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Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Abu Sa'da neighbourhood in Beit Sahour city and stormed the houses of Ibrahim 'Awadallah and Rami Sahouri. Al Quds (December 8, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers uprooted more than 50 newly-planted trees from fields in the West Bank village of Um Salamuna, south of Bethlehem. The trees were planted beginning of December 2009 during a campaign led by the Palestinian Authority governor of Bethlehem Abdul-Fattah Hamayil. (December 7, 2009).
- A tender was published for the sale of a large plot of land for the construction of a commercial structure at the Gush Etzion junction. Haaretz (December 7, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers laid the corner stone of a new outpost near Alon Shevut settlement southwest of Bethlehem city in a response to the construction freeze announced by Netanyahu last month. Al Quds (December 17, 2009).

Jerusalem

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued an order to allow the construction of 25 new homes in Kedar settlement east of Jerusalem city.

The order was in response to an appeal from settlers living in the settlement of Kedar. Ynetnews (December 1, 2009).

- A group of Israeli settlers accompanied by armed Israeli forces occupied the sealed house of Rifka Al-Kurd in Sheikh Jarrah. The family was not reportedly present inside the locked up house, in compliance with a court order issued by the Israeli court prohibiting their entry into the home. Maannews (December 1, 2009).
- The Israeli local affairs court in Jerusalem to freeze the demolition order of a multi storey building in Beit Hanina town to enable residents to get building licenses for their apartments. The building is 290 square meters area and is inhabited by a number of Jerusalemites families. Al Quds (December 2, 2009).
- Interior Minister Eli Yishai had ordered that the master plan for Jerusalem not be authorized, for fear that significant portions of the eastern city areas be designated for Palestinian construction. Instead, the interior minister threw his support behind another program, drafted in 2000, which set aside less territory for new construction in Palestinian neighborhoods. Al Quds (December 2, 2009).
- The Israeli District Committee for Planning and Building in Jerusalem city recently ratified a plan to build a large religious center run by orthodox Jews at the northern side of the western wall. The plan is an expansion to the existing Jewish center "House of Strauss," which is located at the western wall area and occupies an area of about 750 square meters. According to the proposed plan, the new religious center would occupy an area of about 1750 square meters and will be composed of four floors. The center will also include a police station, Offices for the legacy of the Wailing Wall Fund, an education center, office for Public services Al Quds (December 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Central Court heard and rejected the petition of the Al-Kurd family seeking the eviction of Israeli settlers from their home. The home, vacant following a court order demanding the Al-Kurds leave the building following a demolition order from Israel's Jerusalem municipality, was taken over by Israeli settlers on the first of December 2009 and denied the pleat replied to the petition of Al-Kurd family from the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood where they called the Israeli court to issue an order to evacuate the settlers from their own home. Maannews (December 3, 2009).

- Citizen Daoud Ahmad Al 'Alami was forced to demolish part of his house with his own hands in Aqbat Al Suwwana area in Jerusalem city after he received an order from the Israeli Municipality court which required him to perform the demolition under the pretext that his house was built without proper building authorization. The municipality also fined citizen Daoud with 11 Thousand NIS. Al Quds (December 6, 2009).
- Palestinian families in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city found notifications from Nahalat Shim'on Jewish organization Lawyer stating that the aerial photography of Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood indicates that the houses where these families live are located on land belonging to the organization. The notification gave Palestinian families until the 15th of December to prove their ownership of the houses. Al Quds (December 7, 2009).
- The Aish Hatora Jewish movement inaugurated its new headquarter in Al Sharaf neighborhood "Koktel" in the OLD city of Jerusalem. It is worth mentioning that the organization collected amounts of USD 20 million to build this headquarter. A Jewish museum will also be built in the building at a cost of USD 20 million. The headquarter is composed of 7 floors. Al Quds (December 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over families of Jum'a and Al Khalayla in Jabal Al Mukkabir south of Jerusalem city seven demolition orders under the pretext that their houses were built without building permits. The Municipality also gave an order to demolish the Village's Mosque within Ten days. Al Quds (December 16, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers attacked the house of Al Fetyan in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood. Al Ayyam (December 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem has asked Citizen Nawal Sobhi Al Sharqawi in Al Ash Qariya neighbourhood in Beit Hanina city to evacuate her house preparing to demolish it. The house is 55 square meters area and is inhabited by 3 people. Al Quds (December 24, 2009).
- The Israeli court affiliated to the Municipality of Jerusalem handed over citizen Tareq Al Isawi from Al Isawiya town an order to demolish his son's house under the pretext of being unlicensed. The house is inhabited 4 people and it was built in year 1999 on 230 square meters area. Al Quds (December 27, 2009).

