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Bethlehem

- The Israeli committee for planning and construction at Jerusalem Municipality declared the ratification of a plan to build 130 housing units in Gilo settlement south of Jerusalem city. Al Ayyam (December 3, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities handed out residents of Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem city military orders to halt the construction at their houses due to lacking valid building permits. The houses are owned by Murad Lutfi Mussallam, Wasfi Muhammad Theib and Jameel Muhammad Ameen. Wafa (December 7, 2010).
- The Israeli regional committee for building and planning in Jerusalem Municipality ratified the submission of Gilo Building Scheme for Public Review which states the construction of 90 new housing units in the settlement. The plan was published two weeks ago and stated the construction of 130 units, but the committee decreased the number of units to 90 with an increase of area to each unit. Al Quds (December 15, 2010).
- Israeli occupation forces stormed the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation near Bethlehem and demanded its admissions records for the past 48 hours. The IOF surrounded the hospital before storming its ER and demanding the records at gunpoint since Friday and threatened to confiscate a computer used for registration. Maanews (December 19, 2010).

- In Nu'man village, east of Bethlehem city, the Israeli Occupation authorities demolished a 12 years old Palestinian house (4 rooms) owned by resident Sami Dadoud Ash Shawara, forcibly displacing a family of 5, including 3 children allegedly for building without license. Mr. Sami was only given 15 minutes to salvage his properties. Al Quds (December 21, 2010).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural lands and uprooted hundreds of Olive trees in 'Eid Al Hadba area in Al Walajeh village west of Bethlehem city for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. Wafa (December 22, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed lands in 'Ein Al Hadfa area to the south of the village where the wall passes. Al Quds (December 23, 2010).

Hebron

- Israeli settlers of Asfar settlement established on lands of Sa'ir town east of Hebron city razed 60 dunums of lands in Al Qnoob area in Sa'ir town owned by Husein Abdel Qader Al Shaladah. Samanews (December 1, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Jameel Issa Jibril in KHALLET Al Mayya area east of Yatta town and carried out a thorough inspection. Al Ayyam (December 3, 2010).
- An Israeli Military Order to evacuate 70 dunums of lands owned by Jamal Jaber Al Awawdah and Mahmoud Taha 'Ali Al Awawdah in Fqeiqis village west of Dura town under the pretext that the lands are classified as 'State Lands'. The military order holds number 605. In addition, another military order to halt the construction of a water well owned by resident Mahmoud Al Awawdah. Al Quds (December 3, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces served Ad Deirat village council southeast of Hebron city a military order to remove the power line which provides the village with electricity under the pretext of not obtaining a valid building license from the Israeli Civil Administration. The ICA gave the village council 3 days to remove the structures. Al Ayyam (December 10, 2010).

