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- According to *Al Hayat Al Jadeeda & Al-Quds* newspapers, the Israeli Housing and Construction Ministry endorsed the construction of 314 new settlement-housing units in the Jewish settlement of Giva Benyamin (Adam), east of occupied Jerusalem. The new units will be added to the 500 housing units that have been already finished. The 800 units are part of the master plan, which will include about 3,000 new housing units.
- In Nablus District, a group of Jewish settlers set fire to 250 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive and almond trees in Beit Furik village. Moreover, the settlers burned about 20 dunums of land planted with wheat that belongs to Fawzi Ibrahim Mohammad. *Jadeeda*
- The settlers of Efrat and Neve Daniyyel, which are built on Al Khader village land, captured a 400-dunum section of land owned by a number of Palestinian villagers and set up four mobile homes there. The settlers claimed that the new outpost is going to be called “Givat Hadghan”. The villagers reported that these lands are not confiscated and they have documents proving their ownership to the land. It is worth mentioning that the settlers tried to seize the land six years ago. *Jadeeda*
- In Tulkarm District, Jewish settlers accompanied by Israeli occupation forces started to establish a new settlement outpost on a hill between Ya’bad and Tulkarm city. Eyewitnesses stated that the settlers erected portable housing units on the hilltop under the pretext that a colonist was killed there a few days before. In addition, Jewish settlers set fire to wide areas of Palestinian land in Qaryut, Jalud and Qusra village, in Nablus District. *Quds*

June 2, 2001

- Jewish settlers from Bethlehem District burned wide areas of Palestinian agricultural land planted with olive, almond and forestry trees in Al Khader village. They also seized a hilltop in the same village and erected a caravan and a tent on it. *Jadeeda*

June 3, 2001

- In Jenin District, a group of Jewish settlers accompanied by Israeli occupation forces bulldozed land in Baqa Ash Sharqiya village in order to establish a new Jewish settlement outpost after establishing three caravans at the spot. Israeli forces captured a Palestinian hilltop during the incident. This action is a part of the colonization plan that aims to set up more Jewish settlements in the area. In Rummana village, Jenin, the villagers reported that a group of Jewish soldiers bulldozed wide areas of land located on the boundaries between Jenin land and Israel. They also added that the bulldozers began to dig a number of trenches in the border area of the Palestinian lands, which threatens wide areas of agricultural land for confiscation. According to the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz*, Jewish settlers started to set up a number of settlement outposts in different locations in the West Bank. In Ramallah District, Ofarim outpost was established close to Ofra settlement. A new outpost has also been installed near Kedumim settlement, in Nablus District. In the Gush Etzion block, near Neve Daniyyel settlement, in the Bethlehem district, another outpost has been erected. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- Israeli occupation authorities intensified their policy of capturing Palestinian houses in the west Bank since the outbreak of Al Aqsa Intifada. The Israeli army seized a Palestinian house from Beit Jala city, in Bethlehem District, and turned it into a military barracks. The seized houses belong to the Zreineh and Abu Qubi families. Moreover, Israeli bulldozers destroyed pieces of Palestinian land close to road 60 that leads to Betar Illit settlement, which was established on Husan village land. *Quds & Jadeeda*

June 4, 2001

- According to Israeli sources, the Israeli occupation army is planning to segregate and isolate the West Bank into eight different areas. *Ha'aretz* newspaper unveiled that the Israeli army closed the roads between Jenin and Nablus in Shavei Shomron settlement, between Ramallah and Nablus in Hallamish and Beit Arye settlements and between Bethlehem and Jerusalem in Abu Dis neighborhood, in addition to the erection of more Israeli roadblocks in order to execute the segregation plan. *Quds & Jadeeda*

June 5, 2001

- Jewish settlers set fire to more than 10 dunums of land planted with olive and almond trees in Al Lubban Al Gharbi village, west of Ramallah. *Jadeeda*

