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Bethlehem

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed several Palestinian houses and searched in its contents in Husan village west of Bethlehem city. Al Ayyam (May 3, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the house of Feras 'Akel Dar Al Haj and searched in its contents in 'Aida refuge camp in Bethlehem city. Al Ayyam (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces handed demolition orders for 7 Palestinian houses owned by the following: Mahmud Mohammad Radwan (260m²), Kamel Mohammad Radwan (120m²), Nidal 'Adel Abu Sorour (200m²), Alaa Ahmad Shihadeh Khaliefeh (306m²), Mahmud Youseph Shihadeh (200m²), Rizqe Atallah (80m²), and Mohammad Shihadeh Hassan Shihadeh (140m²) in Al Walajeh village northwest of the city of Bethlehem. The IOF notified owners that their houses will be demolished under the pretext of lacking building license. The demolition orders were issued by the Israeli Planning and Construction Committee of Jerusalem District related to the Israeli Ministry of Interior. The owners of the threatened houses and according to the demolition orders have only 48 hours to demolish their houses by themselves otherwise the Israeli bulldozers will do so, and they will pay about 12,000 NIS as demolition fees. ARIJ Fields workers (May 12, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces raided several Palestinian houses and searched in its contents in Al Khader town south of Bethlehem city near bypass road # 60. Al Ayyam (May18, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Hussan village west of Bethlehem city and raided the house of Ramzi Na'iem Omera and searched in its contents. Al Ayyam (May 19, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed and searched Palestinian houses in Al 'Abiat neighborhood east of Bethlehem city. Al Ayyam (May 23, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Gush Etzion settlement bloc south of Bethlehem city sabotaged a Palestinian house owned by Mohammad Saleh Abu Swai in Artas village west of Bethlehem city. The settlers damaged the roof of a wooden house made of tin located 150 meters from the headquarters of the Israeli civil administration. Mr. Swai was forced to leave his house and move to Artas when the Israeli authorities refused to grant him permission to connect it to the water and electricity networks due to its location in an area classified as area "C" according to Oslo II Interim agreement of 1995 which falls under the full Israeli control. Al Al Quds (May 23, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided and searched several Palestinian houses in Al Tequ' village east of Bethlehem city and handed Mohammad Jamal Al 'Amour and Mohammad 'Ezat Al 'Amour notifications to interview the Israeli intelligence in Gush Etzion settlement bloc south of Bethlehem city. [Wafa \(May 23, 2011\)](#).
- A group of the so-called "Hilltop Youth" settlers accompanied by Knesset Member Michael Ben Ari and rightist activists of Itamar Ben Gvir, Baruch Marzel and Meir Bratler tried to set up a new outpost in the E-1 corridor near Ma'aleh Adumim east of Jerusalem city. Al Al Quds (May 24, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers of Bitar Illit settlement flooded agricultural lands in 'Aien Fares southwest Nahhalin village with waste water. The damaged lands are cultivated with almonds and grapes. Al Al Quds (May 30, 2011).

- The Israeli Army bulldozers razed 10 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated by grapes and owned by residents of Al Ma'sara village and Al Khader town south of Bethlehem city. The purpose of the razing process is to expand the roads that lead to Efrat settlement Al Ayyam (May 31, 2011).

Hebron

- The Israeli Occupation Forces handed over local residents from Hebron Governorate 20 military orders issued by the "Israeli Custodian of Absentee Land Property in the Israeli Army" notifying them to evacuate their lands under the pretext that these lands are classified as State Lands. The threatened lands are located south of Al Fawwar Refugee camp near Dura town west of Hebron Governorate and are cultivated with olive and almonds in addition to 6 agriculture wells that will be demolished according to the military orders. The first piece of land is located in Jabal Al Qrei' area near Dura town and are owned by : Jibreel Mustapha Abdel Hadi Al-Sarahneh, Khalid Hassan Ahmad Al-Sarahneh, Amjad Mohammad Jaber Al-Shedfan, Fareed Mohammad Abu Al-Hajj, 'Areef Mohammad At-Titi, Sameer Mohammad 'Ateyya Hleqawi, Sufian Mohammad 'Ateyya Hleqawi, Thurayya Rabah Hleqawi, Abdel Ra'ouf Sufian Al-Janazreh, Nabil Ahmad Suleiman, Tawfeeq Naji 'Amr, Yousif Ahmad Abdullah Al-Qawasmeh; whereas the second piece of lands is located in Ar-Rihieyyeh area south of Al Fawwar refugee camp and are owned by: Mousa Khalil Mousa Al-Tubasi, Ahmad 'Ateyya Ahmad Al-Tubasi, Mohammad Salman Ahmad Al-Tubasi, Issa Suleiman Ahmad Al-Tubasi, Ahmad Khalil Mousa Al-Tubasi, Isma'eel Hamad Yousif Al-Tubasi, Ziad Hamad Mousa Al-Tubasi, Tayseer Hamad Mousa Al-Tubasi. Inside the targeted lands there are 12 agriculture wells that will be demolished according to the military orders. ARIJ Fields workers (May 2, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed S'air and Ash Shouyoukh towns east of Hebron city and raided the house of Wahid Shlaldeh and searched in its contents. Al Al Quds (May 3, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces and the civil administration handed over 2 demolition notifications to Saber Zamel Abu Maria and Ahmad Abu Maria in Beit Ummar town east of Hebron to demolish three industrial and agricultural establishments, including a bricks workshop, an

