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Bethlehem

- Israeli settlers mowed 25 Olive trees in the area close to Al Furdeis Mountain east of Bethlehem city planted in a land by Ahmad Muhammad Al Wahsh and set their tents in the place. Palpress (March 1, 2011).
- The Israeli planning department at the Municipality of Jerusalem city ratified a master plan to expand Homat Shamuel (Har Homa) settlement north of Bethlehem city. The plan area is 250 dunums of lands and includes the construction of 50 housing units, Synagogues and 9000 square meters area designated for commercial purposes. The plan also includes the building of two schools (Secondary and preparatory), a water pool, a public center and 5 kindergartens. Al Quds (March 2, 2011).
- Israeli vehicles are dumping chemical substances into the lands of Wadi Shaheen in Artas village west of Bethlehem city. The land where the chemicals are being dumped, an old Monastery called "Al Banat Monastery" is located in addition to 92 dunums of lands planted with various fruit trees owned by Artas residents. Al Quds (March 13, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation army raided Ush Ghurab site east of Beit Sahour city and started bombing suspicious objects in the area as claimed. Wafa (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli settlers set up two new mobile caravans on lands of At Touf area in Al Jab'a village southwest of Bethlehem city preparing to take over it. The targeted lands are estimated at 250 dunums and are owned by

Muhammad Attiya At Tous and Ahmad 'Attiya At Tous and other residents of Surif village. Wafa (March 14, 2011).

- The Israeli Civil Administration handed Awwad Family in Arab Ar Rashayda village southeast of Bethlehem city military orders to demolish tents and animal pens in Ras Imteira area under the pretext of being illegally living in the area which falls under the full Israeli control. The demolition, if takes place, will affect 50 family members living in 5 residential tents and barracks and own 4 livestock barracks and a solar energy unit. Al Quds (March 19, 2011).
- For the third week on row, Israeli vehicles continue dumping solid waste into the lands of Artas village, in Wad Shaheen area. Al Quds (March 24, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation authorities destroyed ancient water wells and natural reservoirs used by Bedouins southeast of Bethlehem. A 3,000-cubic-meter well owned by Ali Madghan Rashayida and a 225-cubic meter reservoir belonging to Majid Rashayida were demolished. Al Ayyam (March 24, 2011).
- Israeli Settlers uprooted 25 Olive trees, one Fig tree, two almond trees and four nuts trees in Al Harayeq area in Husan village west of Bethlehem city. Al Quds (March 29, 2011).
- Israeli settlers and under the protection of Israeli occupation forces destroyed 13 dunums of agricultural lands in Hareqat Qiqan area in Al Khader village owned by Khaled Ibrahim Sbeih, Taleb Khalil Sbeih and Inherits of Naji Shihada Ghneim. The razed lands are located inside the settlement of Efrat. Wafa (March 30, 2011).

Hebron

- Israeli settlers of Ramat Yeshai settlement attacked a number of Palestinian houses in Tel Ar Rumeida in Hebron city and threw stones at them. The settlers also tried to uproot trees planted near the house of Hani Abu Haykal and attacked the house of Yaser Sa'id. Israeli settlers of Hagai settlement also attacked Palestinian residents' vehicles while driving on the main road and caused damages to a number of cars in the city. Palpress (March 1, 2011).

- Israeli occupation authorities raided the house of Hafez and Maher Kayed Al Komi in Al Hadab village south of Hebron city and caused damages to the properties. Maannews (March 1, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation forces handed residents of Ar Ramadain community southwest of Hebron city military orders to demolish 13 houses, Omar Ebn Al Khattab mosque and Wad Al Sultan School under the pretext of lacking building permits. Houses are owned by Muhammad Salamah Gaghadbah, Muhammad Hamed Raghaghmah, Muhammad Sa'ed Zagharnah, Tawfeeq Shenior, Mahmoud Nawwaf Raghaghmah, Yousif Jaser Zagharnah, Muhammad Jaser Zagharnah, 'Akef Muhammad Jaghadbah, Khaled Nayef Raghaghmah, Hamad Bahar Shenior and Suleiman Salamah Gaghadbah. Al Quds (March 1, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a water cistern in Al Baq'a area east of Hebron city owned by resident Hamed Yousif Hamed Jaber who used the water source to irrigate a small grove of fruit trees, and as drinking water for his family. Maannews (March 2, 2011).
- Two additional water wells belonging to Majed Al 'Iseli in Wadi al-Ghrous near the Israeli settlement of Kiyrat Arba' were destroyed. The two wells provided drinking water to a family of ten. Maannews (March 2, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Avigal outposts located southeast of Yatta uprooted 30 olive trees in Ma'een Valley owned by Izzat Jibril An Najjar. Also Israeli Settlers from Kiryat Arba's settlement tried to construct a road on the expense of Palestinian lands in Wadi Al Hussein area owned by Da'na, Jaber and As Sa'afeen families. Al Quds (March 5, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces raided the town of Beit Ummar and gave residents four home demolition orders. Resident Ayman Salih Sabarna was informed that his one-story house located on the main road to Hebron was slated for demolition, while Muhammad Ali Allami and Ziad Abu Ayyash were told that their homes were also set to be torn down. A local garage owner was told that he had 10 days to empty the yard next to his workshop of cars or the building would be taken down. Maannews (March 8, 2011).
- Four tent homes, four caves and four sheds will be demolished by Israeli occupation forces in the coming weeks, orders from Israel's Civil Administration handed out to residents of the southern West Bank

neighborhood of Zeef warned. The herder community of Amniyr, located between the Susiya settlement and its outpost, was buried by Israeli forces in February, who declared it illegally built. Residents took shelter in caves after Red Cross assistance was blocked. If the demolitions go ahead, the entire extended Abu Taha family, which inhabits the area, will be displaced. It is worth mentioning that Abu Taha family makes its living off the land near the caves north of Yatta, uses the sheds to house the animals and shelters in the tents. Demolishing the structures, will deprive them of their living. Those named in the demolition orders were identified as Muhammad Shehadah Abu Taha, Mahmoud Shehadah Abu Taha, Shehadah Muhammad Abu Taha, and Muhammad Mahmoud Abu Taha. Maannews (March 9, 2011).