- Five wells and several sheds were destroyed by Israeli Civil Administration officials in a small Bedouin encampment in the south Hebron hills. The area, known as Arab Al-Ka'abna, sits between the villages of At-Tuwani and Umm Lasafa, in "Area C," a zone under total Israeli military and civil control according to Oslo II Interim agreement. All of the demolitions were carried out under the pretexts that the farmers did not have permits to build the wells. Herders whose wells were blocked were identified as Sulaiman Salim Al-Faqir, Ramadan Suleiman Ka'abna who had two wells blocked, and one well looked after by Khalil Muhammad Al-Faqir. Maannews (December 14, 2010).
- 18 Israeli settlers of Susya settlement attacked four Palestinian families of 70 members in Wadi Jheish area southeast of Susya settlement. Al Ayyam (December 14, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished, and without prenotification, 14 water wells in Arab Al Hathalin area east of Yatta town south of Hebron city which were used for collecting water rain to irrigate people, sheep and camels due to lack of water networks in the area. The demolition was carried out under the pretext of lacking building permits. Al Quds (December 14, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 6 water wells (2 at a capacity of 200 mcm while the remaining 4 at a capacity of 400 mcm) in Um Ad Darj area southeast of Hebron city under the pretext of lacking building permits from the Israeli Civil Administration due to their location in the area classified as C area under Oslo II agreement of 1995. The wells are owned by Suleiman Saleem Saray'a, Khalil Faqeer Saray'a, 'Iliyan Abu 'Alya Saray'a, Marzouq Khalil Saray'a and Khalil Abu 'Alya Saray'a. Al Ayyam (December 15, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces surrounded Prophet Matta Mosque in Beit Ummer north of Hebron city and carried out Scans and measurements of the shrine inside the mosque claiming that the Mosque is a shared property between Muslims and Jews. Al Quds (December 16, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 3 commercial stores and a house in Al Baq'a area northeast of Hebron city under the pretext of lacking building permits from the Israeli Civil Administration. The stores and the house are owned by resident Yahya Sa'id Muhammad. It is worth mentioning that the demolition process caused the displacement of 14 people. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation authorities served wadi Al Balluta residents in Idhna town in Hebron Governorate military orders to halt the construction of a number of water tanks and agricultural rooms. The structures are owned by (1) Ahmad Abd Rasheed At Tumeizi who was served a military order to halt the construction of an agriculture room built over a 50 m³ water tank and a 16 m² room used for storing equipments built in 2005; (2) Muhammad Hussein As'ad who was served a military order to halt the construction of a 10 m² store and a 12m² agriculture room built in 1997 and (3) Jamal Ahmad Ibrahim Faraj who was aserved a military order to halt the construction of his 16 m² agriculture room and a 12m² store under the pretext of lacking building permits. Al Quds (December 21, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers closed the northern entrance of Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city with earthmounds cement blocks and razed a cemetery in the town. Al Quds (December 23, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Susyia settlement located southeast of Yatta town started preparing for the construction of new housing units in the settlement. The work came on 20 dunums of lands owned by Abu Sobha family in Yatta town which is 100 meters away from the settlement. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2010).
- Israeli settlers from Asfar settlement took over 1,500 dunums of Palestinian lands in Um Al 'Arayes area east of Yatta Town for settlement expansion and started working in the land by sieging it with barbed wires. Heavy equipments were brought to the area and lands razed. Lands are owned by Hoshieh Family. Maannews (December 29, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Suseya settlement threw flaming bottles at 3 residential tents in Susiya village in the south Hebron hills overnight and set fire to them. The Tents are owned by Ahmad Jaber An Nawaj'a and Sara Isma'il An Nawaj'a. Maannews (December 29, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation forces served residents of Kherbit Susiya military order to demolish 5 of their residential tents. The tents are owned by Issa Hussein Al Jbour, Muhammad Hussein Al Jbour, Mahmoud Ahmad Muhammad Al Jbour, Issa Badawi Al Jbour and Omar Badawi Al Jbour. Wafa (December 29, 2010).

Jerusalem

- A report issued by Maqdisi organization showed that since the beginning of 2010, **50 house demolitions** were implemented by the Israeli Authorities or by citizens themselves "self-demolition", resulting displacement of 75 people including 40 children, 42 out of 50 house demolitions were implemented by the Israeli Authorities in different areas of Jerusalem, whereas 8 citizens demolished their houses with their own hands (self demolition). The Israeli Authorities and Jerusalem Municipality continue also issuing orders of demolitions for the Palestinian houses in Jerusalem, demolition orders for 1322 structures were issued since the beginning of 2010 that would result displacement of 3655 people, including 1699 children. In addition, a settler group continues systematically with the Israeli Authority support to claim the ownership of a number of the Palestinian houses in East Jerusalem. These groups have seized 5 buildings in EJ and in other areas where 15 structures seized with 90 residents, including 50 children. At the same time in which the settler groups are seizing the Palestinian houses in Jerusalem, these Groups distribute new notices to seize other houses, 9 of the Palestinian families were given notices to evacuate their houses under the pretext of ownership by those settler groups and in case of implementing these orders, 65 people will be displaced, including 22 children. [Maqdese \(December 3, 2010\)](#).
- Settler groups supported by right-wing parties and Israeli police are planning to to seize a Palestinian property in the Batn Al-Hawa area of Silwan. The home would be the fifth property seized by settlers in the last three months. Maannews (December 11, 2010).
- Signs Commission at the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem asked Palestinian store owners in East Jerusalem to install signs in Hebrew language at their stores as a condition to obtain a license for their stores. Al Quds (December 11, 2010).
- The Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Committee has approved the establishment of a new neighborhood of 625 housing units in northeastern Jerusalem called "North Pisgat Ze'ev." Jpost (December 12, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem served residents of Ath Thuri neighborhood in Silwan city demolition orders under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. Al Ayyam (December 13, 2010).

