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Bethlehem

- Israeli Occupation Forces set up a military checkpoint at the new tunnel linking Bethlehem city with western rural villages in Bethlehem area. The IOF caused an obstruction in Vehicular movement. Wafa (May 6, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of frat settlement set fire into 3 dunums of lands in Abu 'Amira valley in Artas village west of Bethlehem city. As a result, 25 Olive trees were burnt in addition to 12 Vine trees and 8 Almond trees. The lands are owned by Ahmad Mahmoud Abu Suway, Izzat Muhammad Abu Suway and Musa Ahmad Abu Suway. Al Quds (May 9, 2010).
- Israel's Civil Administration, accompanied by border guards and 10 Israeli military vehicles, bulldozed land in Jabal Al Qroun area southwest of Nahalin village in Bethlehem Governorate and uprooted 500 olive, grapes, Almonds and Cactus trees under the pretext that the lands are classified as closed military areas. The razing was largely undertaken near the Betar Illit and Geva'ot settlements. locals were threatened with live fire if they try to prevent the Civil Administration workers from carrying out the work. Grape vines were cut down in the incident, and the uprooted olive trees were taken to an unknown location. The diggings took over seven hours and targeted 15 dunums land area. Maannews (May 24, 2010).
- Two officers from the Israeli Civil Administration guarded by Israeli soldiers gave Daoud Nassar, a resident of Bethlehem city, nine demolishing orders for nine (structures) he built in the last years without a building permit from the Israeli Military Authority in his land which

happens to be located between two Israeli settlements in the Gush Etzion Block. The demolishing orders are for: tents, animals shelters, metal roof in front of both old houses, the restrooms (Shelters) , a water cistern, a metal container and 2 underground renovated cave structures. Mr. Daoud was given 3 days only to react against those demolishing orders. Wafa (May 28, 2010).

- The Israeli Supreme court issued an order which temporarily hinders the resumption of wall constructions on lands of Al Walajeh village northwest of Bethlehem city. Al Quds (May 31, 2010).

Hebron

- The Israeli Civil Administration employees accompanied by a number of Israeli troops stormed Khamat Ibrahim, west of Idhna town and handed three Palestinian owners demolish orders against a house and two different structures. The orders stated that the owners must appear in the hearing session that will be held on the 13th of May, 2010. Owners are: Zuhair abu Zalta who owns a 130 m² house; Mohammad abu Zalta who owns a container that he uses as a warehouse; and 'Awad abu Zalta who owns a 600 m² warehouse which he uses as a workshop for recycling copper and Aluminum. Wafa (May 4, 2010).
- Israeli occupation forces piled earth at the northern entrance of Hebron Adh-Dhahiriya road, closing off the main road to Hebron. The Hebron-Dhahiriya road bypasses the Otni'el settlement, established on 150 dunums of private Palestinian land in 1983. The earth piled on the road came from lands adjacent to the major throughway. Maannews (May 7, 2010).
- Ten Palestinian families in Bani Na'im village were served with halt of construction orders, and were ordered to appear before a magistrate as early as 3 June to defend their homes from demolition and make a case against the demolition of their homes and agricultural buildings, none of which were granted permits by Israel as the area is demarcated Area C where residents of Bani Na'im must get permission to build, renovate or dig from Israel. The municipality identified the homes targeted as belonging to:
 1. Harun At-Tarayra
 2. Suleiman Muhammad At-Tarayra
 3. Muhammad Suleiman At-Tarayr.

4. Hasan Muhammad At-Tarayra
 5. Abdul Salam At-Tarayra
 6. Daoud Awad At-Tarayra
 7. Suleiman Al-Fahili
 8. Qaher Fawzi Harahsh
 9. Samer Fawzi Harahsha
 10. Ibrahim Mawas. Maannews (May 10, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation forces stormed the houses of Muhammad Hamed An Nawaj'a and his brother 'Izzat Hamed An Nawaj'a in Hebron Governorate. The IOF also stormed the house of Mahmoud Dudin from Dura town, the house of Naser Khalil Abu 'Iqeel in As Smou' town and the house of Khaled Naser Musa Al Feqyat from Kharsa Town. Al Ayyam (May 10, 2010).
 - The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out a number of Palestinian refugees residing in Al Fawwar camp, southern Hebron 9 halt of construction orders under the pretext of unlicensed constructions. The owners stated that the Israeli soldiers broke into the camp and placed the orders on the front doors of the notified structures. The orders were issued against houses, agricultural wells, and bowers used by the Palestinian when working in their lands. Al Quds (May 10, 2010).
 - The Israeli Occupation Authorities renewed the closure of prayers road which links the Ibrahimi Mosque with Kiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city for 6 more months. Al Ayyam (May 12, 2010).
 - Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement destroyed a fence surrounding 15 dunums of lands planted with Olive Trees west of the settlement. The land is owned by Saber Hussein Al Hreini. Al Ayam (May 12, 2010).
 - The Israeli Occupation Authorities expelled citizen Anas Zuhair Al Bayed from his house in Yatta town, in Hebron Governorate under the pretext that it is owned by the Israeli forces. Al Quds (May 15, 2010).
 - Israeli occupation army bulldozers destroyed several water pipes as they attempted to block the main road from the Adh-Dhahiriya village to Hebron, effectively cutting off the village's water supply. The bulldozers were in the process installing a road block near the adjacent Otni'el settlement, destroying a number of essential water pipelines in the process. The Hebron-Dhahiriya road bypasses the Otni'el settlement was established on 150 dunums of private Palestinian land in 1983. Maannews (May 20, 2010).