June 6, 2001

- A group of settlers from Shilo, Maale Levona and Eli set fire to a Palestinian secondary School for Girls, an agricultural nursery for trees and crops, a 10 dunum Palestinian field planted with olive, almond and wheat crops, a carpenter shop in addition to 20 Palestinian houses in As Sawiya and Al Al Lubban As Sharqiya villages, in Nablus District. Moreover, the villagers of Deir Qiddis, west of Ramallah, reported that the settlers from Qiryat Sefer began to bulldoze wide areas of land in preparation to be annexed to the settlement. The destruction included 1,000 fully-grown olive trees from the area. The villagers also told *Al-Ayyam* correspondent that the settlers confiscated 200 dunums of land from the village for the settlement expansion that belongs to Mahmoud Muhii Ad Din and his cousins. The villagers added that a week ago the Israeli authorities sent an ultimatum to confiscate 8 dunums of the land and not 200 dunums. However, the Israeli DCO officer claimed that the proposed area for confiscation is 8,000 dunums and not 8 dunums. Furthermore, in Sinjil village, northeast of Ramallah, the settlers of Maale Levona burned dozens of agricultural land cultivated with wheat crops. *Jadeeda, Quds & Ayyam*
- Israeli occupation bulldozers accompanied by the Israeli army began to execute the new Israeli separation plan by opening a security by-pass road on Deir Qiddis, Ni'lin villages aiming to install a new security fence. This action will let the annexation of more Palestinian villages to Qiryat Sefer settlement, and most of the Deir Qiddis's olive trees will be within the settlement's boundaries. According to the Israeli military leader, villagers of Deir Qiddis will be allowed to enter their land with permits. *ARIJ fieldworker*
- According to the *ARIJ fieldworker* in Ramallah District, Jewish settlers of Talmon C installed 10 caravans on a top of a mountain owned by villagers from Al Janiya and Ras Karkar. The villagers are afraid that this action is a first step towards a new settlement infrastructure installed on this hill, which is estimated to be 500 dunums of land and is about 1 km away from Talmon C.
- Israeli colonization activities are taking place on Al Janiya village from its southern and southeastern sides for the cultivation of olive and grapevine trees for Dolev settlement. Moreover, erection of new mobile houses and

construction are being seen in Talmon and Dolev settlements, in addition to a complete blockade on both villages. *ARIJ fieldworker*

June 7, 2001

- Palestinian sources reported that Jewish settlers from the Gush Etzion Block erected five caravans on a Palestinian hilltop in Al Khader village, south of Bethlehem. The land to be seized is estimated at 250 dunums. (See also June 1st) *Ayyam & Quds*
- In Ramallah District, tens of Jewish settlers chopped down hundreds of olive trees from Deir Nidham and 'Abud villages and set fire to the agricultural land that belong to a number of villagers from An Nabi Saleh and Deir Nidham. At the same time, the settlers of Alei Zahav burned 65 dunums of fully-grown olive trees from Masha village, in Salfit District. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- An article appeared in *Al-Quds* newspaper stating that Jewish settlers set fire to Palestinian agricultural land owned by villagers from Kafr Qalil, south of Nablus. The villager Gazi Mansour told *Al-Quds* correspondent that the settlers of Bracha burned his 4 dunum field which is cultivated with wheat crops and also burned olive trees owned by other villagers.
- In Jenin District, Israeli army burned more than 20 dunums of olive trees that belonged to a number of Palestinian villagers from Jaba'. *Quds*
- Israeli surveyors backed by the Israeli occupation army surveyed hundreds of dunums of agricultural land in 'Anin, Baqa Ash Sharqiya, Um ar Riham and Tura villages located on the border of the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line). The villagers reported that the surveying process which began from Ya'bad to Tulkarm and from Al Jalama to Al Rummana villages is threatening thousands of dunums of agricultural land for confiscation in addition to the uprooting of thousands of olive trees. *Quds*
- According to an article that appeared in *Al-Quds* newspaper, Jewish settlers established a new settlement outpost near the crossroads of Jit village, near Nablus.
- According to *Jerusalem Post* newspaper, Israeli occupation forces are planning to forcibly remove three caravans that were illegally installed at a new site near Yakir settlement, in Nablus District.

