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Jerusalem

- Jewish settlers erected 18 indiscriminate outposts in different territories of the West Bank since the declaration of the Aqaba summit in June 2, 2003. Quds (July 2, 2003).
- The IOF demolished the house of Fawzi Abu Rmaileh in Al Ashqariya district in Beit Haifa neighborhood under the pretext of not having building permits; as a result 15 inhabitants were displaced. Wafa (July 2, 2003).
- Israel is willing to construct a new building project that will add 3200 housing units to Betar Illit settlement southeast Jerusalem city, 1360 housing units to Tzur Hadasa city and another 4281 housing units to Ma'ale Adumim settlement by the end of the year 2003. Quds (July 2, 2003).
- The Ministry of Interior demolished an Olive Presser in Israeli-Arab town of Zalafa. Haaretz daily (July 9, 2003).
- The Medical center in Shu'fat camp licensed by the UNRWA northeast Jerusalem city is threatened to be demolished under the pretext of being illegally built. Quds (July 10, 2003).
- The Israeli troops constructed a new Jewish settlement in Wade 'Ara town at favor of connecting Mensha area with Katzer settlement. Quds (July 11, 2003).
- In a report issued by the International solidarity movement for human rights, 1800 houses were completely demolished since the beginning of the second Intifada in October 2001. Quds (July 11, 2003).
- The IOF handed the residents 'Asem and Adel 'Abd El 'Al military orders to demolish their two-storey house in Ras Khamis

neighborhood in Shu'fat camp under the pretext of not having building permits. Several families in Jabal Al Mukabbir, Sur Bahir and Al Sawahira Al Sharqiya southeast Jerusalem city were also handed military orders to demolish their houses for the same reason. Quds+ Wafa (July 15, 2003).

- The IOF destroyed a Gas station in Wad Qadum area to the south Jerusalem city which belongs to Isam 'Eid under the pretext of not having building permit. Wafa+ IPC (July 16, 2003).
- The Israeli occupation forces expropriated 136 dunums of lands owned by Palestinians in Sur Bahir village in the renowned area of Wade Al Hemss, south of the Occupied East Jerusalem to establish a segment of the apartheid Segregation wall, with a width of 40-70 meters, stretching approximately 3 km length, as well as erecting fortified watch towers along the wall. Further 46 dunums of Palestinian-owned lands of Abu Dis in east Jerusalem have been expropriated for the same purpose. IPC (July 27, 2003).
- In a report issued by the Human Rights center, 116 houses were completely demolished by the Israeli troops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the last six months. Quds (July 27, 2003).
- Jerusalem center for the Social and Economical rights announced that hundreds of alarms were handed to residents in the southern, eastern and northern areas of Jerusalem city to demolish their houses, of which, 36 alarms to residents of Shu'fat camp. The reason behind this demolishing campaign is either to expand one of two settlements Psgat Zeev and Abu Ghneim (Har Homa) settlements or to continue the Separation Wall constructions. Quds (July 27, 2003).
- The Palestinian National information Center issued a report showing 637 houses were destroyed, 1120 dunums were razed and 12313 trees were uprooted during the month of June. Quds (July 28, 2003).
- The IOF demolished the second floor of the two-storey house owned by Musa Al Selfeti in 'Ein Al Foqa district in Silwan south of Jerusalem under the pretext being unlicensed. Al Ayam+ Quds+ Wafa+ IPC (July 30, 2003).
- According to PEACE NOW studies, only 8 outposts were dismantled by the IOF in the West Bank since Aqaba summit in June 2003, while 12 new outposts were erected 4 of which were dismantled. Peace now+ Quds (July 30, 2003).
- 30 houses are threatened to be demolished in Al Sal'a neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukabbir south of Jerusalem at favor of erecting a bypass road for the Separation Wall process; meanwhile, six of those houses are to be demolished in the coming days. Wafa (July 30, 2003).

Jenin

- The Israeli bulldozers razed wide areas of agricultural lands cultivated with Vegetables in Marj Bin 'Amir Area in the north. The lands belong to farmers from Burqin village. Wafa (July 5, 2003).
- The IOF are willing to erect a new bypass road that will connect Salim military base in the north with Al 'Arqa village. According to this Israeli plan, a number of Palestinian villages like 'Anin, Al Taybeh, Rummana and Zububa villages will be completely isolated. Quds (July 11, 2003).

Tulkarm

- The IOF handed Farmers of Baqa Esh Sharqiya village military orders to evacuate 100 dunums of lands cultivated with Olive and Almond trees in order to erect a military fence near the Green Line borders. Wafa (July 5, 2003).
- The IOF handed farmers of Qaffin, Nazlet Issa, 'Allar and Zeita villages north of Tulkarm military orders to confiscate 424 dunums of agricultural lands at favor of the Separation Wall. Wafa (July 10, 2003).

