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#### Jerusalem

- The IOF constructed new 9 meters cement blocks for the Segregation Wall near 'Anata secondary school northeast of Jerusalem city. Quds (Oct 2, 2005).
- Jerusalem Municipality charged Palestinian resident Khalid Nimr Basher from 'Ein Al Luza neighborhood in Silwan a penalty of NIS 60,000 under the pretext of not having a building permit for his 170 m<sup>2</sup> house. Quds (Oct 3, 2005).
- Jerusalem Municipality court handed resident Muhammad 'Adel Qnaybi military order to demolish his 50 m<sup>2</sup> house in Shu'fat camp. Quds (Oct 13, 2005).
- The Israeli High Court of Justice ratified the construction of the Segregation Wall in Al Barid outskirt near Ar Ram town north of Jerusalem. Arabs48+ Haaretz (Oct 17, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to stop the construction of the Segregation Wall on the confiscated lands of Al Sawahira Al Sharqiya

southeast of Jerusalem city saying that the confiscation of the lands is illegal. Wafa (Oct 31, 2005).

## **Bethlehem**

- The Israeli settlers uprooted more than 210 fruitful trees near Alon Shevot settlement in Artas village south of Bethlehem city. The trees are owned by Salah, 'Ali and Mahmoud Shahen. Wafa (Oct 3, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers uprooted 150 Vine and Almond trees in Khalet El 'Ein in Al Khadr village west of Bethlehem city. Quds (Oct 6, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed tens of dunums of lands in Al Sawahrs Al Sharqiya town to expand the borders of Kedar and Ma'ale Adumim settlements and to construct parts of the Wall in the area. Quds (Oct 17, 2005).
- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian landowners in Beit Jala town from accessing their lands to harvest their Olive trees in the areas of Bier 'Ona and Wad Ahmad near Gilo settlement. Quds (Oct 17, 2005).
- The Israeli forces demolished more than 12 booths near the northwestern entrance of Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city. Wafa (Oct 19, 2005).
- The Israeli forces installed new cement wall blocks opposite to Rachel's Tomb area at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city in a way to annex as much parts of the area to Jerusalem Municipal boundaries. Quds (Oct 20, 2005).
- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian landowners in Beit Sahour city from accessing their lands to harvest their Olive trees in Jabal Al Dik near the Orthodox housing complex and warned them of not accessing their lands unless they have permits issued from Gush Etzion coordination office west of Bethlehem city. Quds (Oct 25, 2005).

## **Tubas**

- Israeli contractors took over a huge amount of agricultural soil from Al Joubiya area east of 'Ein El Bayda village in the northern valleys. The soil was transferred to the Israeli Settlements situated in the nearby at favor of using it for constructional purposes. Wafa (Oct 10, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed lands near Hamadat settlement, on the eastern side of Sahl Al Beqa'a in Tubas north of the West Bank. Wafa (Oct 13, 2005).

- In a report issued by Al Marsad institution, a Palestinian center for monitoring the Israeli activities in the West Bank, assured that the Israeli authorities confiscated more than 1000 dunums of lands during the last three months and attached them to Rotem settlement in Wadi El Maleh area in the northern valleys east of Tubas city; whereby, another constructional activities are taking place in the nearby settlements of Maskot and Bisakot. Wafa (Oct 17, 2005).
- The Israeli forces demolished several numbers of caravans and barracks near 'Atouf village east of Tubas owned by Bani Odeh. Wafa (Oct 24, 2005).

### **Salfit**

- The IOF hindered Palestinian residents of Mas-ha, Bidya and Az Zawiya villages west of Salfit city from accessing their lands behind the Wall's path and closed the Wall gates under the pretext of military closure. Wafa (Oct 31, 2005).

