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Jerusalem

- Jerusalem Municipality issued dissents for residents of Jabal Al Mukabbir, Ja'abes and Bashir neighborhoods for not having building permits. Quds (Jan 1, 2005).
- The Israeli Prime minister Ariel Sharon continues with his plan to connect Ma'ale Adumim settlement with Jerusalem city by surveying lands in the areas of "E1" project (commercial areas, projects and several numbers of Hotels). This is the first step to announce that the lands as "State lands" for the construction of new settlements and the expansion of others. Arabs48 (Jan 3, 2005).
- Jerusalem municipality court charged the prisoner Shadi Tariq Al 'Esawi from Al 'Isawiya town NIS 67,000 as a penalty for not having building permits. Quds (Jan 5, 2005).
- Jerusalem municipality court charged the resident Isma'il Nu'man Abu Senaineh from 'Ein Al Luza area in Silwan, NIS 10,000 as a penalty for not having building permits. Quds (Jan 6, 2005).

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- The Israeli authorities handed the residents of Al Jeeb and Biddu villages in Jerusalem military orders to confiscate 88.7 dunums of lands in Block 6 (Suhwail, Sha'b, Al Jwaiya and Hariqa Duwayd areas), out of which, 71. 9 dunums of them are located in Biddu. Wafa (Jan 6, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed more than 100m of lands near the main street in Al Nabi Samuel village in the northwest of Jerusalem city owned by Ahmad Barakat. Wafa (Jan 11, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme court issued an order to stop constructing the Segregation Wall in Beit Surik village according to the appeal handed by the landowners. Arabynet (Jan 15, 2005).
- The Israeli chief commander Moshe Keplenski issued an order to confiscate 363 dunums of lands in the villages northwest of Jerusalem city for the Segregation Wall process, opposing the Israeli high court to stop constructing the wall in these areas. 112 dunums of the lands are in Al Qubeibeh and Qatannah, 34 dunums in Beit Duqqu, 72 dunums in Biddu, and 146 dunums in Beit 'Ijza. Quds (Jan 15, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities issued the final map of the Segregation Wall path which will penetrate the Palestinian villages of Ar Ram and Al Barid outskirt; as a result 9 of the Palestinian centers and societies located in that area will be inside Jerusalem municipality borders such as the World bank head quarter. Quds (Jan 16, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities intend to construct two passages connecting north of the West Bank with Jerusalem city. The first will be constructed east of Qalandyia checkpoint while the second will be constructed east of Ar Ram town (Dwar Adam). Another passage is to be constructed north of Al 'Ezariya town particularly in Ras Abu Sebastian area. Palestinian passengers willing to cross such passages must hold Jerusalem ID's or Special permits issued by the Israeli civil administration . Quds (Jan 16, 2005).
- The Israeli Government decided to implement the "Land Absentee" law on thousands of dunums of Palestinian lands located in East Jerusalem. Many Palestinians living in the West Bank will lose their ownership of their property in East Jerusalem. Quds (Jan 24, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed residents of Al Jeeb village in Jerusalem military orders to confiscate 2362 dunums of lands in Blocks (1, 2, and 3) for the Segregation Wall. Wafa (Jan 30, 2005).
- The IOF started paving new colonial road that will connect Navi Yaacov settlement with the other settlements in 'Anata, Hizma and El 'Ezariya in

the south, north and east of Jerusalem city. This step came after the construction of the Segregation Wall in the area. Wafa (Jan 31, 2005).

- Ameti Lavi, the Israeli commander of the "Jerusalem Envelop " area announced that more than 74 Palestinian houses constructed without licenses and located along side the Segregation Wall path will be demolished in Al Mintar neighborhood in Sur Bahir under the pretext of defending the wall through the creation of a buffer Zone with 500m long on the two sides of the envelop. Quds (Jan 31, 2005).

Qalqiliya

- The IOF hindered Palestinian landowners of 'Azun 'Itma south of Qalqiliya district from accessing their lands and houses. Quds (Jan 16, 2005)