June 8, 2001

- The Israeli army and bulldozers continued their attack against Palestinian properties in different towns, cities and villages of the West Bank. They destroyed the water networks that supply Deir Sharaf village, west of Nablus, causing a water shortage for about 2,500 citizens. *Jadeeda*

- In Bethlehem District, Israeli bulldozers accompanied by Israeli border police bulldozed pieces of land from Al Khader village, and cut down scores of almond trees and grapevines, aiming to open a new by-pass that reaches Nasri Yacoob Salah's house which had been turned into a military barrack few days ago. *Jadeeda*
- The *ARIJ fieldworker* in Ramallah District reported that Israeli occupation bulldozers protected by Israeli border police from Beit El settlement bulldozed a piece of land 2 km long and 30-70 m wide and uprooted its olive trees in 'Abud village. The destruction process expands from the entrance of 'Abud until Deir Nidham village, resulting in the uprooting of more than 2,000 olive trees and damaging hundreds of dunums of land used for agriculture.
- A report published by the Bethlehem Municipality in the *Al-Quds* newspaper stated that due to the closure imposed by the Israeli army and the restricted mobility of Palestinians, the solid waste generated in Bethlehem city is now accumulating over the roads and near residential areas throughout the city. The solid waste and garbage is normally collected and disposed of by the municipality in the El-Eizariya (Bethany) site near Wadi An Nar area and the in Yatta dumping site, in Hebron District, both of which are now unreachable for Palestinians. *Quds*

June 10, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers chopped down more than 100 fully-grown olive trees from Al Lubban Al Gharbi village, in Nablus District, and demolished retaining walls. Elsewhere in Nablus district, the Israeli bulldozers uprooted hundreds of olive and almond trees from Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya village. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- Israeli bulldozers from Beit El settlement came under the protection of the Israeli army and bulldozed the road leading to 'Abud village and imposed a complete closure on it in addition to uprooting a number of the olive trees which were cut down with electrical saws. An *ARIJ fieldworker* reported that 2,000 olive trees were either uprooted or burned during the last few days in 'Abud village.
- In Bethlehem District, Israeli occupation bulldozers bulldozed Palestinian land close to road 60 in Al Khader village in an attempt to expand the nearby Israeli military camp that was established just established during Al Qsa Intifada. *Quds*
- Israeli bulldozers damaged the main road that connects Beit Sahour city and the roads leading to Al 'Ubeidiya and Wadi An Nar. This road is considered the only pathway that links Bethlehem with other cities such as Ramallah, Jericho and other nearby villages. Moreover, these bulldozers

destroyed the telephone cables and the water networks that are found beneath the road in the area. *Quds*

June 11, 2001

- In east Jerusalem, Israeli occupation forces demolished the two-story, 270 m² Palestinian house that sheltered 16 people and was owned by the brothers Farah and Samih Al Hirbawi from Wad Qaddum village. The demolition came for the purpose of serving the Wad Qaddum by-pass road that seeks to segregate the area. It is worth mentioning that this by-pass road is going to link the settlements of Har Homa (Abu Ghneim Mountain) and Ras Al 'Amud with those on Silwan village land, near Wad Qaddum. Moreover, the Jerusalem Municipality recently declared its intention to start a demolition campaign for tens of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Jerusalem. According to official sources, the Israeli authorities delivered demolition orders to 11 Palestinian houses near Al Hirbawi's house, under the pretext of being located on the by-pass road's scheme. *Jadeeda & Ayyam & JPost*
- A group of settlers burned ten dunums of wheat crops in Huwwara village, in Nablus District *Jadeeda*
- In Bethlehem District, the Israeli army accompanied settlers of Betar, which is built on Husan village land, as they destroyed about 2-dunums of land owned by Shousha family. Moustafa Shousha stated that about 100 olive, grapevine, fig and apricot trees were uprooted in the attack, in addition to preventing the villagers from entering their land under the pretext it is located close to the settlement. *Quds*

June 12, 2001

- The Israeli army burned about 100 dunums of olive trees owned by a number of Palestinian villagers from Sanur village, in Jenin District. *Quds*

June 13, 2001

- In Nablus District, a group of settlers from Eli endeavored to open a new by-pass road in Al Qalila and Ras El'ein hamlets, in As Sawiya village. The villagers mentioned that the settlers are trying to seize agricultural land planted with olive and fig trees in addition to capturing the only water spring in the village. Furthermore, they burned hundreds of dunums of olive trees in the same area. *Quds & Jadeeda*

June 14, 2001

- Israeli occupation forces accompanied by military bulldozers began to dig a new trench around the village of Al Baqi'a located 30 km east of Nablus. They also destroyed a number of livestock sheds, tents, and water tanks and ran over more than 50 head of sheep that belong to the villagers. *Jadeeda & Quds*

