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## **Bethlehem**

- The Israeli occupation Army bulldozers and under the protection of the Israeli Army Forces stormed the western part of Husan village west of Bethlehem Governorate and demolished without prior notifications three structures owned by local residents from the village in addition to seizing of more than 4 tons of iron. The first demolished structure is a nursery owned by resident Mohammad Bajes Shoushe where it was built last year on a total area of 50 m<sup>2</sup>. The second demolished structure is a car wash station built in the year 2006 and owned by resident Firas Sabri Shoushe, where the Israeli occupation army seized a container full of lubricants from the site after demolishing the station. Mr. Shoushe indicated that the total losses are more than 100 thousand NIS. The third demolished structure is a car parts shop owned by resident Hasan Mohammad 'Odeh Hamamreh, where the Israeli bulldozers demolished two barrackses used as stores in addition to a retaining wall and an iron gate. Mr. Hamamreh indicated that the Israeli Army

seized an instruments and an electric motor where his losses exceeds 70 thousand NIS. Moreover, and before leaving the area the Israeli Army, and without prior notification or even justification, confiscated more than 4 tons of building iron, its cost exceeds 10 thousand NIS owned by Fouad Hasan Shoushe. ARIJ Field team (December 1, 2011).

- Israeli occupation army raided Um Rukba area south of Akk Khader village, stormed the house of Yousif Hsan Da'dou' and searched it thoroughly. Wafa (December 2, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided Abu Zaytonah neighbourhood in Ash Shawara village east of Bethlehem city and stormed the house of Mahmoud Issa Rabay'a, searched it and gave him a notification to interview the Israeli intelligence at Gush Etzion detention center. Wafa (December 3, 2011).
- According to [reports in the Israeli Walla news site](#), the Minister of Defense Ehud Barak is about to approve the establishment of a new agricultural farm in "Givat Eitam", near the Efrat settlement South of Bethlehem. If approved, this farm might be the basis of a new dramatic expansion of the settlement in the Bethlehem area with far reaching consequences on the potential of two states solution. The Israeli Ministry of Housing has a plan which is not approved or promoted yet, to build 2,500 housing units in Givat Eitam. This plan is meant to double the size of the settlement of Efrat located southwest of Bethlehem and block the potential expansion of the Palestinian city. [PEACENOW \(December 5, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out residents of Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city a military order to confiscate 150 dunums of lands owned by Salah and Handal families. The targeted lands area located in Ras Salah area near the Neve Daniel settlement Al Quds (December 9, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army handed military order to demolish agricultural shed owned by Mohammad Odeh Salah in Khallet Al Fahim area in the lands of Al Khader village. Al Quds (December 9, 2011).
- Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak approved the construction of 40 housing units in Giv'at Hadagan outpost north of Efrat settlement south of Bethlehem to replace the existing trailers in the outpost. The

IDF minister also gave the green light to commence the construction of a farm on 1700 dunums of lands in the Giv'at Hayeitem hill northeast of Efrat settlement. The new expansion will exceed Efrat's built-up area and extend the Gush Etzion settlement bloc to reach the edges of Al-Khadr town and Dheisheh refugee camp south of Bethlehem city. Al Quds (December 11, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the houses of Samer Mohamd Hijazi and Hussam Ibrahim Abdala and searched their contents in Al Saff street in Bethlehem city. The IOA handed them notifications to interview the Israeli intelligence in Gush Etzion interrogation center south of Bethlehem city. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Al Makhrou area in Beit Jala city north of Bethlehem and demolished without prior notification 3 Palestinian summer houses. The demolished houses are ancient and were recently renovated. Owners of the properties are: Fouad Qasafsa, Khader Salameh Khalilia, and Abed Odeh. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Occupation authorities have been preventing resident from entering their lands in the area, under the pretext that it is "Israeli Property. Al Ayyam (December 14, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Beit Fajjar town south of Bethlehem city and stormed the house of Nabil Thawabta and messed with its contents. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Beit Fajjar village and stationed at its entrance, streets and neighborhoods before raiding the house of Hani Thawabta and messing with its contents. Meanwhile, the IOA raided Battir village west of Bethlehem city. Al Ayyam (December 19, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city and handed Mohamad 'Aissa Naji and the two brothers; Mofeed and Mo'ead Abd Salah notifications to interview the Israeli intelligence in Gush Etzion interrogation center. Also, in Bethlehem and in Ad Duha cities, the IOA handed Mussa Aweda from Hai Wadi Shahan and Mohmd Abu Zaid notifications to interview the Israeli intelligence. Al Ayyam (December 22, 2011).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to freeze the construction of the wall near the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. for an indefinite time

due to the catastrophic effects the wall will cause on all life aspects. The wall plan, if implemented, will cause the annexation of the western area of Bethlehem Governorate to Israel including eight Palestinian communities which will be cut off from the center of life in Bethlehem city. The communities are: Husan, Battir, Wad Fukin, Nahhalin, Al Jab'a, Khallet Afaneh, Khalleh Al Ballluta and Beit Sakaryia. .Al Ayyam (December 25, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army handed 3 Palestinian residents from Nahhalin village west of Bethlehem city demolition orders under the pretext of lacking building permits. The threatened houses are owned by Hassan Kamal Hassan Shakarna, Ahmad Yusuf Abd Al Hamid, Hassan Nimer Mahmud Othman. Al Ayyam (December 27, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued an amendment to the military order number (29/07/t) which was issued back in the year 2007 and states the confiscation of 321.9 dunums. The amendment states the confiscation of 161.7 dunums of lands of Al Khader and Artas villages, mainly in Khirbet 'Aliya, Al Nashash and Jabal Baqoush areas near the Israeli bypass road no. 60 (locally known as Jerusalem-Hebron road) for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. Maanews (December 29, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army notified Palestinian farmers in Khallet um al Fahem in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city to confiscate 2 dunums of agricultural lands near El'azar settlement. Wafa (December 29, 2011).
- A group of Israeli settlers trapped Jamal Jaber 'As'ad family (a family of 15 members) from Artas village southwest of Bethlehem city in their land located near Elizaer settlement and started planting trees in his land. Wafa (December 30, 2011).
- Around 200 armed Israeli settlers protected by Israeli soldiers paraded in the village of al-Khader, south of Bethlehem and walked around the convention center and nearby Solomon's Pools. Settlers took pictures of the convention center and the pools and held prayers in the area. The settlers then left the area and went to another neighborhood of al-Khader, where a settlement outpost was erected. Wafa (December 30, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation authorities handed out sons of Muhammad Mahmoud Atwan military order to confiscate 20 dunums of lands in "Ismaeil Al 'Awar" area near Elizaer settlement in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city. Wafa (December 31, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued an amendment to the military order number (136/05/t) which was issued back in the year 2005 and states the confiscation of 115 dunums of Bethlehem city lands. The amendment states the confiscation of 57.9 dunums instead, mainly in Khirbet An Nahla , Shu'ab Sultan and Wad Rahhal for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. ARIJ field team (December 29, 2011).

## Jenin

- The Israeli occupation authorities denied the entry of 30 Palestinian farmers from the village of 'Anin, west of Jenin city to their lands located behind the Israeli Segregation wall. Wafa (December 1, 2011).
- A Group of Israeli settlers set fire into trees planted in the lands of the evacuated Homish settlement south of Jenin city, causing the burn of more than 5 dunums of lands. Wafa (December 4, 2011).
- The Israeli civil administration withdrew 30 permits given to Palestinian farmers in 'Anin village to access their lands segregated behind the Israeli segregation wall. Al Ayyam (December 4, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Army set up flying checkpoints at the entrance of Rummana and Zabuba villages west of Jenin city. The IOA started checking citizens' ID cards and stopped Palestinian cars, causing obstruction to their movements. Wafa (December 5, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army closed Al Hamra military checkpoint in the Jordan valleys in the face of Palestinians coming from Jericho and Jordan and those returning to the northern Governorates. Al Ayyam (December 12, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army set up a number of military checkpoints south of Jenin city, at the entrances of 'Araba, Jab'a, Muslia, Sanur, Az Zababda and Tursla villages; In addition, the IOF stopped Palestinian