- Two Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem, both under construction, were demolished by Israeli forces as bulldozers executed demolition orders under the pretext that the homes lacked permits. The homes are located in the Ras Al-Amud and Sur Bahir neighborhoods of occupied East Jerusalem. In Ras Al-Amud, a building planned to house eight, with only 85 square meters completed, was demolished, owner Eid Bahjat Dweik. In Sur Baher, bulldozers took down the partially completed home of Samer 'Amira Jibril. More than 200 square meters of the building had been completed. Maannews (December 14, 2010).
- The Israeli High court issued an order to postpone the demolition of Ramadan Maswada house in the Old City of Jerusalem to the first of February 2011 and imposed a penalty of 10 thousand new Israeli Shekels for adding a 25 meters room to his existing house. Al Quds (December 14, 2010).
- The demolition of the house of Malek Barhoum in Beit Safafa which is inhabited by 10 family members was postponed till October 2011 to complete the procedure of getting a building license for the house. Al Quds (December 12, 2010).
- Year after building project approved, bulldozers begin infrastructure work atop Mount of Olives Ridge; housing units to serve married students attending nearby yeshiva. The neighborhood will be an extension of the Irving Moskowitz Yeshiva & Campus - Yeshivat Beit Orot – named after the Jewish-American millionaire who purchases land with the purpose of "Judaizing" the eastern part of Jerusalem. In early 2010, the Jerusalem Municipal Planning and Construction Committee authorized the construction of 24 housing units at the site. The Beit Orot website said the building project, which will include 3 new residential buildings, each 3 stories high, is intended to "provide housing for married (yeshiva) students and to enhance the development of the educational complex. Heavy equipment began excavation and infrastructure work this morning and construction is expected to be complete in one year." [Ynetnews \(December 15, 2010\)](#).
- Israel is planning a major expansion to a Jordanian-owned hotel atop the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. The Seven Arches Hotel belongs to the Jordanian royal family but it was taken over by Israel during the 1967 occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza strip. The hotel is in East Jerusalem, which is part of the occupied Palestinian territories. The Israeli authorities allowed a renovation group to begin promoting a significant

expansion, from 12,000 square meters to more than 20,000, adding 75 rooms in the north and south wings, a conference hall and a swimming pool. Al Quds (December 15, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation Police raided Barakat store in Al Sultan street in Bab Al 'Amoud area in the old city of Jerusalem and destroyed the contents of the store and attacked store owners. The store is owned by Mahmoud Munir Barakat. Al Quds (December 16, 2010).
- A plan proposed by the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem will cost around 30 Million Shekels which targets the Infrastructure of Industrial zone in Wadi Al Jouz city in Jerusalem. The plan will serve a number of colonial projects in the area. Maannews (December 19, 2010).
- Resident Osama Hussein Ash Shweiki demolished his own house in Ath Thuri neighborhood in Jerusalem city under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. The area of the house is 96 square meters and was built in 2005. PNN (December 19, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities forced resident Shadi Musa Subuh in Ras Al 'Amoud area south of Jerusalem city to demolish his 120 square meters house which houses 13 people and forced him to pay 20 thousand shickels for the machinery and bulldozers work. The owner started self-demolishing the structure following a visit from Municipality officials, who informed him that they would demolish the structures on this date. Wafa (December 21, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the 50 square meters area house of Hani Saleh Al Aqra' in Sur Baher city under the pretext of lacking building permit. Two other Palestinian houses were demolished in Sur Baher city under the same pretext, the first is 70 square meters and the second is also 70 square meters area and are both inhabited. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem city revealed a plan to build a new neighborhood of 180 units on lands near Maysaloon neighborhood south of Jerusalem city. The neighborhood will include the construction of 5 buildings (180 units) on 37460 square meters area, in addition to designating 30 dunums of land as green area and public parks. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2010).

