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Bethlehem

- Israeli Occupation Vehicles troops overran Um Ruqba neighborhood of Al-Khader village west of Bethlehem and broke into several Palestinian houses. Maannews (January 1, 2009).
- Israeli occupation forces imposed a closure on Bethlehem Governorate south of the West Bank, and set up several checkpoints on the main entrances and hindered the movement of Palestinians specifically in Tequ' village, south of Bethlehem city, and through the Fire Valley Road. Wafa (January 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out Citizen Daoud Marzouq Salah from Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city a military order to demolish an artesian well and an agricultural house under the pretext of being built without proper licensing documents. Both structures are located in Al Mantura Area, some meters away from Eli'zer settlement. Wafa (January 4, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out Citizen Abdullah Abu Swai in Al Nahleh Hamlet in Artas village west of Bethlehem city a house demolition order. The area of the house is 180 square meters and is threatened of demolition under the pretext of lacking valid licensing documents. Wafa (January 5, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out residents of Husan Village west of Bethlehem city a new military order holding number 03/09/T and confiscates a total land area of 13.4 dunums. The order states the construction of a new section of the Israeli Segregation Wall along side Bypass Road number 375 to prevent the access of Palestinians into the Israeli territory. Among land owners, Muhammad Saleh 'Ali Nofel, Sari Muhammad Al Hajja, Ibrahim Muhammad Mustafa, Sameer Abdel Hamid Muhammad Mustafa, Ibrahim Abu Jaber, Ahmad Al Ashqar, As'ad Attiyah Musa, Khalil 'Atiyah Musa, Muhammad Younis Shawasha, Hasan Ni'mah, Odah Hamdan, Muhammad Mustafa Ibrahim, Ibrahim Lafi Shawasha, Muhammad 'Aref Abdel Hamid Sabateen and 'Amer Sabateen. Husan Village Council (January 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem city a new military Order holding number 08/29/T that confiscates a total land area of 18.5 dunums to pave a security road for the use of the Israeli Forces. The road also connects Gava'ot settlement with Betar Illit settlement located within the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. West of Bethlehem city. Husan Village Council (January 10, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces surrounded the house of Ghassan Saleem Sabah from Tequ' village southeast of Bethlehem city and arrested him. Wafa (January 19, 2009).
- The Israeli army occupation stormed Al Khleifat neighborhood in the city of Bethlehem, and raided the house of Ramzi Ahmad Khleif and searched all of its contents. Also, in the camps of Dhuheisheh and 'Aida, the IOA carried out several raids to a number of Palestinian houses, including Al Ja'fari family house in Al Dhuheisheh refugee camp and the houses of 'Ali Al 'Araj and Mahmoud Akel, in Aida refugee camp. Wafa (January 20, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of Battir village west of Bethlehem city ten warnings to halt construction of their houses and structures. House owners are: Hasan Isma'el Hamarah, Muhammad Isma'il Hamarah, Amjad Abu 'Asab, Muhammad Qasqas, Rida Abu Ni'meh, Muhammad Saleh, Tawfeek Salleh, Mahmoud Abu 'Arab, Muhammad Shawasha & Bassam Abu Ne'meh. Battir Village Council (January 20, 2009).

The threatened Palestinian Houses in Battir Village			
Owner	Description	Area (m2)	Status
Hassan Isma'il Hamamreh	Two floors & basement	1000	Under construction
Rida Abu Ni'ma	Three floors & basement	1000	Populated
Mohammad Isma'il Hamamreh	Two floors & basement	500	Under construction
Mahmud Daoud Arab	Gas Station	350	Working
Mohammad Hilmi Jaber	Horse Stable	30	Under construction
Bassam Abu Ni'ma	One floor & basement	400	Populated
Mohammad Saleh	Two floors	180	Under construction
Mohammad Qasqas	Three floors & basemen	100	Under construction
Tawfiq Saleh	Two Houses	280	Under construction
Amjad Abu 'Asab	One floor & basement	260	Under construction

