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Jerusalem

- The Al-Aqsa Foundation for Waqf and Heritage said Israeli bulldozers began razing 15 graves in the Muslim Mamillah cemetery in West Jerusalem. Maannews (August 4, 2010).
- The Jerusalem Municipality's planning committee approved the construction of 40 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement in occupied East Jerusalem. The approvals are part of a wider plan to construct 220 new houses in the settlement. Maannews (August 4, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem finally approved the construction of 20 Housing units in Shepherd Hotel in Ash Sheikh Jarrah in Jerusalem city. Wafa (August 8, 2010).
- Israeli bulldozers entered the Mamilla (Ma'man Allah) cemetery in West Jerusalem and took down 150 tombstones from Muslim graves. The destruction of graves was the third in just over a week under the pretext that the graves were built illegally with the aim to take over the plot. Maannews (August 10, 2010)
- Israel is planning to construct an elevator leading to the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City. The project will be proposed to planning committees that will make a final decision on the 56-meter structure. The elevator is to be named after US businessman Baruch Klein, who will fund the \$10 million project. Maannews (August 16, 2010).
- The Israeli Housing and Construction Ministry issued a public tender several days ago for an additional access highway to [Ma'aleh Adumim](#) settlement. The project will cost about NIS 14 million. The new tender

includes removing and moving curbing, relocating light poles, moving soil and removing an existing road designed to connect the settlement with a planned neighborhood, Mevasseret Adumim, in E1. As part of the work under the new tender, a road will be built connecting to Route 1, a ramp will be constructed, and safety will be improved. [Haaretz \(August 16, 2010\)](#).

- Israel intends to demolish 30 Palestinian houses in Kafr 'Aqab area in an attempt to make room for the expansion of the nearby settlement. The decision to demolish the houses came under the pretext that the houses are located in Area C and lacking valid building permits. [Al Quds \(August 16, 2010\)](#).
- Two Palestinian homeowners were forced to demolish their houses in Za'qouba Mountain in Sur Baher under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. The first house is owned by Omar Ahmad Ramadan Dabash and is 130 square meters area; while the second house is owned by Eman Rajab Abdel Qader Dabash and is 120 square meters area. The two owners were given until the 14th of September, 2010, to prove the demolition of their houses. [Al Quds \(August 25, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem asked resident Nasri Abu Rajab in Al Qarmi neighborhood in the Old city of Jerusalem to demolish his own house or the Municipality will have to demolish it under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. [Al Quds \(August 31, 2010\)](#).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation authorities handed residents of Far'oun village military orders to demolish 20 houses, 3 other structures and a football playground being constructed on 10 dunums of lands, all located in the eastern part of the village under the pretext of being unlicensed. Owners of the houses are: Mahmoud Khaled Khalil shu'la, Munir Hasan Abdel Qader Adwan, Khaled Hasan Yousif Salameh, Mu'tasem Mershid Muhammad Mhanna, Bassam Saleem Hasan Suleiman and Munir Abdullah Omar, Hamdan Ahmad Droubi, Ahmad Mahmoud Hafeth Hattab, Nihad Saleh Mahoud 'Abeid, 'Ayed Fouzi Tayyem Khader, Abdel Rahman Rasheed Hasan Hattab, Muhammad Ahmad Hasan Musleh, Ali Ibrahim Sa'id Abu Jamoos, Nu'man Theib Saleh Jizmawi, Samer Mas'oud Abdel Rahman Khalil, Tawfeeq Zaki Muhammad 'Arafat and Marwan Ramez Saqallah. [Wafa \(August 9, 2010\)](#).

- The Israeli settlers of Dotan Settlement stormed Kherbit Al Hamam area and set fire into agricultural lands planted with Wheat owned by Muhammad Al Jalool. The settlers also took over the family house for three hours and hindered family members from moving in and out. Al Quds (August 24, 2010).