- Large numbers of Israeli police officers deployed in the East Jerusalem town of Silwan with residents worried that the move came ahead of a police evacuation of the home of Abdullah Abu Nab, which settlers have claimed belongs to Jewish groups. As police remained stationed in the area, a court battle continued as residents from an illegal settler home in the neighborhood petitioned to overturn a decision to evict them from Beit Yonatan, built without a permit and occupied by the settler group Ateret Cohanim in 2003. Maannews (December 26, 2010).
- The Israeli high court rejected a settler appeal, which sought to overturn an order by the Israel's Attorney General to carry out court orders demanding the house of Beit Yonatan be evacuated and sealed. Maannews (December 26, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished nurseries and gas stations in At Tur and Hizma communities northeast of Occupied Jerusalem city under the pretext of lacking building permits and due to its location close to an Israeli military base. The demolition included a 25 square meters barracks, a 9 square meters area room and the wall surrounding the land, a 9 square meters room, a 20 square meters room, 2 rooms of 35 square meters area and a 20 square meters room. Wafa (December 29, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a number of industrial and agricultural facilities and razed three pieces of lands in Ash Sheikh 'Anbar area in Mount of Olives area under the pretext of lacking building permits. The demolition included nurseries, green houses and car repair shops. Wafa (December 29, 2010).
- Eleven structures in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of At-Tur were demolished by Israeli occupation forces and several dunums of lands bulldozed. The demolitions followed court actions determining that the buildings were constructed without permits. In Two cases, Palestinian families decided to demolish parts of their own homes when they were handed demolition orders by the Jerusalem municipality earlier in the week. Demolished by force, often with a fine of 50,000 shekels (\$14,041), were the following, listed by owner: Ra'ed As-Sayyad, A 25 square meter brick shed, 35 olive trees uprooted, and Fence around property (demolished for 3rd time). Wa'el Da'na, three animal sheds and Several trees uprooted; Na'eem Abu Sbitan, one car and two-car garrage. Ahmad Khweis Seventy olive trees uprooted; Ibrahim Al-Balbesy, Twenty-five olive trees uprooted and Tools head. Abdulla An-Nabulsi, Two-room barn and Several trees uprooted. Yahya Arafat Ar-Razm, Thirty tons of iron

confiscated. According to a statement from Israel's municipality of Jerusalem office, the structures were all "built without permits, without a license and taking over public space in a national park." Maannews (December 30, 2010).

- The family of Mariam I'raq in the nearby East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sur Baher was handed a demolition order from the municipality. In order to avoid fines, the family demolished their 80 square meters houses which is a shelter for 8 people. The family of Khalil Ramadan Dabash from Sur Baher also demolished their 160 square meter home (two floors), which housed 16 individuals. One of the affected owners said that they preferred to demolish the houses themselves rather than wait for Jerusalem municipality to do so because a municipal demolition would cost them up to 120,000 shekels (\$33,389). Maannews (December 30, 2010).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation authorities staged into 'Arraba village southwest of Jenin city and set up a checkpoint at 'Arraba's entrance. The IOF also raided a number of Palestinian houses in the village owned by Muhammad Abdel Latif Shebani and Samer Mo'en Jaber. Wafa (December 1, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities closed down with earthmounds the iron gate installed on Mevo Dotan checkpoint on the main roadway south of Jenin city, which links Jenin Governorate with Tulkarem and other built-up areas in Ya'bad area. Wafa (December 22, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces raided a Tobacco factory owned by Muhammad Mahmoud 'Atatra and a number of Palestinian houses owned by Abu Shamla family in Ya'bad village southwest of Jenin city. Al Quds (December 26, 2010).

