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Bethlehem

- Five Israeli machineries staged into Al Balou' area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and surrounded the house of resident 'Aref 'Aqel Salah. Al Ayyam (September 7, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed the Container checkpoint, the southern entern of Bethlehem city and hindered vehicular movement from both directions. Al Quds (September 16, 2010).
- The Israeli settlers of Eli'zer settlement south west of Bethlehem city cut down 30 grape trees and several Almond trees in 'Ein Al 'Asafeer area owned by resident Hasan Marzouq Salah. Settlers also razed 30 square meters area at a depth of 10 meters and demolished the wall surrounding the land in an attempt to confiscate the land for the purpose of expanding the settlement. Wafa (September 20, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed Khallet Hijja area east of Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem city where there are a number of quarries and closed them and prevented the entry and exit. The IOF also confiscated equipments used to extract stones. Wafa (September 21, 2010).
- In the southern Bethlehem district, Israelis settlers residing on the illegal Noqedim settlement, were seen installing mobile homes on land belonging

to the Palestinian Khirbet Jub Ath-Theib to establish a new outpost under the name of Abu Al Nathur. Maannews (September 26, 2010).

Jerusalem

- The B-Ya'ir company initiated the construction of new buildings in the "Agan Ha'ilot" neighborhood in Giv'at Ze'ev settlement. The company also managed to sell 15 buildings of the new project at a cost of 15 Million shickels. The project includes the construction of 76 new housing units. Nidab Lesboski, head of marketing department at the company stated that currently the company is building 750 new housing units in the aforementioned neighborhood, including the 76 units. Al Quds (September 4, 2010).
- The Israeli planning and Construction committee at the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem aims to approve 1,362 new housing units in the south-Jerusalem settlement of Givat HaMatos. Al Ayyam (September 15, 2010).
- Israeli settlers entered a wing of the Qerrish family home in the As-Sa'diyah neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem and allegedly began removing furniture in an attempt to take over the house. Maannews (September 16, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers are adding new cement blocks at 12 meters high at Ras Khamis neighborhood entrance and Shu'fat Camp in Jerusalem city to complete the separation of the two communities from Jerusalem city. Al Quds (September 19, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed out resident Isma'il 'Ali Salah in Beit Safafa administrative order to demolish his house. The house is 70 square meters area and is inhabited by 20 family members. Al Ayyam (September 21, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed a room and 2 small animal shelters in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of At-Tur, after the owner was told the home was built without a license. Wael Darwish Da'na, father of ten, said he had been served with a warning notice two months earlier, but had hired a lawyer to contest the demolition. The home was a one-story structure approximately 20 square meters in size, and the stables were 200 square meters and home to five horses and 50 sheep. The Israeli

bulldozers also razed 50 Olive, citrus and Grape trees owned also by resident Wael Da'na. Maannews (September 22, 2010).

- Mayor of Ma'ale Adumim settlement, Bani Kesrael is planning to convert 800 dunums of the area between Ma'ale Adumim settlement and Jerusalem city to a Disney Land. Al Quds (September 24, 2010).
- A court ruling has opened the door for further evictions of Palestinian families in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah. Jerusalem settler leader Aryeh King told the Israeli daily Haaretz that before the weekend, three Palestinian families would be evicted from their homes and replaced with Jewish settlers. The announcement follows the Israeli High Court's rejection of an eviction appeal filed by displaced Palestinian families in Sheikh Jarrah. The ruling, said that settler groups which had pushed several families out of their homes had succeeded in proving they owned the property. The ruling may give future license to settler groups to move into dozens more Palestinian homes in the occupied neighborhood, and it opens the door for proceedings. Maannews (September 28, 2010).
- According to the weekly Israeli newspaper "Yer Shaliam" edition of September 30th, 2010, there are plans to build an additional 12,000 colonial housing units in 8 Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem. The following lists the on-going and planned building plans in East Jerusalem: Shu'fat Hill – Ramat Shlomo (1600 housing units), Meir Forest – Neve Yacov (400 housing units), Kantri Ramout (700 housing units), Har Homa (1900 housing units), Giva'at HaMtous (3150 housing units), The Palace of the Higher Commissioner (a.k.a. Armon Hantseiv) (450 housing units), Ramat Raheil (850 housing units) and Gilo (3000 housing units). Al Quds (September 29, 2010).
- The Israeli High Court of Justice ruled a decision that will allow Jewish organizations to take over tens of Palestinian homes in Kubaniyet Em Haron in Ash Shiekh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (29, 2010).

Hebron

- The Israeli Occupation forces orders resident Mu'ath Shabaneh to evacuate his house to transfer it to into a military post. Al Ayyam (September 4, 2010).