Gaza

- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Deir El Balah city and razed vast areas of lands cultivated with Olives and Palms around 'Ikela gas station. Wafa (Jan 1, 2005).
- The IOF partially demolished the houses of Iyad and Majed Al Talalka to the east of Beit Hanun city north of the Gaza Strip. Wafa (Jan 2, 2005).
- The IOF constructed new military base on Sesalim land near the southern entrance of Beit Hanun city and supplied it with 30 tank and 4 bulldozers; In the time, the IOF razed a plastic house owned by Muhammad Al Za'anin east of the city. Wafa (Jan 2, 2005).
- The IOF staged into the west of Al Amal neighborhood market west of Khan Yunis city and demolished 10 houses. Quds (Jan 2, 2005).
- The IOF completely demolished 20 houses and caused severe damages to 40 others in the last incursion in Khan Yunis south of Gaza Strip. Quds (Jan 3, 2005).
- The IOF erected earth mounds on the lands of Al 'Afify family south of Beit Hanun city after taking over his house and turned it into military post. Moreover, the IOF partially demolished 6 houses during the incursion, which belong to Al 'Afify and Al Talalqa families. Al Ayam (Jan 3, 2005).
- The Israeli security committee is planning to erect a canal alongside Philadelphia corridor in the Gaza Strip at favor of preventing the erection of smuggling tunnels. As a result, more than 3000 Palestinian houses are

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- threatened to be demolished. The canal will be 4,5 km long with more than tens of meters width forming a the shape of triangle. Quds (Jan 10, 2005).
- The IOF took over Al Matahin Palestinian Company to the northwest of Al Qarara town north of Khan Yunis city and transformed it into military post. Wafa (Jan 12, 2005).
 - The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands cultivated with Olives, Vine trees and Vegetables in Al Zaytun neighborhood southeast of Gaza city; moreover the IOF took over the houses of Hasan and Mo'awiya Salmi and transferred them into military barracks. Wafa (Jan 15, 2005).
 - The IOF partially damaged a Palestinian house north of Beit Lahya city to the north of the Strip due to the heavy shelling the area received. Wafa (Jan 16, 2005).
 - The IOF demolished three houses in Qizan Al Najjar area to the southwest of Khan Yunis city which belong to Yousef, 'Adli and Khaled Sharab. Wafa (Jan 16, 2005).
 - The Israeli bulldozers staged into El Sheikh 'Ajlin and Tel Al Hawa areas south of Gaza city, razed vast areas of agricultural lands and uprooted trees owned by the families of Al Dahduh, 'Azam, Hasan, Qiz'at, Shamlakh, Al Suwaf, Salmi, 'Ayad and Irhem. Al Ayam (Jan 17, 2005).
 - The Israeli Ministry of Defense agreed on constructing a new crossing passage in Beit Hanun (Erez) passage and will relocate it inside the Israeli borders. This new passage will cost NIS 150 million. Quds (Jan 17, 2005).
 - The IOF destroyed the agricultural nursery of Al Haj Salam Hussein Al Rash constructed over 5 dunums of lands and cultivated with 250,000 plants of Vegetables to the south of Al Zaytun neighborhood. Al Ayam (Jan 19, 2005) .
 - The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands cultivated with Citrus north of Beit Hanun city to the north of the Strip. Lands belong to Abu Swalim Khalaf family. Wafa (Jan 20, 2005).
 - The Israeli troops took over the house of Jamal Al Kafarneh in Al Sultan 'Abed El Hamid Street in Beit Hanun city and turned it into military barrack. Al Ayam (Jan 20, 2005)/
 - The IOF settled cement blocks on the two sides of the new erected road near the coastal road to the west of Nitzarim settlement to construct a permanent checkpoint similar to Abu Holy and Al Matahin checkpoints south of the Strip. This checkpoint will separate the middle governorate from Gaza governorate. Quds (Jan 26, 2005)

Bethlehem

- The IOF handed residents of Al Walaja village to the west of Bethlehem city military orders to pay NIS 628260 or \$ 143500 as a penalty for the 23 houses threatened to be demolished in the village. Wafa (Jan 9, 2005).
- The IOF demolished three residential houses, four barracks along with one agricultural house and four farms which belong to Jamal Barghouth, Salim 'Ali Abu Reziq, Samer Jubran, Maher Abu Khyara, Fakhry Abu Sadud, Mustafa Ahmad Al Atrash, Musa 'Abed El Sheikh, Emad Abu El teen, Sa'ed Muhammad El Sheikh 'Ali, Hussein Abu Reziq, Hasan Shehada and Walid 'Atta in 'Ein Ejwazeh neighborhood in Al Walaja village to the northwest of Beit Jala city. Wafa (Jan 17, 2005).
- The IOF hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their 200 dunums of lands planted with Olive trees in Husan village west of Bethlehem city and closed the road leading to these lands with earth mounds at favor of expanding Betar 'Illit settlement. Lands belong to Hamamreh and Shusha families. Wafa (Jan 24, 2005)