June 15, 2001

- In 'Abud village, northwest of Ramallah, hundreds of Jewish settlers accompanied by the Israeli occupation army continued to bulldoze wide areas of Palestinian land for the second consecutive day. While in Tulkarm District, the settlers of Aveni Hefetz, which is constructed on Shoufa village land, southeast of Tulkarm, burned dozens of olive trees from Kafr Al Lubad village, where they erected a settlement outpost three years ago. *Jadeeda*
- According to *Al Hayat Al Jadeeda* newspaper, the Israeli Local Council said that some Jewish settlements decided to set up 15 new settlement outposts on Palestinian land in the West Bank. In reality, two settlement outposts had been established last week. One is close to Ofra settlement and the other is situated near Neve Tsuf settlement. The Council of Kedumim reported that the remaining 12 settlement outposts will be set up in the coming few days.
- An article appeared in *Al-Quds* newspaper stating that new Israeli construction plans have been submitted to the Regional Construction and Organization Committee. The plans are going to be executed on 11 dunums of land in a public area in Al Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, in east Jerusalem. The plans include construction in the area, paving a road that begins from Shderot Ashkol till Givat Hathamosht, the expansion of a museum and the establishment of a Jewish synagogue. *Quds*
- The Hebron Mayor, Mustafa An Natsheh revealed new plans for the expansion of Tel Rumeida settlement and the construction of new settlement -housing units within the settlement neighborhoods close to downtown Hebron. Jewish settlers seized a number of Palestinian commercial shops and stores that belong to the Hebron Municipality. Moreover, the settlers expropriated a high mountain close to Dura village, set up new settlement outpost and began groundwork in the area. An Natsheh added that the Jewish settlers commenced today to open a new settlement by-pass road adjoining Yatta village in addition to the confiscation of 5,000 dunums of land from As Samu' village and 3,000 dunums from Surif village in an attempt to expand the nearby Jewish settlements. *Quds*

- In Jenin District, Israeli occupation authorities destroyed the main road of Jaba'-Sanur leaving the villagers besieged between the permanent Israeli military camp established on their village land many years ago and the cement blocks that closed the second entrance to the village, which is considered the only outlet for all nearby villages and hamlets. *Quds*.

June 17, 2001

- In Salfit District, Jewish settlers continued to damage Palestinian agricultural land in Az Zawiya village, in an attempt to annex it to the nearby Jewish settlement. Isma'el Shqeir, one of the landowners, stated that the settlers cut down olive trees and bulldozed a number of dunums in the area for the second consecutive day. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- Eyewitnesses from Nablus reported that Jewish settlers destroyed a piece of land located on a hilltop and erected a number of caravans on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road, close to Jit village, west of Nablus. *Jadeeda*
- Jewish settlers set fire to dozens of olive trees from Al Lubban Al Gharbi village, northwest of Ramallah, burning of wide areas of the agricultural land. Jewish settlers protected by Israeli army destroyed wide areas of land and uprooted 300 fully-grown olive, almond, grapevine, fig and apple trees that belong to the Khader family from Al Lubban Al Sharqi village, in Nablus District. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- Palestinian villagers from Al 'Arqoub village, west of Bethlehem, reported that intensive colonization activities are taking place in Betar settlement which is built on the land of Husan, Nahhalin and Wadi Fukin villages. The Israeli activities include the erection of new housing units in the settlement. About seventeen building units had been established three months ago in addition to another five buildings that are under construction, a resort, a big mall, and swimming pools. According to the villagers, the settlers attempted to expropriate other Palestinian land from Wadi Fukin village, where they tried to install a fence around 30 dunums of land that is adjoining the Green Line. *Quds*
- Israeli occupation forces continued their colonization work on Jerzeem Mountain for the eighth consecutive month causing the damage to wide areas of land planted with forestry trees, which have been now replaced by cement blocks to protect the new Israeli military post set up of the mountain top. *Quds*
- Israeli occupation authorities impeded the Israeli *Peace Now* movement from entering Tel Rumeida area in Hebron District. *Peace Now* was protesting against the new Israeli colonization activities that are taking place in the location. (See also June 15th). *Quds*

