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#### Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation forces handed over citizens of Al Kahder village west of Bethlehem city military orders to demolish agricultural facilities owned by Ibrahim Mahoud Ibrahim Musa, Fawzi Ahmad Salah and Ibrahim Khalil Ahmad Hussein. Wafa (January 4, 2010).
- The Israeli Supreme court rejected a petition filed by Palestinian citizens of Beit Sahour and the Municipality of Beit Sahour Municipality to change the route of the Israeli segregation Wall near Har Homa settlement to enable city citizens access their lands which are segregated west of the wall. Wafa (January 4, 2010).
- Hundreds of Palestinians faced delays on the Container Road between Bethlehem and Abu Diss, occupied East Jerusalem, as Israeli forces carried out extensive searches and closed the checkpoint. Bethlehem Governor Abdul Fattah Hamayal was among those affected by the closure. Other Palestinians present as the checkpoint was closed said they were held for up to two hours. Maannews (January 20, 2010).
- Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu planted a tree in Gush Etzion, south of Jerusalem, a symbolic move that firmly dug into place a message to the United States that large centers of Jewish population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will remain part of the State of Israel. Today's tree planting reinforces this international position," the Prime Minister said. "Our message is clear. This is significant for making it clear that Gush

Etzion is inseparable from the State of Israel forever. This is the first stop, and from here we will plant in Ma'ale Adumim and Ariel." The tree planting was staged several days before Jews celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the "New Year for Trees,". [INN \(January 24, 2010\)](#).

- The Israeli commander, Col. Eran Makov, announced over the weekend that the Israeli Authorities intend to place a military outpost at Ush Ghurab (Shdema) site east of Beit Sahour, the site of a former Israeli Occupation forces base which was evacuated in April 2006 in order to prevent it from falling into Arab hands. Land of Israel loyalists want Israel to construct a Jewish city at the location. [INN \(January 31, 2010\)](#)

## Jerusalem

- The attorney general has instructed Police Commissioner David Cohen to take immediate action to evacuate the illegal structure known as Beit Yonatan in East Jerusalem's Silwan neighborhood. Beit Yonatan, a seven-story residential structure, was built illegally in the heart of silwan city by the nationalist association Ateret Cohanim. The court already issued an evacuation order for the building last July. It is worth mentioning that the mayor recently managed to have the city's planning and construction committee approve a plan permitting the construction of four floors in the Beit Yonatan building, instead of the two permitted today. His intention was to legalize - at least partially - the seven-story structure. Haaretz (January 1, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem decided to construct a purification pool in Ras Al Amoud settlement in east Jerusalem and has allocated NIS 250 Thousand for the construction of this project to serve 140 jewsih fdamilies living in the settlement. Al Quds (January 2, 2010).
- Another street collapse on the main road in the area of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem on Saturday. The collapse created a hole, two meters long and one and a half meters deep. The collapse was related to ongoing excavations by Israeli authorities in the vicinity, on tunnels extending underneath the neighborhood about 700 meters from the mosque compound. It is worth mentioning that Israeli Authorities recently removed quantities of dirt and rocks from under Silwan to undisclosed locations. Maannews (January 2, 2010).
- Construction work started to establish a 20 km long train railway which will connect Ma'ale Adumim settlement and Sha'are Mezrach settlement

and the E1 colonial plan passing through Ras Khamis – shu'fat neighborhoods. The street on which the railway is being constructed, will be expanded to include four lanes designated for cars and two other lanes for the railway. The railway plan will serve 100 thousand settlers. Al Quds (January 3, 2010).

- The Israeli Higher Planning Council subcommittee will be considering the [official objections by Peace Now](#) movement and the residents of Beit Hanina over the planned bypass road # 20, designed to connect the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood and bypass road # 443 through the private lands of the Palestinian neighborhood of Beit Hanina. In its ruling on bypass road 443 last week (29/12/09) the Supreme Court ruled that if the road was intended originally for the movement of Israeli citizens only then: "No military commander was authorized to begin construction of the road. (HCJ 2150/07 Article 26)" and thus ruled that the road be opened to Palestinian traffic. Bypass road 20 is designed to connect Pisgat Ze'ev in Jerusalem, and bypass road 443, located beyond the 1949 Green Line. Even after opening bypass road 443 to Palestinian movement, Palestinian residents can only drive to Ramallah, but will not be able to continue to Jerusalem, and will not be allowed to use bypass road 20. Bypass road 20 is planned as a road for Israelis only, to connect Jerusalem and 443, making the paving of the road illegal. It should be noted that the Transportation Ministry has allocated 80 million New Israeli Shekels to cover the cost of paving bypass road 20. PEACENOW (January 4, 2010).
- The World Likud held a cornerstone-laying ceremony for a new neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem, named Nof Tzion, near the neighborhood of Jabel Mukabar. Attending the ceremony were members of a delegation of Jewish Americans, some of whom are interested in buying real estate in the neighborhood. The group also included several Democratic party activists, and was led by Assemblyman Dov Hikind of New York. The neighborhood will include 400 housing units on an area of 114 dunams (114,000 square meters). INN (January 5, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced resident Daoud Ahmad Al Alami from As Suwwana neighborhood to the east of the Old city to demolish part of his house under alleged for being built without proper building authorization from the municipality. The house is inhabited by 5 family members and was built in 1980. Al Maqdisi (January 5, 2010).
- Jerusalem's municipal planning and construction committee approved the construction of four new residential buildings adjacent to the Beit Orot

religious school in east Jerusalem, effectively creating a new Jewish neighborhood of 24 families on the Mount of Olives. The project is being developed by Irving Moskowitz, an American Jew who has funded Jewish projects in Jerusalem. [JPost \(January 5, 2010\)](#).