agricultural shed and a vehicle spare parts shop, located along the main road in the south and the east of Beit Ummar, under the pretext that the establishments are located close to the road which is used by Israeli vehicles. The IOF gave them a deadline of one week to carry on the demolition orders. Al Al Quds (May 3, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces and the civil administration handed notification orders to evacuate tens of dunums of agricultural lands in parcel number 7 nearby Al Fawwar refugee camp south Hebron city. The IOF also raided Al Kere' mountain (Jabal Al Kere') and 'Abed Al Fatah's lands. The notifications were received by Jebril Moustafa Al Sarahneh, Khaled Hassan Al Sarahneh, Amjad Jaber Al Shedfan, Abed Al Ra'ouf Sha'ban Al Janazreh, Nizar Abed Al Ra'ouf Al Janazreh and Samir Mohammad Al Hiliqawi. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- 40 Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian workers while they worked on Mofied Al Sherbani's house located in Al Shalala Street in the center of Hebron city and prevented them from continuing their work in the house and confiscated their equipments under the pretext that the house belonged to them and there is no right for the Palestinian to use it. Settlers also attacked workers where they were working on the house owned by 'Abed Al Rahman Al Salaimeh. Al Ayyam (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the house of Abed Al Rahman Jawabreh and searched in its contents in Al Aroub camp in Hebron city. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided Al Smo'u and Doura towns and several neighborhoods in Hebron city, where they stopped and searched citizen's vehicles and checked the ID cards of the citizens. [Wafa \(May 4, 2011\)](#).
- Tens of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian houses by stones in Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city. The targeted houses are owned by Hani Al 'Aza , Hisham Al 'Aza and the house of the family. Al Ayyam (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed a nursery owned by Faisal Mohammad Awad Atawneh and searched it and handed his brother

notification to interview the Israeli intelligence in Al Quff northwest of Hebron governorate. Al Ayyam (May 6, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Tarqumiya town west of Hebron and detained Osama and Ahmad Al Ja'afreh for couple hours and searched in the houses of Abed Al Lateef and Ziyad Al Ja'afar. Al Ayyam (May 6, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided Hebron city, Sa'er, Al Dahria and Halhoul towns and stopped the vehicles and checked citizens' ID's and obstructed vehicular and pedestrian movements. Al Ayyam (May 6, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers set fire into a bulldozer in Al 'Ein project in the old city of Hebron in order to stop the construction in the area. The IOF and the so- called the Israeli civil administration also handed workers military orders to halt the construction in the area. Al Al Quds (May 6, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces handed over 2 notifications to Ja'far Khalel Al Jeiawe and Ma'moun Ahmad Al Atawneh to interview the Israeli intelligence in Edna and Beit Kahel towns in Hebron City. Al Ayyam (May 6, 2011).
- The Israeli Army bulldozers protected by the Israeli Army Forces stormed Khirbet Em Nayyer east of Yatta town in Hebron Governorate, and demolished 8 residential tents, 4 barracks and animal sheds and uprooted more than 600 olive trees owned by Al Jabbour family under the pretext of lacking building permits. The owners of the demolished structures are: Issa Hassan Al-Jabbour, Majid Issa Hassan Al-Jabbour, Issa Mohammad Ahmad Al- Jabbour, Omar Mohammad Al-Jabbour, Khadra Mohammad Ahmad Hoshieh, Taleb Mohammad Esmail Al-Jabbour, Khalil Mousa Hussein Al-Jabbour, Ibrahim Mousa Hussein Al-Jabbour, Mahmud Ahmad Al-Jabbour, Mohammad Hussein Al-Jabbour, Khalil Mohammad Khalil Al-Jabbour, and Rebhi Khalil Ahmad Al-Jabbour. Al Al Quds (May 7, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn settlement and Israeli occupation forces forced Palestinian farmers to leave their fields in Abu Al Reesh Valley (Wadi Abu Al Reesh south of the settlement in Beit Umamr in Hebron city. The affected farmers are: Hamad Ismail 'Adi, Mohammad Ghadi, Hamad Jabber Al Selebi, and Abdullah Al Selebi . Al Al Quds (May 8, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Al Rehia, Haloul and Dura towns and Al Fawwar refugee camp and stopped citizens vehicles and checked in their ID's and handed Sifan 'Arafah notification to interview the Israeli intelligence. Al Ayyam (May 10, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces attacked and prevented 'Ali Awad and his family in Beit Ummar north Hebron city from working in their lands located nearby Karmi Tzur settlement south of Hebron city. [Wafa \(May 12, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided Beit 'Awa town in Hebron city and handed Awad Saleh Al-Sweti, 'Aied Al-Sweti and Mohammad Al-Sweti notification to interview the Israeli intelligence. Al Ayyam (May 13, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers attacked and threw stones at houses owned by Ra'ed Arab, Hisham Al 'Azeh and Hani Al 'Azeh in Tel Al-Rumeida neighborhood and Al Husain valley (Wadi Al Husain) in Hebron city. Al Ayyam (May 16, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers of Qiryat Arba' settlement set fire into vehicles owned by Hamodeh Salem Al Jiousy while parked in front of his home near the settlement east of Hebron city. Al Ayyam (May 16, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces set up military checkpoint at the entrance of Al Tabaqa village south of Dura town in Hebron city.. [Wafa \(May 16, 2011\)](#).
- Tens of dunums of lands planted with beans were set to fire in Al Fawwar refugee camp south of Hebron as a result of the Israeli occupation forces attack at Palestinian citizens. Al Al Quds (May 17, 2011).
- Religious students of Qiryat Arba' settlement threw Molotov's to several houses owned by Abu 'Aesifan family in 'Aroub camp north of Hebron city. Al Ayyam (May 17, 211).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided Deir Samit village west of Hebron city. The IOF also set up tents on the western entrance of Bani Hassan town south of Hebron city. [Wafa \(May 18, 2011\)](#).