cars and checked residents' ID cards at the entrance of Zabuba village .Al Ayyam (December 12, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the houses of Hilal Saber Jradat and Kefah Ahmad Amin Nawahda in Al Yamun village west of Jenin city. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army attacked and hurled stones at Palestinian cars near the evacuated Homish settlement south of Jenin, no injuries were reported. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army notified a number of Palestinian citizens from 'Arraba village south of Jenin city to evacuate 160 dunums of their lands under the pretext of being classified as "State Lands ". The targeted lands are located west of the village. Wafa (December 19, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the houses of Kamal Awad, Mohammad Mazin Abu Al Sa'edi and Yousef Abu Al Saba' and messed with the contents in Jenin camp. Also the IOA, raided the house of Assad Mohammad Stati, searched and messed with its contents. Meanwhile, the Israeli troops raided Al Yamun town west of Jenin city, conducted military searching in a number of Palestinian houses. Wafa (December 20, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Troops raided the house of the released prisoner Murad Tayib Sa'ed 'Alawna in Jab'a town south of Jenin city, conducted military searching in the house and confiscated private properties. Al Ayyam (December 24, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army set up 3 military checkpoints south of Jenin city and conducted raid and search operations in several Palestinian houses in towns and villages of Maythalun, Siris and Al Judeida. Two of the checkpoints were set up at the entrance of Maythalun and Siris villages while the third checkpoint was erected at the crossroad of Sanur village. IOA stopped Palestinian cars and checked their ID cards. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished without pre-notification a house and 2 animal barracks with an area 130 meters square in Khirbet Al Muntar Al-Sharqiya near Barta'a Ash-Sharqiya village south of Jenin. The demolished house is owned by the two brothers Rubhi and

Sobhi Hassan Zaid. The IOA hindered owners of the demolished structures from getting their properties out the house. Wafa (December 28, 2011)

- The Israeli Occupation army accompanied by the Israeli Water Authority carried out a campaign against artesian wells in Marj Ebn 'Amer Valley east of Jenin city under the pretext of being drilled without permits. The army and the Water Authority launched a campaign to search for artesian water wells used by Palestinian farmers to irrigate their crops, and questioned a number of farmers in the village of Silat Al Harthiya and threatened to demolish any wells if drilled. Wafa (December 29, 2011)

## Jerusalem

- The-Islamic-Christian-Commission-in-Support-of-Jerusalem-and-Holy-Sites warns of an Israeli plan to expand the place of prayers of Jewish women in the wailing wall area through the construction of an underground floor and surrounding it by walls on all sides. Wafa (December 1, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation authorities extended the closure of four institutions in Jerusalem city for a year, and sealed the entrances of the institutions. The occupation authorities handed over the closure orders of the four institutions on the 27th of October 2011 and stated the closure of the institutions for a month. The four institutions are: Ash Shu'a' Women society, Al Quds Society for Development, Sa'ed society and work without borders society. Wafa (December 1, 2011).
- The Israeli police informed resident Hussein Hijju to evacuate his house in Wadi Hilwa in Silwan city immediately although the police informed him that he has one month time to evacuate his house. Al Quds (December 1, 2011).
- The city of Jerusalem began works two weeks ago on a road that will connect Jerusalem northeastern settlements to Jerusalem's main traffic artery, Menachem Begin Boulevard, as part of a policy to strengthen bonds between settlements across the Green Line and the rest of the city. The settlements to be connected by the new route are Pisgat Ze'ev, Neve Yaakov, Anatot, Shoafat, and Beit Hanina; the route 20 project will also link Jerusalem's northern settlements with route 443, which in

some places crosses through the West Bank. Jerusalem's municipality, along with the Moriah Jerusalem Development Company, is advancing the project with an investment of over NIS 150 million. Work is expected to go on for 14 months. The next stages will see the completion of a bridge over route 50, with another bridge to be constructed over Nahal Atarot due east. Route 20 will be extended to link the latter to Beit Hanina intersection. [Haaretz \(December 2, 2011\)](#)

- The Israeli occupation authorities completed the construction of the Israeli segregation wall in Ras Khamis neighborhood in Shu'fat near Shu'fat crossing. The wall will cause the complete isolation of Shu'fat refugee camp from its surroundings. Al Quds (December 2, 2011).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem didn't give up on the demolition of Bab Al Magharba Bridge in Jerusalem city but postponed it as published in a report by the "Yerushalayem" Israeli weekly newspaper. Al Quds (December 3, 2011).
- The Israeli regional committee for planning and construction at the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem ratified the construction of 625 units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city under plan number 11647. Al Quds (December 3, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Army gave a final order to resident Sharif Awadallah from Qalandyia village north of Jerusalem city to evacuate part of his house (a backyard and a storage room) for the construction of the Israeli segregation Wall; The IOA gave Mr. Awadallah until Monday (December 5, 2011) to evacuate the property. Wafa (December 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished a Palestinian house in Al Ashqariyeh neighborhood in Beit Hanina town in east Jerusalem under the pretext of lacking building license. The house is owned by resident Majdi Salayma Wafa (December 5, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a house owned by Burhan Zakariya Burqan in Yasul neighbourhood in Silwan city in Jerusalem under the pretext of lacking building license. The house is 150 square meters area and is inhabited by 8 people. The family wasn't given time to salvage any of the properties. The Israeli bulldozers also demolished animal barracks owned by Mr. Burqan. It is worth mentioning that the family received a demolition order a week before



the demolition took place and the family wasn't given the enough time to file objections against the order. Wafa (December 5, 2011).

- The Jerusalem Planning and Building Committee is to consider a plan for a new national park in the Mount Scopus area, which will block the development of two Palestinian neighborhoods in the east of the city, Issawiya and A-Tur neighborhoods. The new national park would be built on 734 dunums of lands of the two aforementioned communities. Al Quds (December 6, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the house of Khamis Al Diddo in Al Khalayla neighbourhood in Al Jib village northwest of Jerusalem city. The house is 70 square meters area and is inhabited by 9 people. The house was constructed 15 years ago and was demolished under the pretext of lacking building permits. Al Ayyam (December 7, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Army raided the house of Kamil Al Khayat occupied its roof ,searched and messed with its contents, also confiscated pictures and its properties in Al Wadd Street in the Old city in Jerusalem. Al Quds (December 8, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army stormed the house of Ahmad Hassan 'Abed in Shufat neighbourhood in Jerusalem city and entered the police dogs into the house during the inspection, causing damages to its contents. Al Quds (December 8, 2011).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem gave approval to the construction of 14 new housing units in Ras Al Amud neighborhood in East Jerusalem. The new housing units are part of 110 slated to be constructed over 10 dunums of vacated land in addition to 6 Israeli societies and public organizations in Ras Al Amoud. Al Quds (December 8, 2011)
- The Israeli Occupation Authority ordered to close Al Magharba Gate in a week time under the pretext that it constitutes a threat to the public safety. Al Ayyam (December 9, 2011).
- The Israeli Regional Construction and Planning Committee at the Jerusalem Municipality announced about the confiscation of 32 dunums of Mount Scopus lands in East Jerusalem to construct a

military college. The lands are part of the 734 dunums which Israel announced it will confiscate to build a new “National Park” on lands privately owned by the Palestinian residents of Al Esawiyya and At-Tour, while some parts of it will be built on Lifta village, which was destroyed during the 1948 war. The planned location of the military college will be between the Hebrew university and the Maronian College in East Jerusalem. Al Quds (December 10, 2011).