Source: Battir & Husan Village Councils

- The Israeli Occupation soldiers staged into Ad Duheisha Refugee camp south of Bethlehem city and stormed the house of Kifah Al Ja'fari and carried out an intensive search in the house. Wafa (January 25, 2009).
- Tens of Israeli soldiers in military vehicles and bulldozers entered Husan village west of Bethlehem city, imposed curfew on the village and began house-to-house inspections assaulting citizens indiscriminately. Bulldozers dug up the main roads linking the village with neighboring areas. Israeli forces declared the village a closed

military zone and refused to allow university students leave the village in order to attend classes. Maannews (January 26, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation soldiers took over the two-storey house of Ibrahim As Sagheer in Al Hareeq area in Battir village west of Bethlehem city and transformed it into a military post. Wafa (January 26, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of Nahhalin village three military orders to confiscate lands under the pretext of being "State Property". The orders hold number 484, 485, 486 & 487 and confiscate a total land area of 31.2 dunums. Nahhalin Village Council (January 28, 2009).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli High court decided to demolish the house Waleed Al-Ja'bari and confiscate his 700 meters square land in order to build a new Israeli neighborhood and a road leading to the planed neighborhood in Beit Hanina city in East Jerusalem. This is not the first Al-Ja'barai house to be demolished. He is a landowner in Jerusalem and rents properties. The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem has already demolished four of his homes. Maannews (January 1, 2009).
- Israel's Supreme Court approved the closure of two floors of the building where the family of 'Ala Abu Dheim lives Jabal Al Mukkabir (Mount Scopus) in east Jerusalem. Arabs48 (January 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Supreme Court has issued a restraining order to not demolish the house of Musa Duwwayat composed of 4 apartments and inhabited by four families in Sur Baher city southeast of Jerusalem city. Wafa (January 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Committee for planning and construction announced about a new plan to build a Jewish housing complex on lands of Beit Hanina town, north of Jerusalem city. The neighborhood will be composed of 200 new housing units and will be constructed on 16 dunums of land. According to the plan, each dunum of land will have 22 housing units built on it. The complex will be composed of a six floors buildings and a parking lot. Al Quds (January 10, 2009)

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a new military order number 09/01/T to confiscate 506 dunums of lands of Abu Dis city east of Jerusalem to build a new section of the Israeli segregation wall east of Ma'ale Adumim settlement bloc. Al Quds (January 13, 2009).
- The Municipality of Jerusalem published an announcement declaring its ownership of 10 dunums of land under the law of Land expropriation in Al Ghars area in At Tur neighborhood east of Jerusalem and planted with hundreds of Olive trees owned by Al Hidra area. Al Quds (January 13, 2009).
- Israeli central Court ordered citizen Abdel Mu'ti Abu Qteish to evacuate his house in Al Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city, claiming that the two Jewish families own the property. The 900 meters square house consists of four rooms and its facilities and is a home to 6 people. The court gave Citizen Abu Qteish two months to carry out the evacuation. Al Quds (January 17, 2009).
- Israeli Police force and guards stormed the Israeli neighborhood of Jabel Al Mukabbir, south of Jerusalem city and raided the family home of Abu Dheim and began immediately to evacuate the family from the upper floors of the house, which is comprised of four floors, and the closure of the windows with armed cement. Wafa (January 19, 2009).
- Israel again imposed restrictions on access to the iconic Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem on Friday, allowing only men over 40 and women of all ages to worship. Maannews (January 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished for the second time the house of Talal Ashweiki in Al Sawahreh Bridge in 'Ein Al Louza Street in Wadi Qaddum in Silwan city under the pretext of being unlicensed. The house is 140 meters square area and is a home to 6 family members. Wafa (January 28, 2009).
- The Israeli army and Border Police, accompanied by two bulldozers demolished the two-storey house (a basement and four apartments) belonging to Muhammad 'Eid Al Ja'bari in Tel Al Foul area of Beit Hanina. The house is 350 m². The house is a home to 45 family members. The family last received a demolition order in July 2008 but holds a court order issued one week ago stipulating the suspension of the demolition under 31 March 2009. However, the Israeli Army do not

seem responsive to the presence of a suspension order, claiming that they do not know anything about it. DWG (January 28, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers uprooted 30 fruitful trees owned by Citizen Fawzi Issa with the aim of expanding the area of the confiscated land for the establishment of a new border crossing at Shu'fat's refugee camp in Jerusalem city. Arabs48 (January 28, 2009).
- The Israeli Mayor of Jerusalem city Nir Barakat froze "Marshal Project" which aims at investing 200 Million NIS to rehabilitate the infrastructure of East Jerusalem communities. Al Quds (January 31, 2009).