- The Jerusalem Municipal Planning and Construction Committee approved plans for the construction of a new Jewish neighborhood in the north-east Jerusalem Shuafat neighborhood. three new five-story buildings will be built on a 5,000-meter plot of land, funded by the Jewish American millionaire Irwing Moskowitz to settle some 50 Jewish families. The entrance level to the buildings will be designated for commerce. [Jpost \(January 6, 2010\)](#).
- Inside a glittering New York City ballroom, several hundred people turned out to support the construction of Jewish housing near an Arab-populated part of east Jerusalem which was permitted to Beit Orot yeshiva from the Jerusalem Municipal Planning and Construction Committee to build four residential buildings adjacent to its property on the Mount of Olives, near At-Tur neighborhood. The \$250-a-plate dinner, hosted by American Friends of Beit Orot, was expected to raise at least \$75,000 for the yeshiva, which according to its Web site, "is at once defending the sacred traditions of Jewish nation, the physical security of Eretz Yisrael and the integrity of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel and the Jewish people." [JPost \(January 8, 2010\)](#).
- Yakir Segev, who holds the portfolio for [east Jerusalem](#) in Jerusalem's municipal council and a member of Mayor Nir Barkat's faction, is known as a rightist announced that the "The State of Israel gave up the neighborhoods on the other side of the separation fence". He explained, "The municipality has internalized the message which came from the Israeli government that these neighborhoods are not a part of Jerusalem, and is acting in accordance. The neighborhoods and villages left on the other side of the fence are included in Jerusalem's municipal area of jurisdiction, but, in reality, the fate of their close to 50,000 residents remains unclear. It is unclear who is in charge of providing them with municipal services." [Ynetnews \(January 8, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Dia' Hoshiya in Qatanna village northwest of Jerusalem city and destroyed properties. [Al Ayyam \(January 8, 2010\)](#).

- New plans to build even more settlements in occupied East Jerusalem, despite international calls for a standstill, were revealed by the Israel daily newspaper the Jerusalem News. The daily reported that a local construction and planning committee will review blueprints for a new settlement comprising 100 housing units, to be built on the site of the former Israeli police headquarters in the Palestinian neighborhood of Ras Al-'Amoud, east Jerusalem. The new settlement, Ma'alut David, is to be built on 11 dunums of land on and around the former police site, which was responsible for the West Bank, Jerusalem News. Ma'alut David's construction was stalled for several months while a new building for the police department was under construction near the illegal settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, opposite the Palestinian town of Abu Dis in occupied Jerusalem. The latest unlawful housing unit is situated 300 meters from another Israeli settlement, Ma'ale HaZeitim, on the Mount of Olives. Right wing Israeli activist Arie King, who first called for the construction of Ma'ale HaZeitim, said that Ma'alut David was not an expansion to the already existing settlement, but rather an independent build, the daily reported. Maannews (January 10, 2010).
- During an Israeli Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee meeting, the Jerusalem Municipality's legal adviser revealed what he said was an illegal request made by the City to Israel Police to delay the implementation of a court order calling for the evacuation of Beit Yonathan structure located on land of Silwan city. Attorney Yossi Havilio told the committee, "This (evacuation) should have been carried out a while ago." [Ynetnews \(January 10, 2010\)](#).
- Israeli occupation authorities forced Khaled Yousef Abu Shousha to demolish his 35-square-meter house in al-Tour village near East Jerusalem. A notice was delivered to him on Thursday, 07 January 2010, ordering him to demolish his house within 24 hours. PCHRGAZA (January 13, 2010).
- Town Planning Scheme No. 11555 was promoted by the Jerusalem Municipality in 2003, in order to regulate the planning reality in Wadi Hilweh within the Silwan neighborhood. Wadi Hilweh is an area of 550 dunums south of the Old City walls, and home to 2,600 Palestinians. The Scheme attempts to seize 70% of Wadi Hilweh area as it designates 18.7% for built-up area, 8.14% for Cemeteries, 9.6% for roads, 1.7% for public buildings and 2.4% for religious institutions. Silwanic (January 13, 2010).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem demolished a car repair garage on Beit Safafa main road south of Jerusalem and confiscated two containers that were used for fixing car tires. The garage is owned by resident Khader Musa. Al Maqdisi (January 14, 2010).
- Israeli occupation forces raided the home of Samir Abu Farha in occupied East Jerusalem, in order to detain his son, Mu'tasem, 23, and search for weapons. Al Quds (January 14, 2010).
- Israeli occupation authorities forced Haron Zakaryia Burhan to demolish his 150 square meters house and an animal pen in Wadi Yasul area in Jabal Al Mukabbir east of Jerusalem. The house is inhabited by 7 family members. Al Quds (January 17, 2010).
- Members of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem again demolished the tent of Al GHawi family in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood and confiscated properties. Al Quds (January 18, 2010).
- Another collapse in the Silwan neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City, creating a 12 meter square hole in the middle of Wadi Hilwah street. The tunnel took place over a 10 meter deep tunnel and is a few meters from the previous cave in at the beginning of January, as a result of Israeli excavations in the area. Maannews (January 19, 2010).
- Mayor of Jerusalem Municipality, Nir Barakat, requests external legal advisor to assist in putting off implementation of Israeli court order calling for evacuation of illegal Jewish structure Beit Yonathan in east Jerusalem after city's advisor says order must be carried out immediately. The seven-story structure, known as Beit Yonatan, was built in Silwan by the Jewish movement Ateret Cohanim in 2004 without permits. Jews belonging to Ateret Cohanim currently reside there. A court order calling for the building's evacuation was issued three years ago. [Ynetnews \(January 19, 2010\)](#).
- A number of Israeli soldiers, accompanied by a bulldozer, arrived in Jab'a close to Jab'a junction on Road 60 where they demolished half a residential structure and as well as a perimeter fence surrounding an empty plot. The residential structure, which consisted of 4 rooms, served as a home to Hasan Salem and his family of 8 people, including 4 children. Two of the 4 rooms were demolished this morning; the other 2 were left standing. The 2 rooms demolished were added to the home in 1993 and were, it seems,