- Israeli occupation forces demolished a barn claiming it was built too close to the main Jerusalem-Hebron road owned by Muhammad Younis Al 'Alami. The 30-year-old barn was one of four buildings named in demolition orders handed out to residents. A spokesman for Israel's Civil Administration said the demolition was "routine implementation of the law concerning illegal building (i.e. building without the necessary permits)." Maannews (March 10, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces destroyed wells and tents of Palestinian families, who live in the Um Nir village near Susiya settlement. Ten families were left homeless by the action. Maannews (March 11, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces hindered 20 Palestinian farmers from 'Adi and Quqas families in 'Ein Al Bayda area in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city from accessing their lands under the pretext of 'State Land and Closed Military Area". Al Ayyam (March 13, 2011).
- Tens of Israeli settlers attacked a nursery for flowers and roses owned by Shehdah Al 'Alami in Beit Ummer town and caused destruction to the contents. The nursery is located on the main road between Jerusalem and Hebron. Israeli settlers also attacked some Palestinian cars in the town owned by Abdel Hamid Mahmoud Al 'Alami and Muhammad Al 'Alami, attacked the house of Jamal Abdel Muhsen Al 'Alami and occupied the house of Saleh Abu 'Ayyash and transferred it into a military post. Al Ayyam (March 14, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Kfar Etzion settlement set fire into forest trees owned by 'Adi family in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. On the other hand,

Israeli occupation forces raided the town and stormed a number of houses in the town, of which the following were known: the house of Yousif Hasan Ikhlelil, Hasan Hussein Ja'afar 'Adi were known. Al Ayyam (March 16, 2011).

- Israeli settlers had destroyed six olive trees in the village of At-Tuwani in the south Hebron hills. The destroyed trees were approximately 15 years old and belonging to four members of the Raba'i family. Maanews (March 17, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces set up a military checkpoint at Beit Ummer entrance north of Beit Ummer town. The IOF carried out a thorough inspection to Vehicles driving the road. Al Ayyam (March 17, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Eli'zer settlement in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc uprooted olive trees belonging to Palestinian families along Jerusalem Hebron road. Wafa (March 18, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces stormed the houses of Nidal Taleb Al Khamaysa and Firas Murad Ibrahim in Tafuh village in Hebron Governorate. Al Ayyam (March 18, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces stormed a number of Palestinian houses in Hebron city, of which, the houses of Ishaq 'Ayesh Abu Mayyallah and Muhamad and Issa and Sami Abu Mayyala were known. It was also reported that Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinian cars in Bani Na'im and Beit Ummer communities; In addition, IOF set up a military checkpoint at Halhul Bridge, the northern entrance to Hebron city and another military checkpoint in Zeef village south of Hebron city and carried out thorough inspection to Palestinian vehicles accessing the roads. Wafa (March 18, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement took over 2 dunums of lands owned by 'Adnan Shihdah An Nawaj'a and planted them with Olive saplings. Al Quds (March 19, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Kharsina settlement east of Hebron city attacked the house of Misbah Al Za'tari in Al Buweira area and destroyed his car. Al Ayyam (March 20, 2011).

- Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement located southeast of Yatta town let go a flock of sheep (estimated at hundreds) at 50 dunums of lands planted with Barely and Wheat and are located around 500 meters away from the settlement. The settlers' actions come in an attempt to take over the land and hinder its owners from accessing it. The targeted lands are owned by Muhammad Ahmad Naser Naser An Nawaj'a, Nidal Jibril An Nawaj'a, Isma'il Salamah An Nawaj'a and Muhammad Jibril An Nawaj'a. Al Ayyam (March 20, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed all roads leading to Beit Ummer village north of Hebron city. Al Ayyam (March 26, 2011).
- For a third day in a row, Israeli occupation forces appeared in large numbers around the town of Beit Ummer, installing road gates and fence posts in a move residents fear will close them in and stifle the population center. The installation of the infrastructure was impeding freedom of movement in the town, and residents with cars were not permitted entry and exit for most of the day. The fence would stretch 150 meters along the town's southern flank and 7 meters high, closing it off from the Bethlehem-Hebron road, and would have a height of at least seven meters. Metal gates, were being installed on the street leading from the town to the cemetery. Maannews (March 27, 2011).
- Resident Mahmoud Abu Taha from Kherbit Um Az Zaituna in Zeef area northeast of Yatta town was delivered a military order to evacuate the land he has been living in for more than 50 years. It is worth mentioning that the targeted land is located close to Pene Hever settlement in Hebron Governorate. Al Quds (March 27, 2011).
- Seven Bedouin were beaten by Israeli border police as Israeli officials from the Civil Administration office carried out a demolition order on 12 tents in the tiny herding hamlet of Amnyir owned by Al Jbour families. The twelve families of Khirbet Amniyr, a Bedouin encampment southeast of Yatta, were ordered out of their tent homes earlier in the year, but remained, saying they had little choice but to stay and had nowhere else to go. When Israeli officials came to enforce the order, a military closure was imposed on the area, and when residents resisted the forces they were beaten and detained. Maannews (March 30, 2011).