- Residents of Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood managed to expel Israeli settlers who took over Al Sabbagh family house in the neighborhood. Al Ayyam (December 27, 2009).
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction will issue a tender that includes the construction of about 6,500 housing units in 54 settlements in the West Bank area. Ynetnews (December 28, 2009).
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction announced about building 692 new housing units in three settlements east of Jerusalem. The tenders included the construction of 198 units in Giv'at Ze'ev settlement, 377 units in Neve Yacoov settlement and 117 units in Har Homa settlement. Al Quds (December 27, 2009).
- Israeli settlers have found a new way to build outposts – using large tents similar to those used in the military. Such a tent, that can hold 24 people, was set up on Alon road, some 300 meters west of the entrance to the Mitzpe Hagit outpost in Binyamin. Ynetnews (December 29, 2009).
- A three-judge High Court panel ruled that Israeli bypass 443, a major artery connecting northern Jerusalem with the city of Modi'in and Ben Gurion airport, must be open to Palestinians. It has been closed to the Palestinians since 2002. The court panel accepted a petition against the closure from Palestinians living in villages near the bypass road. The ruling will take effect in five months in order to allow the IDF to establish new security measures. INN (December 30, 2009).
- Residents of the Binyamin region in the West Bank have announced they will launch a massive construction campaign next week, building walls and structures in communities throughout the area. The project is part of the fight against the government's 10-month freeze on Jewish construction in the West Bank. Under the program, the each community plans to build at least one structure that can be used to serve the residents of that community, be it a synagogue expansion, storage facility, observation post or residential youth center. INN (December 31, 2009).
- In a visit to Gilo settlement paid by Nir Barakat, the Mayor of Jerusalem city, stated that building in Jerusalem will not be stopped and that the Municipality will help Jews to improve their lives in the settlements especially in the OLD city of Jerusalem and Atarot Industrial zone. Al Quds (December 31, 2009).

Jenin

- Two Palestinian homes were demolished and seven bystanders were detained as they attempted to prevent crews from destroying the properties. The demolition took place near Jabal Al-Faqoua and Gilboa north of Jenin. The buildings were allegedly illegal, and were demolished. Maannews (December 3, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed a number of stores that sell farm tools in Qabatyia village south of Jenin city, destroyed their door entrance and confiscated agricultural substances that were present in the stores. Among store owners, the following were known: Maher Kamel, 'Atta Al Haj abul Rub and Ihab Abul Rub. Al Ayyam (December 5, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities have delivered demolition orders to 12 residents of Barta'a Ash-Sharqiya village west of Jenin city, a community isolated between the Israeli Segregation wall and the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line) near Jenin. The demolition orders targeted homes and other structures which belonged to Qabaha identified the residents affected by the orders as: Samir Muhammad Qabaha, Nael Ahmad Qabaha, Firas Ghaleb Qabaha, Muhammad Yousef Qabaha, Omer Mahmoud Qabaha, Rifat Saleh Qabaha, Yaser Qabaha, Raja Lutfi Qabaha, Ahmad Lutfi Qabaha, Muhammad Zuheir Qabaha, Mohammad Subhi Qabaha, and Seri Lutfi Qabaha. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces erected a military tent between Al Yamun and Al Hashimiya villages west of Jenin city. Al Quds (December 30, 2009).

Salfit

- The Israeli state announced its plan to promote planning and construction in the northern West Bank settlement of Kiryat Netafim. It is worth mentioning that the Peace Now movement petitioned the High Court of Justice recently against the construction of 14 structures that were illegally built, some of them on Palestinian land without any authorization. In response to the petition, the Defense Ministry approved the Kiryat Netafim construction plans, to legalize the construction of the 14 structures in question. Haaretz (December 30, 2009).