demolished because the family did not have an Israeli building permit for that part of the home. The family, which received the first demolition orders in 2003, had been trying to fight demolition before Israeli courts. DWG (January 19, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers started razing lands in Beit Hanina city north of Jerusalem city to commence the construction of the second section of the Israeli bypass road number 20 which will connect the settlements of Neve Yacoov and Pisgat Zeev with the Israeli bypass road number 443. Al Quds (January 20, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over five Palestinian families in Al Bustan neighborhood military orders to demolish their houses under the pretext that their houses were built without proper building authorization. Al Quds (January 21, 2010).
- “Mevasseret Adumim,” a neighborhood was approved by the Sharon government in 2004, but was quickly brought to a halt due to American pressure. It is planned to contain 3,900 housing units. A new and broad bridge which is to link Ma'ale Adumim with the new neighborhood has already been built. Today there is still no traffic allowed on it. The construction of the E1 police headquarters began in 2005 and was completed in 2008. It was intended for an area known as E-1. Only a small portion of the funding of the neighborhood originates from the state. The bulk of the money comes from private organizations with a clear right wing orientation: the Bukhara Community Trust, and the Shalem Foundation – a subsidiary formed by the Jerusalem-based Elad NGO. [PEACENOW \(January 22, 2010\)](#)
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem demolished the Gas Station of Shadi Al Salayma and 'Ata Hijazi in Az Za'eim neighborhood under the pretext of being built without proper building authorization. Al Quds (January 22, 2010).
- The Israeli Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat has gone on the offensive against the municipal legal system, state prosecutor and outgoing Attorney General Menachem Mazuz following Mazuz's order to the police to immediately evict the Jews living in a building in East Jerusalem's predominantly Arab Silwan neighborhood. Haaretz (January 22, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem informed citizen Nawal Sobhi Sharqawi from Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina city about its

intention to demolish her house that was built two and a half year ago under the pretext that her house was built without proper building authorization from the Municipality. The house is 55 square meters area. Al Maqdisi (January 23, 2010).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over citizen Tareq Al Isawi an order to demolish the house of his son Shadi. The house is 230 square meters area and was built in 1999. It is also inhabited by 4 family members. Al Maqdisi (January 24, 2010).
- In two tree-planting ceremonies for the upcoming Israeli holiday of *Tu B'Shvat* - the New Year of the Trees - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said "major settlement blocs" will always be part of the State of Israel. In Ma'ale Adumim, the prime minister said, "We will build here as part of greater Jerusalem." "I came here from Gush Etzion, which is Jerusalem's southern gate," Netanyahu said. "Now we're in Ma'ale Adumim, which is Jerusalem's eastern gate," he said. [NBC \(January 25, 2010\)](#).
- Israeli settlers began an illegal squat in the Palestinian home of Fatima Abdel Wadood Al Daoudi in the old city of Jerusalem following a court order expelling the elderly woman and her son and granting settlers partial access to the building. The same court decision ordered the imprisonment of the elderly owner of the home if she tries to enter the building and a 20,000 shekel (5,350 US dollar) fine. She was also ordered to pay 9,000 shekels (2,400 US dollars) in legal fees for the settlers' attorney. Al Quds (January 25, 2010).
- The Israeli settlers attacked the house of Fatima Abdel Wadood Al Daoudi in Aqbet Al Saraya in the old city of Jerusalem and changed house locks. The woman's son said the family had owned the home since 1990, and that court action by the settler group began after they tried unsuccessfully to take over the home in November 2008. Maannews & Al Quds (January 30, 2010).
- The local Israeli committee for planning and construction at Municipality of Jerusalem city transferred 660 dunums of lands of Al Issawiya town in Jerusalem to a national park hindering town residents from utilizing the land. Al Quds (January 30, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Ramadan 'Awad and his brother Jamal 'Awad in Beit Hanina city and caused damages to the properties. Al Ayyam (January 30, 2010).