- The Israeli occupation army took over the houses of 'Ata Abdel Jawad Jaber and Salem Al Salaymeh in Al Baq'a area east of Hebron city and transferred them into military posts. Al Ayyam (September 6, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities gave residents of Khallet Banat Hatem northwest of Dura Town military order to evacuate 66 dunums of lands under the pretext of "State Land". The lands are owned by residents Nathmi Hureiz (28 dunums) and Thaer Abdel Hadi Al Qawasmi (38 dunums). Al Quds September 30, 2010).
- The Israeli settlers of kiryat arba' settlement uprooted 100 grape trees owned by resident Abdel Rahman Shareef in Al Buweira area northeast of Hebron city. The settlers also caused damages to 6 dunums of lands planted with Grape trees. Al Ayyam (September 21, 2010).
- Israelis residing on an illegal West Bank outpost in the southern Hebron district began the foundations for a new religious school to mark the end of Israel's 10-month moratorium on settlement construction. The foundation laying ceremony in the Beit Romano settlement. In Hebron, settlers were seen at the entrances of Palestinian villages and town in the southern district, as well as the Old City, stopping several students from attending school in the older part of the city. Maannews (September 26, 2010).
- Palestinian residents of Wadi An Nasara area south of Kiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city reported that an Israeli bulldozers was razing lands owned by Mahmoud Al Buti Jaber and Ziyad Mahmoud Jaber (8 dunums land). Al Ayyam (September 27, 2010).
- More than 50 Israeli armed settlers from Beit Hagai settlement in Hebron city stormed 'Ein Kanar area in Dura town south of Hebron city and tampered with water pools that are designated for agricultural purposes. The lands where the water pools are located are owned by Al Shareef family. Al Quds (September 30, 2010).

Ramallah

- The Neot Hapisga construction company resumed its project in the settlement of Modiin Illit west of Ramallah where it was left off nearly a year ago as claimed. Construction on the project was suspended when the Israeli government agreed to a settlement freeze in late 2009. It is worth

mentioning that the project includes the construction of 2300 housing units. [Al Ayyam \(September 15, 2010\)](#).

- More than 60 Israeli settlers took over Al Karama Housing PROJECT, A& B, constructed on lands of Al Mazra'a Al GHarbiya northwest of Ramallah city and transferred it into a military post. [Al Ayyam \(September 23, 2010\)](#).
- All entrances to the village of An-Nabi Salih were closed off and the southern Atara checkpoint was closed to vehicle traffic. Passengers waiting at the Atara checkpoint were told that it would remain closed until 10 p.m. at night, but that after 8 a.m. pedestrians would be permitted to walk through the military stop zone. Residents of An-Nabi Salih reported they had been denied access in and out of the village since sunrise. [Maannews \(September 25, 2010\)](#).
- Israel Radio reported that Israeli bulldozers began work on the Adam settlement east of Ramallah where 30 new buildings are scheduled for construction. [Maannews \(September 26, 2010\)](#).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation set up a temporary checkpoint next to Al Qassam School in Ya'bad village. [Al Ayyam \(September 16, 2010\)](#).

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Kafr Thuluth area and handed out some of its residents a number of halt of construction orders under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. Among structures, a 380 square meters house composed of two stories owned by resident Raed Muqbel. [Al Ayyam \(September 21, 2010\)](#).
- Israeli settlers installed 20 new caravans on a hilltop outside the Revava settlement in the northern West Bank Governorate of Qalqilya. The structures had taken over dozens of dunums of agricultural lands in the Wadi Abu Ali area, a valley west of Deir Istiya on land owned by the families of Mansour Othman and Ahmad Ash Sheikh Abdul-Haqq. According to Israeli group Peace Now, the Revava settlement witnessed the largest rate of growth during the partial moratorium period. [Maannews \(September 26, 2010\)](#).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation forces manning Jubara Gate number 753, south of Tulkarem, closed the gate and hinderd residents from passing through. The IO forces also set up a checkpoint at Wadi At Teen area close to Ar Ras village in Tulkarem Village and carried out thourough inspections. Al Quds (September 19, 2010).

Tubas

- Israeli forces handed notifications to residents in the Al-Maleh area of the Jordan Valley that 16 barns and greenhouses are slated for demolition. Al Ayyam (September 15, 2010).

Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities ordered a number of Palestinian farmers in Qarawet Bani Hasan village west of Salfit city to evacute around 400 dunums of lands located north of the village in an area called Wadi Abu 'Ammar and prevented them from utilizing the land. The orders came under the pretext that lands were planted with valid permit from the Israeli Civil Administration due to their location in area C which falls under the full Israeli Control. Al Quds (September 4, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces handed out residnets of Deir Ballut village west of Salfit city military orders to halt the construction of their eight houses under the pretext of being building without building permits. The orders were delivered to Idreis Jubara Abdullah, Najeh Daoud Hussein Abdullah, Khaled Ahmad Abu Khair, Abdullah Mahoud Abu Khair, Jaber Ahmad Mahmoud Abdualлах, Abdel Ghafer Jubara Husni Mustafa, Abdel Wahab Husni Issa Musa and Abdel Wahab Muhammad Abdullah. Wafa (September 20, 2010).
- Building work for a new neighborhood in the illegal Ariel settlement in the northern West Bank has begun, paving the way for 50 new housing units for Israeli settlers removed from Gaza as part of Israel's disengagement plan. Maannews (September 26, 2010).
- Israeli settlers from Revava settlement razed lands in Deir Istya and Haris villages northwest of Salfit Governorate adjacent to the location of the

settlement. The lands are owned by villagers Yacoub Odeh Sultan. Al Quds (September 29, 2010).