- Israel officially opened the new permanent military checkpoint outside Shu’fat refugee camp thus cutting it off from East Jerusalem. The new checkpoint which is more like a border crossing replaces a smaller one Israeli authority had for years set up outside the camp on the main road linking it to Jerusalem. As a result, more than 60,000 Palestinian holders of Jerusalem residency who live in Shu’fat camp and surrounding neighborhoods that are part of the Israeli-demarcated Jerusalem city limits will be separated from their schools, jobs, and other daily livelihood centers in Jerusalem. Al Ayyam (December 12, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished without prior notification demolished 74 square meters house owned by Zizar Adnan 'Akel and 30 square meters haircut salon owned by Maysar Najeeb under the pretext of building without permits in Beit Hanina neighborhood north of Jerusalem city. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities re-opened leads to Al Magharba Gate, one of the gates of al-Haram al-Sharif compound in the Old City of Jerusalem, only days after closing it under the pretext that it constitutes a dangerous to the Israeli presence in the city. The gate is the only access way to Jews and tourists to al-Haram al-Sharif compound, which houses al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Access to the two inside buildings is not allowed to non-Muslims. Visitors can only walk around the yards. Al Quds (December 15, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers set fire into an Nabi 'Ukasha mosque in West Jerusalem, burning one of its rooms and wrote price tag slogans on it. Al Quds (December 15, 2011).
- The Israeli Regional Construction and Planning Committee at the Jerusalem Municipality approved a new plan to increase the area of the Israeli Governmental departments' complex in the city of Jerusalem to become 732 sqm area. More new governmental offices will be added to

the Israeli Prime minister office, the Israeli ministry of interior and the Israeli ministry of Finance, as well as transferring other governmental offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The plan will be transferred to The Israeli Regional Construction and Planning Committee for final ratification. Al Quds (December 16, 2011).

- The planning and building committee in Jerusalem city approved a plan to build additional 23 housing units in a new settlement outpost in Ras Al-Amud neighborhood east of the old city of Jerusalem. The Plan is to add 23 housing units to two apartment buildings as well as to build a third building in place of a gas station and shops near settlement outpost Ma'aleh David, in which the building of 17 new housing units was endorsed two weeks ago by the same committee. Al Quds (December 18, 2011).
- The Construction and Housing Ministry was set to publish tenders for nearly 6,000 new housing units, over 1,000 of which will be built beyond the other side of the Green Line. Five hundred of the housing units included in the tender were in the settlement of Har Homa north of Bethlehem city and 180 in the settlement of Giv'at Ze'ev north of Jerusalem city and another 348 units were offered in the Beitar Ilit settlement southwest of Bethlehem city. The units have already received approval for building in various planning committees. As part of Construction and Housing Minister Ariel Atias's plan to lower housing prices by building new units, the Israel Lands Authority published tenders for which lands will be offered for the building of 5,984 in 44 Israeli settlements and towns and neighborhoods throughout Israel and the West Bank occupied territory. Al Quds (December 19, 2011).
- The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court has rejected two separate lawsuits seeking the eviction of two Palestinian families from homes in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan. In both cases, the plaintiff said the homes had been sold to new owners who wanted the Palestinian families out. Two judges rejected those claims. The lawsuits were filed by two groups closely linked to Elad, an organization supporting Jewish settlement in the area, and to Elad chairman David Be'eri, who is also the Israel representative of one of the groups seeking the eviction. One of the suits was filed by Lowell Investments, which is registered in Australia's Cocos (Keeling) Islands and already owns several buildings in Silwan. The company said a member of the Karin family had sold it the house, and presented the court with an audio

recording of an elderly member of the family who said the house was owned by the man who sold it. But Judge Yechskiel Barkali ruled that at best, the seller owned a 16th of the house and said the tape did not prove that he was the sole owner. The court annulled the sale agreement and awarded the family with court expenses and attorney fees of NIS 23,200. The other suit was filed by Yad Yaffe, a nonprofit organization registered as focusing on "research of the Bible, the Mishna and the Talmud." The association sought to evict the Faraj family from an area next to the City of David, saying it had bought the house and the Palestinian family had moved in illegally. Judge Rachel Shalev-Gertel ruled that the family was protected by the Tenant Protection Law and criticized Be'eri's testimony, saying it was "tendentious" and ignored facts that he was naturally aware of." [Haaretz](#) (December 19, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished barracks for industrial structures in Hai Al Thawri (Thawri neighborhood) in Silwan town. The Israeli operation included the destruction of a playground belonging to Al Ibrahim College and the removal of the barbed wires around it in As Suwwana neighborhood. The Israel Authority is trying to remove the Palestinian structures from the area in order to build a National Security College, a project that the Israeli Municipality is trying to build on Palestinian owned lands. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation Army bulldozers demolished 2 barracks in Beit Safafa town south of Jerusalem city. The demolished barracks are 100 m<sup>2</sup> and 150 m<sup>2</sup>. The first barracks is owned by Sheha Salah while the second one is owned by her son; Mahmoud. The Family confirmed that they didn't receive a notification for the demolition from the Israeli Authorities, but a week ago they have been notified and warned to evacuate the area from sheep and confiscated all the fodders. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2011).
- A Palestinian resident from Al Jeeb village northwest of Jerusalem city filed a petition through Yesh Din organization to the Israeli supreme court to issue an evacuation and demolition order against a synagogue that was establish in his land in Givat Ze'ev settlement. Al Quds (December 22, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army handed a number of Palestinian residents from Al Isawaiya town in Jerusalem city military orders to demolish

their houses. Mahmud Issa Abu 'Awis is one of the residents that has been served a demolition order for his house; Also, the Israeli troops raided the house of Hatem Khalil Husien till the date of writing the report without knowing if he was served by demolition order. Furthermore, A number of Israeli workers at the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem and the so- called the Israel Nature and Parks Authority stole olive trees after uprooting the trees from the lands of Palestinians in the eastern side of Al Isawiya town. Al Quds (December 23, 2011).

- More than 120 Israeli settlers with the protection of Israeli Army raided Al Aqsa mosque on the occasion of what they call "the Hanuka, the Festival of Lights or the Festival of Dedication ". Al Ayyam (December 23, 2011).
- Jerusalem mayor Nir Barakat has announced that the city Municipality will now classify 70,000 citizens of Jerusalem as non-residents, furthering the right wing Israeli campaign to achieve a Jewish majority in East Jerusalem. Seventy thousand Palestinian residents already cut off from the rest of Jerusalem by Israel's segregation Wall will now be cast out on paper as well, with their affairs turned over from the Municipality to the Israeli military's West Bank civil administration. Al Quds (December 24, 2011).
- The Yerushalayim Hebrew weekly magazine revealed that The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem released plans for 8,000 new settlement units in East Jerusalem over the next five years, including 3000 units in Giv'at Hamatos settlement and 1600 new housing units in Ramat Shlomo. An official advertising campaign is already underway to promote the new units. Al Quds (December 24, 2011).
- One month after the announcement [on 2,230 units](#) in the West Bank, the Israeli [Ministry of Housing is announcing](#) another 1,028 units that will be published in tenders in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. The list of the upcoming tenders that was published on 18/12/11 by the Ministry of Housing includes 500 units in Har Homa C (in East Jerusalem), 348 units in Beitar Illit (West of Bethlehem) and 180 units in Givat Zeev (South West of Ramallah).It is important to mention that this announcement by the Ministry is not an official publication of tenders but a general announcement of the intention to publish those tenders in the near future. Since the [previous announcement](#) that was published at 15/11/11, [only one tender](#) in the West Bank was issued – for 277 units in Ariel. In addition, a tender for [40 units in Givat](#)

[Hadagan](#) (Efrat) which was not on the Ministry's list was issued at the same day, on 8/12/11. In total, since November 15th, the Ministry of Housing announced the intention to publish tenders for 11,044 units in Israel and the West Bank. 30% of those tenders, 3,258 units, are planned in the Occupied Territories: 2,057 in East Jerusalem and 1,201 in the West Bank. At the same time, the number of Israelis who live in East Jerusalem and the settlements is only 6.5% of Israel's population. [Peace Now](#) (December 25, 2011).

- Groups of Israeli settlers with the protection of policemen stormed the Aqsa Mosque and walked in its courtyards after they entered through its Maghariba Gate. Where Hundreds of Jewish settlers last night marched provocatively across the streets of the old city of Jerusalem chanting racist slurs against the Palestinians, performing dances and beating drums in order to disturb the residents. They chanted slogans inciting against the Palestinian natives and calling for killing them or expelling them from the holy city. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished without pre-notification an extension to a house with an area 65 meters square owned by Mohammad Amin Ibrahim Shqerat under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. The demolition affected a family of 9 people. Al Quds (December 27, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Authority decided to close Al 'Aien mosque, the kindergarten of "Tefeel Al Muslim" and number of commercial stores and shops until further notice in the main street in Wadi Al Helwa in Silwan town under the pretext of public safety. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2011).
- The Israeli newspaper "Maariv" revealed that the local building and construction committee in Jerusalem city will discuss on 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2011 the establishment of a tourism project submitted by the association of "El-Add" in Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The project will be held on 8400 meters square and includes a museum, classrooms, meeting halls, parking as well as archaeological sites. And it will be linked with crossroads and tunnels; the first will start at the southeast site of the castle of David while the second will connect the project to Al Aqsa mosque. The Project will facilitate the tourists' access to the Old city of Jerusalem. Another project with 3 thousand meters square is submitted by El -Add to be implemented in Al-Aien Al-Fuqa

in Silwan town in an attempt to resurrect Israeli Heritage sites and to empower their presence there. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2011).