- The Israeli reconciliation court issued an order to demolish the house of Abdel Rahman Abu Farha in Al Sa'diya neighbourhood in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext that the house was built without proper building authorization. The house is inhabited by 7 family members. Al Quds (January 31, 2010).

## Hebron

- Israeli occupation authorities banned a group of Palestinians from planting trees in the Al-Buwiryah area, near the settlement of Kiryat Arba. Israeli settlers also arrived in the area, interrupting the planting. Israeli soldiers on the scene declared the area a closed military zone and confiscated a number of trees. Wafa (January 1, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces hindered Palestinian farmers from planting Olive seedlings in Abu Rmeish Valley north of Beit Ummer town close to Beit 'Ayn settlement and confiscated a number of trees. Israeli soldiers on the scene declared the area a closed military zone. Al Quds (January 3, 2010).
- Three Palestinian farmers fled an attack initiated by 40 settlers from the illegal settlement of Beit Eyin they were working on their lands in the area of Wad Abu Rish. The settlers hurled stones at them using sling shots. An Israeli patrol was present at the scene, near Beit Ummer to the north of the West Bank city of Hebron, and tried to prevent the settlers from attacking the farmers. Israeli soldiers continue to block the nearby area of Safa, preventing people in the area from leaving freely, Awad said. Maannews (January 9, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Forces prohibited Palestinian farmers from tending to their land in Safa village in the northern Hebron governorate. While the farmers were planting olive trees, Israeli forces attacked them and clashes erupted between both sides. Israeli Occupation forces also prohibited Palestinian farmers from planting 1,500 olive trees in the Abu Ar-Rish area, also in Beit Ummer. Maannews (January 13, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation troops bulldozed four dunums of agricultural lands in Safa village north of Hebron following an effort by Palestinian farmers to plant olive trees in the valley near Beit Ummar. The land belongs to Abdel

Mu'ta Abu Maria, 'izzat Abu Maria and Muhammad Abu Maria. Maannews (January 13, 2010).

- The Israeli Settlers of Ma'on settlement razed 150 dunums of lands in Yatta town planted with Wheat and Barley. Al Quds (January 11, 2010).
- Israeli Settlers inhabiting the Havat Ma'on outpost on mount Hebron descended into the valley and uprooted young olive trees and ripped branches off of almost 70 Olive trees during a rampage on the agricultural land. Land belongs to Musa Khalil Rab'i resident of At-Tuwani village in the south Hebron hills. Maannews (January 15, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces razed lands and uprooted trees owned by Mustafa Abdel Mu'ti Abu Maria, 'Izzat Abu Maria, Muhammad Abu Maria and Anis Musa Abu Maria. Al Quds (January 14, 2010).
- Israeli occupation forces raided a number of homes in the Ras Al-Joura neighborhood of Hebron. Five homes belonging to the Al-Haimuni family were stormed and thoroughly searched. The Israeli Occupation forces also performed an incursion in Yatta town, south of Hebron, and swept the area searching for Israeli license-platted vehicles. Maannews (January 20, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities handed over Najeh and Hussein Yacob Al Ja'bari in Qayzon area near Kharsina settlement east of Hebron city halt of construction orders. Al Quds (January 26, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over Palestinian farmers in Kherbit Safa in Beit Ummer town orders stating 110 dunums of their lands which are planted with Olive trees as closed military areas. The lands are owned by Thalji and Sleibi families. Al Quds (January 29, 2010).
- Israeli Minister Benny Begin took part in a cornerstone laying ceremony for a new neighborhood in the South Mount Hebron settlement of Beit Hagai. The new Beit Hagai neighborhood is slated to include 10 housing units. [Ynetnews \(January 31, 2010\)](#).

## **Tubas**

- The Israeli occupation forces confiscated the car of citizen Muhammad Rafe' Faqha in 'Ein Al Bayda village after storming his house. Al Ayyam (January 23, 2010).

## **Jenin**

- The Israeli Occupation forces set up a military checkpoint at the entrances of Rumman and Zabuba villages west of Jenin city and started inspecting cars and people and caused a delay to people who were heading to their destinations. Wafa (January 24, 2010).