Jerusalem

- The Nof Tzion apartment project in Jerusalem has cleared what may be the final hurdle on its way to becoming a Jewish neighborhood. [Digal](#), the project's developer revealed in a statement to the stock exchange that Bank Leumi has approved, in principle, an improved offer by the firm for settling its debt to the bank. The meaning of the announcement is that the bank has given the go-ahead for a deal in which the parcel on which Nof Tzion stands will be sold to businessman Rami Levy and an American partner. The two will complete construction of the planned neighborhood and market the remaining homes to religious buyers. The first phase of the project, which houses 90 families, was completed several years ago. [Israelnationalnews \(March 1, 2011\)](#).
- The Jerusalem licensing committee issued a permit for construction of 14 apartments in a former police compound in East Jerusalem. The compound, located in the neighborhood of Ras al-Amud, was once the headquarters of the police's Shai (Samaria and Judea) Division, which was moved to E-1 (between Jerusalem and the settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim three years ago, and its former home was transferred to a religious trust set up by immigrants from Bukhara. The building is now slated to house 14 families. The Bukharan trust also wants to set up a neighborhood of 104 apartments around the police compound. That plan was submitted to the municipality two and a half years ago, and the trust's attorney, Avner Salem, said it was working its way through the city's planning institutions. The larger plan also calls for a swimming pool, synagogue, kindergartens, and an overpass linking the compound to Ma'aleh Zeitim across the road. That would essentially create one Jewish enclave of over 200 families in Ras al-Amud. [Haaretz \(March 2, 2011\)](#).
- The Al-Aqsa Foundation for Endowment and Heritage revealed that the Israeli occupation “are accelerating their steps to destroy the area of Umayyad palaces” near the southern wall of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The foundation said in a press statement that the “Israeli occupation is carrying out excavations in the area at night, especially in one of the water wells in the area which extends under the Al-Aqsa Mosque and are covered with tents and plastic sheets.” It added that the Israeli authorities are “constructing a network of bridges and iron stairs in the historic area to transfer it to facilities of the so-called second temple.” It added that the Israeli authorities would build a biblical park in the site, connected with a tunnel with the East Jerusalem’s town of Silwan. The foundation said the park would be exclusively intended for Jews and tourists. The foundation said that the excavation in the Umayyad Palaces area reached tens of

meters. It warned that the use of huge machines in the excavation works in the area inflicts serious danger to the foundations of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, noting that similar excavations, which were carried out in the past, led to cracks in the southern part of the mosque's wall. Al Quds (March 3, 2011).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem city ratified the project of rebuilding the upper bridge leading to Bab Al Magharbah in the old city of Jerusalem. Al Quds (March 3, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed and without pre-notification Jaba' checkpoint northeast of Jerusalem city and obstructed Vehicular and Pedestrian movement. Al Quds (March 3, 2011).
- Israel plans to construct a security terminal to allow residents of the Shu'fat neighborhood of northern Jerusalem easier access to other parts of the city. The terminal, intended to facilitate vehicular access for the 25,000 residents of Shu'fat who hold blue identity cards, is to be built as a result of a decision by Israel's High Court of Justice. It is expected cost close to 100 Million NIS. [INN \(March 3, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli reconciliation court issued an order to evacuate two Palestinian houses in Beit Hanina city north of Jerusalem city and to hand over the land on which the two houses are built to a Jewish resident called Ezri Ma'ier under the pretext that he owns the land. [Wafa \(March 4, 2011\)](#).
- Israeli police and Jerusalem municipality workers handed out 15 eviction notices, affecting families in the Ar-Rashid building of East Jerusalem's Beit Hanina city. Residents were told to be out of their homes within 10 days, after which the building would be demolished. The building was home to 150 men, women and children and was built in 1997. Maannews (March 7, 2011).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem city delivered new military orders to several Palestinian houses in Jerusalem city. The orders included 3 orders in Suweih area in Silwan city and two buildings in Al Issawiya. In addition, two residential buildings were handed demolition orders under the pretext of lacking building permits. The first building includes 16 apartments in Al Marwaha area and the second building includes 8 apartments. The municipality also handed demolition orders to two houses in Wadi Ad Dam area in Beit Hanina city and another demolition

order to the house of resident Hussein Ahmad Abdel Jawad located near Al Iman School in Beit Hanina city. Al Quds (March 7, 2011).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem city notified a residential complex in Beit Hanina city north of Jerusalem with demolition. The complex is called Al Rasheed Tower and is owned by Muhammad Hillal Al Najjar. The Israeli Occupation Municipality team delivered the demolition orders to families living in the complex and gave them 10 days to vacate the complex in order to demolish it under the pretext of lacking permits. The Complex is composed of four floors and one roof, where three of these floors have building permits, while the remaining floor was built without a building permit. Families living in the apartment are Abu Libdeh Family, Ahmad Qarra'ien, Ali Fakhri Al Haj, Fadi Abu Mannah, Haytham Yaghmour, Iyad Tayyem Izdihar Al Najjar, Izdihar Al Najjar, Mousa Al Qawasmi, Muhammad Abu Harthya, Rafieq Al Miqdadi, Taha Ali Al Najjar, Taha Ali Al Najjar, U'thman Fakhri Al Haj, Zahya Ghyada. Al Ayyam (March 7, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation forces issued a military order to confiscate 480 dunums of lands of Abu Dis city in Jerusalem in Abu Hindi lands and Ali house to continue the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. Al Quds (March 9, 2011).
- The government-owned Company for the Reconstruction and Development of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem is trying to evict a resident because he isn't Jewish. The resident, an evangelical Christian, is renting an apartment from Lorena Sokolovsky, the mother-in-law of Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat. [Haaretz \(March 9, 2011\)](#)
- Right-wing Israelis are expected to move into a room in an East Jerusalem Palestinian family's home on Monday, after a court sided with their claim. The Hamdallah family and American millionaire and settler patron Irving Moskowitz have been fighting an 11-year court battle over the home. Now, Israeli authorities are expected to force the Hamdallahs to evacuate a room and their yard to make way for Israelis, who are likely to encumber their neighbors' day-to-day routine. [Haaretz](#) (March 10, 2011).
- An Israeli court has issued a temporary injunction on selling luxury lots on the site of the historic Palestinian village of Lifta, whose residents were expelled and forced out in 1948. Israeli Judge Yigal Marzel issued a temporary injunction ordering the Israel Land Administration to freeze