Nablus

- More than 500 Israeli settlers stormed Joseph Tomb in Nablus city and practiced religious rituals. Wafa (August 5, 2010).
- Itamar settlers set fire into fields in areas known as Khallet Al Hinti, Khallet Al Jaddou'a and khallet Al Sheikh Mohammad in the south eastern side of Beit Furik village south of Nablus. The fire spread causing extensive damage to a total of 2,143 dunums. OCHA (August 5, 2010).
- Israeli settlers living in the illegal West Bank outpost Shevut Rachel uprooted over 220 olive trees near Qusra village in the Nablus Governorate which belonged to Ali Abdul Hamid Mohammad Hassan. Maannews (August 16, 2010).
- Itamar settlement Guards hindered Palestinian farmers from 'Awarta village south of Nablus city from working their lands and Olive trees. Al Quds (August 20, 2010).
- Israeli settlers living in "Eyehia" outpost set fire into more than 20 dunums of lands of Jalud village south of Nablus city. Settlers' actions to burn the lands comes in attempt to take over two plain areas, their areas estimated at 300 dunums of lands in the village. Al Quds & Al Ayyam (August 23, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Al Bathan checkpoint northeast of Nablus city and hindered vehicular and pedestrian movement. Al Quds (August 26, 2010).
- While expanding activities are taking place in the settlement of Alon Moreh east of Nablus city and the outpost of Havat Gil'ad located on the roadway between Nablus and Qalqilyah Governorates, the Israeli Occupation Authorities threatened to demolish six Bedouin houses and displace the residents in 'Ein Al Rashash area in Duma village. The owners are Suleiman 'Abed 'Odeh Ka'abneh, 'Atwa 'Abed Ka'abneh, Ahmad Yousif, 'Eid Salem Zawahra and 'Atallah Yousif Ka'abneh. It is worth

mentioning that 5 mobile houses were added to the settlement of Alon Moreh and an infrastructure is being added to the outpost of Havat Gil'ad. Al Quds (August 31, 2010).

Jericho

- The Israeli Occupation Forces demolished a blacksmith owned by Abdullah Yousif Ka'abneh and confiscated a mobile caravan owned by Abdel Razeq Muhammad Abu Qbeis while storming Al 'Auja village north of Jericho city. Wafa (August 5, 2010).
- A three days March was organized by Rabbi Moshe Levinger are seeking to establish an outpost near an ancient synagogue in Na'aran, near Jericho. Haaretz (August 6, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over tens of Palestinian Bedouin families in Al Khan Al Ahmar, An Nabi Musa and Al Kassarat area east of 'Anata Town to evacuate their areas before the end of June 2011. The estimated number of threatened families is around 600. Al Quds (August 31, 2010).

Tubas

- Israeli trucks transferred large number of mobile homes into Masskiyot settlement in the Jordan Valley which is undergoing expansion activities. Wafa (August 2, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities confiscated a bulldozer in Al Farisyah area in the northern valley. The process came as to prevent the bulldozer from engaging in any rehabilitating process in the village to rebuild the houses which were demolished last week. Wafa (August 2, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed four Palestinian families in Khirbet Al Farisiyya evection orders within 24 hours from shelters donated to them by the ICRC and the Palestinian Council of Ministers. Affected owners are: Salah Jameel Yousef Dababat (3 houses, 2 barracks), Shamekh Mustafa Yousef Daraghma (one house, one structure), Yehya Mustafa Yousef Daraghma (one house), and Allan Lafi Daraghma (two houses and one barracks). LRC (August 5, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers accompanied by border guards razed and demolished 25 structures (28 residential shelters, 7 agricultural barracks affecting 25 families, including and their 70 children) in Al Kherbit Farisyia in the northern Jordan valley under the pretext of being built without a license. Some of the demolished structures were rebuilt after being demolished on July 19, 2010. Wafa (August 5, 2010).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished 4 shelters, 3 barracks, a bathroom and a warehouse owned by Ahmad Muhammad Isma'il Nawaj'a and Muhammad Ahmad Nawaj'a in Ein Al Hilwa area in the Jordan Valley and their animal pens. Wafa (August 9, 2010).
- The Israeli occupation authorities handed down residents of Ein Al Hilwah area in the northern Valley halt of construction orders against 13 shelters and 12 barracks. Wafa (August 9, 2010).
- Eviction orders were issued over the week-end – Saturday and Sunday 15 and 16 August – in Al-Farasiya area east of Tubas, affecting 3 families (19 people). According to details collected from the community: **The first affected family (6 adults + 6 children)** had already one tent demolished during the first demolition round on 19 July. Following this first round of demolition, the family had been distributed a tent by the MoLG and an ICRC tent after 5 August. On 15 August, an eviction order was posted on the MoLG tent. **The second affected family (3 people)** had already been affected by the 5 August round of demolition, during which toilet and kitchen were 90% damaged. Following the 5 August demolition, the family received 1 ICRC tent and 1 MoLG tent. It also erected one additional 'private' tent, as well as two other structures. On 15 August, an eviction order was posted on the MoLG tent. On 16 August, the family disassembled (self-demolished) the MoLG tent and one kitchen. **The third affected family (2 adults + 2 children)** had its belongings and tents 90% damaged during the second round of demolitions on 5 August. The family was given 1 MoLG tent following this incident, which was installed next to the family's other structure. On 16 August, the family disassembled (self-demolished) several of its tent and structure. DWG (August 16, 2010).