## **Tulkarem**

- The Israeli Occupation forces erected an iron gate at Shufa village eastern entrance which is the only connection point of the village with the neighboring Palestinian villages and Tulkarem city. Wafa (January 4, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Forces installed three military temporary checkpoints around the city of Tulkarem, sealing the area and refusing some drivers from accessing their homes. Checkpoints were installed near Dir Sharaf in the East, and on the Nablus-Ramallah road in the south. They were installed in the early hours of the evening and remained in place at press time. IOF were stopping dozens of vehicles on both sides of the checkpoint and searching all vehicles thoroughly, young men were being forced to strip in front of soldiers. Maannews (January 15, 2010).

## **Ramallah**

- The Israeli Supreme Court struck down a request to issue a restraining order against construction of a new neighborhood in the settlement of Talmon, in Ramallah Governorate which were filed by the village of Al Rania and the Yesh Din and Bimkom organizations. The plan for the neighborhood HaBrecha, included the construction of a school and preparation for residential housing. [INN \(January 13, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli settlers living in Halmish settlement uprooted 15 Old Roman Olive trees in Deir Nidhan village northwest of Ramallah village owned by Jameel Abdel Qader. Wafa (January 24, 2010).

- Several dozen Israeli settler youths attacked the village of Beit Ilu north of Ramallah, in response to Israeli forces razing the Gush Talmonim outpost. Settlers broke into the home of the Mazar family, trying to set fire to the car of family members trying to escape the violence and then began pelting them with stones. Maannews (January 27, 2010).
- Settlers of Beit El settlement began construction of a new home in spite of the construction freeze ordered by the Israeli Minister of Defense, Ehud Barak. The home was built just underneath the home of Rabbi Zalman Melamed, Dean of the Beit El Yeshiva and co-Chief Rabbi of Beit El. [INN \(January 27, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation Army decided to reroute the segregation wall path near Modi'in Illit settlement west of Ramallah city, on lands of Bil'in village. Al Ayyam (January 27, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Atara checkpoint north of Ramallah city. They stopped Palestinian cars for inspection and caused delay to people heading to their destinations. Al Quds (January 30, 2010).

## **Salfit**

- Israeli settlers from Yakir and Netafim settlements are trying to take over a piece of land in Nabe' An Nwetef Al Ma'joor in Qarawet Bani Hasan village west of Salfit city. The settlers accompanied by bulldozers razed the lands and some agricultural roads in the area and set up an outpost there and are trying to expand it. Wafa (January 2, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities are confiscating tens of dunums of Izbat Abu Hasan Ash Shu'ab in Salfit city for the expansion of Barqan Industrial Zone. Al Quds (January 18, 2010).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reaffirmed Israel's claim on major settlement blocs in the West Bank, and declared the Ariel settlement bloc as "the capital of Samaria" and an "indisputable" part of Israel". JPOST (January 29, 2010).

## **Nablus**

- The Israeli Occupation forces closed the main entrance to Qaryut village south of Nablus city. Al Quds (January 6, 2010).

- The Israeli settlers attacked Al Haj Ma'zooz Al Masri School in Nablus city, and destroyed doors and windows and messed with school properties. Al Quds (January 6, 2010).
- Six Palestinian homes were issued demolition orders by Israeli military personnel, all located on the outskirts of Aqraba village southeast of Nablus. The Israeli occupation forces gave the farmers only 48 hours to evacuate their houses, clear out their farms and sheds before the orders were implemented. The threatened houses are about five kilometers from the Gittit settlement and three kilometers from the Mekhora settlement, raising sheep and cattle as well as planting crops. Among the families who received orders to evacuate their buildings were Zaid Mahmud Qassem Beni Manna, Hani Jameel Abdullah Beni Jaber, and Feras Khalil Beni Jaber. Maannews (January 7, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Forces accompanied by a number of bulldozers, moved into the Kherbit Tana area northeast of Nablus. They demolished an elementary school of two classrooms, 11 mud brick houses, 10 animal sheds, one greenhouse, and one tent. At least 120 Palestinian civilians, most of them children, became homeless. The following are details of demolitions in the area:
  1. IOF demolished two classrooms in the elementary school.
  2. IOF demolished a 130-square-meter animal shed and a 25-square-meter room belonging to Mahmoud Ahmed Nassasra.
  3. IOF demolished a room and uprooted 25 fig trees belonging to 'Abdul Qader Ibrahim Hanani.
  4. IOF demolished two rooms and a 150-square-meter animal shed belonging to Majed 'Afeef Hanani.
  5. IOF demolished a 25-square-meter room and a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to Radi Mahmoud Hanani.
  6. IOF demolished a 90-square-meter animal shed belonging to 'Abdul Mahdi Ahmed Nassasra.
  7. IOF demolished a 25-square-meter room and a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to Fawzan Mousa Nassasra.
  8. IOF demolished a 25-square-meter room and a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to Isma'il Mousa Nassasra.
  9. IOF demolished a 25-square-meter room and a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to 'Abdul Hafeez Hassan Hanani.
  10. IOF demolished two rooms and a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to Khaled Mustafa Hanani.