Nablus

- The IOF relinquished the Indiscriminate Shalim neighborhood near Allon Moreh settlement in Nablus. Quds (July 11, 2003).
- A group of Jewish settlers erected a new outpost on Palestinian lands in Salem village, to the east of Nablus City. IPC (July 12, 2003).

Hebron

- The IOF started erecting a new bypass road on the 54 dunums that were confiscated from Dura lands at favor of connecting Nahal Negohot settlement with the borders of the green line. More than 400 Olive and Almond trees were uprooted by this violation. The lands belong to Abu Sharar, Al Swaiti and Abu 'Atwan families. Wafa (July 7, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing the agricultural lands north of Qiryat Arba' settlement to expand the settlement borders. Moreover, a group of Jewish settlers razed 5 dunums of lands and seized almost 80 Olive trees from Da'na and Jaber families. Quds (July 9, 2003).
- Some Jewish settlers under the protection of the Israeli troops forced the landlords of Al Ramadin district to leave their lands under the

- threat of weapons. The lands belong to Ahmad 'Awad Al Sh'our and Musa Al Sh'our. Wafa (July 9, 2003).
- The IOF fenced the area leading to the Ibrahimi Mosque and Al Salaymeh district in Hebron. Quds (July 12, 2003).
 - The IOF took over the house of Kaied Shaker located to the west of Nahal Negohot settlement in Dura village. In addition, a number of Israeli bulldozers uprooted hundreds of Olive trees owned by Al Hashish and Al Siwati families at favor of the new bypass road that connects the Green Line with Nehal Negohot settlement. Quds (July 14, 2003).
 - The IOF fenced a three dunums land located to south of Kharesina settlement and belong to Said Da'na. Quds (July 14, 2003).
 - A group of Jewish settlers stretched their colonial activities against Palestinian properties in Hebron and fenced 10 dunums of land and uprooted a number of Olive trees in the area in order to expand the borders of Qiryat Arba' settlement. Moreover, the Israeli settlers also took over 11 dunums of lands owned by Samih Da'na. Quds (July 17, 2003).
 - The IOF took over 15 commercial stores in Beit Romano outpost in the old city of Hebron which belong to Abu Rajab, Al Tabakhi, Abu Zaina, Al Shwaiki and Al Qaisi families. Quds (July 22, 2003).

Bethlehem

- The IOF handed citizens of Umm Rukba district south of Al Khadr village military orders to confiscate their lands at favor of expanding Efrat settlement. Wafa (July 10, 2003).
- Settlers of Betar Illit settlement continued their aggression against the Palestinian lands in Nahalin village and confiscated 400 dunums of agricultural lands owned by Abu Ghayada, Fanoun, Zaid, Abu Mustafa, Al Nis and Sawad families to erect a new bypass road that will pass through Betar Illit settlement to connect Khalit Skeik and Qarnet Al Maghayer villages. Al Ayam (July 29, 2003).
- A group of Jewish settlers and under the protection of the IOF confiscated hundreds of dunums of lands in Al Nahla, Abu Njam and Khalail Al Luz villages at favor of expanding Efrat settlement built on lands of Al Khadr village to the west of Bethlehem district. Al Ayam (July 31, 2003).