Ramallah

- The Israeli Occupation forces set up a temporary checkpoint at the road connecting Deir Ibizig village with 'Ein 'Arik west of Ramallah city. The IOF stopped vehicles and checked residents' identity cards. Wafa (August 4, 2010).

Salfit

- Israeli occupation soldiers prevented Palestinian farmers from working on the land segregated behind the Israeli segregation Wall. The soldiers went even further as they have threatened to confiscate the equipment and bulldozers if they didn't leave the land immediately. In addition to the prevention of working on the land, Israeli occupation forces delivered an eviction order from the lands that were targeted for rehabilitation and ordered the returning of the lands to its previous status within 45 days as the targeted lands are classified as "State Land." The targeted lands are owned by the following owners: Bahjat Shihada mahmoud Harb, Mustafa Shihada Mahmoud Harb, Rateb Shihada Mahmoud Harb, Abdel Kareem Abdel Hameed Marrouh Hameida, Mamdouh Abdel Hameed Marrouh Hamieda, Faisal Abdel Hameed Marrouh Hameida, Bassam Mohammad Marrouh Hameida, Ghassan Mohammad Marrouh Hameida, Samer Ahmad Marrouh Hameida, Sufian Ahmad Marrouh Hameida, Sameer Ahmad Marrouh Hameida, Izz Al Dein Awad Musa Taher, Shams Al Dein Awad Musa Taher, Nour Al Dein Awad Musa Taher, 15Yousef Khamis Ahmad Harb. LRC (August 3, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers destroyed retaining walls in Marda village in north of Salfit city under the pretext of being illegally built. The bulldozers also destroyed tens of dunums of Agricultural lands owned by resident Salah Asfur Abu Shammah. Wafa (August 4, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed on residents of Khallet Al Qarn and Khallet Fashesh areas in Bani Hassan village northwest of Salfit city stop work orders to 14 houses in the village and a Mosque being built on 400 square meters area. Occupation forces gave the owners of these structures until the 2nd of September, 2010, to take the needed steps to get the required permits. A court hearing was scheduled for that day in Beit El to discuss the situation of these structures. Wafa (August 4, 2010).
- The Hebrew-language daily newspaper Maariv reported that Israel will soon establish a new settlement in the northern West Bank and that construction will start at the beginning of the new school year to serve students of the Ariel University, which is near the illegal Megdalim settlement east of Nablus. The university's predominantly secular student body will receive housing grants worth 400 shekels (about \$100) in exchange for a pledge to allocate six volunteer hours of work inside the

settlement including two at the university residence itself. Maannews (August 16, 2010).