- The Israeli regional construction and Planning Committee will discuss a plan to build 130 housing units in Gilo settlement south Jerusalem city on 6 dunums of previously confiscated Palestinian lands between Sharafat town and Gilo settlement. The plan holds number 13290. According to the construction and Planning Committee, the land was prepared in the past to have a hotel established on it, but a group of Israeli investors called "Brothers of Israel" send a request to the Israeli Municipality to let the land for residential use, which in turn will expand the settlement of Gilo towards Sharfat village by adding 4 buildings, each consists of 12 floors. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2011).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem gave the green light to build a tourist complex that includes 250 parking a lot, an archeological site, a reception rooms and a library in Silwan city. Al Quds (December 29, 2011).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed out tens of demolition orders to a number of Palestinian houses and commercial shops in various villages in East Jerusalem. 10 military orders were handed out to families of Abu Taya, Da'na, Abu Sneneh, Siyam, Abed Ar Razeq, and Abu Al Hakem in 'Ein Al Louza. Another 5 demolition orders were handed out to residents of Wad Qaddum, 4 demolition orders in Al Sal'a neighborhood and other orders in Yasul Valley (Wad Yasul). Al Quds (December 29, 2011).
- Israeli authorities handed a Palestinian elderly woman; Refqa Al-Kord, (85 years old) a notice demanding her to pay rent for the house she owns in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem. She has been receiving getting from the Israeli authorities demanding her to pay rent for the past seven years for the benefit of settlements' associations. The notice included a warning that if the rent isn't paid, Al-Kord has to evacuate the house immediately. Wafa (December 28, 2011).
- The Ma'ariv Israeli daily newspaper revealed that "El-Add" Jewish association requested the issuance of a license to transfer a previously seized house into a restaurant in Wadi Al –Rabab neighborhood in Silwan town in Jerusalem city. The newspaper added that the public has 7 days from the issuance date of the project, to file objection against the project. Until January 3, 2012. NBPRS (December 29, 2011).

- For the second day on row, the Israeli bulldozers continue to raze the lands of Abu Rayyala family in Ras Al Labeed area east of Al Isawiya town. The targeted land is 18 dunums area and was previously (in 2007) targeted with a military order stating its confiscation. It is worth mentioning that the lands are being razed for the expansion of a nearby military camp named "Adumim Palace". Al Quds (December 29, 2011).

## Hebron

- The Israeli occupation authorities handed two military orders to demolish the mosque of Al Mafqara community and a residential tent owned by Muhammad Musa Mighnem in Susiya under the pretext of lacking building permits. The IOA also confiscated some construction equipments to prevent the rehabilitation of a 2 km dirt road that leads to susiya. Al Ayyam (December 1, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army handed residents of As Samu' town and Khallet Al Karsanna (Al Karsana Hamlet) and Khallet Al Mafateeh notifications to halt the construction at their houses. The notifications were handed to Mohamad Na'im Abu Al Kabash, Nabil Yousef Hamad Al Mhareq, Nada Hamad Abdl Minem Al Mahareq, Hamad Mahmud Hamad Al Mahareq, Nawaf Hamad Abdl Minem Al Mahareq. Al Ayyam (December 2, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Hebron city and set up two military checkpoints; the first one was erected on the road of Al Ramadeen village and the second one was erected at Beit Kahel bridge of and started checking Palestinian residents' ID cards. Wafa (December 2, 2011).
- A number of Israeli settlers hurled stones at a number of Palestinian cars in Beit Ummer town while driving on Hebron Jerusalem road and caused damages to the cars. Wafa (December 3, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation authorities hindered a number of Palestinian farmers from Sabha family in Susiya area southeast of Yatta town from ploughing their lands located 300 meters away from Susiya settlement upon a request made by Israeli settlers to the Israeli authorities. The IOA declared the lands as "closed lands" and hindered farmers from accessing the lands. Al Ayyam (December 3, 2011).



- The Israeli occupation soldiers took over the roof of two Palestinian houses in Wadi Al Husein near Kiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city and transferred them to military posts. The houses are owned by 'Awni Da'na and Ahmad Sa'ad Jaber. Al Ayyam (December 3, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the house of Issa Harb Al Shawamra in Kharsa village south of Dura town and set up a military tent on top of his house. Wafa (December 4, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Hebron city and set up two military checkpoints; the first one was erected on the road of Al Ramadeen village and the second one was erected at Beit Kahel bridge. IOA checked Palestinian residents' ID cards. Wafa (December 4, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army handed out number of Palestinian families in Khirbeh Susiya southeast of Hebron Governorate military orders to halt construction of their 8 residential structures and 5 water wells. The military orders were issued under the pretext of building without proper authorities. The threatened structure are owned by; Jamal Hakam Abu Malash, Mohammad Khalil Al Nawaja'a, Mohamad Hamdan Mdalal, Jebriil Khalil Al Nwaja'a, Khalil Mohamad Muslam Al Nawaja'a and Ehssan Mohammad Al Smiran. Al Ayyam (December 7, 2011).
- The Israeli Settlers of Susiya settlement ploughed and planted 40 dunums of lands with crops located 300 meters away from Susiya settlement owned by Al Nawaj'a and Al Haddar families. Ayyam (December 7, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished a water well and an agricultural room owned by Al 'Amla family in Khirbet Ghattush in Beit Ula town west of Hebron city. Wafa (December 8, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp in Hebron city and carried out military operations in the camp, during which the IOA stormed the house of Mahmud Zidan (22 years old), head of the student union of Bethlehem University. Al Quds (December 8, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the houses of Abdal Hadi Hamdan Al Rjoub from Dura town and Mo'taz Jebriil Qanibi. Wafa (December 8, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army set up a road block on the legislative court road in the old city of Hebron, where the road has been narrowed from 20 to 3 meters. Wafa (December 8, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished a water well and confiscated a container that contains agricultural equipments owned by the inherits of Mohammad Abd Al Ghani Al Amla in Atmos area in the lands of Beit Ulla town northwest of Hebron city. It must be noted that the IOA handed Al Amla family in September 2011 notification to evacuate the land under the pretext of State land. Al Quds (December 9, 2011)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities served the town of Surif, Western Hebron, 2 eviction orders of lands in 'Hilat al Wahadeen' area. The orders claimed that the owners own the land 'illegally' and demanded 'evacuating the lands within 45 days'. It also warned owners 'of land to pay the evacuation costs in case they do not comply with the order.' Military Order 1 holds number (630) and was designated for a field owned by Mohammad and Ishaq al Qadi; the order targeted 12 dunums out of 30 dunums; the total area of the field. Military order 2 holds number (631) and targets a 3-dunum-plot owned by the heirs of Abdul Fattah al Hor; LRC (December 8, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided As Samu', Dura and Yatta towns and number of Palestinian neighborhoods in Hebron set up military checkpoints and stopped Palestinian cars and checked their ID cards. Also the IOA, searched a carpentry shop owned by Jamil Al Jaml and messed with its contents in Al Fahs area in Hebron city and Handed a number of Palestinian residents notifications to interview the Israeli intelligence. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- Israeli settlers from Susiya settlement stole sand from Palestinian fields owned by Jebril Al Hlies located southwest of the settlement. The settlers razed 5 dunums of lands and transferred it by trucks into the settlement, in attempt to establish parks and fields in the settlement. Al Ayyam (December 13, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the house of Ibrahim Dbabsa and messed with its contents in Yatta town. The IOA also stormed Bani Na'im, Kharas, Surif, Nuba, Beit Ula, Yatta and a number of neighborhoods in Hebron city. Furthermore, the IOA set up a number