### **Ramallah**

- The Israeli authorities issued new military order to confiscate 613 dunums of lands in Deir Ghasana town to construct part of the Segregation Wall in the area. The wall will also affect the villages of Bani Zeid Al Gharbiya, Beit Rima and Deir Ghasana. Wafa (Oct 2, 2005).
- Settlers of Beir Arye settlements damaged 500 Vine trees owned by Al Bashayra family in 'Aboud village northwest Ramallah city. Quds (Oct 9, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities turned the Jerusalem-Ramallah road (between Shu'fat southern entrance and Beit Hanina neighborhood) to one lane to continue working on the "Tram-way" which will link Pisgat Ze'ev settlement and the western parts of Jerusalem city. Wafa (Oct 19, 2005).

### **Jenin**

- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian land-owners in Ya'bad town from accessing their Coals under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Oct 2, 2005).
- The IOF hindered Palestinian residents of Ya'bud village, west of Jenin city, from accessing their lands to harvest their Olive trees. Quds (Oct 2, 2005).

## Hebron

- The Israeli forces handed Palestinian residents of Yatta and Dura military order # (T/92/05) to confiscate 7 m<sup>2</sup> of lands mainly in block 13 in Dura in the areas of Qan Resh, Khalet Abu Fisha and Khirbet Karma and lands of Umm El 'Amed in Yatta town to install military equipments around 'Otani'l settlement. ARIJ (Oct 1, 2005).
- The IOF took over the fifth floor of a building owned by Ashraf Muhammad 'Ali Al Raghaby in Hebron city and turned it into a military barrack. Quds (Oct 2, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers took over a Palestinian house north of Neve Daniel settlement and turned it into a military barrack. Arabs48 (Oct 9, 2005).
- Settlers of Karm'il settlement razed lands and added caravans on lands owned by Al Hadalin family south of Hebron city to expand the settlement's area; whereby, settlers of Aveti east of Yatta town razed lands owned by Abu 'Aram family for the same reason. Wafa (Oct 10, 2005).
- The IOF took over the second floor of the two-storey house of Mustafa 'Abed Allah Zayna north of Yatta town and turned it into a military post. Wafa (Oct 11, 2005).
- Settlers of Abraham Aveno in the Old city of Hebron city put fire into a commercial store owned by Al Ja'bary and Shabana families, causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Oct 17, 2005).
- The IOF took over two houses owned by Salah Omar and Hassan 'Alkam Al Shahatet in Kharsa and Dura towns, and turned them into military posts. Wafa (Oct 19, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers and the Israeli forces took over tens of dunums of agricultural lands in Al Samu' town south of Hebron city. Among the owners, the following owners were known: Othman Odeh Al Mahareq and Abu 'Awad family. Wafa (Oct 23, 2005).
- The IOF took over two houses in Al Samu' and Al Tabaqa towns south and southwest of Hebron city and turned them into military barracks. The houses are owned by Yousef Shehda Hamdan and Rajeh Abu Tabekh. Wafa (Oct 25, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Yunis Muhammad 'Ali Omar in Kinar area east of Dura town to the south of Hebron city and forced all residents to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Quds (Oct 27, 2005).
- The IOF took over the two house of Muhammad Isma'il 'Awad and Muhammad Musa Muhammad Abu 'Aram in Yatta town south of Hebron city and turned them into a military barrack. Wafa (Oct 31, 2005).

- Settlers of Susiya settlement east of Yatta town stole huge amounts of Olives planted on 15 dunums of lands owned by Khalil Muhammad 'Awad Allah Al Shamesty, Muhammad Ibrahim Al Batsh, Muhammad Yousef Al Batsh, Musa 'Atta Allah Al Shamesty, Khalil Muhammad Hussein Al Shamesty and Reziq 'Awad Allah Al Shamesty. Wafa (Oct 31, 2005).