Gaza

- A Total of 40 houses were demolished in Beit Hanun city since May 2003 till the withdrawal of the IOF in the 30th of June 03. Quds (July 1, 2003).
- The IOF continued erecting a 3km length and 8m width bypass road over 200 dunums of lands on the northern side of Meraj settlement in Rafah governorate. The lands belong to Al Masri, Al Najar and Al Sha'ir families. Wafa (July 1, 2003).
- The Ministry of agriculture announced that since May 21 till June 2003 the Israeli bulldozers razed 1179 dunums of lands and uprooted 41000 Citrus trees, 2370 Olive trees, 1856 Fruit trees and 50 Palm trees. Quds (July 3, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 6 dunums of lands cultivated with Olive and Palm trees in Deir El Balah, owned by Ahmad Muhammad Al 'Azayza. They also uprooted a number of Olive trees owned by Jum'a El Luh, 'Eid El Jeyawi and Khalil Sweidan. Quds (July 4, 2003).
- The IOF staged into Tel Zu'rub district in Rafah and razed 10 dunums of agricultural lands and uprooted 100 Olive and Palm trees. Quds (July 6, 2003).
- The Israeli occupation forces constructed a military watch point- 5 meters high-near Al Tufah checkpoint west of Khan Yunis camp. Wafa (July 7, 2003).
- The IOF demolished the house of Tal'at Abu Hamza in block (J). in Rafah near the Palestinian-Egyptian borders. Quds (July 11, 2003).
- The IOF destroyed a three-storey house in Rafah city, to the south of Gaza strip; first time since cease-fire declaration. Haaretz daily (July 12, 2003).
- The IOF began erecting a new 600m road on a seized land in Beit Lahia in Tebit Al Wali Salih district, north of Gaza. The road is designed to link two illegitimate Jewish settlements of Dugit and Ily Sinai. IPC+ Wafa (July 12, 2003).
- The IOF demolished a three-storey house owned by Kamal Darwish in Al Brazil neighborhood. Moreover, the Israeli troops constructed a 6m watch-point in Al Kharasaneh district. Quds (July 12, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed wide areas of agricultural lands to the south Al Muntar passage east of Gaza city. Wafa (July 18, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged 100m into Zu'rub neighborhood to the west of Rafah and razed 300m² of land cultivated with Olive trees which belong to 'Abed Al Karem Dhayer. Moreover, the IOF uprooted tens of Olive trees owned by Shehda Zu'rub. Quds+ Al Ayam (July 28, 2003).

- The Israeli bulldozers razed tens of dunums of agricultural land in Al Baraka district to the south of Deir Al Balah. The land belongs to Al Masdar family. Wafa (July 31, 2003).

Ramallah

- The Jewish settlers took over 100 dunums of land cultivated with Olive, Almond, Wheat and Barley in Wade 'Ali, 'Ein Umm Khaled and Al-Baq'an district in Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya village, at favor to expand Eli and Ma'ale Levona settlements. Quds (July 1, 2003).
- New Changes on the Separation Wall path to link Ariel settlement in the north with other nearby settlements in Ramallah district. Quds (July 3, 2003).
- The Israeli troops dynamited two Palestinian houses in the West Bank village of Beit Reema, near Ramallah city. The houses are owned by Ahmad and Ramiz Remawi. IPC (July 18, 2003).
- Israel is planning to build a new theme park between Beit El settlement and Givat Artez, the indiscriminate outpost, to connect the lands of Beit El and Ofra settlements, east of the governorate together. Al Ayam (July 23, 2003).
- More than 800 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive and Fruit trees were confiscated and later razed by the Israeli bulldozers in Singil city north of Ramallah district to construct a new settlement. Wafa (July 30, 2003).

Salfit

- The Israeli bulldozers razed more than 40 dunums of agricultural lands, uprooted 200 Olive trees and demolished three poultries in Mas-ha village for the Separation Wall. The lands belong to Othman Ahmad Amer. Wafa (July 2, 2003).
- The IOF is planning to take over 8 dunums of Mas-ha agricultural lands for military purposes. The lands belong to Hani 'Abed Allah Amer and Muhammad Othman Amer and are located near El Kanah Jewish settlement northwest Mas-ha city. Wafa (July 12, 2003).
- Deir Balout Standard School is threatened to be demolished in Salfit governorate under the pretext of not having building permits. The demolishing process also threatens the house of Khaled Hussein and the Cement factory of Muhammad 'Abed El Rahim. Al Ayam (July 23, 2003).

Jericho

- A number of Israeli bulldozers razed 4 dunums of land cultivated with Banana Fruit in El ‘Auja district which belong to Muhammad Muhsin Irmalih and demolished a number of plastic houses in the same area under the pretext of not having building licenses. Quds (July 4, 2003).
- Israel is planning to erect a 40km Separation Wall in the Jordan valleys which will pass through the Besan valley in the south to reach Ma’ale Afraim settlement in the east and to finally link the northern areas of the Dead Sea. Quds (July 23, 2003).

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums).	Land Threatened (Dunums).	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Gaza	16	0	229	7	0
Ramallah	900	0	1375	2	0
Jerusalem	182	0	0	2	68
Salfit	40	8	200	0	1
Bethlehem	400	0	0	0	0
Jericho	4	0	0	0	0
Hebron	29	0	480	0	0
Tulkarem	524	0	0	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyia	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2095	8	2284	11	69

The Monthly overview report gives a list of the Israeli Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory which are based on reports provided by field workers and/or by one or more of the following news sources: Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, Al-Quds daily newspaper, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, Israel National News, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, Paltoday news-website, Palpress news website, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Palestine News Network, Ma'an News Agency, Al Jazeera News Channel, Israel National News, and Yediot Ahronot – English website.

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