of military checkpoints and stopped Palestinian cars and checked their ID cards. Wafa (December 14, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Wadi Al Helwa neighborhood in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city, stormed a Palestinian house and threatened to kill him and his children under the pretext that a number of children threw stones at military jeeps. Wafa (December 14, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation raided the house of Mohammad Khalid Abu Rabi' and messed with its contents in Al Fawwar refugee camp. Also the IOA raided and searched number of Palestinian houses in the camp; Khalid Sha'ban Al Khatib, Sliman Shawabka, Areef Al Teti, and the houses of Abu Tark and Asfour families in Al Hadab village. Al Quds (December 16, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Sa'ir, Ash Shiokh , Yatta , Halhul and number of neighborhoods in Hebron city, stopped Palestinian citizens' cars and checked their ID cards. Wafa (December 14, 2011).
- A Number of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian families from Tel Al Rumeida in Hebron city after they had finished burying a settler and his wife in a nearby cemetery. The attacked families are; Abu 'Aeisha, Ises , Abu Remila and Abu Hikal . Al Ayyam (December 17, 2011).
- Israelis Occupation Army raided Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city and searched the house of Ibrahim Al 'Alami and messed with its contents. The IOA also raided Nuba and Kharas towns northwest of Hebron, Yatta and As Samu' in the south and a number of Palestinian neighborhoods in the city, erected military checkpoints and stopped Palestinian cars and checked their ID cards. Wafa (December 19, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided and searched money exchange shop owned by Hamdi Naim A Natsha (42 years old) and confiscated an amount of money, some private papers and laptops in Hebron city. The IOA also raided Wadi At Tuffah and Al Salam streets, Al Hawouz area and set up military checkpoints at the entrance of Jabal Abu Ruman, and searched a number of money exchange shops. Al Ayyam (December 19, 2011).

- A Number of Israeli settler attacked at Al Sahaba mosque in Bani Na'im town and wrote "Price Tag" and racist slogans on the walls. Wafa (December 20, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army set up a military checkpoint in Beit 'Awa town west of Hebron and Yatta to the south, stopped Palestinian cars and checked their ID cards. Wafa (December 21, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army demolished 6 agricultural pools and a water spring in Al Majona area south of Dura town after declaring the area as "Closed military area". The demolished pools owned by Othman Amro, Mohammad Abd Al Aziz, Hassan Hussein Amro and Taleb Abd Al Majed Amro. Furthermore, the Israeli Bulldozers demolished 4 water wells, 5 agricultural rooms and 2 water tanks owned by the Municipality of Idhna town west of Hebron city and the citizen; Mohammad Ibrahim Al Batrran in Wadi Al Baluta area under the pretext of lacking building permits. Al Ayyam (December 23, 2011).
- Israeli settlers uprooted 30 olive trees and wrote racist slogans against the Arabs in As Samu' village in Hebron city. Al Ayyam (December 22, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Shim'a settlement located southeast of Ad Dahriya town south of Hebron city uprooted 27 olive trees owned by Taissir Samasra planted in fields near Khirbet Shwika west of the settlement. Also the settlers wrote "Price Tag" and racist slogans. Al Ayyam (December 22, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed 10 dunums of lands planted with olive and almond trees in an area close to Nahal Negohot settlement southwest of Dura town. The razed lands are owned by Al Rajabi and Al Fakhouri families. The IO bulldozers also demolished two water wells owned Nidal and Jala Al Rajabi. It's worth mentioning that 500 olive and almond trees were destroyed as a result of the razing process. Wafa (December 28, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Army closed the main entrance of Susiya School, southeast of Yatta south of Hebron city, trapping the teachers and students inside the school and their vehicles inside. It is worth to mention that the IOA stormed Susiya school about a month ago and handed its principal notices to demolish the school, a water well and three greenhouses near the school. Wafa (December 28, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation authorities notified to demolish a school and 10 houses and wells in Imneizel village southeast of Yatta town in addition to 3 houses and wells in Haribeit An Nabi near the area. The IO army closed all roads leading to Imneizel village with earth mounds and hindered residents from entering or exiting the village. Wafa (December 29, 2011).
- Israeli occupation authorities handed out residents of Kherbit Imneizel and Harebat An Nabi military orders to seize 160 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Olives and grapes south of yatta town in Hebron Governorate for security reasons. The IO authorities gave lands one week time only to file objections against the orders. Al Ayyam (December 29, 2011).
- A group of settlers from Ad Daboya settlement in Hebron attacked students of Qurtuba School in Hebron while they were on their way back home. Al Quds (December 30, 2011).

## Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed the lands of resident Hani Muhammad Amer from Mas-ha village in Qalqilyah Governorate and razed 100 Olive trees to construct a new section of the Israeli segregation wall. Al Ayyam (December 1, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army hindered 500 Palestinian farmers from Mas-ha village in Qalqilyah Governorate from accessing their 1000 dunums of lands segregated behind the Israeli segregation wall. Al Ayyam (December 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished a stone factory owned by Ibrahim Hussein Ghannam in Azzun east of Qalqilyah city. Wafa (December 5, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city and set up a military checkpoint at the western entrance of the village. The IOF stopped Palestinian cars and checked residents' ID cards, causing obstruction to the vehicular and pedestrian movements. Al Ayyam (December 11, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Azzun village east of Qalqilyah city after closing its northern and western entrances and prevented the residents from getting in and out. The IOA raided also the Palestinian houses and searched in its contents. Al Quds (December 25, 2011).

## **Tubas**

- The Israeli occupation army launched large-scale military training maneuvers in the northern Jordan Valley, where number of Israeli troops spread in several areas for military exercise. In addition, heavy artillery engaged in the training as bombardment continued around the grazing fields since dawn. Wafa (December 5, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers along with the Israeli Civil administration and under the protection of the Israeli Occupation Army and police carried out a large scale demolition operation, targeting a number of Bedouin communities in Wadi Al-Malih (Al Maleh Valley), and Kardala Village in the Jordan Valley. The demolitions targeted the following communities and villages: Al-Malih Bedouin Community, Al-Farsiyah Bedouin Community, Al-Himma Bedouin Community and The Village of Kardala. The properties are owned by: Ali Abu Muhsen (Agricultural Barracks and Animal Shelter) in Tayaseer village, Nayef Al-Faqyer from Al Malih community and owns 2 residential tin houses; Aref Daraghmeh from Al Malih community and owns 100 Bee Hives, Hasan Abu Zahou from Kherbit Al Himma and owns an agricultural barracks and 50 Bee Hives owned by Kardala & Ein Al-Bayda Women Society. ARIJ field team (December 1, 2011).
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- Israeli Army and police handed out residents of Al Himma, Kardala and Al Aqaba communities' military orders targeting a number of residential houses and animal barns. The targeted properties include 20 residential structures in Al Himma area in addition to 22 barracks, 16 animal barns, 6 outside kitchens and 3 animal tents. The IO army also targeted Kardala village with military orders to demolish 2 houses

owned by Muhammad and Mahmoud Tahseen Sawafta. Additionally, Al Aqaba village was targeted with 5 new demolition orders under the pretext of lacking building permits. The orders targeted structures owned by Mahmoud Hamdan Jaber, 'Ala Muhammad Saleh, Abdel Baset Salim Jaber, Basem Muhammad Sbeih and Khalid Ahmad Sbeih. The targeted structures are: three residential houses, 2 caravans and 3 barracks. ARIJ field team (December 1, 2011).

- Israeli settlers detained a Palestinian shepherd; Mohammed Awad for three hours under gunpoint while rearing his sheep in Al Maleh in the northern Jordan Valley. The settlers threatened the shepherd and told him not to graze in the mountains near the settlement of Masskiyot Al Ayyam (December 24, 2011).

## **Jericho**

- Israeli Occupation Army demolished a house in Aqbat Jbar refugee camp in Jericho Governorate owned by Shaker Amara; The IOA ALSO handed his eldest son; Obada a notification to interview the Israeli intelligence at a nearby Israeli Security base. Al Ayyam (December 20, 2011).
- The Israeli Civil Administration, accompanied by 10 military jeeps and two bulldozers raided Fasayel village in Jericho Governorate in the Jordan valley, declared the area as 'closed military zone' for about two hours and started their demolition campaign which targeted residential and animal barracks. The structures are owned by Omar Muhammad Ta'amrah (2 residential barracks and a green house), Sami and Imad Musa Ibayyat (2 residential barracks and a sheep barn), Amjad Abdalah Ghazal (residential brux), Hussein Yasin Ar Rashayda (2 residential barracks and a tent), Khader Yasin Rashayda (a residential brux and sheep brux) and Abed Yasin Rashayda (Residential brux, sheep brux and a kitchen).
- Israeli Occupation Army raided Khalid Ben Al Walid school in Al Fasayel Al Fuqa village north of Jericho governorate conducted military operations in the school, and threw sounds bombs. Al Ayyam (December 21 ,2011).