publication of the results of a tender to lease plots for building in the historic Palestinian village of Lifta. The tender was issued following the Jerusalem Municipality approval of construction of 268 housing units, one hotel and a number of community institutions on the site of the ancient Palestinian village, the residents of which were expelled in 1948. [Al Ayyam \(March 10, 2011\)](#).

- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem city started recently replacing the names of some streets and alleys in the Old City of Jerusalem, with new names. For example, Al hadid Gate area of the old city was renamed to "monastery of Bacillus"- a Greek monastery located in the same neighborhood - although the name of the street known as Al hadid Gate No. (1). and it is registered so in his identity card. Al Quds (March 10, 2011).
- Resident Abdel 'Aziz Saleh Dabash was forced to demolish his 160 square meters house in Sur Baher city south of Jerusalem allegedly for building without permit. The house is inhabited by 4 family members. Al Quds (March 15, 2011).
- Resident Raja'i 'Arafat Abu Nab from Silwan city in Jerusalem was delivered a military order which states that settlers are to take over his house under the pretext of not paying a 800 thousand NIS fine that was imposed on him since 2008 for a piece of land he owns and Israeli settlers claim ownership of the same land. The order states that resident Abu Nab should evacuate his 2 and a half storeys house (400 square meters) which is inhabited by 7 families (45 family members). Al Quds (March 16, 2011).
- The Israeli Supreme Court decided to cut off part of Bab Al Rahma (Gate of Mercy) cemetery and convert it into a biblical garden and prevent Muslims from burying their dead from in it beginning from the 10th of March 2011. The area of the cemetery is about 23 dunums and extends from the Lion's gate until the end of Al Aqsa Mosque wall, near the Umayyad palaces of the South Eastern part of the city. Al Quds (March 17, 2011).
- An Israeli military order to evacuate, within 60 days, Abu Nada Coffee shop in Al Musrara neighborhood in Jerusalem city under the pretext that "the third Generation" cancels the lease. Al Quds (March 17, 2011).

- Israeli Occupation forces warned 6 Bedouin families from Al Saray'a tribe in Abu Hindi Valley northeast of Jerusalem city and living close to Kedar settlement to evacuate their homes and properties preparing to demolish them under the pretext of being illegally living in the area. The land where Al Saray'a tribe is living was targeted with a military order in the beginning of the month to continue the construction of the Israeli Segregation wall. Wafa (March 17, 2011).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem designated an amount of NIS 800 million to rehabilitate "Hizkyahu pool" which is located 200 meters from Bab Al Khalil (Jaffa Gate) in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (March 26, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers raided Shu'fat refugee camp and Ras Shihada outskirt and Al Salam outskirt and set up temporary checkpoint on the road connecting the three areas and caused obstruction to the movement. Al Ayyam (March 29, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) is planning to build 1608 new housing units in eastern Jerusalem. The planning and construction committee of the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem would endorse a new neighborhood in Jabal Abu Ghneim of 983 units in two weeks. Another 625 housing units would be built in Pisgat Ze'ev in line with plans to expand existing settlement. The committee is pondering 2200 other units in Ramat Shlomo also in east Jerusalem. Al Quds (March 30, 2011).
- The Israeli regional committee for building and planning will discuss next Monday a new plan which will come over 622 dunums of lands of Al Issawiya and At Tur communities in East Jerusalem to build parks and 3 public buildings and tour sites. The plan holds number 11092. [PNN \(March 31, 2011\)](#).

Ramallah

- Israeli Occupation forces closed 'Atara checkpoint close to Birzeit town north of Ramallah city in the face of the vehicular and pedestrian movements. Al Quds (March 3, 2011).
- Hundreds of Israel's settlers gathered near the village of An-Nabi Salih in the Ramallah Governorate. Maannews (March 7, 2011).

- Despite razing orders issued by the Israeli Supreme Court, Israeli settlers from "Beit El" have built 48 housing units without permit on Palestinian private land since the end of the construction freeze. Last December, Yesh Din filed a petition with the High Court of Justice on behalf of landowner Abdul Rahman Kassem from the village of Dura al-Kara, to stop construction and prevent settlement there. In a hearing held one month later, the court issued an order prohibiting all construction work at the site. Supreme Court President Dorit Beinisch leveled criticism at the state for failing to implement razing orders. [Ynetnews \(March 7, 2011\)](#).
- Israeli settlers of Beit IL Settlement stormed two empty houses owned by Bashar At Taweel and Abdel Jalil Hamdan and destroyed houses' contents. Al Quds (March 13, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Beit El settlement set fire into three Palestinian cars in Ad Dahiya area near Al Jalazon refugee camp north of Ramallah city. The cars are owned by Kamel 'Urabi Nakhlah and Ziad Taleb Az Zeitani. Wafa (March 14, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces hindered farmers of Ni'lin village west of Ramallah city from accessing their lands located west of the Israeli segregation wall by closing the wall gates leading to the lands. Al Quds (March 22, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of 'Adi Ad outpost established on lands of Al Mughayer village northeast of Ramallah city hindered farmers of the village from ploughing their lands even though they have the 'permits' needed from the Israeli side. Wafa (March 23, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation army closed, and without pre-notification, 'Atara checkpoint near Birzeit town and obstructed movement. The army manning the checkpoint carried out a thorough inspection to vehicles and people accessing the checkpoint. Wafa (March 23, 2011).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation forces raided Jab'a village south of Jenin city and set up two military checkpoints; the first at 'Anza village south of Jenin city while the second was set up at T'innak village west of Jenin city. The