June 18, 2001

- In Ramallah District, the Israeli army began to damage wide areas of Palestinian land from 'Ein Yabrud village and demolished a wall that belongs to Suleiman Issa Shuhadeh which was then turned into a military barrack. Moreover, Israeli occupation authorities confiscated 17 dunums of land south of Beituniya, in Ramallah District. The confiscated land is located close to Ofra military camp. At the same time, Israeli occupation bulldozers continued to bulldoze wide areas of land from Madama village, south of Nablus. *Quds & Jadeeda*

June 19, 2001

- In Tulkarm District, the settlers from Enav, this lies east of Tulkarm on the land of Beit Lid and Ramin villages burned about 2,200 dunums of land planted with olive and almond trees and owned by the families of Hamaiydeh, Hamd and Salman. Additionally, the settlers of Maale Shomron, while protected by Israeli army, damaged more than 100 dunums of land from Kafr Thulth village for annexation to the settlement. They also set fire to more than 120 dunums of olive trees owned by villagers from Jit, Kafr Laqif and Fouseen. According to villagers from 'Abud, Israeli bulldozers protected by Israeli army bulldozed 200 dunums of land cultivated with olive, grapevine, almond and fig trees. They also pointed out that the bulldozed land is located between Deir Nidham and 'Abud villages on the sideways of the main road that links 'Abud with Ramallah. *Ayyam & Quds*
- An article appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* newspaper stating that PM Ariel Sharon's government is planning to build hundreds of new settlement housing units over the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line). The article showed that more than 50% of the Israeli tenders for the construction of housing units made during May 2001 were built on Palestinian Territories. Thus, 770 bids were offered for the construction of new housing units in the West Bank.

June 20, 2001

- The settlers of Enav, a Jewish settlement built on Ramin and Beit Lid villages in Tulkarm District, uprooted scores of fully-grown olive trees from Beit Lid village (See also June 19th). *Jadeeda*
- According to a report published by the Palestinian Land Defense Committee in Nablus, during the second week of this month the Israeli occupation authorities confiscated about 1,900 dunums of Palestinian land,

set fire to more than 237 dunums of agricultural land, uprooted about 1,570 trees and established three new Jewish settlement outposts (Al 'Ein in Al Khader village; Bethlehem, Al Qarniyat in Surif village; Hebron, and Al Moutawe' in Ras Karkar village; Ramallah). *Quds & PIC*

June 21, 2001

- In Nablus District, the Israeli occupation army captured a Palestinian house that was under construction at the western entrance to Burqa village, and turned it into a military post. *Quds*

June 22, 2001

- In Nablus District, Jewish settlers burned about 300 dunums of olive trees in Burin village and attacked the civil defense that came to smother the fire. They also set fire to tens of dunums of agricultural crops in Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, Madama, Huwwara, Burqa and Jamma'in villages. *Jadeeda*
- In Nablus District, Jewish settlers burned tens of dunums of olive trees on the slope of Salman Al farissi Mountain in Burin village, and impeded the villagers from extinguishing the fire. In Jenin District, the settlers set fire to hundreds of dunums planted with fully-grown olive trees and crops in the Palestinian villages of Arraba, Ya'bad, Jaba' and Silat adh Dhahr. Arraba Mayor, Anwar 'Eiz Ad Din, stated that the settlers burned more than 300 dunums of olive, almond and forestry trees, in the village, in addition to another 2,000 dunums that are under threat of being burned. The Mayor of Jaba', Khalil Salameh, pointed out that Jewish settlers burned more than 200 dunums of olive and almond trees last week and that more than 2,000 dunums are also being threatened. Dr. Nidal Abu Baker, the Mayor of Ya'bad, warned the villagers that the Israeli army and the settlers might set fire to more than 1,800 dunums of agricultural land located very close to Jewish settlements and by-pass roads which surround the village on all four sides. *Jadeeda*
- About 150 Jewish settlers set fire to Palestinian agricultural fields in Sinjil and Turmus 'Ayya villages, in Ramallah District. At the same time, the settlers of Yizhar, burned a Palestinian hill planted with olive trees and belongs to villagers from Burin, south of Nablus. *Quds*
- The Israeli Local Committee for Construction and Organization began the execution of the land confiscation plan in Al Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, in east Jerusalem and in the French Hill. The plan, which was endorsed by the Committee few months ago, aims to start working on the infrastructure. According to the plan, about 52 dunums of land are going

to be confiscated close to Jerusalem-Ramallah main road. Most of the land belongs to Palestinians. *Quds*