- Accompanied by soldiers, Israeli settlers of Hayat Ya'eer outpost, near the settlement of Yakir, driving bulldozers destroyed the Neweitef Al-Majur spring, the central water source for residents of Qarawat Bani Hassan village. The destruction of the spring also involved uprooting several olive trees. Settlers also hindered the access of Qarawat Bani Hassan villagers near the bulldozed land since it is for the expansion of the settlement. Maannews (December 31, 2009).

Nablus

- Dozens of Settlers of Yetzhar settlement stormed the nearby Palestinian village of Burin in Nablus and assaulted residents and caused damage to property. The episode sparked clashes between village residents and the settlers. Israeli settlers also attempted to set fire to the home of Ayman Attalla Safwan in the same village. Maannews (December 1, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers started razing lands in 'Asira Al Qiblyia village south of Nablus city in close proximity of Yetzhar settlement. The area of the razed lands is 300 dunums and is owned by Adnan Imran Abdel Latif, Mahmoud Muhammad Abu Khalaf, Kamal Taha Yasin and Talal Hamdan. Al Quds (December 2, 2009).
- Israeli settlers marched from their settlements toward the city of Nablus hurling stones at Palestinian cars. Israeli soldiers stopped all traffic in and out of the city when demonstrating settlers began to arrive. Maannews (December 2, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Allon Moreh settlement took over the only water spring in Deir Al Hatab village east of Nablus city. Al Quds (December 3, 2009).
- The homes of Jamal Yousif and Ahmad Dauod in 'Asira Al Qiblyia Village was surrounded by settlers who carried weapons and threw stones. Maannews (December 4, 2009).
- More than Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement attacked Palestinian farmers in 'Asira Al Qiblyia village while they were ploughing their lands. Al Ayyam (December 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Settlers of Yetzhar settlement set ablaze two warehouses, two cars, and a tractor belonging to Palestinian farmers in the northern West Bank village of Einabus, Nadir Mufdi and Fayez 'Allan. Losses from the

fire were estimated at 40,000 US dollars, including two cars and 20 haystacks. Maannews & Al Quds (December 8, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces confiscated 4 Agricultural Tractors from Tana village east of Nablus city which is threatened of eviction by the Israeli Authorities. Wafa (December 10, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed Shavei Shomron road northwest of Nablus city and hindered Palestinian access. Wafa (December 10, 2009).
- Israeli settlers broke the main gate of the Al-Kabir Mosque in Yasuf village and set fire to the building's second floor. The fire destroyed copies of the Quran and carpets which were inside. Settlers also wrote graffiti in Hebrew on the mosque's floor reading, "We will have our revenge" and "We will burn you all". Maannews (December 11, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Jihad Hilal in Beita village in southern Nablus and overturned the property, causing damage under the pretext of performing a search. Maannews (December 15, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forced demolished a Gas station and a food store in Qisra village south of Nablus city owned by Mu'tasem Odeh. The area where the Gas Station stands on is 180 square meters. Al Quds (December 24, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers of Yetzhar attacked an unfinished house in Burin village south of Nablus city and demolished parts of it in an attempt to hinder its owner from completing the house. Al Quds (December 25, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Shavei Shomron settlement threw stones at Palestinian cars passing through Huwwara and Za'tara checkpoints. Settlers also attacked Al Juneidi Green House in Deir Sharaf Valley and destroyed hundreds of pots planted with little seedlings and flowers and large number of plastic houses. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2009).
- Five people were injured when a bus skidded out of control and overturned after it was pelted with stones thrown by Israeli settlers near the West Bank city of Nablus, on the road near the settlement of Yitzhar. Maannews (December 28, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed the only entrance to Madama village with earth mounds and hindered villagers from accessing their lands. The settlers also attacked the car of Abdel Aziz Muhammad Ahmad Zayada while driving the road that goes through Madama village. Al Quds (December 27, 2009).
- Some 200 settlers from the settlements of Shavei Shomron and Einav set up a new outpost. According to the settlers, they intend to establish a "regional torah center". Ynetnews (December 31, 2009).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation forces set up a checkpoint at Al Kafriyat Junction south of Tulkarem and obstructed Palestinian movement. Al Ayyam (December 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces manning Deir Al Ghsoun electronic gate attacked Al Haj Ghanem from Deir Al Ghsoun village north of Tulkarem city while he was trying to access his land segregated west of the Israeli Segregation Wall. It is worth mentioning that Haj Ghanem owns 40 dunums of lands segregated behind the wall. Al Ayyam (December 4, 2009).
- Tens of Israeli settlers from Shavei Shomron settlement attacked Beit Lid village and hindered citizens from entering or leaving the village. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2009).