11. IOF demolished a 25-square-meter room and a 70-square-meter animal shed belonging to Wassef So'ud Hanani.
  12. IOF demolished a 25-square-meter room and a 150-square-meter animal shed belonging to Fayez Yousef Hanani.
  13. IOF demolished a 25-square-meter room and a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to Ra'ed 'Afeef Hanani.
  14. IOF demolished a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to Qussai Mustafa Hanani.
  15. IOF demolished a greenhouse and a tent belonging to Mohammed Khashman Hanani.
  16. IOF demolished two rooms and a 130-square-meter animal shed belonging to Farsan Fares Hanani. PCHRGAZA (January 10, 2010).
- Israeli occupation troops closed all military checkpoints in and out of Nablus and erected barriers on several roads leading out of the city. The closure affected civilians as well as Palestinian Red Crescent ambulances. Flying checkpoints were erected at Bathan road in Nablus, at the south end of the Nablus-Ramallah road and at the north end of the Jenin-Nablus road; they closed the Beit Furik and Huwwara checkpoints entirely, and checked all cars exiting the area. Israeli occupation forces claimed they were tracking "wanted" Palestinians. Maannews (January 13, 2010).
  - Dozens of Israeli settlers from Revava settlement took over 25 dunums of Palestinian land and dug up the land with bulldozers, and erected a barricade in an attempt to combine the land with the settlement in Deir Estiya, west of Nablus. The land belongs to locals and the Abu Sarhan family, now living in Jordan. Maannews (January 13, 2009).
  - A number of Israeli settlers from Shavit Gilad outpost in the Kedumim settlement bloc exited the fenced-off area and entered the lands around the village, not ten meters from its main gate and torched three cars and a tractor outside Immatin village west of Nablus overnight, leaving residents to find the skeleton's of the vehicles. The cars belonged to Ayyad Sawwan, Muhammad Ghanem and Ibrahim Ghanem, who also owned the vandalized tractor. Maannews (January 15, 2010).
  - Israeli Occupation bulldozers began overturning land to make way for a third entrance of 1.5 km long to the illegal settlement of Shavi Shamron in the West Bank city of Nablus. The road extends from the Israeli military checkpoint at Deir Sharaf junction to the settlement of Shavei Shomron. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Occupation Army recently declared

the confiscation of 16 dunums of lands of Deir Sharaf for the construction of the road. Maannews (January 16, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation forces gave 3 Palestinian families in 'Aqraba village military orders stating the demolition of their houses in Karzlatiya area. The IOF gave the families 48 hours to salvage their properties. Al Ayyam (January 19, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation forces handed out six notifications to Palestinian families ordering them to demolish their houses in the Karzlatiyeh area east of Aqraba, a village south of Nablus without clarifying the pretext. The owners are Firas Khalil Rabei', Hani Muhammad, Atiyeh Fahmy Bani Maniya, Zahi Bani Maniya, and his brother Zuheir Bani Maniya. Aqraba Village Council (January 21, 2010).
- Around 200 settlers had come into the village of Awarta south of Nablus city and scrawled offensive graffiti in Hebrew and English, as well as the Russian spoken by a large minority of recent immigrants to Israel. The settlers also caused vandalism in the village's cemetery by smashing several tombstones. Haaretz (January 21, 2010).
- The Israeli occupation forces presented a formal warrant demanding that construction on the Salman Al-Farisi mosque be halted immediately in Burin village south of Nablus city. A copy of the warrant was posted to the contractors. The same warrant demanded that construction on storehouses owned by Hisham Najjar be stopped as well. Maannews (January 26, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Alon Moreh settlement in Nablus Governorate built a small white shack in the settlement to protest the 10-month moratorium on new Jewish building in the West Bank settlement. On the same spot, on next day, Israeli settlers constructed a small room made out of pre-fabricated siding, which is intended to house students who study at yeshiva. [Jpost \(January 27, 2010\)](#).

## Qalqilyia

- Two Palestinian Brothers from Immatin, east of Qalqilyia were attacked in their car as they passed a junction serving the nearby settlement of Yakir by rock-throwing settlers near the settlement. Maannews (January 2, 2010).

- Israeli occupation troops closed the Qalqiliya-Azzun road, installed an impassible checkpoint and were seen searching areas east of Qalqiliya. Traffic was backed up for hours and road had been closed. The closure marked the third night in a row that areas in the northern West Bank were closed by Israeli military personnel. Maannews (January 18, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Muhammad Al 'Adnan in Nazzal neighborhood in Qalqilyia city and caused damages to the preperities. Al Ayyam (January 29, 2010).

## Jericho

- The Israeli Occupation authorities handed over Al Ka'abna beduins northwest of Jericho city in the Jordan Valley Area orders to demolish a Mosque and a school under the pretext that both structures were built without building authorization from the Israeli side. The IO authorities gave residents until the fourth of February 2010 to demolish both structures or else, the authorities will demolish the structures themselves. It is worth mentioning that the school has 90 students. Wafa (January 20, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces re-closed the northern entrance of Jericho city after 48 hours of reopening it without pre-notification. It is worth mentioning that the entrance was closed by the Israeli Authorities for more than 10 years. Al Quds (January 31, 2010).