Jericho

- Israeli Occupation forces cut a number of Old Roman Olive trees planted at the main entrance of Az Zubeidat community north of Jericho city in the Jordan Valley and destroyed some stalls owned by some Palestinian citizens. Wafa (December 8, 2010).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished an animal barn owned by Naser Majed Daraghmah in Umm Al 'Ibar in Al Maleh in the northern Valleys for the second time in less than two months and confiscated the barbed wires that were surrounding the barn. Wafa (December 1, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces gave residents of Bardala village in the northern Jordan Valley military orders to demolish 12 of their structures under the pretext of lacking proper building authorization. The structures are owned by Mohammad Tahseen Sawaftah, Ahmad Tahseen Sawaftah, Ahmad Khanfis Rashayda, 'Izzat Khanfis Rashayda, Hazza' Falih Rabay'a, Hussein Falih Rabay'a, Falih Mahmoud Rabay'a, Mahmoud 'Awwad Rashayda, Khalid Rushdi Sawaftah, Mahmoud Falih Rabay'a, Mahmoud Tahseen Sawaftah and Ra'fat Salih Rabay'a. Wafa (December 7, 2010).
- Israeli Settlers hindered land owners in Wadi Al Maleh area from accessing their lands. Al Quds (December 18, 2010).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Rotem settlement took over 30 dunums of lands of Al Farisyia area near the settlement and started ploughing it. Lands are owned by Hussein Salem Abu Mehzen, Hasan Salem Abu Mehzen, Rezeq Abu Zeit and Ahmad Abu Taleb. Wafa (December 30, 2010).

Ramallah

- Kol Ha'ir, the Israeli weekly newspaper published that preparations are being made to approve a new neighborhood in Moreh Neighborhood in Modi'in settlement which will include the construction of 196 new housing units on three pieces of lands. Al Quds (December 3, 2010).
- Israeli surveyors have carried out surveys east of the village of Beit Iksa, near Ramot settlement. Wafa (December 5, 2010).
- Work is progressing at Ofra settlement to build a new neighborhood of 40 housing units without licensing. Al Quds (December 14, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation forces raided Qatanna village council and caused damages to the doors, windows, the internal doors, the lockers and other contents. Al Quds (December 16, 2010).
- Former Israeli Civil Administration head, Brig. Gen. Yoav Mordechai, signed an order expropriating 50 dunums from Beit Iksa village for the rail line connecting Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, just two days before stepping down from his post on November 3. Part of the strip of land, 20 dunums, will be used to build a tunnel for the train, and 30 other dunums will serve to prepare the ground for the construction. Haaretz (December 17, 2010).
- The head of the village council of Ni'lin village west of Ramallah city as well as one of the village's residents and land owner, petitioned the Israeli High Court of Justice (HCJ) with the assistance of human rights group Yesh Din – Volunteers for Human Rights demanding that the demolition orders issued against the emergency services compound in the settlement of Modi'in Illit be carried out – as the compound was built on private Palestinian land. Al Quds (December 21, 2010).
- In Sinjil village, just off the Ramallah-Nablus road, Israeli occupation forces closed the main thoroughfare as dozens of Israeli settlers threw stones on Palestinian cars, breaking the windshields of several vehicles. Maannews (December 30, 2010).

Nablus

- Israeli settlers set fire to dunums Palestinian-owned olive groves in the area of Khahlet Awana, adjacent to the evacuated settlement of Homesh, near the West Bank city of Nablus. 10 dunums of land caught fire. Maannews (December 2, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement set fire into 12 dunums of lands planted with Olive trees in Madama Old Spring site, an area located between Madama and Asira Al Qiblya villages. Al Quds (December 4, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished 12 residential structures made of tin and a three-classrooms school in Tana Hamlet east of Nablus Governorate. Wafa (December 8, 2010).