Jenin

- Israeli occupation forces set up several military checkpoints in Jenin Governorate in the northern West Bank, the first was erected between the villages of Al 'Arqa and Kafr Qud southwest of Jenin city, where soldiers stopped and searched vehicles and checked the identities of citizens. Wafa (January 1, 2009).
- Israeli occupation forces erected a number of military checkpoints at the entrances of several villages in Jenin Governorate north of the West Bank. The IOF set up a military roadblock at the entrance of Al 'Arqa village, and another checkpoint at the crossroad of Arraba town. IOF also erected a military checkpoint between Qabatya and Marka villages south of Jenin city, and deployed an army infantry between Qabatya village and Haddad resort south of Jenin city. The Israeli Occupation soldiers stopped vehicles, inspected and checked the identities of Palestinian citizens, and carried out a wide search Operation in the olive groves and agricultural lands adjacent to the checkpoints. Wafa (January 3, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces staged into Qabatya village south of Jenin city, stormed Palestinian houses and destroyed properties, of which the house of Rashed Kameel was known. IOF also staged into Al 'Arqa village west of Jenin city and surrounded the house of Shadi Mahmoud Hamad and search it thoroughly. Al Quds (January 6, 2009).
- Israeli occupation forces set up several military checkpoints at the entrances of Jab', Al Fanduqemyia and 'Ijja, and another military

checkpoint between the villages of Kafr Qud and Al Hashimiyah. The soldiers stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked the identities of citizens. Wafa (January 11, 2009).

- In the West Bank village of Qabatyia, south of Jenin city, Israeli troops stormed houses, firing stun grenades and ordering sleeping families into the street. More than a dozen military vehicles were deployed during the raids. The Israeli troops arrested, Muhannad Fathi Hanaisha, Muhammad Khozimieh, Muhammad Ahmed Abu Zaid, Usama Mahmoud Abu Zaid, and Ahmad Mo'men Abu Zeid. Maannews (January 24, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers impose harsh measures on Palestinian Families living in Ahrash Al 'Omra area located northwest of Ya'bad village, behind the Israeli Segregation Wall path. Such measures come in an attempt to force families out of the area that the Israeli Authorities declared as "Closed Military Area". Al Quds (January 26, 2009).
- In Zabuba, a village near Jenin in the northern West Bank, Israeli Occupation forces imposed a curfew, closed roads with military roadblocks, raided the houses of residents, and prevented people from leaving the village. Maannews (January 28, 2009).
- Israeli army invaded the villages of Al-Yamun and Silat Al-Harhiya, west of the West Bank city of Jenin. The IO army roamed the streets and sporadically firing in the air. Maannews (January 31, 2009).
- Israeli occupation forces stormed the villages of Al Yamun and Zabuba west of Jenin city and conducted patrols in the streets and alleys under the heavy barrage of gunfire, which raised a state of terror and fear among the citizens. Wafa (January 31, 2009).

Hebron

- Israeli troops invaded Tarqumiya and As-Samu in the Hebron governorate, broke into several homes and detained Shehda Al-Fatafta, Rami Hassan Al-Badawi and Abd Al-amid Eghtas. In As-Samu village, the mayor was detained. All were taken to an unknown destination. Maannews (January 1, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation staged into Beit Ummer Town north of Hebron city and stormed the houses of Ayman Isma'il Sabarneh and Hasan Mahmoud Sabarneh. Wafa (January 1, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers staged into Idhna town west of Hebron city and stormed the houses of Yaser Theib Al Tumeizi, 'Adnan Ahmad Hasan An Najjar, Hasan Issa 'Abdel Rahman Al Tumeizi in Al Qarna'a area. Israeli Occupation Forces also carried out a wide search Operation in the agricultural lands adjacent in Al Jaltiya area close to Adora settlement east of Idhna town. Wafa (January 2, 2009).
- Israeli soldiers stationed on the roof of a nearby house threw a tear-gas grenade at the house of Nitham Rweshid in Al Shiekh neighborhood in the city of Hebron in the southern West Bank, which caused Cases of gas inhalation. Wafa (January 3, 3009).
- The IOF moved into Beit al-Roush village, southwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a number of houses, but no arrests were reported. PCHRGAZA (January 11, 2009).
- The IOF moved into Beit Ummar village, north of Hebron. They raided and searched a number of houses in Beit Ummar village, north of Hebron. PCHRGAZA (January 12, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation troops invade Beit Ar-Rush village of Hebron just after ten in the evening and ransacked homes until five in the morning, when they retreated from the village. Israeli Soldiers forced citizens out of their homes while they were raided and trashed. Maannews (January 12, 2009).
- Israeli occupation forces stormed 70 Palestinian houses in Hebron city near Kiryat Arba' settlement, Jabal Jawhar and the industrial zone. During the operation, IO forces forced Palestinian citizens outdoors, and were subjected to humiliating searches and attacks, and destroyed the contents of their homes. Jaber, Al Razem, Abu Sharkh, Al Qemari, Idris, and Marrar families own the targeted houses. Wafa (January 13, 2009).
- The IOF moved into the east of Hebron. They raided and searched dozens of Palestinian houses near "Kiryat Arba" settlement and Jouhar Mount. PCHRGAZA (January 13, 2009).

