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- Evidence from a Palestinian report reveals that throughout the 34 years of Israeli occupation of the Jerusalem city, the settlers captured more than 550 Arab houses located in the old city. There are about 2,600 settlers and 49,000 Palestinians living in the old city. *Quds*
- A report from the Israeli Ministry of Interior stated that the money provided to the settlements in the Palestinian Territories is about eight times the amount provided to the development of towns in Israel proper. *Quds*
- The Israeli soldiers stormed Burin Village, in Nablus District, and also bulldozed the main road that leads to the village. *Jadeeda*

January 2, 2002

- In Bethlehem District, the settlers of Kfar Etzion settlement uprooted 400 olive trees and vineyards from land in Al Khader village. These lands belong to the brothers Yosef and Khalil Jaber, and to the brothers Judah and Muhamed Sbaih. Yosef Jaber said that the destruction also included wells, water pipes, pine trees and 25 thyme, 60 sage and 70 cauliflower plants. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces dispatched ultimatums to demolish a number of Palestinian houses in Najadat Ka'abneh near Al 'Auja village in the northern Jericho District. The names of the villagers who's homes are to be destroyed are: *Quds*

- Mohamad Erhail Ka'abneh
- Ahmad mohamad al najadeh
- Mahmoud mohmad al najadeh
- Mohamad abu awad

January 3, 2002

- The Israeli forces started to erect a new security fence surrounded Shaare Tikva settlement, which established on Palestinian land from Sanniriya, Beit Amin, and 'Azzun 'Atma villages in the Qalqiliya District. The 300 m long and 50 m wide fence erected swallowed tens of dunums of Beit Amin land beside the settlement. The villagers said that a couple of months before the Israeli forces opened a road encircling the settlement that passed through the village land, chopping down tens of olive trees. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- In Tulkarem District, the Israeli army bulldozed land in Beit Lid. The destruction was concentrated on land that belongs to Maen Rashed, Fawzi Awad, and Abed Elrahman Jum'a, where a bypass road has already been constructed along with the early stages of storage containers for water for the nearby settlements. The villagers pointed out that there is the intention of setting up a settlement outpost in the area. Meanwhile, the Israeli bulldozers were seen constructing an unpaved road in the northern section of Enav settlement reaching to the Ramin village. The Israeli forces also started opening a road connecting Enav settlement with the eastern area of Anabta village, next to the villager's houses. *Quds*

January 4, 2002

- Settlers near Yanun village in Nablus district are still controlling hundreds of dunums of land, ploughing it and declaring that it belongs to them. *Jadeeda*
- The Israeli tanks and bulldozers invaded Al Tell village in Nablus District and imposed a curfew on the village, in addition to destroying a house that belonged to the martyr Yaser Asseda. *Jadeeda*

January 5, 2002

- Palestinian farmers from Beit Ta'mir village in Bethlehem district declared that a group of Maale Amos settlers captured land belonging to the Abu Khlefed and Al Nauawreh families. Forty days before, the settlers entered this land, located near the settlement, and ploughed it. And also they

planted it with wheat and barley, under the protection of a group of armed settlers. The land area is estimated at about 1,000 dunums. *Quds*

January 6, 2002

- In Bethlehem District about 150 Jewish settlers from Efrat and Gosh Etzion attacked Palestinian villagers and their properties along the Jerusalem-Hebron main road, in protest of opening this road to Palestinian cars by the Israeli forces for the first time since beginning of Intifada. According to eyewitnesses, a group of settlers closed this road and impeded the Arab cars from passing, throwing stones at them. *Quds & Jpost*
- In Nablus District, a rural chairman of Madama village, Ayed Kamal, confirmed that the occupation bulldozers that are bulldozing on village land intend to construct a new bypass road. *Jadeeda*

January 7, 2002

- A group of settlers took over an area of village land in Al Biddya village, located to the east of Iskaka village, in Salfit District. Eyewitnesses said that the settlers installed seven mobile homes on the village's land after spoiling scores of dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive trees to prepare for the new settlement outpost there. *Quds*
- A group of settlers from Itamar stole 61 head of sheep belonging to the 72 year-old villager Helal Abedat from 'Awarta village, southwest of Nablus. *Jadeeda*
- Jewish settlers, in collusion with the Israeli army, attacked Palestinian agricultural land in Hebron and Bethlehem Districts. Eyewitnesses reported that Maale Amus, El David and other nearby settlement outpost seized and damaged hundreds of dunums of Palestinian farmland.