## **Ramallah**

- The Israeli Occupation army closed the western entrance of An Nabi Saleh village northwest of Ramallah city and hindered residents from entering or exiting the village through the checkpoint. The IOA checked residents' vehicles and ID cards. It is worth mentioning that the closure of the western entrance of An Nabi Saleh Village hinders the access of residents to northwest Ramallah village (Beit Rima, Deir Gassana and Kafr 'Ein) and to Kafr Ad Dik village in Salfit Governorate Wafa (December 2, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation soldiers closed without prior notification Atara checkpoint north of Ramallah city and caused obstruction to Vehicular and Pedestrian movements. Wafa (December 3, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided a number of Palestinian houses in Beit Rima village northwest of Ramallah city, fired tear gas and sounds bombs causing injuries to a number of Palestinians. Al Quds (December 9, 2011).
- Mustafa Abdel Razek Tamimi (27 years old), a Palestinian protester who was seriously injured after being hit by a gas bomb during the Friday's weekly protest in An Nabi Salih village in Ramallah Governorate, died suffering of his wounds at Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva. Al Ayyam (December 11, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers set fire into Al Nour mosque in Burqa village northeast of Ramallah governorate, and wrote on its wall "Mizpe Yitzhar" and "War" Slogans. Al Quds (December 16, 2011).
- A number of Israeli settlers of Beit El settlement raided Beitin village northeast of Ramallah and set fire into 5 Palestinian cars parked on the main road, completely damaged and destroyed them. The fire spread to the residential neighborhood burning and damaging the nearby buildings and windows. Al Ayyam (December 20, 2011).

## **Salfit**

- Israeli settlers set fire into the mosque of Bruqin village in Salfit governorate, burned all its contents and wrote ethnic and racist slogans on its wall; also they set fire to a car owned by Mo'tasem Mahmud



Smara and to a bulldozer owned by Ali Sabra. Al Quds (December 8, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army set up a military checkpoint near Wadi Qana northwest of Deir Estiya village and detained Palestinian farmers while they were coming back from their agricultural lands. The detained Farmers are; Salah Yousef Mansour, Naser Mustafa Mansour and his wife. Al Quds (December 12, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army notified a number of Palestinian farmers from Qarawet Bani Hassan west of Salfit to evacuate 160.4 dunums agricultural lands under the pretext of being classified as "State Lands". The threatened farmers are Yousef Sa'ed Mer'I, Samih Ibrahim Assi, Khader Ismail Salom, Saber Mustafa Mer'I and Nader Mustafa Mer'I (30 dunums). The targeted lands are located in the area known as Bi'r Abu Ammar (Abu 'Ammar Well) and are planted with olive trees. The evacuation order gave farmers 45 days to file objections against the military order at the office of Israeli Civil Administration in Ofar settlement .Wafa (December 12, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Taffuh settlement attacked the house of Mohamad Ibrahim Musleh from Yasuf town east of Salfit city and set fire to his car. Settlers also wrote on the house walls "Price Tag". Al Ayyam (December 15, 2011).
- Israeli settlers burned the car of Ahmad Abdel Aziz 'Abed from Kifl Haris town north west of Salfit. Ayyam (December 15, 2011).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed and demolished a number of water wells, rooms, agricultural sheds and lands in area known as" Dahr Sobh' north of Kafr Ad Deik village in Salfit Governorate. Al Ayyam (December 22, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army confiscated a tractor and a vacuum tanker in the Solid waste landfill run by the municipality of Bidiya in Salfit under the pretext that the Municipality is prohibited use the site. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation army handed out residents of Mas'ha and Az Zawiya with military orders to take over lands for the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the establishment of a new checkpoint

within the Western Segregation Zone. The confiscated lands are estimated at 50 dunums of lands of the two aforementioned villages. Wafa (December 29, 2011).

## Tulkarem

- The Israeli occupation Authorities are to transfer 1200 dunums of Nour Ash Shams refugee camp lands, located about 3 kilometers to the east of Tulkarem city, into areas "c" which according to the Oslo II Interim agreement of 1995; Palestinians have responsibility for civil life such as economics, health, and education ;while, Israel retains full control over security and administration related to the territory. This decision came after several raids in the camp, preventing residents from entering and accessing the lands. [ARN](#) (December 10, 2011).
- An ongoing work in the Israeli factories constructed on Palestinian property to the west of Tulkarm puts the Palestinian environment, water, agriculture and human life at dangerous. Israel established most of its dangerous industrial factories in the West Bank after settlers refused to construct them inside Israel. The factories continue to spread and dispose internationally-forbidden toxic effluents into Palestinian land around the year, in complete disregard of international laws, which causes cancer, asthma, and pneumonia due to inhalation of contaminated air or digestion of crops planted around the factories, as proven in various medical tests. [Wafa](#) (December 11, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army set up military checkpoints at Far'oun triangle, the entrance of Al Ras Al Shemali, the entrance of Kafer Sour, the road of 'Azoun. The IOF stopped Palestinian cars and checked residents' ID cards. Furthermore, the Israeli soldiers closed the Gate of Khirbet Jubara which holds number 753 in the face of Palestinian residents, including school students who are studying in Al Ras, Kafer Sur and Tulkarem. Al Ayyam (December 12, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army stormed Sayda town north of Tulkarim city. The IOA erected flying checkpoints east and north of the city and started checking the ID cards of the citizens. Al Ayyam (December 27, 2011).

## Nablus

- Israeli settlers attacked the village of Iraq Burin near Nablus city and clashed with Palestinians in the village. Wafa (December 1, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation army raided the company of Wael Fattuh (Car Rental) in Nablus city after destroying the door entrance and disabling the security and protection system in the company. The IOA seized USD 120 thousand and other official documents belonging to the company and confiscated a number of computer devices. Al Ayyam (December 1, 2011).
- A number of Israeli settlers attacked farmer Najeh Abdel Qader from Salem village in Nablus Governorate while he was grazing his sheep. Wafa (December 3, 2011)
- The Israeli Occupation army permanently closed the road adjacent to Yetzhar settlement south of Nablus city in the face of Palestinian cars. Wafa (December 3, 2011).
- Israeli settlers kidnapped a 60 years old man (Saleem Shihada) from Urif village east of Nablus city and seized 50 sheep. Wafa (December 5, 2011).
- A number of Israeli settlers attacked and hurled stones at a Palestinian house in 'Asira Qibliya village south of Nablus city, destroying its windows and writing racist slogans on the walls of the house. Al Quds (December 8, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided number of Palestinian houses and farms in Wad Qana area northwest of Deir Estiya village, conducted inspection in the area Alos,,the IOA searched the house of Ra'ed Al Qaq and Fawaz Al Qaq. Al Quds (December 9, 2011).
- Number of Israeli settlers opened fire at Palestinian shepherds in Yanun village while they were grazing their sheep. Al Quds (December 9, 2011).
- New Israeli tender to construct 277 units in Ariel settlement northwest of Nablus city under master plan number 4/2/130. AlQuds (December 11, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided a number of Palestinian houses and arrested Montaser Khaled Al Kadi (24 years old) and his brother

Murad (19 years old) from Awarta village south of Nablus city. Al Ayyam (December 12, 2011).