## **Nablus**

- The IOF closed all entrances connecting Bizariya village in Nablus with Ramin and 'Anabta towns in Tulkarm with earth mounds and prevented residents from accessing them. Quds (Oct 3, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed out residents of Sebastiya, Al Naqura and Deir Sharaf villages military orders to confiscate lands; the first military order stipulates the confiscation of 60 dunums of lands to erect a security zone in the west, southwest and northwest of Shavei Shomron settlement with 3 Km length and 26 m wide; as a result more than 100 dunums of lands will be isolated. The second military order prevents Palestinian residents from building in the area; whereby the third order declares the area as "Closed Military Area" where residents are hindered from accessing their lands without a permit issued by the Israeli Civil Administration. Quds (Oct 5, 2005).
- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian resident Sami Yousif from accessing his 60 dunums of lands at favor of harvesting his Olive trees near Al Kana settlement in Al Zawiya village west of Nablus city. Quds (Oct 13, 2005).
- Israeli settlers of Itamar west of Beit Furik village aggressed on Palestinian houses owned by Bashir Yousef Mahmoud Mletat and Nizam Fawaz Hussein Hanini, causing severe damages to the properties. Quds (Oct 16, 2005).
- Israeli settlers of Allon Moreh put fire into 300 dunums of lands planted with Olive trees. Major damage were reported. Palestine monitor (Oct 18, 2005).
- Settlers of Allon Moreh, east of Nablus city, put fire into 150 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Olive trees and field crops owned by Fawzat Shtayeh, Adel Odeh and Walid Shtayeh; whereby, another 7 dunums planted with Wheat were burned in Sahl Hawwara, Al Zawiya and Al Lubban causing severe damages. Lands belong to Mohammad Dumeidi. Quds (Oct 17, 2005).

- The Israeli settlers uprooted more than 200 Olive trees in Salem village, east of Nablus city. Jerusalem post (Oct 20, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed areas of lands in Marda village near the Trans Samarian road at favor of surrounding the village with 5 meters high fence. Quds (Oct 20, 2005).
- The IOF staged into 'Asera Al Shamaliya village in Nablus governorate and dynamited the house of Jawabreh family, causing severe damages to the house. Wafa (Oct 22, 2005).
- The Israeli forces will construct a new checkpoint at Tafuh junction south of Nablus city which will isolate north of the West Bank from its south. It is worth mentioning that this checkpoint will include 10 lanes, out of which, eight will go south while and the remaining two will be set to north. Quds (Oct 31, 2005).

### **Tulkarm**

- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian landowners of Ar Ras and Kafr Sur from accessing their lands behind the Wall. Quds (Oct 17, 2005).

### **Qalqiliya**

- Settlers of Kidumim hindered Palestinian landowners in Kafr Qaddum east of Qalqiliya city from accessing their lands to harvesting their Olive trees. Wafa (Oct 19, 2005).
- Settlers of Kidumim took over a house in Jet town east of Qalqiliya city and turned it into a military post. Wafa (Oct 28, 2005).
- The Israeli forces evacuated 150 settlers from an outpost near Kidumim settlement east of Qalqilyia city and will evacuate another one near Alon Moreh settlement. Quds (Oct 28, 2005).

### **Gaza**

- The Israeli troops started constructing a new fence east of Khan Yunis governorate and new military watch towers. In addition, the IOF started erecting a new 15m wide colonial road on lands owned by Abu Daka, Abu 'Anza and Abu Latifa families. Moreover, the IOF also expanded the military base east of Al Farahin neighborhood and constructed three towers in the area. Arabs48 (Oct 2, 2005).

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- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands in 'Abasan Al Kabera area east of Khan Yunis governorate to erect a new road outside the eastern border of the Strip. Among the owners, the following were known was Abu Ahmad Abu 'Anza. Wafa (Oct 4, 2005).
- The IOF constructed two 5-meters high military watch towers east of Khuza'a town in the eastern part of Khan Yunis and supplied them with military equipments. Wafa (Oct 24, 2005).
- The Israeli forces shelled on the Palestinian houses in Khan Yunis city south of the Gaza Strip, causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Oct 25, 2005).
- The IOF demolished the house of 'Abed El Karim Jum'a in Rafah south of the Strip and caused severe damages to two other nearby houses due to the heavy shelling the area received. Wafa (Oct 25, 2005).
- The IOF shelled on Gaza European hospital in Khan Yunis south of the Strip, causing severe damages to the buildings. Wafa (Oct 25, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities are planning to construct a security zone inside the Gaza Strip. Arabs48 (Oct 29, 2005).
- Governor of Khan Yunis assured that the total losses in the governorate since the beginning of the second Intifada in September 2000 and until recently reached to \$ 600 million. Quds (Oct 31, 2005).