- 11 Palestinian families in Khirbeit Tana were given 24 hours by the Israeli military to pack their things and leave the area. The military informed them that if they fail to comply with the order, all their livestock and materials will be confiscated. The orders affect all of the families that did not suffer demolition last week. Out of the 35 families in the village, 15 suffered a demolition last week; additional 11 are now threatened with displacement; leaving only 9 families that dwell in caves unaffected. DWG (December 19, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed As Sawiya village council a military order to take over lands in As Sawia and Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya villages for military purposes, to construct military watch towers in 'Eli settlement. Wafa (December 19, 2010).
- A Palestinian farmer, Samir Muhammad Bani Fadl, reported that he watched a group of Israeli settlers in the northern West Bank gather his sheep and set them on fire in Kherbit At Tawil in Aqraba village. 17 sheep were burnt alive, five with severe burns and two others that were only lightly burned and caused him a loss at least \$12,000. Maannews (December 19, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Giv'at Gil'ad outpost entered the agricultural lands of two Palestinian farmers, uprooted a number of vine trees and caused damages to fields planted with field crops. Al Quds (December 19, 2010).
- Israeli settlers took over 30 dunums of in Jalud village near Nablus and started ploughing it. Wafa (December 22, 2010).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement attacked Ash Sha'ra spring near Madama village in Nablus Governorate and threw stones at Palestinian farmers who were present at the site. Wafa (December 22, 2010).
- A group of Israeli settlers set up 20 new caravans on Palestinian lands located between Jalud and Qaryut villages on Nablus Ramallah Roadway. This act came to expand Shevut Rahel outpost which is located in Al Khafafesh area, parcel no. 13. Maannews (December 23, 2010).
- Israeli settlers took over 20 dunums of lands of Kherbit Serra east of Qaryut village in Nablus Governorate and starting ploughing the land. Al Quds (December 27, 2010).

- Dozens of Israeli settlers took over 60 dunums of Palestinian land in the Nablus Governorate. Settlers erected fences around the land and began digging. The land belongs to Jalud village, which is surrounded by four illegal settlements. Maannews (December 28, 2010).
- Israeli Settler clashes broke out in two locations in the northern West Bank resulting in the destruction of several cars and fire damage to agricultural fields. In the village of Asira Al-Qibliya south west of Nablus, Palestinian farmers were attacked by Israeli settlers from the neighboring settlement of Yitzhar, for the second day in a row. Settlers also torched lands causing minimal damage. Maannews (December 30, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement uprooted 30 Olive trees in Madama village south of Nablus city and owned by Husni Mustafa Al Qat. Wafa (December 29, 2010).

Qalqiyia

- Three Israeli military jeeps arrived the Beit Amin village mosque and refused to allow Palestinians inside to leave. Soldiers questioned worshipers and checked their identity cards. Maannews (December 7, 2010).
- Rains had caused large amounts of waste water to flood from the nearby settlement of Sha'are Tiqwa to Azzun Al Atmeh village high school. The majority of the sewage had pooled in the yards of the Azzun Atma- Beit Amin boy's high school. The foul-smelling pool was breeding bugs and made opening windows of the building impossible. Maannews (December 9, 2010).

Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation authorities surrounded Awliya' Al Salaheen Mosque in Rafat village west of Salfit City for several hours and carried out a through inspection. Wafa (December 7, 2010).
- Residents of the northern West Bank town of Kilf Haris were ordered to close their shops as Israeli soldiers evacuated the area ahead of a visit by religious Israeli settlers to a nearby tomb. Maannews (December 8, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation authorities gave resident Tareq Muhammad Amin Daoud from Haris Village in Salfit Governorate a military order to demolish his car wash. Wafa (December 9, 2010).
- Dozens of Israeli military vehicles and bus-loads of some 3000 Israeli settlers entered the Kifl Haris village as protecting troops set up checkpoints and barricades around a small tomb in the village claiming that it is the final resting place of Joshua ben Nun, leader of early Jewish tribes. Maannews (December 17, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed agricultural lands south and east of Rafat village in Salfit Governorate to construct new housing units in the settlement of "Ali Zahav". The process targeted tens of dunums of Palestinian lands in the vicinity of the settlement. Wafa (December 23, 2010).
- Israeli settlers razed 40 dunums of lands in "Bat Abu Irzeiq" area west of Mas-ha village in Salfit Governorate preparing for the construction of new housing units. Around 500 dunums are threatened of confiscation if construction work continues in the area. Lands are owned by Ibrahim Muhamamd Abdullah Amer. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2010).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Tulkarem city and raided a number of Palestinian houses and carried out a thorough inspection to the houses of 'Ala salah Yaseen, Ashraf Sureidi, and Basem al Hamshari after forcing them to leave the house. Wafa (December 1, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Tulkarem city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses, of which, the following were known: 'Ala Salah Yaseen, Ashraf Sureidi and Basem Al Hamshari and carried out a thorough inspection after forcing residents to leave the house. Al Ayyam (December 2, 2010).
- Israeli trucks are dumping chemical waste from Israeli factories in the grounds of Khaduri University in Tulkarem Governorate. The issue arose in November, when Palestinian Authority security forces seized a truckload of chemical waste originating from Israeli factories. The waste was examined and found to be hazardous. Maannews (December 12, 2010).