- The IOF moved into Dura village, southwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a number of houses and arrested two Palestinian civilians; the IOF also moved into Beit Oula village, northwest of Hebron. They raided and searched a number of houses and arrested 'Abdul Fattah Mahmoud al-'Amla. PCHRGAZA (January 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities announced that the lands between the 1949 Green Line (Armistice Line) and the line of the Israeli segregation wall in Hebron Governorate are closed military areas. Landowners wishing to access their lands have to issue permits from the Israeli Civil Administration in Hebron Governorate. Al Quds (January 17, 2009).
- Israeli Settlers attacked several Palestinian houses northeast of Hebron city located between Kharsina and Kiryat Arba' settlements. Among houses, the following were known: Faisal Al Haslamon and 'Ayed Haddad. Another settlers' group from Kiryat Arba' settlement also attacked Palestinian houses in 'Ein Bani Saleem area. Khalifa Da'na and Abdullah Da'na own the houses. Al Quds (January 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out residents of Yatta Town south of Hebron city a new military order holding number 06/09/S which states the prohibition of Palestinian Lands owners from accessing their lands segregated behind the segregation wall. The order also states that Israelis have the right to come and stay on the targeted land targeted under the so-called ' right of return ' (No. 5710 of 1950). The order includes the lands of Asfar Hamlet, Ras Bir Al 'Ad, Umm Al Khus and Imnezal. The Israeli occupation authorities also issued a new military order No. (S/03/09) prevents Palestinian land owners from accessing their lands segregated behind the Israeli Segregation Wall in Hebron Governorate. Landowners will have to issue permits form the Israeli Civil Administration to be able to access their lands behind the wall. Both orders will hinder the access of Palestinians to around 40000 dunums of lands segregated behind the wall. Wafa & Al Quds Wafa (January 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the houses of Muhammad Yahya Manasra and Mahmoud Hila Musa Zeidat from Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city. Wafa (January 19, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Troops raided the city of Sa'eer, near Hebron and seized eight of its residents, wreaking havoc in and around homes and