- The Israeli occupation forces set up military checkpoints on the entrance of Edna, Dura and Haloul towns in Hebron governorate. [Wafa \(May18, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli settlers of Susyia settlement released flocks of sheep to Palestinian fields planted with crops and olives located west of the settlement and are owned by Mohammad 'Eqab Al Nawa'jeh and Nidal Jebriel Al Nawaj'a. Al Ayyam(May 21, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers of Remat Yeshai threw stones at Palestinian citizens of Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood and Jabal Al Rahmeh (Al Rahmeh Mountain) in Hebron governorate. [Wafa \(May 22, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces set up a military checkpoint in Al Mahoul area and stormed Bani Na'im town east of Hebron city and Al Sura in the southern of the city .Al Ayyam (May 23, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Tarqumia town west of Hebron governorate and raided the house of Mo'ad 'Abed Al Min'em Shalalfeh and 'Abed Al Min'em Shaker 'Abed Al Min'em Shalalfeh and searched in its contents. [Wafa \(May 23, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Haloul and Dura towns and other neighborhoods in Hebron governorate and stopped and searched the citizens' vehicles and checked in their ID cards. Al Ayyam (May 24, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the houses of Ra'ed Abed Al Karem Swaity, Riad Abed Al Hadi Swaity in Beit 'Awa town in south of Hebron Governorate. Wafa (May 24, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces handed over demolition orders for Yossef Mohamad 'Abed Al Rahim Al 'Ajarmeh, Ahmad Al Ajarmeh, Khalel 'Abed Al Jabar Al Sarahin, Sliman Al Sarahneh, Tafesh Salem Ghatasheh and Mahmoud Al 'Akel in Beit Ula town west of Hebron city to demolish 4 water wells, agricultural facilities and tents in addition to other orders to uproot trees planted in Wadi Al Jalmoun (Al Jalmoun valley) and Tawas areas north of Beit Ula in Hebron Governorate. Al Al Quds (May 24, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces and the civil administration bulldozed 30 dunums of lands planted with vegetables, 11 dunums of which are owned by Mohammad Mustafa Jaber in Al Baqa'a area nearby Qiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city. The remaining targeted lands are

owned by Rashad Khader Naji Jaber, Rashed Khader Jaber, Shadi Fahmi Jaber and Fadi Jawad Jaber. Al Ayyam (May 26, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation set up several checkpoints on the entrance of Yatta, Al Smou, Sa'er, Al Nabi Saleh and Al Fawar refugee camp. Wafa (May 26, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Surif and Beit Ummar and searched several Palestinian houses owned by Ziad Khames, Raed Sabarneh, Nizar Sabarneh, and Ayman Mohammad Fadel Al Alameh in Al Medba'a area . Al Ayyam (May 27, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces demolished 3 water wells, one of which is owned by Al 'Asoud family and the remaining two are owned by Ahmad Mohammad Taha Abu 'Awad and Ibrahim Mohammad Taha Abu 'Awad. The wells were used for agriculture and domestic needs in Al Ras and Twal Mussa areas in Edna town west of Hebron city. Al Ayyam (May 27, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces set up two military checkpoints in Hebron Governorate; the first checkpoint was set up at the entrance of Sa'er town; while the second one was set up at Haloul Bridge. The IOF stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked the ID's of the citizens. Wafa (May 28, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers of Bat 'Aien settlement uprooted 20 olive trees and 20 Grap trees owned by Hamad Abed Al Hamed Al Sliebi in Abu Al Reesh valley (Wadi Abu Al Reesh) in Beit Ummar town in Hebron city. Al Ayyam (May 29, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided a stone and marble factory owned by Barakeh Al Atrash in Hebron city. Al Al Quds (May 30, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the house of Rateb 'Abed Al Minim Ad'es in Beit 'Amra village south west of Yatta town. Al Ayyam (May 30, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Wadi Al Qadi (Al Qadi Valley) in Hebron city and searched the houses of Zidan Al Rijebi, Moa'd Tawfiq Al Rijebi and Zaid Al Rijebi. Moreover the IOF stormed Dura town southwest of Hebron city and searched caves in Wadi Al 'Alqa (Al 'Alqa valley) south Hebron city. Al Al Quds (May 31, 2011).