Ramallah

- The Israeli settlers of Shilo settlement north of Ramallah city attacked villager of Qaryut while they were ploughing their lands and hindered them from resuming their work in the land. Al Quds (December 16, 2009).
- For more than nine years landowners from the village of Silwad near Ramallah have been unable to access and cultivate their land around the illegal settlement of Ofra due to the obstacles that were put by Israeli settlers to prevent Palestinian farmers from accessing their lands located near the settlement. The settlement of Ofra was built on the private land of residents of Silwad and today there is a ring road around the settlement, partly fenced, with assault dogs, surrounding Palestinian land and preventing its owners from accessing it. The farmers' inability to access

their land severely hinders their ability to make a living and violates their property rights. The size of the area is estimated at 3100 dunam, which is 25% of the area of the village that is classified as a C area, Yesh Din (December 18, 2009).

- The Israeli Government intends to confiscate 37 dunums of lands of Ein Yabrud Village owned by Palestinian farmers Musa Farahat and Muhammad Manna' to establish a waste water treatment plant for the neighbouring Ofra settlement. Al Quds (December 28, 2009).
- Israeli settlers threw stones at a Palestinian car owned by a Palestine Police office on Biddu-Ramallah roadway and broke the front window of the car. Al Quds (December 30, 2009).
- The Israeli Kennest member Moshe Metlon from Yisrael Beiteinu presented a plan to annex road 443 to Israel in an attempt to prevent Palestinian access to the road. Al Quds (December 31, 2009).

Hebron

- Israeli occupation forces entered the Al-Aroub Refugee Camp, storming the roofs of homes and firing rubber bullets and tear gas, before withdrawing and detaining Shehab Ahmad. Maannews (December 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces handed over citizens of Al Hijra village east of Dura town 5 house demolition orders under the pretext that they were built in Area C which falls under the full Israeli control and requires the Israeli authorization. Al Quds (December 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces handed over Arab Al Jahalin community 15 halt of construction orders to facilities, tents and tin shacks east of Yatta town. The IOF gave citizens until the 15th of December Al Quds (December 9, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers from the Adei Ad outpost destroyed the Olive groves of Akram Na'san, a Palestinian farmer from the village of al-Mugayyir in the Ramallah area. The field remained barren, with virtually no trace of the 260 seedlings which had been planted. It is worth mentioning that the last uprooting of trees is the fourth sabotage this year in the same plot of land. Al Quds (December 20, 2009).

- Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn settlement fired live bullets at 5 Palestinian farmers while they were in their fields in 'Ein Al Bayda area north of Beit Ummer town in an attempt to prevent them from accessing hundreds of dunums of their lands located close to the settlement. Targeted lands are estimated at 250 dunums planted with almonds and grapes. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Idhna town and stormed the houses of Said Fayez Islemieh and Sahfeeq Marezeq. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed 8 dunums of lands owned by Mahmoud Al Buti Jaber and Ziyad Hamouda Jaber. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces hindered citizens of Beit Ummer north of Hebron city from accessing their lands in Wadu Abu Rmeish area adjacent to Beit 'Ayn settlement for the third day on row. On the Other hand, the IOF also stormed Al Arroub College. December 30, 2009).
- Dozens of Land of Israel activists, from Jerusalem, Kiryat Arba Hebron, Gush Etzion and southern Hebron showed a Jewish presence on the Neguhot road, which partially passes through areas controlled by the Palestinian National Authority. The activity was organized by Women in Green and the Action Committees of Efrat/Gush Etzion, Kiryat Arba/Hebron, and southern Hebron. After the march the activists went to plant trees in the Beit Hakerem neighborhood of Neguhot where, two months ago, two structures had been destroyed by the Israeli government. INN (December 30, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation army demolished two animal tin shacks owned by Ghaleb Al Za'tari in Al Buwera area east of Hebron city. Maannews (December 31, 2009).