## Gaza

- The Israeli occupation forces permanently closed Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) crossing border east of Gaza city which was used for the entry of fuel and gas to the Gaza Strip. Wafa (January 1, 2010).
- Israeli aircraft flying over Khan Yunis dropped thousands of leaflets warning the population. One side of a leaflet read: "To the population of the Gaza Strip, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) repeat the warning not to get closer than 300 meters to the border. Whoever approaches the border is in danger, as the IDF will take necessary measures to drive him away, including shooting if necessary. Forewarned is forearmed!" A map of the Gaza Strip was pictured below the text, which included the villages of 'Abassan and Khuza'a marked as part of the buffer zone. The other side of



the leaflet included a message to the population of the Gaza Strip, which read: *"Terrorists, owners of tunnels and smugglers of weaponry know well that continued terrorist attacks, smuggling of weapons and digging tunnels always constitute targets for the IDF. However, they continue to work from your area and hide among you. By digging tunnels from your houses and their vicinity and smuggling weapons into the Gaza Strip those who are involved in this industry are endangering your lives, those of your children and families and your property. Do not remain passive towards being used by terrorists, as they will not support you when you are harmed or your property is damaged. Be responsible for your future!"* The leaflet included a telephone number and an e-mail address to be contacted to provide information about people who are involved in the tunnel industry, guaranteeing confidentiality. PCHRGAZA (January 7, 2010).

- An Israeli warplane fired a missile at an open area in Sheikh 'Ejlin neighborhood in the south of Gaza City. No casualties were reported. PCHRGAZA (January 7, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces has decided to close the Kerem Shalom crossing to the Gaza Strip until further notice. Dozens of trucks carrying humanitarian aid pass through the terminal every day. Al Ayyam (January 8, 2010).
- Israeli warplanes bombarded an open area in al-Qarara village, northeast of Khan Yunis. A nearby house was partially destroyed. PCHRGAZA (January 8, 2010).
- Israeli warplanes bombarded two nearby houses, completely destroying them. No casualties were reported as the five families living in the three affected houses had left them following the first attack. Two of these families were renting two of the houses after IOF had demolished their houses during the offensive on the Gaza Strip in January 2009. The following are details of the damage incurred to the area:
  1. A 100-square-meter house belonging to Nidal Jihad Abu 'Abed, in which 3 families counting 9 individuals used to live, was completely destroyed.
  2. A 180-square-meter house belonging to 'Abdullah 'Awad Abu Zaher, in which 10 individuals used to live, was completely destroyed.

3. A 150-square-meter house rented by Suleiman 'Atwa al-Eimawi, in which 8 individuals live, was partially destroyed. PCHRGAZA (January 8, 2010).
- Israeli gunboats stationed opposite to Beit Lahiya beach in the northern Gaza Strip opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats. Palestinian fishermen were forced to sail back to the beach; PCHRGAZA (January 24, 2010).

## Others

- Despite the construction freeze, dozens of settlements in the West Bank are experiencing a building boom, mostly to the east of the separation fence; it began shortly after warrants were issued on November 26 freezing construction. Work is being carried out in the Barkan and Ariel industrial zones, as well as the construction of housing at Ariel, Elkana North, Peduel and Kfar Tapuah. The report also indicated that Israeli settlers tookover of Palestinian farmland by settlers near the settlements of Bracha, Kochav Hashachar, Kfar Tapuah, Itamar, Elon Moreh, Susya and the outpost of Ivei Hanahal. [Haaretz \(January 3, 2010\)](#).
- A sign at Kfar Tapuah announced plans for the construction of 65 new housing units. Haaretz (January 3, 2010).
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered to construct a fence at a cost of NIS 1.5 billion along two segments of Israel's border with Egypt, in an attempt to stem the infiltration of migrant workers into Israel. The fence will not be erected along the whole border, and advanced surveillance equipment will help border control officers to spot infiltrators. Two segments will be built in the plan's first phase, one near the southern city of Eilat and the other near Israel's border with the Gaza Strip. The Defense Ministry's NIS 1.5 billion plan was favored over a NIS 2.2 billion plan to erect the fence presented by the National Roads Company of Israel. Haaretz (January 10, 2010).
- After four and a half years of government promises to destroy the two West Bank settlements of Hayovel and Harsha, the Israeli High Court of Justice intends to examine conditions on the ground there, potentially paving the way for their formal recognition. The High Court of Justice's deliberation over these settlements has become a symbol of other petitions to the court concerning illegal West Bank construction. The petition in question, filed by Peace Now in 2005, called on the government to enforce

a demolition order for the nine homes that constitute Hayovel, which is actually an outpost of the settlement of Eli, and the seven homes in Harsha, east of the Talmonim bloc. The state originally informed the High Court that the structures were illegal and would therefore be razed, but added that their demolition would be carried out according to a priority list drafted by the security apparatus. Haaretz (January 11, 2010).