January 8, 2002

- Palestinian sources warn against the colonization attempt to set up a new settlement outpost near "Burj al Laqluqe" in Jerusalem's old city. *Haaretz* newspaper mentioned that a Jewish development company in Jerusalem is planning to build a new settlement site at As-Sahirah gate, aiming to increase the number of settlers. *Jadeeda*

January 10, 2002

- To the southeast of Nablus city where Deir Istiya village is located, the Israeli bulldozers cleared more than 20,000 dunums of land in Shehada and Najara hamlets, uprooting thousands of olive trees considered to be the sole source of income for many of Palestinian villagers. *Quds*
- In Hebron District, the Israeli soldiers prevented a cave tenant from transporting his foodstuffs. *Jadeeda*

January 11, 2002

- According to the Israeli Interior Ministry's statistics from late December, the population of Jewish settlers in the West Bank grew during 2001 by 5.22 percent, compared to previous years, when the average annual growth stood at 8 percent. At the end of 2000, 203,067 settlers lived in the West Bank and the Gaza strip, raising to 213,672 by December 2001- an increase of 10,605 people according to the Ministry's statistics. The highest increases in Jewish population in the settlements occurred in Betar Illit at 10.15%, and Mod'in Illit grew by 18.1 %, while Kokhav Yaacov grew by only 0.53%. *Quds & Haaretz*

January 13, 2002

- Settlers stole a stone saw from a stone cutting factory close to Huwwara military camp in Nablus District The propriety, which belongs to Sadiq Tabanja, is valued at 300,000 NIS. *Quds& Jadeeda*
- Al 'Isawiya inhabitants found demolition notices from the Jerusalem municipality for ten houses in the village in the street instead of the legal procedure, which is to bring them to the home-owners. The houses threatened belong to; Rafat Al Essawi, Mohamad Muhisen, Abedal Hay Al Dary, Rafat Al Dary , Ahmad Dary, Moustafa Al Issawi , Ibrahim Darwish, Mouhamad Moustafa , Faiz Al Natsha and Maher Laqata. *Quds*

January 14, 2002

- The Israeli forces military leader Itzhak Itan issued an order for exploiting 149 dunums of Palestinian village land in Al Taamra village and Beit Sahur town. Moreover, Israeli soldiers delivered confiscation warning to a number of Beit Ta'mir and Za'tara villagers, east of Bethlehem city. Some of landowners said that the targeted land is cultivated with a number of olive and almond trees and grapevines. In addition there are ten houses in the area that Israeli authorities intend to demolish. Sources in the Land Defence Committees and colonization resistance in Bethlehem District said

the new Israeli step aims to construct a settlement road in the land to link Tekoa , Maale Amos and Nokdim settlements with Abu Ghnim (Har Homa mountain) and then directly to Jerusalem city, an action that will swallow thousands of dunums of land. *Quds& Jadeeda*.

- In Al 'Isawiya village, northeast of Jerusalem, the Israeli bulldozers of Jerusalem municipality, backed by huge number of policemen and soldiers, demolished nine buildings, some newly built homes, from a total of 19 houses were threatened for demolition under the pretext of not having building permits.*Quds, Jadeeda, Jpost& Haaretz*.
- Basem Elayan
- Kamal Elayan
- Khaled Al Sheikh Khalil
- Hazem Hussin Abu Maiala
- Maha Moustafa
- Mufida Kasem
- Khader Saleh Moustafa
- Wejdan Ubid

January 15, 2002

- In Nablus District, a group of settlers from Bracha and a new outpost that was established on Bab Al Thanya village land ploughed a wide area of land owned by Kafr Qallil and Burin villagers near Huwwara military base and Ein Makhneh and also planted it with unknown varieties of plants, preparing to expropriate the land. *Quds*