June 23, 2001

- An article appeared in *Al Hayat Al Jadeeda & Quds* newspapers stating that Israeli occupation forces began to open a new by-pass road east of Yatta village, in Hebron District. According to the villagers, Israeli bulldozers started to damage wide areas of their village's agricultural land one week ago for the opening of a by-pass road that is going to link Maon with Karmel settlement and which is going to damage hundreds of dunums of land. Furthermore, Negohot settlement, which is located west of Dura village, in Hebron District, is expanding. The Israeli army installed new mobile homes on the villagers' land and prohibited them from entering.
- In Nablus District, Israeli occupation authorities dispatched orders to Palestinian villagers from Burin for the confiscation their land for the opening of a new by-pass road that will serve the Jewish settlement outpost that is established on the village land.

June 24, 2001

- Israeli occupation bulldozers began to set up new military installations on the military post established on Jerzeem Mountain, south of Nablus. Eyewitnesses reported that two days ago Israeli bulldozers began to set up large stones and cement blocks on the top of the Mountain and installed a number of watchtowers on the hill. In addition, Israeli bulldozers continued to bulldoze wide areas of land from the Jerzeem Mountain, uprooting dozens of olive and forestry trees. *Jadeeda*

June 25, 2001

- An article appeared in *Al-Ayyam & Quds* newspaper stating that Israel published new tenders for the construction of 38 new settlements -housing units in Maale Adumim settlement, north of Jerusalem. These units are going to be added to other 496 housing units already slated as bids in the same settlement last month. According to the article, more bids were proposed by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for the construction of 212 housing units in Alfei Menashe settlement, east of Qalqiliya.
- In Hebron District, Israeli occupation bulldozers damaged wide areas of Palestinian land located very close to Negohot settlement, a Jewish military settlement that was built on Palestinian confiscated land west of Dura village. This expansion process is taking place at the site where

Israeli bulldozers brought new caravans in order to house more Jewish families (See also June 23rd). In addition, the settlers of Bani Hefer, which is constructed on Bani Na'im village land in Hebron District, cut down dozens of olive and almond trees planted close to the settlement's boundaries. *Jadeeda*

- In Ramallah District, a group of settlers destroyed dozens of grapevines, and olive, lemon and mulberry trees planted on 5 dunums of land that belong to Moussa Ka'abneh from Ras Karkar village. The damaged land is located on the by-pass road that connects the settlements of Talmon C, Nili and Qiryat Sefer. Furthermore, Jewish settlers of Enav accompanied by Israeli occupation forces uprooted scores of olive trees from Beit Lid, Kafr Al Labad and Safarin villages, in Tulkarm District. The villager Mohammad Sa'eidi stated that his 75 dunums of land was damaged during the destruction process which started near the by-pass road close to Enav settlement. *Quds*
- The Israeli Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezar has ordered the Israeli occupation forces to evacuate and remove 15 illegal settlement outposts established in the West Bank by Jewish settlers since Ariel Sharon came to power that he says constitute a security risk. It is of important weight to mention that Jewish settlers set up 45 isolated settlement outposts in the West Bank during the last few years. *Haaretz, Quds & Ayyam*

June 26, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers backed by Israeli forces commenced to establish a new military post on the hill of Qarneh Abu Al Zahri located between Deir Nidham and 'Abud villages, in Ramallah District. The villagers pointed out that the site was set up for the purpose of colonization expansion in order to protect the new settlement outpost that was recently erected on Biad 'Abud and Khillat Al Joz hamlets after destroying more than 2000 olive trees. *Jadeeda*
- According to the Arab Studies Society, groundwork in the Israeli tunnel of Mount Scopus is reaching its final stages, and which is aiming to link Maale Adumim settlement with the West Jerusalem. The society also added that at the same time, a new bridge is taking place in the French Hill settlement for the completion of the tunnel. *Quds*
- Jewish settlers of Nofim set fire to Palestinian land and agricultural fields planted with olive trees in Deir Istiya village, in Nablus District. *JPost*

