 'Ammar village west of Ramallah city. Wafa (October 6, 2009).
- The Israeli High Court of justice rebuked the defense ministry once again for failing to take steps against illegal construction in the West Bank, this time in the Ofra settlement northeast of Ramallah. The State argued that the houses in question were not torn down because Defense Minister [Ehud Barak](#) has yet to authorize the move. Ynetnews (October 28, 2009).

Gaza

- The settlers of Nvei Dekalim have at last begun to rebuild their community and their lives, four years after being forced from their homes in the Gush Katif region of Gaza. The cornerstone of a new synagogue for their community has been laid in the planned location of the rebuilt town-to-be. INN (October 10, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged 150 meters in Al Farahin area east of Khan Younis city south of the Gaza Strip and started razing lands in the area. Wafa (October 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation war planes fired against Al Shugha'ya secondary school and caused damages to one classroom in the school, a sports room and books storeroom. Al Ayyam (October 8, 2009).

- Israel is heading towards adopting Kerem Shalom crossing (Karm Abu Salem) as the major crossing of the Gaza Strip. Al Quds (October 23, 2009).

Others

- The Israeli defense minister Ehud Barak has decided to impose a general closure on the West Bank starting midnight October 1, 2009, ahead of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. It shall be lifted midnight October 10, 2009. Ynetnews (October 1, 2009).
- Despite commitments Israel made to President Barack Obama's administration last month, widespread building activity commenced three weeks ago in at least 12 settlements. The work consists of ground preparation, pouring concrete and drilling construction foundations. The construction sites are located in the settlements Carmel, Kiryat Arba, Betar Ilit, Elazar, Shilo, Talmon, Nili, Yitzhar, Bracha and Rosh Tzurim. Haaretz (October 16, 2009).
- Construction work is also taking place in the settlements Tekoa, Nokdim, Alon Shvut, Alonei Shilo, Bakan, Givat Zeev, Dolev, Har Gilo, Talmon, Yitzhar, Kochav Yaakov, Kfar Adumim, Kfar Etzion, Mevo Horon, Matityahu, Naaleh, Etz Efraim, P'duel, Tzofim, Kedar and Kalia according to a report by the Peace Now movement. Ground preparing work for the construction of 800 housing units was being carried out in 34 settlements. Haaretz (October 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has instructed the Ministries of Defense, Transportation and Internal Security to prepare several plans to erect a separation fence or wall in southern Israel to prevent the infiltration of foreigners across the border with Egypt. In the first phase, the different plans will be evaluated and the fence will be erected within years. Maannews (October 29, 2009).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened a discussion on ways to prevent illegal infiltration into Israel, as part of a comprehensive discussion on the issue of foreign workers. The prime minister has ordered the Transportation, and Public Security ministries to present various alternatives for building a fence and barrier against infiltrators, along the southern border. Among the alternatives will be a pilot project

in a small area followed by construction of the overall fence in phases over a period of several years. Quds (October 30, 2009).

- The Israeli Authorities demolished two houses in As Sir Village close Bir Sheeva' prison and a number of houses in the unrecognized village of Abu Salb. The IA also demolished a number of houses in Al 'Araqib village and confiscated hay packages which residents use to feed their cattle and uprooted Olive Trees. Al Quds (October 30, 2009).
- A plan that aims to create an artificial beach on Akko's coastal strip by drying up a 35-acre strip along the city's coastline, on which hotels, apartment buildings, recreational facilities and a marina will be built. The project is part of a larger plan to build a boardwalk, stores, some 1,500 hotel rooms and 500 apartments and commercial spaces on a 1.5-mile strip spanning from the city to the Na'aman River estuary. [Ynetnews \(October 31, 2009\)](#).

Monthly Violations Statistics – October 2009

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	639	0	0	14	3
Jenin	42	0	300	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	2800	250	0	0
Nablus	20	0	200	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	24
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	78	40	0	0	1
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	779	2840	750	14	28

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 Achronot – English website.

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