IO soldiers manning the two checkpoints caused obstruction to Vehicular and Pedestrian movement. Wafa (March 1, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation forces raided a number of Palestinian houses in 'Ajja village south of Jenin city and caused damages to the properties. Raided houses are owned by Sami Hilmi Ma'ali, Iyad Mahmoud Tawfeeq and Waleed Rafeeq Ma'ali. Wafa (March 1, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces raided Seiris village south of Jenin city and set up a military checkpoint between the village and Al Far'a refugee camp and obstructed pedestrian and Vehicular movements. Wafa (March 4, 2011).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents of Barta'a Ash Sharqiya village southwest of Jenin city military orders to demolish their animal barns and under construction houses. Threatened structures are owned by Farouq Muhammad Qabha (who owns a farm and two sheep barns), Muhammad Hasan Qasem Qabha and Abed Hussein Qabha (they own two sheep barns), Shadi Mustafa Khalil Qabha and his brother Muhammad, and muhammad Tal'at Qabha and Jawad Ahmad Hussein (orders to demolish their houses), and Muhammad Tawfeeq Qabha (an order to demolish a chicken barracks that has 12 thousand birds). Maannews (March 8, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces raided several Palestinian communities in Jenin Governorate such as Deir Ghazala village, Deir Abu Da'if, Beit Qad, 'Arrana, 'Arbouna and Al Jalamah. The IOF also set up a military checkpoint at Al Jalamah village entrance and soldiers manning the checkpoints carried out a thorough inspection to Palestinian accessing the checkpoint. Wafa (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces manning Dahr Al Maleh Iron Gate established on the wall that is separating Imreeha village from Tura Al Gharbiya obstructed the access of Palestinian students from Imreeha village by closing the gate for hours. Al Ayyam (March 17, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces stormed the store of Khamis Khalid Yasin in 'Anin village west of Jenin city and questioned him. Al Ayyam (March 14, 2011).

- Israeli occupation forces stormed the houses of Sameer Ali Turkman and Najeh Lutfi Sharqawi in Al Zababdeh village south of Jenin city and caused damages to the contents. Al Ayyam (March 18, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces delivered a number of Palestinian citizens in Ya'bad village in Jenin Governorate military orders to demolish coal factories under the pretext of being illegally built in the area. Orders were received by: 'Abed Yousif Abu Baker, Mahmoud Ahmad Jaber Abu Baker, Kayed Mahmoud Tawfeeq Abu Baker, Mansour Muhammad Abu Baker, Ahmad Saleem Abu Baker, Naser Sameeh Abu Baker, Fathi Ma'rouf Abu Baker, 'Allam Mustafa Abu Baker, Ashraf Muhammad Yousif Abu Baker, Mustafa Ahmad Theib Abu Baker, Naser Ahmad Theib Abu Baker, Muhammad Sadeq Abu Baker and Yousef Kamel 'Abbadi. It is worth mentioning that around 400 Palestinian people depend on the work of these factories in addition to 100 workers who work in them. Al Quds (March 19, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces stormed 'Arraba and Kafr Ra'I villages south of Jenin city and set up a temporary checkpoint on the road connecting the two villages. Wafa (March 23, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities ordered Al Mafahem Area owners south of Ya'bad village in Jenin Governorate to immediately evacuate the area. Of the 20 owners, the following was known: Abdel Fattah Abu Baker. Al Ayyam (March 26, 2011).

Nablus

- Israeli settlers damaged houses and cars in the Palestinian village of Huwwara Nablus Governorate in an apparent show of anger over the Israeli demolition of homes in an unauthorized settler outpost. Settlers smashed windows of seven Palestinian cars and threw a fire bomb at a Palestinian house owned by Rabi Taha As-Sebty. Settlers also threw petrol bombs into a house, broke the windows of another, and burned several cars in the overnight rampage before moving on to nearby Burin village where IO soldiers prevented them from attacking the village's mosque. [Haaretz \(March 1, 2011\)](#).
- Israeli settlers attacked the house of Rabe' Taha Ad Dumeidi and caused injuries to him and his wife, Settlers also attacked the house of Rabe's

house and set fire to his car and completely burnt it. Al Ayyam (March 1, 2011).