Jerusalem

- A group of A'teriot Kouhaniem settlers attacked a Palestinian house owned by Al Bakri family in Al Wadd Street nearby Al Aqsa mosque gates in Jerusalem city. Al Al Quds (May 2, 2011).
- Patrol of Israeli army stormed Shu'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem where they occupied the roof of Al Dajani building. Al Al Quds (May 2, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces set up military checkpoints for the second day in row in Al Rababa valley (Wadi Al Rababa) and Helwa valley (Wadi Al Helwa) in Jerusalem, and searched Palestinian vehicles using police dogs. Al Al Quds (May 3, 2011).
- The Israeli Prime Minister's Office decided to postpone two plans to build housing units in Israeli settlements beyond Jerusalem's green line. One project is a plan to build 930 housing units at the settlement of Har Homa, and the other is slated to see the construction of dozens of units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces uprooted tens of olive trees owned by Sami Talal in Al Nabi Samuiel northwest Jerusalem. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers bulldozed and uprooted 300 old Roman Olive trees in lands west of Shu'fat and Beit Hanina towns. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers of Al Nabi Yacoub (Jacoub the prophet) set fire in tens of olive trees owned by Askar, Al Khateeb, Sbieh, Amer and Abu Khalel families in Hizma village north of Jerusalem city. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- Two Israeli bulldozers razed lands in western Shu'fat in the area of Be'ir Naser Allah. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces and the so-called civil administration handed over notification to 50 families of Al Saraya clan (450 people) in Abu Hindi Valley (Wadi Abu Hindi) southeast of Jerusalem city to leave within two weeks where the IOF also handed 7 notifications to the same area a day before. Al Al Quds (May 6, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation authority (IOA) started building a section of the separation wall around the village of Qalandia to the north of occupied Jerusalem. The IOA bulldozers escorted by security forces started leveling land south of the village. The wall would divide the village into two isolated sectors and would place tens of dunums of Palestinian farmers' land behind it blocking them from reaching their lands. The wall would surround the village with a cement structure turning it into a ghetto with only two passages out one leading to Ramallah city and the other to Bir Nabala village. Al Ayyam (May 6, 2011).
- The citizens of Al Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood rejected the project which includes a settlement scheme number "13500" sponsored by the well known Israeli business man Arie King. The scheme will threaten 30 Palestinian families in the neighborhood. Al Al Quds (May 9, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces closed the Shu'fat military checkpoint in both sides. Al Ayyam (May 10, 2011).
- A new policy has been officially declared by the Israeli occupation authorities in a couple of Peace Now's petitions to the High Court and in other petitions submitted by Yesh Din and Palestinians, regarding illegal construction in the West Bank. The State declared to the court that the illegal construction that can be authorized (i.e. on land that can be declared as State Land) will be approved. Construction on private Palestinian land that cannot be declared as State Land will be dismantled in a year's time. [PEACENOW \(May 11, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Jerusalem District court had postponed the request of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem to demolish 29 Palestinian Houses in Al- Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city in the eastern part of the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli court decisions in the demolition of the rest of the threatened houses will be issued consecutively in the coming few weeks. Al Al Quds (May 11, 2011).
- The Israeli Jerusalem District court had summoned the owners of four of the threatened Palestinian houses in Al Bustan neighborhood In Silwan town for an urgent hearing session to issue its final decision to determine whether to demolish their houses according to the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem decision or to accept the appeal submitted to the court by the owners of the houses. At the end of the session the

aforementioned Israeli court issued its decision to postpone its final decision about the destiny of the four houses and fined owners of the houses for the building without proper authorization. The threatened houses are owned by: Adnan Abu Snieneh, Hassan Mohamad Al – Ruweidi, and another one owned by his wife Samira, and the fourth house owned by Badran family. Al Al Quds (May 13, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the houses of Moussa 'Atwan, Mohammad Ahmad 'Atwan and Marwan 'Atwan in Sour Baher in Jerusalem city. Al Al Quds (May17, 2011).
- The committees' defense for Hai Al Thawri (Al Thawri neighborhood) and Silwan city south of Al- Aqsa mosque were able to prevent 'Add settlers Association claim over a 4 dunums lands owned by Eshtieh family in the neighborhood. Settlers tried to confiscate the land by fencing it. Al Al Quds (May18, 2011).
- Group of Israeli settlers stormed Dar Al Aytam-Thawri School in Jerusalem city. Al Ayyam (May18, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Eben Al Qudsama mosque in Wadi Al Joz (Al Joz valley) in Jerusalem city, and searched in its contents where they closed it finally as a result of an order issued by the ministry of internal security. Al Ayyam (May19, 2011).
- The Jerusalem district planning and construction committee will discuss a plan to establish 1550 housing units in two Israeli settlements in east Jerusalem. The planned housing units are to be built in the settlements of Har Homa (Abu Ghneim Mountain) south of Jerusalem city and Pisgat Ze'ev north of Jerusalem. Al Al Quds (May 19, 2011).
- Israeli Settlers are planning to erect three new outposts in the West Bank on the eve of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech before the US Congress. Hundreds of members of the Hilltop Youth have completed preparations for constructing the new outposts on the night between Monday and Tuesday, during Netanyahu's scheduled speech before AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) . One of the outposts is to be built between Ma'aleh Adumim and Jerusalem known as E1. [Ynetnews \(May 20, 2011\)](#).