January 16, 2002

- In Qalqiliya District, some Israeli policemen, accompanied by military forces, gave notices to demolish five houses that are located in 'Izbat at Tabib village, because they do not have permits. In addition, Jewish settlers uprooted 41 olive trees from Kafr Qaddum village land. *Quds &Jadeeda*
- In Hebron District, the Israeli bulldozers destroyed four dunums of land located in Al Baqa area, for the opening of a bypass road. During operation, under the guard of large forces from the Israeli army, hundreds of fruit trees were uprooted. *Quds*
- In Shufa village, the Israeli forces transformed the house of Saber Aref, mayor of Tulkarem, into military barracks. *Quds*

- The Israeli Authorities bulldozed land in Nablus District. Meanwhile, the settlers set fire to 50 of olive trees in Qaryut village east Nablus city. Furthermore, in Jerusalem, the municipality warned a Palestinian family that lives in the Burj Al Laqlaq area in the old city to demolish their house. Also, the Israeli forces imposed its siege around Jerusalem city and southwest Ramallah. *Jadeeda*

January 17, 2002

- The Jerusalem municipality inspectors delivered evacuation orders to a number of house owner's in Beit Hanina and Shufat neighborhoods and the old city. The following are the names of the villagers who received the orders:
 - Adib Hussen Abdo from Beit Hanina neighborhood, whose house is 300 dunums in area.
 - Yaser Ibrahim from the old city, whose house is located in the Burj Al Laqlaq, the destruction of which is to make way for the establishment of 200 housing units for Jewish settlers. This project is also estimated to effect ten dunums in the area and along the old city wall, attempting to establish a large cluster of Jewish homes build a tunnel under the wall to connect this settlement outpost with others outside the wall. *Quds*

January 20, 2002

- The Israeli forces intensified the siege on Ya'bad village in Jenin District. The Israeli bulldozers, guarded by soldiers, dug new trenches and blocked the roads completely. The blockade on the area will effect the fallowing villages: Tura alGharbiya, Ash Sharqiya, Barta, Zabda, Dhaher Al 'Abed, At Tarem, Nazlat Zeid, Umm ar Rihan, Muraih and Abedallah al Yunis. In addition, the Israeli army raided Beit Qad village and set up a military checkpoint in the center of the village, preventing the villagers from traveling between the other surrounding blockaded villages such as Jalbun, Deir Ghazala, 'Arabbuna. *Quds & Jadeeda*.

January 21, 2002

- In East Jerusalem, the Israeli Authorities demolished two houses that belonged to four families in the **Burg Al Laqlaq area** of the Muslim quarter in Jerusalem's old city, under the pretext of not having permits. The house,

owned by Yaser Shaker Ibrahim, was demolished to make way for a new settlement outpost. At the same time, the Jerusalem municipality employees said that they would soon seize another six houses in the same region and delivered three demolition notices. *Quds, Jadeeda, Jpost.*

- The Israeli bulldozers continue their destruction in the lands of the village of Rujeib, southeast of Nablus, for the expansion of a military post. The Rujeib rural committee leader said this work began in the Ras Al Alia area when the soldiers opened a road in front of Itmar settlement, which then was extended towards Al Qusur wa Al Suruj and then to Khelat Rajeh, Al Matala, Salem, Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, Dier Al Hatab, 'Askar and Balata camps to finally reach Rujeib's land. Hundreds of dunums were expropriated from Palestinian families for this road. *Quds & Jadeeda*

January 22, 2002

- Ofra's settlers set up many roadblocks on the main road that joins Burqa village with Deir Dibwan village, eastern Ramallah District, meant to obstruct the villager's motion and created a traffic crisis. *Quds*

January 23, 2002

- The Jerusalem municipality razed two houses that were under construction in Beit Hanina, north of Jerusalem. The first house, 120m² in area, belonged to Ihab Jabarin, while the other one belonged to Mouhamad Ismail and was 110 m² in area. *Quds*
- In Jericho District, the Israeli bulldozers continue the demolition and bulldozing process of the residential areas in Al Fasayl and Al Auja. They destroyed a farm that belongs to Mouhamad Khalil Kaabneh and an animal shelter in Al Fasayl village. Animal shelters were destroyed for the second time in Al Auja village as well. Moreover, the Israeli soldiers confiscated tents, which were offered by the International Red Cross, and the livestock forages. *Quds*