- Israeli Settlers began expanding an illegal outpost south of Nablus, adding several caravan homes to the area north of the Eli and Shilo settlements. The expansion came the day after Israeli government officials announced that outposts built on privately owned Palestinian lands would be dismantled. Maannews (March 2, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation forces took down structures in the illegal settlement outpost Havad Gilad near Nablus in the northern West Bank which led to spike in violence perpetrated by settlers against Palestinians. Following the razing of the outpost buildings, settlers firebombed a Palestinian home, blocked road, smashed shops and damaged Palestinian cars in line with their "price-tag policy" to make Palestinians pay for perceived anti-settler actions by the Israeli government. March 2, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished for the sixth time on row around 30 tents and animal barns in Kherbit Tana in Nablus Governorate that were rebuilt after the previous demolition which took place on February 20, 2011. Maannews (March 2, 2011).
- Israeli settlers added a number of new Caravans to Yash Adam outpost established on lands of Qaryut village in addition to expanding Shilo settlement. Maannews (March 2, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Shilo settlement cut 500 Olive saplings in Qusra village southeast of Nablus city. The uprooted trees belonged to Deiba Abdullah Hasan, Abdel Majid Tawfeiq Abdel Majeed Hasan, Mahmoud Abdel Fattah Hasan, Abdel Mun'eim Darweish Hasan, Majdi Abdel Hameed Hasan from the village of Qusra. Wafa (March 4, 2011).
- 9 portable water tankers brought into the hamlet of Khirbet Tana after Israeli Occupation forces destroyed the herder community's wells in January, were confiscated. A group of Israeli military jeeps entered the hamlet and removed all of the trucked-in water carriers that residents use to store drinking water and reserves for animals. The tanks were brought in to assist the herders, whose homes and animal husbandry infrastructure were demolished six times, with five coming since the beginning of 2011. Water tankers are owned by Wasef Abu As Sou'od Hanini, Fayez Hanini, Abdel Hafiz Hanini, Majed 'Afif 'Aref, Mahmoud Ahmad Nasasra,

Ibrahim Abdel Qader Hanini and Muhammad Tawfeez Nasasra. Wafa & Maannews (March 7, 2011).

- Week after the razing of illegal structures which prompted a series of protests and "price tag" activities, demolished structures in Havat Gil'ad have been rebuilt. In addition, four new structures are being set up. Residents in the Giv'at Menachem outpost have also rebuilt razed structures, including a synagogue and several residential buildings. Ynetnews (March 8, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Itamar settlement started razing vast areas of Palestinian lands in Selecon hill in 'Awarta village southeast of Nablus city planted with Olive and crops. The settlers also installed two mobile homes in the area preparing to establish a new outpost under the name of Fogel. Wafa (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli settlers started razing vast areas of lands in the northeastern side of Al Yanun village in Nablus Governorate to install Plastic homes. Maannews (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces raided the house of Muhamamd Raja awaad in 'Awarta village and destroyed most of its contents and forces its dwellers to leave the house under the threat of weapon and confiscated some of the contents. Maannews (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Gil'ad outpost uprooted 60 olive trees and 16 Almond saplings in Surra village west of Nablus city in Bir Al Ghazal area owned by farmer Khaled Muhammad 'Ali Hindi. Al Quds (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed Jet village road junction on the road linking Nablus Governorate with Qalqilyah Governorate and hindered Palestinian access to the road. Wafa (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli occupation troops blocked off access to agricultural fields near the village of Beit Dajan while bulldozers tore out more than 430 olive trees in At-Tyur area east of the village belonging to Jamal Abu Kanaan. The trees were uprooted and confiscated. Maannews (March 16, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces raided the house of Muhammad Raja Awwad in 'Awarta village in Nablus Governorate and broke its contents after forcing its dwellers to leave the house under threat. Al Ayyam (March 16, 2011).

- Israeli settlers of Itamar settlement destroyed 100 Olive trees in the eastern side of 'Awarta village southeast of Nablus Governorate and set up a water tank in the place. Israeli occupation bulldozers are still razing lands in Al Bayyada area east of the village to construct a road that leads to the settlement and installed a number of caravans in the place. Wafa (March 17, 2011).
- Israeli settlers uprooted Olive trees and destroyed four water tanks, two of them owned by resident Ghaleb Deiriya, in Al 'Arma area located between 'Aqaraba and Beita villages south of Nablus city. Al Quds (March 18, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces raided the three storey house of Amjad Awwad in 'Awarta village southeast of Nablus city and detained all family members in one room in the first floor for more than 10 hours and turned the house into a military post. Al Quds (March 23, 2011).
- Israeli Settlers of Itamar settlement uprooted and destroyed agricultural land owned by Palestinian villagers in Aqraba village in Nablus Governorate in the northern West Bank. The Agricultural Work Committees Union recently planted hundreds of seedlings on the targeted land. Maannews (March 23, 2011).

Qalqilyah

- A group of Israeli settlers set fire into two Palestinian cars in Jinsafut village in Qalqilyah Governorate, the first is owned by resident Hamdallah Abdel Karim Abed and the second is owned by resident Najeh Ayyoub. Settlers also threw stones at the house of Thaer Rayeq in the village. Wafa (March 14, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Karnei Shomron attacked the car of resident Bassam Abu Khaled from Kafr Qaddum village while driving on Nablus-Qalqilyia road and caused damages to it. Wafa (March 17, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Kedumim settlement set fire to two Palestinian cars owned by Bishara and Na'im Tayyem in Al Fandaq village in Qalqilyah Governorate and caused the complete burning of the two cars. Al Quds (March 18, 2011).