- The Jewish Ateret Cohanim Organization announced celebrating the inaugural of 50 new settlement units next Wednesday, in Ras el Amoud neighborhood in Jerusalem. The celebration will be attended by a number of the Israeli ministers and Knesset members. The project was entirely funded by the American Jewish millionaire Irwin Moskowitz and will carry the name of Ma'ale David. It should be noted that this project will increase the number of settlement units in Ras el Amoud to 200. [Wafa \(May 23, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli minister of Defense Ehud Barack approved the marketing and construction of 294 housing units in the settlement of Beitar Illit (according to plan 426/8 that was approved in the past). At the settlement of Efrat, the Minister has approved the marketing and construction of housing for elderly and a commercial center in Giv'at Hazayit area in Efrat (according to plan no. 410/5/4 that was approved in the past). [Peace Now \(May 23, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the office of Jerusalem Heritage committee in Wadi Al Joz (Al Joz valley) in Jerusalem city, and closed it by an order of the general inspector of the Israeli police. Al Al Quds (May 23, 2011).
- The Israeli Municipality imposed fines on Two Palestinian residents in Al Esawyia town in Jerusalem for building without permits. The fined residents are: (1) Mussa 'Abed and was fined a total of 25 thousand NIS paid in cash and 20 thousand paid in monthly installments; (2) Nabil 'Abed and Hamza 'Abed were fined a total of 20 thousand NIS paid in cash and 20 thousand NIS paid also in monthly installments. [Wafa \(May 24, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli central court in Salah Al Din Street was scheduled today to look into the case of demolishing the houses in Al Bustan neighborhood east of Jerusalem city. Maannews (May 24, 2011).
- The bulldozers of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem razed and uprooted olive trees and a park near Bab Al 'Amoud area and Sulaiman cave (Mgharet Sulaiman) in Sultan Sulaiman Street in Jerusalem city. Al Al Quds (May 25, 2011).
- The Engineer of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem sent a letter to the Western Wall Heritage Fund, the Jewish foundation responsible for building new bridge for Al Mughrabi Gate instead of the temporary

wooden bridge built in 2004 after the collapse of the original one, notifying them that the foundation is to destroy the bridge within two weeks or the Municipality will tear it down. It is worth mentioning that in December 2007 ,the Jerusalem's District Planning and Construction Committee approved a plan to demolish the archeological Mughrabi road and bridge adjacent to al Aqsa Mosque in order to build a military bridge. Al Quds (May 25, 2011).

- The Israeli Jerusalem District court had postponed a session held for issuing a decision in the case of demolishing 22 Palestinian houses in Al Bustan neighborhood in the Jerusalemite city of Silwan after the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem refused a petition submitted by the owners of the threatened houses to halt the demolition for one year. Accordingly, the court will issue its final decision on June 22, 2011. Al Al Quds (May 25, 2011).
- Hundreds of Israelis attended a dedication ceremony of the second stage of the Ma'aleh David settlement, which celebrated 60 new apartments in the Palestinian Jerusalemite neighborhood of Ras el-'Amud. The event was attended by The Mayor of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem Nir Barakat, The Israeli Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin, Interior Minister Eli Yishai, Education Minister Gideon Sa'ar, Environmental Protection Minister Gil'ad Erdan, Science and Technology Minister Daniel Herschkowitz and former Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel Eliahu Bakshi-Doron. Al Al Quds (May 26, 2011).
- The Israeli Interior Minister Eli Yeshai and the Mayor of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem Nir Barakat announced that Jerusalem's municipal territory will expand by 290 dunums, incorporating part of the fields of Ramat Rahel settlement south of the city of Jerusalem to build 1,600 housing units. The plan still needs to be approved by the Jerusalem District Building and Planning Committee, which is part of the Interior Ministry; Al Al Quds (May 26,2011).
- The Jerusalemite resident Mahmoud 'Aramen had demolished his 80 square meters house by himself in Burj Al Laqlaq area in Jerusalem city under the pretext of lacking building permit. The Municipality claims that the house is located in an area classified as "Green Area" by the Municipality. It's worth mentioning that Mr. 'Aramen is paying a monthly fine imposed by the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem on him for building without proper authorization. Al Al Quds (May 29, 2011).