## Others

- The World Bank supports building a transit passage between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. The plan will examine transit options such as a multilane road crossing Israel in a deep trench, an elevated road and a rail link between Erez checkpoint with northern Gaza and the Tarqumiya checkpoint near Hebron, the Palestinian Authority would be responsible for the passage which will be completed in January. Haaretz (Oct 8, 2005).
- 15 Jewish families from the Gaza community of Morag moved to the settlement of Tene Omarim south of Har Hebron, beyond the pre-1967 border. Jerusalem post (Oct 10, 2005).
- Two French companies are willing to construct new Tramway which will connect the two settlements of Pisgat Zeev with the French Hill in Jerusalem. This project will cost of about 400 million Euros and will be used in the year 2008. Quds (Oct 15, 2005).
- Settlers from Eli Sinai are demanding that the government provide them with beachfront properties at Palmahim at a cost of \$240,000 to \$300,000

- per family. They have demanded that the government house them in the area of the holiday village at Nitzanim, or the holiday village in Ashkelon, or in the vicinity of the basic training camp in Zikim or Nitzanim, or in the Palmahim region. It is worth mentioning that, for the past two months Eli Sinai residents have had at their disposal trailer homes in three kibbutzim - Mefalsim, Or Haner and Karmiya. Jerusalem Post (Oct 18, 2005).
- The Israeli governorate is planning to populate the Galilee, Jezreel Valley and Golan Heights. More than 10,000 homes in 104 communities are to be offered at reduced prices. Jerusalem Post (Oct 20, 2005).
  - An Israeli plan to permanently separate Israeli and Palestinian traffic on main roads across the West Bank. The idea was gradually separate the road systems to reduce friction between Israeli and Palestinian residents in the West Bank. Jerusalem Post (Oct 20, 2005).
  - Over the past two months, some 1,100 new settlers have moved to settlements in the West Bank. As has been the case throughout this year, the new settlers of recent weeks have chosen to live in the four major settlements: Upper Modi'in, Upper Betar, Alfei Menashe and Ma'aleh Adumim. In all of 2005, until the beginning of this month, about 12,000 settlers have been added to the population of the West Bank. Haaretz (Oct 23, 2005).
  - The Israeli Peace Now movement's Settlement Watch project issued a new report on illegal settlement outposts in the West Bank. As of mid-October 2005, there were 101 illegal outposts in the West Bank, and no outposts had been dismantled over the past few months. Further, 33 outposts now have permanent buildings, recent construction developments have been observed recently at 13 outposts, and land has been prepared for permanent construction in 15 outposts. For instance, new trailers have been added to Avigayil, Givat Hatamar, and Alonei Shilo. A permanent building was added to Migron, while land was prepared for permanent construction at Bruchin, Hanekuda, and Mevo'ot Jericho. A new road is being prepared for Magen Dan, pavement of a new road took place at Beit Hanotzrim, and a road leading to Einav East was significantly upgraded. Outposts containing areas for permanent construction include Ahiya, Hill 851, Pnei Kedem, and Amona. Peace now (Oct 31, 2005).



<b>District</b>	<b>Land Confiscated (Dunum)</b>	<b>Land Threatened (Dunum)</b>	<b>Uprooted Trees</b>	<b>Houses Demolished</b>	<b>Houses threatened to be demolished</b>
Bethlehem	0	0	360	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	1
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	613	0	500	0	0
Nablus	60	0	200	1	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	1	0
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**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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