Tubas

- Israeli settlers of Masskiyot settlement took over hundreds of dunums of Palestinian lands and planted them with Olive trees after the expulsion of land owners from their lands despite the fact that they have ownership documents of the lands. Al Quds (March 16, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Maskiyot settlement attacked Wadi Al Maleh area in the northern valleys and set up tents preparing to take over the land. Wafa (March 23, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over resident Nabeel Mustafa Daraghmah from 'Ein Al Hilwah area in Tubas Governorate a military order to evacuate his tent and leave the area within 24 hours. The targeted area is estimated at 100 dunums of lands. Wafa (March 25, 2011).
- Settlers from the illegal settlement of Masskiyot, protected by Israeli soldiers, installed a barbed wire fence around a Palestinian home. The settlers barred residents from moving inside or outside the house while installing the fence around the barns of sheep and cows there. The owner of the house, Nabil Mutawe said that settlers made death threats against his family. Maanews (March 25, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces demolished a tent belonging to a Palestinian family in 'Ein Al Hilwah in Tubas Governorate, a day after Israeli settlers of Masskiyot erected a tent in the same area, on land belonging to Nabil Daraghmeh. Settlers installed barbed wire around the tent, put up Israeli flags and chanted slogans demanding the expulsion of all Palestinians. The next day, Israeli authorities arrived in the village and demolished the tent of Mr. Daraghmeh, but left the settlers' tent standing. Maanews (March 26, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities issued three military orders to evacuate 3 Palestinian families in Kherbit Samra (Samra Hamlet) in Tubas Governorate before demolishing their structures. The orders targeted Mahdi Muhammad Al 'Amer, 'Abed Awad Daraghmah and Fawzi 'Abed Daraghmah. Wafa (March 28, 2011).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed over residents of Al 'Aqaba village in Tubas Governorate 7 demolition orders to residential and

agricultural structures in the village allegedly for lacking building permits. Structures are owned by Abdel Naser Ahmad Abdel Rahman Sbeih (Barracks & a house), Khaled Ahmad Abdel Rahman Sbeih (House & Barracks), Basem Muhamamd Abdel Rahim Sbeih (Barracks), a 950 meters road and a 400 meters road. Al Quds (March 30, 2011).

Jericho

- Israeli Occupation forces confiscated a number of farm tractors in Al Jiftlik village and took it to Deir Hajla area under the pretext of not possessing identification papers. Wafa (March 30, 2011).

Salfit

- Israeli settlers of Taphuh settlement established on lands of Yasuf village east of Salfit city attacked the car of Muhammad Salah Musleh and damaged it while he was on his way back home. Wafa (March 15, 2011).
- Israeli occupation forces closed an agricultural road called "Al Wad Ash Shami" or "Ash Shami Valley" southwest of Deir Istya village with earth mounds and rocks. The closure will result in hindering Palestinian farmers of Deir Istya from reaching their lands that has access to this road. Al Quds (March 16, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Taphuh settlement attacked the car of Fathallah Issa Buziyya from Kifl Haris village east of Salfit city and destroyed it completely near Za'atara checkpoint. Wafa (March 18, 2011).
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian car owned by resident Fathallah Issa Boziyya from Kifl Hares village while on his way to Nablus city through Za'tara junction and caused damages to the car. Al Ayyam (March 19, 2011).
- Israeli settlers uprooted 20 Olive trees in Kaffet Al 'Amoud area in Wadi Qana (Qana Valley) in Salfit Governorate owned by Abdel Kareem Ahmad Mansour. Al Quds (March 20, 2011).
- A group of Israeli settlers staged into Kifl Hares village in Salfit Governorate to perform religious rites at "An Nabi Yeshe", "Thou An Nun" and "Thou Al Kifl" religious sites. Al Ayyam (March 21, 2011).

- Israeli Occupation Authorities notified resident Kamal Abdel Rahman from Deir Istya village with a military order to evacuate his 12 dunums land located in Hareqet Al Mikhmas area west of the village. The threatened land is planted with Olive trees. Wafa (March 23, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation authorities handed over two residents in Al Baq'an area in Bruqin village in Salfit Governorate halt of construction orders. Owners of the two houses are: Jad Muhammad Hamdan Baker and Ahmad Muhammad Hamdan Baker. These two demolition orders raise the number of threatened houses in the village to 71. Wafa (March 24, 2011).
- Israeli occupation authorities bulldozed "Freedom Road" in the northern West Bank district of Salfit for the second time. The 2 kilometers long Freedom Road was funded by the Palestinian Authority and was constructed at a cost of 400 thousand USD. The project was part of Prime Minister Salam Fayyad's plan to build institutions and infrastructure for a future Palestinian state. The road allowed Palestinian families to access their homes, schools, and land and health clinics. Israeli forces kept residents away from the area and attacked locals who tried to defend the road, which provided a lifeline to villagers. Rayan appealed to Fayyad and to international human rights organizations to intervene in Israel's aggression against Palestinians and their land. Maannews (March 25, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Alei Zahav settlement uprooted 21 Olive trees owned by Sami Nemer Ibrahim from Deir Ballut village in Salfit Governorate. Wafa (March 27, 2011).

Gaza

- Israeli warplanes fired at At Tu'aimat area in Absan Al Kabeera east of Khan Younis city and other areas southeast of the Gaza Strip. The warplanes also fired at the Mosque of 'Ammar bin Yaser east of Al Qarara town, the airport and Ash Shoka village. Al Ayyam (March 20, 2011).
- Israeli warplanes targeted the main electricity power line which supplies Gaza city and the northern Governorate with electricity and disrupted its functionality. Al Ayyam (March 20, 2011).