- The Israeli Army bulldozers razed and confiscated tens of dunums of lands in Abu Dis town east of Jerusalem city to expand the landfill that exist in the town. Al Ayyam (May 29, 2011).
- The Israeli bulldozers started their work in the site of the demolished Shepherds hotel in Al-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood east of Jerusalem in order to prepare for the construction of 33 housing units on 3500 dunums of lands in the site. Moreover, and according to the Israeli plan approved by the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem and funded by the pioneer of the settlements in Jerusalem Irvin Meskovitch, the plan includes the building of another 37 housing units for settlers in addition to a parking for cars, playground and parks. It's worth mentioning that the Shepherds hotel had been demolished on January 9, 2011. [Palestine News Network \(May 30, 2011\)](#).
- The Jerusalemite resident Nizar Ahmad Bashir was forced to demolish his 80 m² house (three rooms) which he built to expand his house in addition to a 60 m² retaining wall around the house under lacking proper authorization in Jabal Al Mukabber in Jerusalem. Mr. Bashir indicated that he demolished the rooms and the wall by himself to avoid the heavy demolition fine that would be imposed on him if the Israeli Municipality bulldozers execute the demolition. He also added that the house is owned by his father, where the municipality fined him with 70,000 NIS for building without license. Al Al Quds (May 31, 2011).

Ramallah

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed a citizen house in Ramallah governorate owned by Bashir Ahmad Al Khaery where they exploded the door of the house. Al Al Quds (May 1, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces closed Al Nabi Saleh village northwest of Ramallah city and announced the area as closed military zone, and hindered citizens from entering and exiting the village. Also the IOF stormed the houses of Yasser Al Tamimi and Faraj Al Tamimi and turned it to military zone. Al Ayyam (May 21, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces raided and searched the house of 'Aisha Saleh Yossef in 'Arura town in Ramallah governorate. Al Ayyam (May 24, 2011).
- The Israeli bulldozers opened a new road in the lands of Ni'lin and Deir Qaddis villages in Ramallah governorate to expand Nili settlement. Al Al Quds(May 31,2011).

Jenin

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Qabatya village in Jenin Governorate and set up 2 military checkpoints southwest the city. The first checkpoint was set up on the crossroad of Al Kafriyat village while the second one was set up at the entrance of Nazlet Al Sheik Zabed nearby Ya'bud village. The IOF stopped vehicles and checked the ID's of the citizens. Al Ayyam (May 1, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed Al Zababdeh village east of Jenin city and the villages of Motalath Al Shohada (Al Shohada Triangle) in the south and Kafer Al Quds and Zabouba in the west of Jenin city. [Wafa \(May 4, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the house of Tareq Qa'dan and searched in its contents after detained his wife in one room in 'Araba village south of Jenin city. Al Ayyam (May 6, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the houses of Iyad Fathi Barahmeh and the house of Tareq Nazeh Feqeh in Siris village south of Jenin governorate. Al Ayyam (May 6, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided the house of Bassam Al Sa'di and searched in its contents in Jenin refuge camp. Al Ayyam (May 7, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces set up a military checkpoint and closed the entire main and sub entrance of 'Arraba village south of Jenin city and hindered the vehicles from entering and exiting the village. Al Ayyam (May 8, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the southern entrance of Jenin city and the Sanour village south of Jenin. Al Ayyam (May 10, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed into several villages and towns south of Jenin city such as Jaba'a, Sanour, Maslieh and 'Ajeh where they stopped and checked the ID cards of the citizens. Wafa (May 25, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces set up a military checkpoint on the entrance of Meslieh village in Jenin governorate where they stopped and searched citizen's vehicles and checked the ID cards of the citizens. Wafa (May 25, 2011).
- The Israeli Army forces along with 2 Israeli bulldozers and the so – called Israeli Water Authority stormed Kafer Dan village in Jenin governorate and demolished 8 from 12 agricultural wells in the village. The demolished wells are owned by Hussam Mahfouz Mar'i, No'man Mohamad Mar'i, Mustafa Ashour 'Abed, Baha'a Ghaleb Mohammad Mar'i and Jihad Mar'i, Walled Shafee' Jabaren and Sobhi Mohamad Mar'I; in addition, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a nursery owned by Khalid Mohammad Al Sa'edi. Al Ayyam (May 30, 2011).

Salfit

- The Israeli occupation forces notified 5 Palestinian farmers to evacuate their lands and uproot the olive trees that are located in Wadi Qana area in Deir Estyia village under the pretext of being classified as "natural reserve". The notification included Yossef Mustafa Mansour, Shadeh Mohammad Awad (50 olive trees), Mokbel Awad (35 olive trees), Haytham Mansour (40 olive trees) and Rezek Abu Naser. Al Al Quds (May 1, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces declared Wadi Qana area in Salfit governorate as "closed military zones" where they prevented Nodmi Salman and other Palestinian farmers from entering their agricultural lands. The IOF refused to show the military order under which farmers were expelled. Al Al Quds (May 18, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities plan to seize more than 2000 dunums of lands planted with olive, fig and almond trees north and east Qarawet Bani Hassan village in Salfit governorate to expand the settlements of Kiryat Netafim and Revava, despite the fact that more

than 40 families have ownership documents that prove their ownership of the lands. The targeted lands are located in the areas known as Dar Al Darb, Kheleh Al Kaber, Mashad Al Mai, Al Rjoum, Al Tae'erat and Al Malek Barzoun areas. The plan is issued by the Israeli civil administration and the Israeli supreme planning council for settlements in the west bank Al Al Quds (May 25, 2011).