June 27, 2001

- In Nablus District, the Israeli occupation army confiscated a tractor that belongs to Najeh Ishtaiyeh from Salim village under the pretext of that he used it in helping to open roads that the Israelis had blockaded with cement blocks. The army put the tractor in front of Huwwara camp where it was then stolen by a number of Itamar settlers. *Jadeeda*
- In Silwad village, north of Ramallah, Israeli occupation army bulldozed wide areas of Palestinian land cultivated with olive trees. Silwad villagers reported that Israeli forces uprooted 60 olive trees planted on 5 dunums of the village land. They were also informed told that they would receive more military confiscation orders for their village. *Jadeeda*
- In Jenin District, Israeli occupation bulldozers commenced to open a 6 km length and 25 m width new by-pass road passing through Barta'a and Dhaher al 'Abed villages. The new road which is going to swallow 180 dunums of land and uproot thousands of olive trees belong to a number of Palestinian villagers will connect the settlements of Rehan, Hinnanit, Shaked and Tel Menashe with Hermesh settlement located within the Green Line (Armistice Line 1949). On the other hand, Israeli bulldozers chopped down a number of olive trees close to the eastern entrance of Ya'bad village, Jenin. Besides Jewish settlers set fire to wide areas of agricultural land planted with olive trees owned by villagers from 'Anza village, in Jenin District. *Quds*

June 28, 2001

- A number of Jewish settlers renew their attacks against Palestinian villagers of Al Lubban Al Gharbi, in Nablus District, where they uprooted scores of olive trees under the protection of the Israeli border police, who prevented the farmers from entering their land. On the same event, the settlers of Yizhar brought three mobile homes to the settlement and erected them on Huwwara village land, Nablus. *Jadeeda*
- According to Deir Nidham villagers, in Ramallah District, the settlers of Hallamish protected by Israeli army continued to damage the water tanks and networks that supply the village and other villages such as Beit Rima, Deir Ghassana, Kafr 'Ein and Qarawa for the second consecutive week. They also added that Hallamish settlement is going under expansion campaign by Jewish settlers on Dier Nidham village land. *Quds*
- According to the Israeli occupation forces and the defense minister's adviser on settlements, no fewer than 66 isolated settlement outposts are scattered throughout the West Bank, of which 60 are illegal and about 24 were set up since the outbreak of Al Aqsa Intifada in October 2000. (See also June 25th) *Haaretz, Quds & Jadeeda*

June 29, 2001

- In Salfit District, Israeli occupation bulldozers continued to destroy more than 200 dunums of land from Mas-ha Al Gahrbiya village, near Elkana settlement. The villagers, who have documents proving their ownership to the land, reported that the settlers are planning to set up more than 70 housing units in the location. *Quds*
- Israeli occupation bulldozers destroyed Palestinian greenhouses, quarries, and agricultural nurseries that are established on Al Jalama village land, in Jenin District. *Quds*
- Israeli occupation authorities captured a 150 m² Palestinian house owned by Ismae'l Ishtaiya from Salim village, east of Nablus and turned it into a military barrack. They also bulldozed a two dunum area of land that surrounds the house.

June 30, 2001

- In Ramallah District, Israeli occupation authorities bulldozed wide areas of Palestinian land in order to open new by-pass roads in 'Abud village. The village has been exposed to many Jewish settlers' attack in June, causing the damage to Palestinian houses, properties, and land. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- The monthly report is an overview of events that have been reported by field workers and/or by one or more of the following sources: Al-Ayyam, Al-Quds, Alhayat Al Jadeeda, Ha'aretz, Jerusalem Post, Ministry of Information (MoI) and Palestinian Information Center (PIC). The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for size and clarity.

Statistics of Israeli Violations in the OPT

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted/confiscated/ burnt/razed trees	Houses Demolished	Threatened Houses
Nablus	202	0	7400	0	0
Bethlehem	402	250	100	0	0
Ramallah	722	0	7265	0	0
Salfit	200	0	1300	0	0
Jenin	0	180	2400	0	0
Jerusalem	0	63	0	2	11
Tulkarem	75	0	2400	0	0
Total	1601	493	28865	2	11

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, Palestinian National Information Center, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, International Press Center, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Ma'an News Agency, and Yediot Achronot.

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