- Israeli warplanes fired at a blacksmith workshop owned by Al Zayegh family in Al Zaitoun neighborhood south of Gaza city owned by Ad Daya family. The warplanes also targeted a cement factory in Jabal Ar Rayes area in At Tuffah neighborhood north of Gaza city, a training site in Abraj Al Maqousi (Al Maqousi Towers) area northwest of Gaza City and Ar Rantisi security site in At Tuwam area west of Jabalaya refugee camp and destroyed them completely while caused damages to the neighboring properties. Al Ayyam (March 22, 2011).
- Israeli warplanes targeted a workshop for repairing car tires east of Ash Shuja'iya neighborhood east of Gaza city. Al Ayyam (March 22, 2011).
- Israeli warplanes targeted a brick factory and plastic factory near Al Surani Mountain in Ash Sha'af area in At Tuffah neighborhood east of Gaza city. Al Quds (March 22, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces shelled on the house of Fa'eq Al Helo family in Ash Shuga'iya neighborhood east of Gaza city and destroyed it completely. Al Quds (March 23, 2011).
- Israeli war planes shelled on the Palestinian Security headquarter northwest of Gaza city and the Gym in the area. The Israeli warplanes also shelled on Al 'Alami wood factory south Al Zaitoun neighborhood and caused severe destruction to the properties. Al Quds (March 25, 2011).
- Israeli occupation tanks caused severe damages to "Star" drinks factory in Al Zaitoun neighborhood southeast of Gaza city which is owned by Murtaja family. Al Ayyam (March 27, 2011).

Others

- The Israeli government will immediately dismantle all illegal settlement outposts built on privately-owned Palestinian land. The decision, which will be submitted to the High Court of Justice in response to 15 petitions demanding the outposts' demolition, will apply to at least three outposts inhabited by about 100 families. At the same time, however, the government will begin legalizing illegal outposts built on state land. The decision was approved unanimously by the "septet" forum of top cabinet ministers. [Haaretz \(March 1, 2011\)](#).

- The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government has ordered the state to demolish all illegal West Bank outposts built on private Palestinian land by the end of 2011. The Israeli cabinet decision was made in response to a petition submitted by the Israeli NGO Peace Now, demanding that the government put into effect a demarcation order already issued regarding six contentious outposts: Ramat Gilad, Mitzpe Yitzhar, [Givat Har'eh](#), Givat Asaf, Ma'aleh Rehavam and Mitzpeh Lachish, at the same time, however, the government will begin legalizing illegal outposts built on state land. At least 70 Israeli outposts are located on private Palestinian land, of these, 16 are fully on private land and 54 are partially on private land. Of the 16, 11 are on land which is fully registered as private. [PEACENOW \(March 2, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Defense Forces will remain in the **Jordan Valley** to defend Israel, regardless of any future Palestinian Authority state, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said during a tour of military posts and bases in the area. The Israeli part of the Jordan Valley is a long and narrow strip of land that is bordered by the Jordan River on the east, with Jordan on its other bank, and by a range of hills on the west, running from the Lebanese border in the north to the eastern hills of Samaria and the Judean Hills in the south. [INN \(March 9, 2011\)](#)
- Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics reported that the illegal settlement construction in the occupied West bank has climbed sharply in the past five months. The data, released by the bureau indicates that the Israeli regime started over 114 settlement units during the 10-month construction freeze Tel Aviv announced in November 2009. The 114 units, the construction of which began during the so-called freeze, have now been completed. Additionally, the building of over 1,175 other units that started before the partial moratorium went into effect, have also finished. The data also reveals that construction of over 427 housing units has begun since the expiration of the freeze in late September. Al Quds (March 9, 2011).
- The Israeli government approved 500 new housing units in major settlement blocks in the West Bank. At first about 408 units will be built, some 100 housing units in Ariel settlement to house evacuees from Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip; 60 in Ma'ale Adumim; and another 200 in Modi'in Illit/ Kiryat Sefer and transferring 48 mobile caravans in Kfar Eldad near the settlement of Nikodim to permanent structures. In a few

weeks, another 100 units at least are expected to be approved. [Haaretz \(March 14, 2011\)](#)

- During a tour of the fence that is being constructed along Israel's border with Egypt, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had instructed the IDF to begin planning the construction of another fence along the border with Jordan. "We will have to build a fence in the east as well, because if we block one border they will come from the Arava," he later told the Negev Conference in Eilat. [Ynetnews \(March 15, 2011\)](#).
- 25 French Jewish families are to immigrate to Israel in the next few months. Al Quds (March 26, 2011).
- The Israeli Knesset approved amendments to the Citizenship Act that will allow the Israeli State to revoke citizenship rights from Israelis convicted of terror-related offenses, espionage or acts harming Israel's sovereignty. Thirty seven Knesset Members voted in favor of the amendments while only 11 opposed. According to the amendment bill, initiated by MK David Rotem and Robert Ilatov (Yisrael Beiteinu), the State will expand the courts' or administrative authority's powers to revoke the Israeli citizenship of any person who spied for a terror organization, brought about an armed conflict, aided an enemy in wartime, served in the enemy's armed forces or carried out acts detrimental to the State's sovereignty. [Ynetnews \(March 28, 2011\)](#)
- A report from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics shows that Israel's settlement project is rapidly escalating, where during the year 2010; Israel built 6,794 Jewish-only housing units on occupied Palestinian land, four times more than in 2009. Al Quds (March 29, 2011).
- Israel is studying plans to create an artificial island along the Gaza Strip with sea and air ports to be controlled by the Palestinian Authority. The project, under development for three months by Transport Minister Yaakov Katz, proposes building a man-made island four kilometers long and two kilometers wide. The area where the island would be is currently under a tight military sea blockade. The plan for the island, would also contain a tourist area, a marina, hotels and desalination plant for sea water and would be linked to Gaza by a four-kilometer bridge. It is estimated the project will cost \$5-\$10 billion and take six to 10 years to complete. Maannews (March 30, 2011).

Monthly Violations Statistics – March 2011

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	13	250	57	5	0
Jerusalem	1102	0	0	1	70
Jenin	0	0	0	0	21
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	1106	20	0
Salfit	12	0	41	0	2
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	1	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	2	50	36	13	31
Tubas	0	100	0	1	11
Total	1129	400	1240	41	135

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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