- Amid fierce settler protests, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak ordered that the West Bank construction moratorium be revised to include a series of mitigations which would authorize local councils to issue permits for the renovation of existing structures and for public infrastructure work. Ynetnews (January 7, 2010).
- Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barack announced that from January, transit to and from West Bank checkpoints will be improved. The Tarqumia checkpoint in Hebron is reportedly to be open for an additional four hours to facilitate improvements on the military construction and to allow the transfer of goods into Hebron. The Galbu' crossing border in northern West Bank will be opened for tourists. Maannews (January 14, 2010).
- The Ministerial Committee for Internal Affairs ratified the Ministry of Transportation's plan to construct another section of Trans-Israel Highway No. 6 in southern Israel. Highway 6, widely known as the Trans-Israel Highway or Cross-Israel Highway is a major [electronic toll highway in Israel](#). It started operating in the early 2000s and is being lengthened as construction proceeds on newer sections. The aim of the Highway is to provide an efficient north-south transportation corridor in Israel while allowing drivers to bypass the traffic-congested [Tel Aviv region](#), located in the center of the country. Al Quds (January 18, 2010).
- A report released by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Occupied Palestinian Territory says that settlers angered over the destruction of outposts could exact revenge on 250,000 Palestinians in the West Bank in which settlers may employ the so-called price tag policy, by which they exact a "price" from Palestinians in response to terror attacks or Israel Defense Force actions to evacuate unauthorized outposts, placing Palestinians from 83 villages in harm's way. According to the report, if Israel takes significant action against the outposts, around 250,000 Palestinians in 83 West Bank communities will be "highly or moderately vulnerable" to settler violence. Of these, 75,900 people concentrated in 22 communities - six in the northern West Bank, three in the center and 13 in the south - are considered highly vulnerable.

The report also specifies risky junctions and road segments, these include the roads surrounding Nablus that are used by both Israelis and Palestinians; the Wadi Qana road; the Qalqilyah-Nablus road, which passes through the Karnei Shomron settlement; the eastern Gush Etzion road; the road near Bat Ayin, and the main road to the south Hebron hills. In addition, the report identifies a number of settlements that pose a particular risk to nearby Palestinian communities such as Havat Gilad, Kedumim, Itamar, Yitzhar, Ma'aleh Levona, Shilo, Adei Ad, Nokdim, Bat Ayin, Negohot, Kiryat Arba, Beit Haggai, Karmel and Sussia. [OCHAOPT \(January 18, 2010\)](#).

- The National Planning Commission has approved the construction of a new city in the Negev for the hareidi-religious population. To be named Kasif (Silvery), the new town will be built at the Tel Arad junction, ten kilometers (six miles) west of Arad and 30 kilometers west of Be'er Sheva. It will spread out over 4,750 dunums (almost 1,180 acres, over 1.8 square miles), and will have 10,000 housing units for some 50,000 people. INN (January 19, 2010).
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior has stopped granting work permits to foreign nationals working in most international nongovernmental organizations operating in the Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem. Organizations affected by the apparent policy change include Oxfam, Save the Children, Doctors Without Borders, Terre des Hommes, Handicap International and the Religious Society of Friends (a Quaker organization). [Haaretz \(January 20, 2010\)](#).
- Five years after the Israeli government decided to declare Ariel College, which is located in the West Bank, a recognized university, the Israeli defense minister has agreed to implement the decision that was part of the political clashes within the coalition. [Haaretz \(January 20, 2010\)](#).
- The annual Moskowitz Prize for Zionism is now accepting nominations for heroes who "put Zionism into action in Israel". This is the third year that Dr. Irving and Cherna Moskowitz will honor those who "[act] for the benefit of Israel to ensure the strength and resilience of the Jewish community. Along with the honor of receiving the prestigious award, winners are presented with a gift of \$50,000 each. INN (January 20, 2010).
- Israeli Right-wing activists plan to plant 15,000 trees in the West Bank on [Tu B'Shvat](#), which will be celebrated this weekend and are spending

around NIS and are spending 100,000 (\$27,000) on those trees to be planted throughout the West Bank. Ynetnews (January 20, 2010).

- For released Israeli soldiers from a combat unit who chooses to live in the Negev or the Galilee will receive land from the State – for free. The program, which was drafted by Deputy Minister for the Advancement of Young People, Students and Women Gila Gamliel, received support from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The initiative stipulates that the State grant to every soldier who completed his service in a combat unit 250 sq meters (about 2,690 sq ft), a perk worth between NIS 100,000 to NIS 150,000 (\$27,000 - \$40,000) per plot. This is on the condition that the soldier chooses to live in a town included on a pre-set list, which will include mainly expansions of community villages, moshavs, and kibbutzim. The plots will be handed over without payment and free of development costs. [Ynetnews \(January 25, 2010\)](#).

### Monthly Violations Statistics – January 2010

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	3
Jerusalem	660	0	0	8	8
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	15	0	0
Nablus	41	0	0	13	17
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	2
Gaza	0	0	0	2	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	264	0	2270	0	2
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2285</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</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, 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 Achronot – English website.*

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