damaging furniture and the interior of at least one. The army fired percussion grenades inside homes, broke items belonging to residents, and forced others out into the cold for several hours while a number of young men were beaten and eventually detained. Maannews (January 20, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation authorities issued a new military Order that prohibits Palestinian farmers in Hebron Governorate from accessing 45 thousand dunums of lands segregated behind the Israeli Segregation Wall. The order holds number 09/03/S and extends from Al Jab'a village in the north, to the Dead Sea area in the south. Al Quds (January 21, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Idhna town in Hebron Governorate and stormed the houses of Ayman Muhammad Ahmad At Tumaizi, Salah At Tumaizi, Nidal At Tumaizi, Isma'el Ahmad Muhammad At Tumaizi, Ahmad Abd Rasheed Tumaizi, Ziad Abdel Majeed Tumaizi, Hazem Taha Tumaizi, Abdel Majeed Tumaizi, Khaled Yousif Tumaizi, Isma'el Yousif Tumaizi, and waleed Yousif At Tumaizi, searched their contents and forces citizens to evacuate the houses under the threat of weapons. IOF also stormed a number of Car-repair shops in Adhahriyah town south of Hebron Governorate and thoroughly inspected them. Among owners, the following were known: Mahmoud Shaker Al Qaisieh and Basem 'Ammar Al Smamrah. In addition, IOF stormed the house of Bassam Abu Daoud in Al Zeidat neighborhood in Bani Na'im village. Al Quds (January 22, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation authorities set up a Jewish candlestick (Hanuka) at the top of Takruri Mountain in the old city of Hebron. The four meters high iron made candlestick stands close to a military watch tower that was erected in the site in the year 2000 over a piece of land owned by the Hebronite citizen Mr. Yusif Abbas Amro. Al Quds (January 22, 2009).
- Israeli settlers from Karmi'el settlement located east of Yatta town to the south of Hebron city took over tens of dunums of Palestinian lands near the settlement. The settlers hedged the lands of "Umm Tha'la" and "Umm Al Khair" located west of the settlements with barbed wires in an attempt to expand the area of the settlement and prevented local Palestinian resident from approaching the fence. Confiscated lands belong to Abu Hamid, Qar'ish, Abu Fanar families, and many others in the town. Maannews & PalToday (January 25, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation soldiers staged into Dura town south of Hebron city and carried out an intensive house-to-house search. Among owners, the following were known: JamalYusif 'Amr and Fatima 'Atef 'Amr. Wafa (January 26, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizen Isma'il Al 'Idra in Addirat village east of yatta town a military warning to demolish his two houses, each 120 meters square area, and are inhabited by at least 20 persons. The IOA also gave Citizen Isma'il 'Illian 'Awad another military warning to demolish his 8 meters square room in the village and another order to halt reclamation work in his land. In addition, another military order was given to Citizen Isam Musa Mussallam to halt the construction work in his land in Um Lasfa village. Wafa (January 27, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed a number of Palestinian houses and commercial stores in Ad Dhahriyah town in Hebron Governorate and caused damages to properties. Among house and storeowners, the following were known: Mahmoud Hasan Shanyour, Ahmad Issa Mansiyah, Jihad Abu Dayyah, Misbah 'Azmi Al Hawareen, Mahmoud Shaker Shanyour, and Ibrahim Issa Al Samamrah, 'Abbas Sha'ban and Younis Tayyem. Wafa (January 27, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Army staged into Surif town south of Hebron city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses and caused damages to properties especially in Al Hila, Rojom Al Sera, Deir Breka, Ad Duhur and Al Qarna neighborhoods. Wafa (January 29, 2009).

Tulkarem

- Wastewater and pesticides flowing from the Israeli chemical factory established on Palestinian lands in the western neighborhood of Tulkarem city caused unknown symptoms of sickness to citizen Husam Bilal Ismail Abu Rabee' who lives in Irtah village south of the city. Al Quds (January 19, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces staged into Tulkarem city from its eastern entrance and stormed a number of workshops owned by 'Abed Al Jallad and Abdel Kareem Jaber and confiscated a number of cars and car-parts. Wafa (January 27, 2009).

Ramallah

- Israeli occupation forces fired tear gas and toxic cocktail bombs on Palestinian houses located close to the checkpoint erected at the entrance of the village. The bombs have caused the complete burning of 'Yusuf Ahmed Khawaja' house including the living room, the electrical appliances, and electronic devices. Wafa (January 1, 2009).
- Seizure order number t/76/04 (extension) - extending effect of temporary fence near Beit Surik. The original seizure order issued in 2004 allowed the construction of a temporary route of the separation fence in the area west of Beit Surik and Biddu, until the government decides on the continuation of the route in the area of Beit Iksa. The order refers to further land seizure for the temporary route, to be in place until December 2009 (this order also arrived unsigned and without a date). In addition, at the same area, about two months ago the security forces erected a new checkpoint on the road to Beit Iksa, preventing anyone who is not a resident of the village from entering it. PEACENOW (January 16, 2009).
- Five Israeli military vehicles raided the Zein restaurant in the Resorts area, Sath Marhaba, Seriet Ramallah, and Ramallah Park. Soldiers stopped a number of citizens in the streets near Sath Marhaba and the Seriet Ramallah, checked their identity cards, and reversed traffic in the area. Maannews (January 25, 2009).