Jericho

- The Israeli Occupation Forces handed over citizen Mahmoud Nawawra, Hussein Ta'amra and Muhammad Ta'amra evacuation orders under the pretext that their houses were built without proper building authorization. In Marj Na'ja village, the IOF also handed over Mr. Kayed Mas'oud an

evacuation order under the same pretext. Al Jiftlik village was also targeted with more military orders as the IOF handed over citizens Taleb Ideis, Ibrahim Ideis, 'Ayed Ideis, Jaber Ideis, Sulaiman Najada, Muhammad Ka'abnah, Mas'oud Ka'abnah, and Mustafa Ka'abna demolition orders under the pretext that their houses were build without building licences and due to their location close to the settlement of Massu'. Al Quds (December 23, 3009).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over 2 Palestinian families in Al Aqaba village east of Tubas city halt of construction orders and another seven Palestinian families in the village were given demolition orders. This increases the number of threatened houses in the village since 1997 to 48. Al Quds (December 9, 2009).

Gaza

- The Israeli Knesset members have submitted a draft law which obligates Israel to build a security fence along its borders with Egypt to limit smuggling operations. The draft law states that Israel should establish a Defense line along the borders with Egypt which should include barriers against vehicles and a wall in addition to technological means to prevent smugglings. Ynetnews (December 8, 2009).
- Egypt has begun the construction of a massive iron wall along its border with the Gaza Strip, in a bid to shut down smuggling tunnels into the territory. The wall will be nine to 10 kilometers long, and will go 20 to 30 meters into the ground; Construction of the wall has already begun. It will be made of enormous slates of steel, reaching deep into the ground. Haaretz (December 9, 2009).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Ash Shoukah town in the Gaza Strip and started razing lands and uprooted a number of Olive trees and destroyed parts of the fence that surrounded the agricultural field. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2009).

Others

- The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that the decision to freeze settlements construction for ten months doesn't include the 2500 housing units which are currently being built in the settlements of the West Bank and the 500 housing units which were approved recently. Al Quds (December 2, 2009).
- Last year set an all-time record for the number of Arab residents of East Jerusalem who were stripped of residency rights by the Israeli Interior Ministry. Altogether, the ministry revoked the residency of 4,577 East Jerusalemites in 2008 - 21 times the average of the previous 40 years. In the first 40 years of Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem, from 1967 to 2007, the ministry deprived only 8,558 Arabs of their residency rights - less than double the number who lost their permits last year alone. Thus of all the East Jerusalem Arabs who have lost their residency rights since 1967, about 35 percent did so in 2008. Haaretz (December 3, 2009)
- The Israeli Civil Administration and coordinator of the Israeli government activities in the Palestinian territories are set to announce the construction of 84 new buildings in the West Bank. The construction was approved by the government despite the settlement freeze. The buildings will contain 492 housing units. Even though their foundations have not yet been laid, they will still be added to the 2,500 housing units upon which construction work has already begun and that will not be included in the settlement freeze. Haaretz & Ynetnews (December 3, 2009).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak met with four West Bank council heads in the West Bank and stressed to them that "the settlement blocs are an inseparable part of Israel in all future negotiations with the Palestinians. The Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea are regions that are dear to my heart." Ynetnews (December 3, 2009).
- Israeli settlers managed through the last four months to build 450 new housing units in Israeli settlements in the west Bank, mainly in Har Gilo, Teque, Kedar and Rosh Tzurim. Al Quds (December 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished 8 houses in Al 'Araqueeb neighbourhood in the Negev area owned by Sultan and Saleem At Turi and their sons in addition to uprooting tens of Olive trees in the area. Another house (among the eight) owned Abu 'Asa family was also demolished in Um Matnan area and a tent in Abu Jroul area. The IO authorities also handed over citizens of Um Numeila north of Rahat city in Israel. Al Quds (December 9, 2009).