Nablus

- Israeli settlers of Shilo and Eli settlements took over 130 dunums of lands of Al Murjan area south of Qaryut village south of Nablus city and started planting it with Olive seedlings. Al Quds (September 4, 2010).
- A number of Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement attacked a Palestinian farmer in Burin village south of Nablus city while he was grazing his sheep in the fields and tried to steal the herd. Al Quds (September 6, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Army hindered 'Aqraba village residents southeast Nablus city from working in their agricultural fields located along the Israeli bypass road "trans-samaria". The Israeli practice came under the pretext that the area is classified as "closed military area". The army also confiscated the machines that were working in the place. Al Quds (September 7, 2010).
- Israeli settlers from the Yizhar settlement set fire to Daoud Hassan As-Safadi's car which was parked near his house at Urif village entrance in the northern West Bank district of Nablus, spraying the word "revenge" on it. Israeli settlers also tried to set fire to a number of other cars without success. Maannews (September 13, 2010).
- At least 15 dunums of Palestinian farmland was confiscated by Israeli settlers near the Duma village in the Nablus Governorate. Settlers began bulldozing the land early in morning the Bir Mehsen area of the village near the illegal West Bank settlement of Shilo. The settlers set up makeshift borders around the land. Maannews (September 13, 2010).
- Israeli settlers began harvesting Palestinian olives in the northern West Bank districts of Qalqiliya and Nablus. Settlers brought sheets and ladders "as though they were the owners of the land." In Nablus, Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlements ascended groves in the Burin village, while in Qalqiliya, settlers from the illegal Ramat Gil'ad and Gil'ad outposts picked olives from the villages of Jinsafut and Far'ata. Maannews (September 20, 2010).

- Israeli settlers of Alon Moreh settlements added three new cement rooms to Jabal Hazem (Hazem Mountain) area in Deir Al Hatab Village east of Nablus city. Al Quds (September 23, 2010).
- Israel's Channel 2 reported that construction would be resumed in at least eight illegal West Bank settlements, including Kiryat Arba in Hebron. Israeli settlers installed four caravans near the Qusra village in the northern Nablus district, adding that Six heavy-duty bulldozers Have begun wide-scale diggings around the Yitzhar settlement in the district and were seen carrying out the work, with soil being loaded onto several trucks. Maannews (September 26, 2010).

Jericho

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities warned resident Majed Mufdi Daraghmeh to demolish and evacuate his animal barns and barracks in Az Zubeidat area in the Jordan Valley and gave him 12 hours to do so. The IOF also forced resident Fathi Isma'il Az Zubeidat to halt the construction of his house in the area. Wafa (September 20, 2010).

Others

- Inherits of Mansour Othman Abu Naser and Ahmad Ash Sheikh Abdel Haq were surprised to see the 20 new caravans that were installed on their agricultural lands in Abu 'Ali valley in Deir Istyia village by settlers of Revava settlement. Al Quds (September 26, 2010).
- Israeli settlers are planning to construct 50000 new housing units in the West Bank settlements, of which, 37000 housing units are in planning phase, 11000 housing units awaiting Government approval, and 2000 housing units are ready to be constructed. Al Quds (September 27, 2010).
- Haaretz daily newspaper reportd that settlement construction will resume in a number of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. In addition, Israeli settlers are planning to lay the corner stone of a new neighborhood in Beit Hagai settlement in Hebron Governorate and construct 34 new housing units in Kiryat Arba' settlement. The newspaper stated that the expansion will include the addition of 2000 housing units in a number of settlements in the West Bank, of which, 300 housing units in Giv'at Ze'ev settlement, 260 housing units in Modi'in Illit settlement, 136 housin units in Ariel settlement, 70 housing units in Talmon settlement, 70 housing units in Mevo Horon, 62 housing units in Barqan settlement, 58 housing units in

Eli'zer settlement, 50 housing units in Tzufin settlement, 46 housing units in Nili settlement, 41 housing units in Vered Yeicho settlement, 24 housing units in Kiryat Arba' settlement, 24 housing units in Kochav Hashahar settlement, 22 housing units in Shilo settlement and 18 housing units in Kfar Taphuh settlement. Al Quds (September 28, 2010).

Monthly Violations Statistics – September 2010

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	30	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	50	0	1
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	145	0	0	0	5
Salfit	400	0	0	0	8
Jericho	0	0	0	0	2
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	11
Hebron	66	8	100	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	16
Total	611	8	180	0	43

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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