Salfit

- Israeli occupation soldiers block traffic through Za'tara checkpoint, and searched cars and checked the identities of Palestinian citizens. Wafa (January 4, 2009).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed down Al Hamra checkpoint located between Tubas and Jenin Governorates in the northern West Bank for three hours and hindered vehicular and pedestrian movement. Al Quds (January 7, 2009).

- A number of Israeli settlers expelled some Palestinian shepherds from Al Hammamat area east of Tubas city while they were grazing their livestock and forced them to vacate the area under the threat of weapons. Wafa (January 26, 2009).

Qalqilyah

- Several Israeli military vehicles overran Kafr Laqif village and forced several families to evacuate their homes east of Qalqilyah. The families were interrogated and the homes searched; Maannews (January 1, 2009).
- An Israeli settler tried to break into 'Omar Ebn Al Khattab Mosque in the eastern neighborhood of Kafr Qaddum village. Al Quds (January 10, 2009).
- Seizure order number t/78/06 (extension and modification) - Updating the fence surrounding the village of Azzoun Atmeh. Israeli forces updated a fence built in recent years around the village of Azzoun Atmeh. The IDF added barbed wire on the fence and erected a new inspection point. Residents of the village received in recent weeks a seizure order for the “renewal and modification of the fence” around their village. The order is missing the signature of the Commander of the Judea and Samaria Division, and is missing a date. The effect of the order, like the previous orders is only 60 days. According to the planned route of the separation barrier, a fence from every side should surround the village but most of the village's land and agricultural fields should remain inside the fenced area. The temporary fence built around the village allows its residents access to a more limited area. PEACENOW (January 12, 2009)
- The Israeli occupation army added Spiral barbed wires along the southern fence which stretches from Oranit settlement in the west to Sha'are Tekvah settlement in the east of five-kilometers long and caused the isolation of thousands of dunums of agricultural lands and an artesian well, and many workshops and factories in addition to nine houses inhabited by 75 people in the village of Azzun Al 'Atmeh in Qalqilyah Governorate. The Israeli military authorities also established two gates; the first was at the village's southern junction, which is already closed with earth mounds and cement blocks since 2000, and another near Al Shella artesian well. The IOF also hindered citizens

and those isolated from entering or leaving under any circumstances. Wafa (January 27, 2009).

- Israel reimbursed Palestinian farmers in the West Bank city of Qalqilyah on Thursday for damages incurred to their farmlands by flooding from Israel in 2004. The Palestinian farmers had filed a lawsuit claiming damages after a water line on the Israeli side of the separation wall spilled over into farmland in the area. Maannews (January 29, 2009).
- Israeli troops overran Hijjah village near Qalqilyah and raided several houses, one from the Masalha family where the troops damaged the home and detained 23-year-old Zakariyah Mufid Masalha. A second home near the Masalha's was also raided, and brothers Khader and Assem Masalha were detained. Maannews (January 30, 2009).

Nablus

- Israeli Occupation Forces obstructed the access of Palestinian citizens through Beit Iba and Shavei Shomron checkpoints. Al Quds (January 1, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces invaded Beita village near Nablus city and imposed a curfew on the village. The IOF shut down the main market and ordered residents indoors through a loudspeaker. Israeli troops used tear gas and sonic bombs to clear the streets. In Huwwara village, Israeli Occupation forces imposed tight curfew on the village, and have stationed soldiers on the roofs of homes belonging to residents Turki Huwari and Abu Khader. The houses are now being used as military lookout posts. East of Nablus Israeli soldiers fired flares and are searching the area on the pretext that an Israeli settler bus came under fire nearby. Maannews (January 5, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed staffing the checkpoint of Beit Furik east of Nablus preventing Palestinians from moving in or out of the city. Maannews (January 7, 2009).
- Israeli settlers staged into Qaryut village south of Nablus city closed the village's main entrance and starting constructing a colonial road on lands of the village to link Israeli settlements such as Eli, Ma'ale Levona and Shilo with each other. Al Quds (January 15, 2009).

- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement attacked Palestinian cars south of Nablus city with stones and empty bottles. Al Quds (January 16, 2009).
- Israeli forces invaded the West Bank village of Huwwara, south of Nablus city, erected several checkpoints on the main street, and imposed a strict curfew. Israeli troops have also closed the entrances to the village and those of two nearby villages, Beita and Einabus. Because of the curfew, Huwwara residents were forbidden from walking in the main streets of the town. Maannews (January 17, 2009).
- A number of Israeli patrols invaded the villages of Asira and Beit Umrin, where they “entered a number of houses and searched them thoroughly. Soldiers dragged residents from their homes before taking them to an undisclosed location. Maannews (January 20, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Kafr Qali village south of Nablus city and stormed the house of Sanad Sobhi, Dia Mansour and Saqr 'Ali. Wafa (January 23, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers staged into Beit Dajan village east of Nablus city, stormed, and searched a number of Palestinian houses and an office belonging to Palestinian's people party office. Wafa (January 27, 2009).

Others

- Israeli extremists attempted to set fire into Al Bahar Mosque in Tiberias city inside the 1948 Green Line (Armistice Line). Al Quds (January 2, 2009).
- Four flights carrying 250 new enthusiastic immigrants from US, Canada and Britain land in Ben Gurion Airport in a joint operation of Nefeshe B'Nefesh and the Jewish Agency. Ynetnews (January 4, 2009).
- In a report issued by the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers stated that the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip has resulted in the complete destruction of 37 residential houses, partial destruction of hundreds of Palestinian houses, destruction of 7 Mosques, 20 blacksmith workshops, 4 money Exchange stores and a medical center,

3 fishermen ports, 67 Security headquarters, and 25 governmental buildings. Al Quds (January 7, 2009).

- The Israeli government has approved a fortification plan for homes within nearly three miles of the Gaza separation barrier, but the government wants to extend the range by approximately 700 feet in order to include more kibbutzim that have been under attack. The plan was based on the demand of Israeli residents living on the borders with the Gaza Strip to allocate NIS 500 million to complete construction of security rooms for all 8,000 families within the official 4.5-km. danger zone. So far, the government has allocated NIS 327m. for the first phase of the program, enough for only [3,000 housing units in the zone](#). INN (January 13, 2009).
- Israel's High Court says a water company can extend a waste line through a historic Islamic cemetery at the entrance of Ramla. The decision rejected a petition filed by the Al-Aqsa Foundation which argued that the line's construction should stop long enough for an alternative route to be agreed upon, insisting that workers stop digging in the cemetery until new plans could be arranged. Maannews (January 22, 2009).
- The Likud-led government Benjamin Netanyahu said that he would not build new settlements in the West Bank but would allow for natural growth. He said "I have no intention of building new settlements in the West Bank," "But like all the governments there have been until now, I will have to meet the needs of natural growth in the population. I will not be able to choke the settlements." Haaretz (January 26, 2009).
- The number of new structures in the West Bank settlements and outposts increased by 69 percent in 2008, compared to 2007, according to a new study released by Peace Now. The report added that the settler population grew from 270,000 in 2007 to 285,000 in 2008. According to Peace Now, construction was begun on 1,518 settler structures, of which 261 were located in unauthorized outposts. Out of these, 927 structures, or 61%, were within Israel's West Bank [security barrier](#) and 39% - 591 structures - were outside it. The 1,257 new structures in the settlements in 2008 represent a 57.12% increase over the 800 new structures erected in settlements in 2007. Out of 1,257 structures, 748 were permanent and 509 were caravans. In 2007,

according to Peace Now, 442 new structures were permanent and 368 were caravans. In the 100 outposts the government has committed to evacuate, the report said, growth has more than doubled. In 2008, 227 new caravans were added and work was begun on 34 permanent structures. At the Migron outpost, which is slated to be moved to the Adam settlement in the next few years, five new structures were added and work was begun on a sixth. [JPost](#) (January 27, 2009).

- The Israeli group Peace Now reported that Israel accelerated construction in illegal settlements in the West Bank during 2008. The construction included 1,257 new structures were built in settlements during 2008, compared to 800 in 2007, an increase of 57 percent. Building more than doubled in “outposts,” with 261 structures built, compared to 98 the year before. Despite a pledge to dismantle outposts, “not a single real outpost was evacuated,” the report said. PEACENOW (January 29, 2009).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	63	0	0	0	18
Jerusalem	516	10	30	5	2
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza					
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	0	45000	0	0	3
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	579	45010	30	5	23

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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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