- According to data gathered by "Peace Now" construction in the settlements approved by the government, as part of the agreement in the freeze, is still higher on average than construction currently approved and taking place in the rest of Israel. 3,492 housing units in the settlements were approved for construction to take place during the freeze, while in the territories live approximately - 300,000 settlers, which averages to approx -1,167 units for every hundred thousand inhabitants. However, according to the Israeli CBS, at the time of this freeze, Israel is currently building 836 housing units for every hundred thousand inhabitants within the Green Line. **Examples:**

- 1) [Ma'ale Adumim](#) - 476 units are being built in the 10 months freeze period
- 2) The settlement of [Ariel](#) will build during the freeze 146 units
- 3) 864 housing units in the ultra orthodox settlement [Modi'in Illit](#) PEACENOW (December 4, 2009).

- The Israeli cabinet approved a new map of Israel's national priority zones that confers this status on dozens of West Bank settlements. The decision will award various economic benefits to 1.9 million residents of towns in the Galilee, the Negev, the Jezreel Valley and communities near the Gaza Strip, in addition to the settlements. The total budget for these benefits is around NIS 2 billion, which works out to about NIS 1,000 per person. Thus some NIS 110 million will be allocated to the 110,000 settlers included in the plan. The cabinet also decided to add several Negev communities built for settlers evacuated from Gaza in 2005 to the map originally proposed by the Prime Minister's Office. In addition, it voted to set up a ministerial committee to consider extending the benefits to three other cities - Ashkelon, Modi'in Illit and Ma'aleh Adumim. The list of the settlements included in the new draft priority map are: Adora, Alei Zahav, Almog, Argaman, Ariel, Asfar, Ateret, Avnei Hefetz, Bat Ayin, Beit El, Beit Ha'arava, Beitar Illit, Bqa'ot, Bracha, Brosh, Carmel, Dolev, Efrata, Eli, Elon More, Enav, Gilgal, Gitit, Gva'ot, Haggai, Halamish, Hamra, Hemdat, Hermesh, Immanuel, Itamar, Kalia, Karmeit Tzur, Karnei Shomron, Kedumim, Keidar, Kfar Tapuah, Kiryat Arba, Kiryat Netanim, Kochav Ha'shachar, Kochav Ya'akov, Ma'ale Amos, Ma'ale Efraim, Ma'ale Levona, Ma'ale Shomron, Ma'on, Masu'a, Mechola, Mechora, Mevo Dotan, Migdal Oz, Migdalim, Mizpe Shalem, Mizpe Yericho, Na'ale, Na'ama, Nahaliel, Netiv Ha'gdud, Nili, Niran, Nofim, Nokdim, Ofra, Otniel, Ovnat, Pdu'el, Petzael, Pnei Hever, Psagot, Revava, Rimonim, Ro'I, Sansana, Shadmot Mehola, Shavei Shomron, Shilo, Shim'a, Shvut Rachel, Susiya, Talmon,

Telem, Tene, The Jewish Settlement in Hebron, Tko'a, Tomer, Vered Yericho, Yafit, Yakir, Yitav, Yitzhar. Haaretz (December 12, 2009).

- Israeli military rule has made Palestinian construction off limits in about 44% of the West Bank, according to a recent report from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The report says the ban is the result of a planning regime applied by the Israeli Civil Administration, a branch of the Defense Ministry, in Area C. "Under the planning regime applied by the ICA [Civil Administration], Palestinian construction is effectively prohibited in some 70 percent of Area C, or approximately 44 percent of the West Bank, in areas that have been largely designated for the use of Israeli settlements or the Israeli military," In addition the report states that during 2009 Israel demolished 180 Palestinian-owned structures in Area C, leaving 319 people without homes. The buildings were all razed on the grounds that they lacked permits from the Civil Administration. Maannews (December 24, 2009).
- Nefesh B'Nefesh flight of the year 2009 landed in Ben Gurion International Airport and carried 210 new Israeli immigrants to Israel. 210 capped off the approximately 3,800 new immigrants who arrived in Israel from North America in 2009 – an increase of approximately 17 percent over the previous year. The new immigrants range in age from two months to 86 years, include 40 children in 41 families, 81 singles, and 13 IDF Soldiers. INN (December 30, 2009).

Monthly Violations Statistics – December 2009

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	50	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	1	10
Jenin	0	0	0	2	12
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	37	0	0	0	0
Nablus	300	0	0	3	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	9
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	8	0	260	0	20
Tubas	0	0	0	0	2
Total	337	0	310	6	53

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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