Nablus

- Number of Israeli settlers stormed Huwwara village near the crossroad of Yetzhar settlement south of Nablus city and set fire in the prayer's hall of a local school. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers with the protection of Israeli occupation forces raided Yossef tomb in Nablus city. Al Al Quds (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli settlers of Eli settlement prevented Palestinian farmers from tilled their lands in Qaryut village south of Nablus governorate. Al Ayyam (May 4, 2011).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed a notification issued by the so-called Supreme Council of organization to Abdallah Al Haj Mahammed, head of the village council, to remove and demolish an electric power line that provides seven houses in Jaloud village southwest of Nablus city. Al Al Quds (May 8, 2011).
- Jewish settlers stormed a Palestinian secondary school for girls in Sawiya village in south of Nablus and placed anti-Arab posters on its entrance in Hebrew. Al Al Quds (May 10, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces closed Huwwara checkpoint as part of the celebration of Independence Day were they prevented Palestinian vehicles from accessing the checkpoint in both sides. Al Ayyam (May 11, 2011).
- More than 50 Israeli settlers with the protection of Israeli occupation forces raided and threw Molotov bombs on several Palestinian houses in Asira Al –Qiblyia village southwest of Nablus city. The targeted houses are owned by Mohammad Mahmud Da'oud and Jamal Yousef. Settlers also tried to burn agricultural lands by throwing Molotov bombs. [Wafa \(May 20, 2011\)](#).

- The Israeli occupation forces set up military observation points on the roofs of several buildings in Hawwara village south of Nablus city. Al Al Quds (May 26, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces announced Iraq Burin village southwest of Nablus city as closed military area. [Wafa \(May 28, 2011\)](#).
- More than 1000 Israeli settlers stormed Joseph's tomb east of Nablus city. Al Al Quds (May 31, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement south Nablus set fire to 7 dunums of agricultural lands in Al Sha'ra area located in the southern mountains of Madama village. Al Al Quds (May 31, 2011).

Qalqilyia

- The Israeli occupation forces closed Qalqilyia city and its villages in particular Izbat Al Tayeb village and set up a military checkpoint on the eastern entrance of the city which led to the obstruction of vehicles' and pedestrian movements. The IOF also set up a military checkpoint on Nablus – Qalqilyia roadway near A'zoun village and another checkpoint on the road of Habla village south of Qalqilyia city and forbid the citizens and vehicles from crossing the checkpoint. [Wafa \(May 1, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces handed 2 military orders to demolish 2 houses under the pretext of lacking building licenses. The threatened houses are owned by Zeidan Yasser Mohammad Al Tabeq and Shadi Yasser Mohammad Al Tabeq from Izbat al-Tabib village east of Qalqilyia city. Izbat Al-Tabib village council. (May 2, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces handed over Izbat Al-Tabib village council notification number (T/05/10) to confiscated 1 dunum of land located within parcel number 2 in order to build a fence of 400 meter long which will surround the village from its northern side, alongside the Israeli bypass road number 55, the trans-Samaritan road. LRC (May 2, 2011).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing agricultural lands in Qalqilyia city in favor of building a new section of the Israeli segregation wall and

barbed wires under the pretext of establishing a Buffer Zone near the wall. The targeted lands are located between A'zoun gates and Izbat Al Tayeb. Al Al Quds (May 2, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation forces stormed several Palestinian houses in Azoun village east of Qalqilyia city and searched in its contents. The houses are owned by Ali Badoun, Farouk Hanieh, Mahmoud Abu Hanieh, Samir Salim, Hamza Hussien, Samir Salim, Rami Radwan, Saker Salim, Mohammad Hanoun and Nidall Salim. [Wafa \(May 5, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the houses of Lo'ai Hamza Hussien and Abed 'Ala 'Amran Hussien and searched in its contents in A'zoun village east of Qalqilyia city. [Wafa \(May 7, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces raided 'Azoun village east of Qalqilyia city and raided the houses of Th'aer Sifian Riashi, Saied Abu Hanieh, Odai Abu Hanieh, Khalid Abu Hanieh, Omar Mo'en Husien and Ihab Mhana Mish'al. Al Ayyam (May 19, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces fenced a piece of land in Ezbet Al Tabib village east of Qalqilyia city after notifying the owners of the targeted land that it will be confiscated to the interest of establishing a security zone. Al Al Quds (May 24, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces set up a barbed fence of 2.5 meters height and 4 meters width at 'Azoun gate east of Qalqilyia city. Al Ayyam (May 26, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces and the so-called the Israeli Planning and Construction Committee demolished a store for selling construction material owned by Mahmoud Sukar under the pretext of lacking building permit in Jinsafut village east of Qalqilyia city. Al Ayyam (May 31, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces demolished two animal shelters owned by 'Abdul Qader Farda in the Bedouin village of Arab Abu Farda south of Qalqilyia governorate. Al Al Quds (May 31, 2011).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli occupation forces set up a military checkpoint on the southern entrance of Tulkarem city and stopped and searched citizen's vehicles and checked ID cards. [Wafa \(May 28, 2011\)](#).