- Israeli settlers attacked and hurled stones at a Palestinian house in 'Asira Qibliya village south of Nablus city, destroying its windows. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- Israeli settlers burned a water tank and a pool in Duma town south of Nablus city. Settlers also wrote racist slogans on the walls saying "A gift from Yetzhar youth to Arabs". Al Ayyam (December 15, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army closed the road Hawara-Nablus and Nablus-Ramallah under the pretext of evacuation number of Israeli outposts. The Israeli Occupation army declared the area a closed military zone in an attempt to prevent the settlers from obstructing the removal of the illegal structures, and added that one of the two removed structures was residential. No clashes were reported between the soldiers and the settlers. Al Quds (December 16, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army dismantled 2 structures in an illegal Mitzpe Yitzar outpost near Yitzhar settlement. .Al Quds (December 16, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers uprooted more than 15 olive trees in Burin village south of Nablus city. Al Ayyam (December 16, 2011).
- A Palestinian child; Mohammad Munjed from Al Luban Ash Sharqia village south of Nablus city was injured while an Israeli bus ran over him passing the Ramallah – Nablus roadway. Wafa (December 19, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army bulldozed without prior - notification a road which was recently paved at a cost of 400.000 \$. The road links Huwara village with the nearby Palestinian communities. The destruction of the road led to the total isolation of 8 Palestinian residential houses and more than 1000 dunums of lands. In addition, it will hinder the village council from providing services to the residents in the area. Furthermore, the IOA along with more than 30 Army vehicles raided Beita village from the Southern side across the Osarin and 'Aqraba villages, where the Israeli troops occupied the area of Jabal Salman in the eastern side of the town and set up tents and

occupied the house of Ayman Ehsan Rezeq 'Adeli and turn it to a military zone. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Army forced two Palestinians to take off their clothes at the Hawarra checkpoint south of Nablus city. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Duma village south of Nablus city and started checking the houses and messing with their contents. Al Ayyam (December 21, 2011).
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers with the protection of Israeli Occupation Army raided Yossef tomb in Nablus city and practiced religious rituals. Al Ayyam (December 28, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided the eastern area in Ballata reugee camp and Ballata town under the cover of intense shooting conducting military searching in a number of Palestinian houses. Wafa (December 27, 2011)

## Gaza

- An Israeli rocket fell on the house of Felfel Family in Az Zaytoun neighborhood east of Gaza city and caused damages to the house. The rocket also caused damaged to the neighboring houses. Wafa (December 1, 2011).
- In a report issued by the Palestinian center for human rights in the Gaza strip stated that Israel gradually reduced the permitted fishing area on the shores of Gaza throughout the last two decades. The current permitted fishing area is 3 miles. Al Quds (December 2, 2011).
- Israeli gunboats stationed opposite to Beit Lahia beach in the northern Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats. Palestinian fishermen were forced to sail back to the beach and no casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 3, 2011).
- Israeli gunboats stationed opposite to Rafah beach in the southern Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats. Palestinian fishermen were forced to sail back to the beach and no casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 3, 2011).

- Israeli soldiers positioned on observation towards at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel to the north of Beit Hanoun town opened fire at space areas located to the south of the agricultural school. The shooting continued for 20 minutes, but no casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 5, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Army moved nearly 300 meters into the east of al-Shuja'iyah neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. They leveled areas of Palestinian land. During this incursion, IOF clashed with Palestinians but no casualties were reported. IOF moved back to the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel at approximately 02:30 on the following day. PCHRGAZA (December 6, 2011).
- An Israeli warplane fired a missile at a number of activists of the al-Quds Brigades (the armed wing of Islamic Jihad) in al-Mansoura Street in the east of al-Shuja'iyah neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. As a result, an activist, Isma'il Salama Hussein al-'Ar'eir, 22, was killed and two others were seriously wounded. At the same time, an Israeli warplane fired a missile at an activist of the Palestinian resistance in al-Zaytoun neighborhood in the southeast of Gaza City. He was seriously wounded. PCHRGAZA (December 7, 2011).
- Israeli warplanes fired 3 missiles at a training site of the 'Izziddin al-Qassam Brigades (the armed wing of Hamas) to the west of al-Maqqoussi buildings in the northwest of Gaza City. Two nearby houses were destroyed over their residents. As a result, Bahjat Ramadan Yousef al-Za'lan , 37, was killed, and his four children, his wife and his mother were wounded. At approximately 19:45, one of the wounded children, 10-year-old Ramadan, was pronounced dead. It should be noted that the two houses that were destroyed in the attack belong to one of the victims, Bahjat al-Za'lan, and his brother Tal'at. The two houses, the area of which is 100 square meters, were asbestos-roofed. Seven individuals used to live in each house. The targeted training site, which was empty, is adjacent to the two houses. PCHRGAZA (December 9, 2011).
- Israeli warplanes fired a missile at a space area in the west of the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah. No casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 10, 2011).

- Israeli warplanes fired at least one missile at a space area in Tal al-Sultan neighborhood in the west of the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah. The missile landed near a training site of the 'Izziddin al-Qassam Brigades (the armed wing of Hamas), but no casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 9, 2011).
- An Israeli warplane launched four missiles on a vacant house belonging to a leader of the Izziddin al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, Imad 'Aqel, 42. The two-storey house is located behind 'Ein Jalout School in al-Zaytoon neighborhood in the east of Gaza City. The four missiles directly hit the roof of the house, damaging it. A neighboring 250-square-meter, two-storey house belonging to Mohammed Mahmoud Badwan, 57, in which 17 individuals live, was heavily damaged. Because of the shrapnel scattered in the house, Ashraf Mohammed Mahmoud Badwan, 35, received shrapnel wounds to the face, and two of his children were also wounded in the incident: Sondos, 10, who was seriously wounded by shrapnel to the head, and Mohammed, 8, who was wounded by shrapnel to the right leg. The two children were wounded while they were asleep on the asbestos contaminated second floor. PCHRGAZA (December 11, 2011).
- IOF moved nearly 300 meters into the east of al-Boreij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, under the cover of intense shooting. As a result, Mohye al-Din Mas'oud Abu Jalal, 49, was lightly wounded by a bullet to the chest when he was on his agricultural land, nearly 700 meters away. IOF moved back to the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel at approximately 11:00, after having leveled areas of Palestinian land. PCHRGAZA (December 13, 2011).
- Israeli soldiers positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel to the east of Gaza City fired at Mohammed Mahmoud al-Biltaji, 20, from al-Shuja'iya neighborhood in the east of Gaza City, while he was hunting birds nearly one kilometer away from the border. He was wounded by a bullet to the right foot. PCHRGAZA (December 13, 2011).
- Israeli gunboats opened fire at a Palestinian fishing boat that was sailing opposite to al-Sudaniya beach in the northern Gaza Strip. As a result, a fisherman, Zaki Mustafa Froush (45 years old) from the Jabalya town north Gaza Strip was wounded by a bullet to the left hand and shrapnel to the left leg. Frosuh was together with his son

fishing nearly two nautical miles from the seashore. PCHRGAZA (December 16 2011).

- Israeli soldiers stationed at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel to the east of Al-Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian agricultural land in the vicinity of sewage basins in the east of the camp. Due to the intense shooting, the guard of basins, Majed Mahmoud al-Nabahin, 39, attempted to escape on motorcycle towards the west. While he was driving the motorcycle, he fell down and died, as he suffered from hemorrhage. PCHRGAZA (December 16 2011).
- Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats opposite to Beit Lahia seashore in the northern Gaza Strip. Palestinian fishermen were forced to sail back to the beach and no casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 17, 2011).
- Israeli gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats opposite to al-Shati refugee camp seashore in the west of Gaza City. As a result, a boat belonging to Mahmoud Mustafa Murad was damaged. Israeli gunboats chased two boats and arrested 4 Palestinian fishermen: Hassan 'Ali Murad, 25; Mahmoud Mustafa Murad, 27; Emad Mahmoud Siam, 46; and Anas 'Emad Siam, 16. IOF released three of the fishermen at approximately 23:00, while transferred the fourth one, Mahmoud Murad, to an Israeli hospital as he suffers from renal failure. PCHRGAZA (December 18, 2011)
- Israeli gunboats stationed opposite to Beit Lahia seashore in the northern Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats. Palestinian fishermen were forced to sail back to the beach and no casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 19, 2011).
- Israeli gunboats stationed opposite to Beit Lahia seashore in the northern Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats. Palestinian fishermen were forced to sail back to the beach and no casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 20, 2011).
- Israeli soldiers positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel to the east of Beit Hanoun town opened fire at open areas to the east of al-Farta area, nearly 800 meters from the border. No casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 20, 2011).