Hebron

- Israel's Civil Administration issued a stop-work order for the construction of stone walls demarcating farmland in the Hebron municipality of As-Sumu, in the Al-Amayer valley under the pretext that it was built without a permit. The stone wall's construction was undertaken to preserve agricultural land, and is funded by the European Commission and implemented by the Spanish Foundation Action against Hunger. Maannews (August 1, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces destroyed 18 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Tomato and squash and other products in Al Baq'a area east of Hebron city owned by resident Badran Jaber. The IOF also destroyed the irrigation network in the land in addition to the field crops. Wafa (August 2, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces demolished a water well in Wadi Al Ghrouz area east of Hebron city owned by resident Muhammd Yousif Al Ja'bari. Wafa (August 2, 2010).
- More than 50 Israeli settlers attacked the house of Abdel Karem Al Za'atari in Buweira area east of Hebron city and destroyed the windows of the two cars owned by Misbah Al Za'tari and Firas Burhan Sultan. Wafa (August 6, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed 3 commercial stores in the Old city of Hebron city. One of the stores is owned by resident 'Azzam Abdel Raheem Abu Khalaf. Al Ayyam (August 8, 2010).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the two houses of Mustafa Ibrahim Al Shawamra and Fathi Mahmoud Al Shawamra in Abu Al 'Arqan area south of Dura Town in Hebron Governorate and caused the displacement of 15 persons. The house of Mustafa is 230 square meters area and the house of Fathi is 250 square areas. The Bulldozers also demolished water well located next to FATHI Shawamra's houses. Al Quds (August 23, 2010).
- The Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement attacked a number of Palestinian farmers south of Yatta Town and hindered them from grazing their lands.

The farmers are Jamal Isma'il An Nawaj'a, Ahmad Jaber An Nawaj'a and Muhammad Ahmad Naser An Nawaj'a. Al Ayyam (August 28, 2010).

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished five commercial stores close to Izbat At Tabib village east of Qalqilyah city and owned by residents Tahseen Mansour. Al Quds (August 14, 2010).

Gaza

- The Israeli Occupation forces installed barbed wires 300 meters away along the Separation fence, close to Beit Hanoun Crossing border. The barbed wires will prevent farmers from accessing their lands nearby. Al Ayyam (August 23, 2010).

Others

- The PeaceNow movement published a report that Israel continued to build in Israeli settlements despite the 10-month freeze moratorium. The Main Findings of the report are as follow: At least 600 housing units have started to be built during the freeze, in over 60 different settlements. At least 492 of those housing units are in direct violation of the law of the freeze. During an average year (when there is no freeze) approximately 1,130 housing units start to be built in 8 months in the settlements. The new construction starts during the moratorium constitute approximately half of the normal construction pace in the settlements. Some 2,000 housing units are currently under construction in the settlements, most of them started before the freeze was announced in November 2009. This means that on the ground, there is almost no freeze or even a visible slowdown, despite the fact that legal construction starts have been frozen for 8 months. It also means that the Government of Israel is not enforcing the moratorium. PEACENOW (August 2, 2010).
- Two and a half weeks before the school year opens, the Israeli government has ordered the construction of 23 portable structures in eight West Bank settlements that will serve as classrooms for some 600 students, despite the settlement construction freeze. The decision was made in a meeting attended by [Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu](#), [Defense Minister Ehud Barak](#), Justice Minister Yaakov Ne'eman and Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein. The classrooms will be built in Ofra, Eli, Adam, Immanuel,

Elon Moreh and Efrat, among other settlements. Al Quds (August 15, 2010).

- The Israeli army radio announced that thousands of Housing units were given licenses to be built starting from the 27th of September 2010 in 57 Israeli settlements in the West Bank Territory. Al Ayyam (August 31, 2010).

Monthly Violations Statistics – August 2010

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	2	31
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	20 (and 3 structures)
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus		300	220	0	6
Salfit	0	0	0	0	14
Jericho	0	0	0	One structure	600
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	5 structures	0
Hebron	0	0	0	2	0
Tubas	0	0	0	32 houses and 10 structures	20 houses and 16 structures
Total	0	300	220	36	882

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

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