Tubas

- The Israeli authorities notified tens of Palestinian families in 'Ein El Beida and Bardala villages in the northern valleys to evacuate their houses, preparing them for demolition. It is worth mentioning that these houses are located close to the Segregation Wall path. Wafa (Jan 22, 2005)

Jenin

- More than 18 Palestinian families are threatened to be evacuated from their homes after the Israeli committee for planning and construction took photos for their houses in Rumana, Al Teyba and T'anak villages west of Jenin district claiming that these houses were constructed near the Segregation Wall path and without permits. The threatened houses belong to: Jamal Nimr 'Abed Allah Yasin, Ahmad Shalabi, Muhammad 'Ali Yousef Shalabi, Muhammad Sheref Fayez Al Fahla, M'moun Abu Baker, Mu'tasem Abu Baker, Muntaser Abu Baker, Radwan Muhammad As'ad Sharba (And his son), Ahmad Abu Hamad, Hussein Sadeq Harez Allah, Omar Se'oud Mas'oud Jabarin, Ahmad & Mar'I Ighbariya and Tawfiq & Mahmoud Ahmad Jabarin. Al Ayam (Jan 15, 2005)

Hebron

- The Israeli committee for planning and construction handed Raed Hussein Shami Al 'Ajoly and Jihad 'Abed El Hamid Al Rajaby in Hebron city orders notifying them of their intention to demolish their houses for being unlicensed; Moreover, the IOF handed residents Mahmoud Hussein Muhammad Ghabara and Ahmad 'Abed Allah Jaber 'Abed El Qader from Idhna town same orders at favor of demolishing their farms under the same pretext. Wafa (Jan 11, 2005).
- The IOF took over 400 dunums of lands and uprooted at least 5000 Olive trees in Idhna town to the west of Hebron city for the Segregation Wall process. Among the owners, the following were known: Diyab Al Jiyawi, Mahmoud 'Abed El Qader Abu Zalta, Ahmad Ibrahim Faraj Allah, Ahmad 'Ali Al Jiyawi, Mahmoud Shihada Al Jiyawi, 'Abed El Min'm Al Jiyawi, Ahmad Isma'il Al Tmayzi and 'Abed Allah Abu As'ad. Moreover, the IOF took over several numbers of artesian wells in the area and belong to 'Abed El Min'm Al Jiyawi and Mahmoud Al Jiyawi. Wafa (Jan 12, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 40 dunums of lands and uprooted tens of Olive and Almond trees in Khalayel El Maghreba area located 400m to the south of road # 60 and demolished 3 tents. Among the owners, the following were known: Tah 'Abed El Shakur Al Tawel, Walid Ahmad Al Tawel & the brothers Salim, 'Azmi, Laila, Al Maza and Basim Saher Al Raghabi and the family of Naser El Din. Wafa (Jan 25, 2005) .
- The Israeli troops staged into Adh Dhahiriya town in Hebron city and took over the two houses of Ibrahim Huwarin, 'Adel Mahmoud Jabarin, Yousef Jaber Al Ka'ka, Fakhry 'Ezat Abu Sharikh, Hani Abu Sharikh and 'Ayed Abu Sharikh turning them into military barracks. Quds+ Al Ayam (Jan 27, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed about 50 dunums of lands cultivated with Almonds and Olives to the south of Hebron city in Khalit El Furin and Sha'b Hemar areas near the area of Khalayel El Maghreba. Lands belong to Al Ragabi, Ghayth, Burqan, Naser El Din, Abu Senaineh and Al Karaki families. Wafa (Jan 30, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers of Susiya southeast of Yatta town uprooted 300 Olive trees in Ma'en area. Al Ayam (Jan 31, 2005).

Nablus

- The IOF took over a nine-storey residential building in Nablus city and turned it into military post. Wafa (Jan 18, 2005).
- The Israeli troops staged into Nablus city and dynamited a store after planting it with explosive devices, causing severe damages to the nearby houses and properties. Al Ayam (Jan 24, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers confiscated the 15 dunums lands owned by Issa Makhoulf in 'Asira El Qebliya village after destroying his Wheat and barley harvests as well as figs and apple trees. It is worth mentioning that this is not the first time settlers aggress on his land trying to confiscate it, but a total of 50 dunums of lands are inaccessible by Issa Makhoulf. Quds (Jan 30, 2005).