- Israeli soldiers positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel to the east of Beit Hanoun town opened fire at open areas to the east of al-Boura area, nearly 700 meters from the border. No casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 20, 2011).
- Israeli soldiers stationed on observation towers at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel fired at a number of Palestinian civilians who were collecting wood, iron and scraps of construction materials in Hammouda area in the northern Gaza Strip. As a result, Hamza Jamal Barakat, 19, from al-Zaytoun neighborhood in the southeast of Gaza City, was wounded by two bullets to the left shoulder and foot. PCHRGAZA (December 21, 2011).
- The IOA moved nearly 400 meters into Abu Safiya area in the east of the northern Gaza Strip town of Jabalya. Amidst sporadic shooting, they leveled areas of Palestinian agricultural land which they had already razed. PCHRGAZA (December 22, 2011).
- The IOA positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel to the east of the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis fired 3 artillery shells at the eastern parts of 'Abassan village and al-Zanna area, east of the town. No casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (December 23, 2011)
- The Israeli Occupation Army raided Al Farahin area east of Khan Younis south of Gaza City, 2 Israeli bulldozers accompanied by a large number of military tanks raided the area amidst heavy firing, no injuries were reported. Al Ayyam (December 23, 2011).
- Israeli Army shelled at an empty land in Al Zana area east of Khan Younis south of Gaza Strip. Al Ayyam (December 24, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation vehicles with bulldozers staged east of Hai Ash Shuja'iyeh east of Gaza strip, and started seizing the area under the cover of intense shooting, no injuries were reported. Al Ayyam (December 26, 2011).
- Israel has transferred the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza strip to a closed military 'buffer zone' which annexes up to 2 km of land and under which Israeli soldiers continue to shoot Palestinian

farmers and workers who try to access the area. Israel has also placed of large floats 3 miles from the Gaza Strip seashore, beyond which Palestinian fishermen are banned from sailing. This measure serves to institutionalize the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip, and enhances IOA's control over the Gaza Strip's regional water. This measure will lead to more attacks by IOF against Palestinian fishermen, depriving them of their means of subsistence, under the pretext of sailing beyond the sea floats. Al Quds (December 27, 2011).

- The Israeli soldiers positioned at the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel to the east of the central Gaza Strip village of al-Musaddar opened fire at the village. PCHRGAZA (December 27, 2011).
- An Israeli drone fired a missile at two activists who were traveling on a motorcycle opposite to Concorde Gallery near Abu Sharekh Square in the northern Gaza Strip town of Jabalya. As a result, one of the activists was killed, and the other one was wounded by shrapnel to the chest. Additionally, two houses and 4 shops were damaged, and a Hyundai Verna car belonging to Mohammed Zaiada Nassar, was completely destroyed. PCHRGAZA (December 28, 2011).
- An Israeli aircraft fired a missile at a civilian vehicle, in which 4 Palestinians were traveling, in al-Jalaa' Street in the north of Gaza City. As a result, the four Palestinians were wounded; one of them sustained a serious wound. PCHRGAZA (December 28, 2011).

## Others

- A report issued by the office for the coordination of Humanitarian affairs in the occupied Palestinian territory shows that 14043 Palestinian have had their Jerusalem residency revoked by the Israeli authorities since 1967. In addition to 35% of East Jerusalem's land has been confiscated for the development of Israeli settlements, where only 13% of East Jerusalem land is zoned for Palestinian construction. OCHAOPT (December 7, 2011).
- In a report issued by the Office for the coordination of Humanitarian affairs in the occupied Palestinian authority confirmed that the Israeli settlements activity in east Jerusalem is illegal and occurs at the expense of the land and resources for Palestinian construction and

development. Settlement expansion inside and around Palestinian neighborhoods leaves residents at risk of forced eviction, displacement and dispossession. Israel's unilateral annexation of East Jerusalem and the surrounding West Bank hinterland contravenes international law. It is not recognized by the international community which considers East Jerusalem an integral part of the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), (see, among others, Security Council resolutions 252, 267, 471, 476 and 478). OCHAOPT (December 11, 2011).

- The Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv revealed that the Israeli Governorate decided to legalize Gilad Farm outpost in Nablus governorate, although the Israeli Supreme court had issued an order to evacuate the outposts. Only 2 mobile homes will be evacuated as sated by minster of Beni Begen. Al Quds (December 12, 2011).
- Israeli settlers stormed a closed-off military zone in between the West Bank and the Jordanian border, at the site of the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan River, which is a holy site for Christians around the world. They hung banners with photos of the right-wing Jewish leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky, who called for the "Jewish state to expand beyond the Jordan River into the state of Jordan and all the way to Iraq." The protesters say they are sending a message to the Jordanian government to stay out of Israeli affairs. This is a reference to the statement made by Jordan's King Abdullah that he hoped Israel would choose not to demolish a bridge in Jerusalem. Al Quds (December 13, 2011).
- Education Minister Gideon Sa'ar announced that the West Bank settlement of Shilo will be added to a list of sites Israeli school students visit as part of a program to get to know "the historic roots of the State of Israel in the Land of Israel." Wafa (December 14, 2011).
- The Ministerial Committee for Legislation is due to discuss on December 18, 2011 a bill that would legalize construction on private Palestinian land. According to the bill, initiated by Habayit Hayehudi MK Zevulun Orlev, if a land owner in the West Bank has not appealed to the court against the construction of a new residential neighborhood on his land within four years – the structures on that land will not be demolished. This controversial bill only applies to construction in the West Bank and only to neighborhoods with at least 20 housing units. The bill also determines that the court may instruct to financially compensate those who claim ownership of the land or of nearby property. [Ynetnews \(December 16, 2011\)](#).

- A deal had been worked out to legalize Ramat Gilad and prevent any future attempts of demolition. The report said that five buildings would be moved several dozen meters off land that Arabs dispute. In return the state will authorize the area as part of the city plan of Karnei Shomron; essentially turning the area into a neighborhood of the town. The plan was worked out between Minister Benny Begin and Yesha Council head Danny Dayan. A report in *Makor Rishon* on Friday said that Begin had worked out the deal last week, but that Defense Minister Ehud Barak had decided to reject it – and to demolish the site. YNETNEWS (December 21, 2011).
- The Knesset Finance Committee allocated an additional 780 million NIS to Israel's defense budget, which came at the expense of other government offices such as welfare and housing. The addition will bring the defense system's expenditure ceiling from NIS 59.93 billion to NIS 60.7 billion. The NIS 780 million added to the defense budget comes at the expense of the budget allocated for the offices of welfare, housing, tourism, communication, industry, trade and labor, population and immigration authority, and environment protection. [Haaretz \(December 21, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli High Court of Justice has authorized Israel to exploit the West Bank's natural resources for its own economic needs by rejecting a petition against the operation of Israeli-owned quarries in the territory. In its ruling, the court adopted the state's position: that no new Israeli-owned quarries should be established in the West Bank, but existing ones should be allowed to continue operating. The petition was filed two years ago by the Yesh Din organization. It argued that the 10 Israeli-owned quarries in the West Bank violate international law, which states that an occupier may not exploit an occupied territory's natural resources for its own economic benefit; it may use such resources only for the benefit of the occupied people or for military purposes. [Haaretz \(December 28, 2011\)](#).
- Representatives of settlers living in Ramat Gilad have reached an agreement with the State, which will see the unauthorized outpost become a neighborhood within the Karnei Shomron Regional Council. According to the draft agreement, five temporary structures built on private land will be relocated to a different area in the outpost along with a number of warehouses. The said buildings are inhabited, and Ramat Gilad residents have already expressed their willingness to

relocate them in the past, so as not to reach a clash with the security forces. As part of the agreement, a city building plan will be approved in the future in order to allow the outpost to become part of the Karnei Shomron settlement as a separate neighborhood. Ynetnews (December 29, 2011).

### Monthly Violations Statistics – December 2011

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	391.6	0	0	3	4
Jerusalem	752	0	0	7	24
Jenin	160	0	0	1	0
Tulkarm	0	1200	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	15	0	0
Salfit	150.4	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	9	0
Gaza	0	0	0	10	0
Qalqilyah	0	1000	100	1	0
Hebron	225	0	557	0	29
Tubas	0	0	0	3	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1679</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>84</b>