January 24, 2002

- The Israeli forces captured a house that belongs to Abed Al Rahim Massri, from Al Khader Village in Bethlehem District, and transformed two stories of it into military barracks. *Quds*
- The Israeli Peace Now movement reported that since Sharon came to power, 26 new settlement outposts in the West Bank and Gaza were established and added that these outposts are added to the 44 settlement

outposts established in recent years, to reach 70 settlement outposts, in addition to the 144 settlements. *Harretz* newspaper pointed out that the settlement outposts and the expansion of settlements effected thousands dunums of land, and is one way of capturing Palestinian land. *Quds*

- A group of settlers from Peduil settlement, which is located on Kafr ad Dik village land in the Nablus District, attacked a 70 year-old farmer named Reziq Mer'ey. They killed him while he was working on his land, which is close to the settlement. *Quds*

January 25, 2002

- A report in "*Yudaut Ahranu*" newspaper reported that three settlements were recently set up in the south of Hebron District:
 1. Ibegil, located near to Maon and Susia settlements.
 2. Ashehal, set up between Linbah and the nearby industrial zone.
 3. A settlement near Beit Hagai and Susya settlements.
 4. Ashtamou', located near Shama' and Atnayal settlements. In addition, there is a plan to erect Mersham settlement between Eshkolot and Negohot on the green line. *Quds*

January 26, 2002

- The Israeli forces and a group of Jewish settlers uprooted tens of olive trees in Ramin village, east of Tulkarem city. The villagers pointed out that the settlers, under the protection of soldiers and military tanks, chopped down scores of olive trees that are surrounding the settlement, intending to expand the settlement border. *Jadeeda*

January 27, 2002

- In Nablus District, the Israeli military erected a fence at the entrance of Beit Furik village in an attempt to paralyze the movement of the villagers. *Quds & Jadeeda*

January 28, 2002

- The Israeli authorities submitted warnings to 11 houses in 'Izbat at Tabib village of Qalqiliya District and to Al Ta'amra village of Bethlehem District. Four notices were delivered to 'Izbat at Tabib that belong to Deib Sha'ur, Rafe' Shaur, Daoud Sa'di and Salim Sha'ur. One of the house

owners said that these houses are sheltering 40 persons. Seven notices were sent to Al Ta'amra families. The Israeli soldiers also seized a Palestinian house near Al Khader village and turned it into military barracks. *Quds*.

January 29, 2002

- In Bethlehem District, the Israeli authorities started to confiscate land that is located on a secondary road near Al Khader village. The Mayor of Al Khader village confirmed that expanding the road involves seizing agricultural land and destroying it along the roadside to Alia hamlet, to the southwest of Al Khader. The plan is to set up an Israeli military post on over 20 dunums of land. *Quds*
- A Palestinian report confirmed that the Jewish settlers escalated their violations against Palestinian villagers since the beginning of the Intifada. The settlers have killed twelve Palestinians in the past year. This is in addition to other activities such as Palestinian land confiscation, settlement expansion, and destroying Palestinian property. *Quds*

January 30, 2002

- The Israeli army set up two unmanned metal gates in order to block the roads. One of them is near the village of 'Azzun, east of Qalqiliya District, and the other near Habla village, South of Qalqiliya. The roadblocks further impede Palestinians' freedom of movement. The gates prevent residents of 15 villages from reaching the hospital in Qalqiliya. *Jpost*

January 31, 2002

- Israeli soldiers closed down two Palestinian Authority offices in Al 'Eizariya village, east of Jerusalem, and confiscated documents. *Jadeeda & JPost*
- Jerusalem's Lawyer delayed the Jerusalem municipality's decision to demolish houses in Shu'fat camp for three weeks. The first house belongs to Nadia Alqam, which was demolished before. The other house belongs to Bahjat Ali, which is also built for the second time. *Quds*
- In Hebron District, Israeli soldiers issued a military decision that orders 15 commercial stores, which are located beside Al Dabuia building, to close for one week, under the pretext that Palestinian men thrown stones at the soldiers from there. *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.

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted /confiscated /razed/burnt trees	Houses Demolished	Threatened Houses
Bethlehem	1149	20	400	0	17
Jericho	0	0	0	0	4
Nablus	0	0	50	1	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	13	15
Qalqilyia	0	0	41	5	4
Hebron	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1153	20	491	19	40

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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