Others

- Hundreds of Israeli rabbis have signed a religious edict forbidding Jews from renting or selling homes or land to Arabs and other non-Jews. The public letter instructs Jews to "ostracise" those who disobey the order, which is widely viewed as an attack on the country's Palestinian citizens. A similar edict was issued in the city of Safed less than two months ago, when over a dozen rabbis banded together to urge Jewish landlords not to rent apartments to Arab college students. [Al Ayyam \(December 10, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli Civil Administration operating in the West Bank is demanding that Palestinian residents submit requests in Hebrew only, the Hamoked Center for the Defense of the Individual said. [Haaretz \(December 12, 2010\)](#).
- Israeli Defense Minister and former Prime Minister Ehud Barak tells Haaretz that his government is willing to split Jerusalem, a reversal for a regime that had previously insisted that Jerusalem "remain the undivided capital of Israel." Barak says, "West Jerusalem and 12 Jewish neighborhoods that are home to 200,000 residents will be ours. The Arab neighborhoods, in which close to a quarter million Palestinians live, will be theirs. There will be a special regime in place along with agreed upon arrangements in the Old City, the Mount of Olives and the City of David." [Haaretz \(December 12, 2010\)](#).
- Bulldozers of the Israeli Civil Administration leveled 7 Arab houses in Al Lod neighborhood, inside the 1948 Armistice Line (Green Line) under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. Al Quds (December 14, 2010).
- Three months after the moratorium on settlement construction in the West Bank came to an end; the Israeli settlements are growing at an almost unprecedented pace. According to data from the Peace Now organization, work has begun on no less than 1,712 new housing units, and in almost every second settlement there is a significant building project. This is especially noticeable in the outlying and smaller settlements. In some 65 settlements there is a large construction project. In Kedumim, 76 new units have been started since the end of the freeze, in Revava 60, in Eli'zer 58, in Karnei Tzur 42 and in Neria 30, In other settlements too the bulldozers are working overtime. In Shaked, 25 housing units are under construction, in both Pedu'el and Rehan 24, in Ateret 18, in Susyia 15 and Ma'aleh Mikhmas 11. And the list goes on. [Ynetnews \(December 23, 2010\)](#).

- A ministerial committee headed by the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu approved 16 projects and sites for renovation at a cost of 91.1 million shekels (25.3 million dollars/19.2 million Euros), including three in the occupied West Bank and the Golan Heights. The two sites to be renovated in the Golan Heights are Gamla, said by Israel to be an ancient Jewish city, and Um Al-Kanatir, or Rehoboam's Arches, where Israeli archaeologists say the ruins of a Jewish city and ancient synagogue were found; while the site to be renovated in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is Herod's Tomb. Maannews (December 22, 2010).

Monthly Violations Statistics – December 2010

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	0	1	3
Jerusalem	0	0	130	11	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	50	0	0	0	0
Nablus	110,025	0	410	12	11
Salfit	40	0	0	0	1
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	1650	0	0	3	5
Tubas	30	0	0	0	12
Total	1880.025	0	540	27	32

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, Israel National News, and Yediot Ahronot – English website.

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