Tubas

- The Israeli occupation Forces deliberately destroyed 30 dunums of lands planted with Pica and chickpeas under the pretext of being classified as "closed military area", while they were conducting military exercises on the lands, leaving excessive damages to the properties in the northern Jordan Valley in the city of Tubas. Al Al Quds (May 3, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed a house owned by Mu'tasem Ziad Qouzah and searched in its contents in Tubas city. [Maannews \(May 7, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation forces and the so-called Israeli nature stormed Al Farisiya area in Al Maleh in Tubas city and imposed on citizens a fine of 730 NIS. The IOF also raided the house of Saleh Daragmeh and searched in its contents. [Maannew \(May 7, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation forces burned hundreds of dunums of pastoral lands while they were conducting military exercises using heavy equipments in Al Maleh area in Tubas Governorate. Al Al Quds (May 3, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army bulldozers demolished 2 animal sheds owned by local residents in Hammamat Al-Maleh area in the northern Jordan valley. Head of Al Maleh village council (May 31, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Army bulldozers demolished 3 tents and 1 animal shed in Naba' Al Gazal area in Al Farisiya in the northern Jordan village. Head of Al Maleh village council (May 31, 2011).

Jericho

- The Israeli occupation forces raided Al 'Auja village north of Jericho city and handed Jamal Abed Al Rahman Frihat, Abed Ala Yousef Ka'abneh, Mus'ef Khalel Abu Awad and Mahmmoud Abed Ala Al

Najaideh orders to halt the construction of their residential and industrial establishments under the pretext of lacking permits. [LRC \(May 8, 2011\)](#).

- The Israeli occupation forces and the so-called the civil administration stormed Al Fasayel village north of Jericho city and handed over 5 families orders to halt the construction at their residential and agricultural establishments under the pretext of lacking permits. The owners of the threatened structures are: Mohammad Jde' Al Rashaideh (2 houses and 1 barracks), Said Muhammad Jde' Al Rashaideh (1 house and 1 barracks), Mahmud Ibrahim Khresheh (1 barracks), Asa'ad Mohammad Jde' (1 barracks) and Mahmud Jde' Jadu'o Al Rashaiedh (1 house). [LRC \(May 9, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities set up a plan to take control over 140,000 dunums from the Dead Sea lands. The officer of the Israeli State Lands in the Israeli Civil Administration had submitted 12 official requests to register the 140,000 dunums in the Dead Sea area as "State Lands". Al Al Quds (May 21, 2011).

Gaza

- The Israeli occupation tanks shelled on Palestinian houses in Al Faraheen area east of Khan Yonis city in the Gaza strip; at the same time, 4 Israeli bulldozers and 6 Israeli tanks penetrated 400 meters into the lands owned by Palestinian citizens and field crops. Al Al Quds (May 14, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation forces fired at Palestinian farmers while they were harvesting their lands planted with barely and other crops in Al Farrahin area east of Khan Younis in Gaza strip. Al Al Quds (May 18, 2011).

Others

- While speaking at the Presidential residence in Jerusalem to foreign diplomats and foreign consular employees, the Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman responded to a Palestinian call for Israel to renew its settlement freeze by saying "there will be no building freeze in

Jerusalem or in the West Bank, not for three months, not for three days, not even for three hours.” [Al Al Quds \(May 11, 2011\)](#).

- Israel has used a covert procedure to cancel the residency status of 140,000 West Bank Palestinians between 1967 and 1994, the legal advisor of the “Judea and Samaria” Justice Ministry’s office admits. The document was written after the Center for the Defense of the Individual filed a request under the Freedom of Information Law states that the procedure was used on Palestinian residents of the West Bank who traveled abroad between 1967 and 1994. From the occupation of the West Bank until the signing of the Oslo Accords, Palestinians who wished to travel abroad via Jordan were ordered to leave their ID cards at the Allenby Bridge border crossing. [Al Al Quds \(May 11, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak are mulling an IDF plan to revamp settlement security measures at the cost of 1 billion NIS over the coming year. The plan – drafted by the IDF’s Central Command – was put together following the Palestinian infiltration of the settlement of Itamar. The plan also includes illegal outposts located in the West Bank. [Al Al Quds \(May 14, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli government will make a decision worth over 400 million NIS (some 115 million dollar) regarding education funds, reinforcement of important sites, bio-technology and more. This financial plan includes a 145.5 million NIS (some 42 million dollars) investment to boost Jerusalem’s status as a tourist location. Another 71.4 million NIS (some 20.5 million dollars) will be designated to improving the city’s standing as a bio-technology research and development center. Further steps will be taken to expand the city’s economic development and be budgeted around 70.5 million NIS (some 20 million dollar. In Addition to the Marom plan, the tourism ministry is expected to designate another 75 million NIS (some 21.5 million dollars) to boost the construction of hotels in Jerusalem [Ynetnews \(May 30, 2011\)](#).

Monthly Violations Statistics – May 2011

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	10	0	0	1	7
Jerusalem	0	290	300	2	57
Jenin	5	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	1
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	2000	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	8
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	1	0	0	1	2
Hebron	30	20	630	8	9
Tubas	0	0	0	3	0
Total	46	2310	930	15	84

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-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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