Tulkarm

- The IOF took over the house of Khairy Hatim in Baqa Ash Sharqiya village to the north of Tulkarm city and turned it into military barrack. Wafa (Jan 4, 2005).
- At Al Kafriyat checkpoint, the Israeli forces hindered Palestinian landowners from Far'un and Al Ras villages in Tulkarm district from accessing their lands located behind the Segregation Wall. Quds (Jan 13, 2005).
- The IOF took over the houses of Muhammad and Wael Salman Radad in Seida town in Tulkarm district, whereby the Israeli Forces handed residents Shafeq 'Awni 'Abed El Ghani, Ahmad Suleiman Zaki Radad and Amjad Zaki Radad military orders to evacuate their houses. Wafa (Jan 26, 2005).

Ramallah

- The Israeli chief commander Moshe Kaplenski issued an order to confiscate 2.3 dunums (2300m²) of land in Al Janiya village near Ramallah for military use. Quds (Jan 12, 2005).
- The IOF dynamited the house of Majed Ribhy 'Arar in Qarawat Bani Zeid to the north of Ramallah city. Wafa (Jan 12, 2005)
- The IOF surrounded the houses of 'Ala' Jaser 'Arar, Akram 'Arar, Kahlil Hamdan and Karim Hamdan in Qarawat Bani Zeid village to the north of Ramallah city preparing them for demolition. Wafa (Jan 25, 2005).

Salfit

- The Israeli Forces continued razing lands in Salfit city and Iskaka town to construct the Segregation Wall around Ariel settlement from its eastern, northern and southern parts, opposing the order of the Israeli Supreme court issued on the 16th of June, 2004 to stop the construction of the wall around the settlement. This part of the wall is planned to have 4km long out of 9km. More than 6000 dunums of lands will be isolated and destroyed due to this process. Wafa+ Quds (Jan 25, 2005).

Others

- The Israeli ministry of transportation agreed on constructing a new railway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem cities which will pass through two tunnels, the first in Al Latrun area going through the lands of Canada park, while the second will pass close to Mapseret Zion west of Jerusalem city and will penetrate some parts of the Green Line. Quds (Jan 1, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished 5 houses in the unrecognized village of Al Sura in the Negev under the pretext of being unlicensed. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli authorities issued orders to demolish houses in Al Haran, 'Arad and Al Sadir villages which will displace 3300 inhabitants. Wafa + Arabs48 (Jan 10, 2005).
- Israel has asked the US government to help pay a total of \$ 450 million to set up new crossing points and upgrade others located along the Segregation Wall. It is worth mentioning that Israel receives nearly \$ 3 billion a year from the US. Haaretz (Jan 12, 2005).
- The IOF destroyed and razed about 2000 dunums of lands planted with Wheat and Barley in the Negev in the villages of Khashim Zaneh and Al Sawawin which belong to the families of Al 'Athamin, Al Hamamdeh and Ibn Hamad. Arabs48 (Jan 17, 2005).
- The IOF distributed military orders to demolish Palestinian houses in Al Helaisa neighborhood in Razeil 4 Street in Haifa city. One of the threatened houses is a three-storey building inhabited by 10 families. Wafa (Jan 21, 2005).
- Members of Knesset demand to add NIS 500 million (NIS 1 billion) as compensation to Gush Katif, Gaza Strip, and northern Samaria residents and business owners evacuating from these areas could increase this year's state budget deficit by at least 0.2 percent of GDP. Each family is supposed to receive an average of NIS 1.25 million, according to the

current bill. This figure does not include compensation for businesses. The final decision regarding the increased compensation will be taken in the coming days. In addition to fair value for their homes, settlers will receive an extra NIS 135,000 for buying a home in the Negev or the Galilee, as well as moving expenses and rent during the transition period. Each resident will receive a personal benefit of NIS 2,400 for each year they lived in the area. Haaretz (Jan 26, 2005)

- Israel is planning to erect a 100km railway connecting Gaza Strip with the West Bank through Ashdod harbor. According to this plan, Tulkarm will be the last station. Israel will ask the World Bank to help in financing half of the expenses of this plan. Quds (Jan 26, 2005).
- In a report issued by the Israeli ministry of interior assured that the number of settlers in the Gaza Strip increased by 5% (From 8158 settlers to 8550) since May 2004 in time of talking about the disengagement plan. Quds (Jan 27, 2005).
- An Israeli report shows that Israel has constructed 125 indiscriminate outposts in the West Bank. Quds (Jan 31, 2005).

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	200	0	3	0
Jerusalem	3149.7	0	0	0	74
Jenin	0	0	0	0	18
Tukarem	0	0	0	0	3
Ramallah	2.3	0	0	1	4
Nablus	15	50	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	13	0
Qalqilyia	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	490	0	6675	0	2

Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3657	250	6675	17	101

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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