- Israeli settlers of Asfar settlement established on lands of Sa'ir town northeast of Hebron city set fire into 200 Olive trees owned by Shalaldah and Jaradat families. Al Quds (May 23, 2010).
- Israeli occupation authorities closed down the Palestinian Authority Municipal Inspectors building in the Old City of Hebron. IOA accused the PA of allowing its police force to operate secretly in the area, known as H2 and under full Israeli control, which would constitute a contravention of the Hebron Protocol and Agreement signed on 15 January 1997 between the PA and Israel. According to section A, article 14 of the accord, "plainclothes unarmed municipal inspectors will operate in Area H-2. The number of these inspectors will not exceed 50," while section B read: "The inspectors shall carry official identification cards with a photograph issued by the Municipality." Maannews (May 25, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation forces set fire into 6 dunums of agricultural fields planted with Olive trees in Tel Ar Rumeida in Hebron Governorate. The fields are owned by Rateb Saleem Abu Haikal. Al Quds (May 26, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Army announced the confiscation of land for the purposes of constructing a colonial road that connects Kiryat Arba settlement with the Ibrahimi Mosque (cave of the patriarchs) in Hebron city. The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed the order which was signed by Avi Mezrahi Aloof, high commander of the Israeli forces in the West Bank, to the landlords; The order was entitled 'laying hand military order number 10/17/T' and ordered the confiscation of 750 m² for 'security reasons'. Al Quds (May 28, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' set fire into a commercial store which is located 200 meters away from Kiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city. The store is owned by resident Fattuh Al Ja'bari. Al Ayyam (May 30, 2010).

Jenin

- Israeli Occupation forces ordered the halt of construction to a school in Sab'in area east of Jenin city and threatened to demolish a house owned by resident Abu Riad Al Thaher under the pretext of illegal building due to their location in Area C which falls under the full Israeli control, according to Oslo II Interim agreement. Al Quds (May 27, 2010).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers destroyed a wastewater network near the entrance of Shu'fat refugee camp in northern Jerusalem. The sludge turned the street into a swamp and obstructed the movement of schoolchildren, as well as slowed down public and private transportation. Maannews (May 2, 2010).
- The Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Committee would convene in the coming days to deliberate plans for a limited number of housing units in the area. Next week's meetings – two have been scheduled, one on Tuesday and the other on Thursday – will mark the first time the committee has met since it approved 1,600 housing units in the capital's Ramat Shlomo neighborhood. while US Vice President Joe Biden was visiting the country. The session on Thursday will discuss a number of small plans that include prospective construction plans in eastern sections of the city. [Ipost \(May 2, 2010\)](#).
- Despite immense international pressure to halt Jewish construction in east Jerusalem and in all areas over the Green Line, Israel Land Fund founder Aryeh King presented a plan that would use privately owned land and property belonging to the Jewish National Fund to provide roughly 187,000 new homes in east Jerusalem, E-1 (between Jerusalem and Ma'aleh Adumim) and a chain of territory extending from Ramallah to Bethlehem. Using a blown-up map of the city and its surrounding areas, King presented hundreds of dunams of lands outside the northern Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood could contain roughly 12,000 new housing units. Around the southern Gilo neighborhood, King stated that there is enough similar land to build 60,000 units. He added that there are 800 dunams [80 hectares] in E-1, owned by a wealthy, Jewish philanthropist, that could prove room enough for 100,000 housing units. [Ipost \(May 3, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli defence Forces Central Command has sped up construction work along Route 443 – between Jerusalem and Modi'in – ahead of its planned opening to Palestinian drivers later this month. Last week, the Defense Ministry began erecting a barbed wire fence along the section of the road that runs near the settlement of Givat Ze'ev. In addition, bulldozers began removing large boulders that had blocked off side roads that connected 443 to nearby Palestinian villages. Under the IDF's new security plan for the road, in addition to the new barbed wire fence near Givat Ze'ev, the military also plans to erect a new roadblock near the settlement of Beit Horon. [Ipost \(May 3, 2010\)](#).

- Israel is planning to build a shopping mall in East Jerusalem on three dunums of land owned by the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Endowments, behind the US Consulate. The land's trustee was handed down administrative orders, including eviction notices, from the director of the Israel Lands Administration. The new building plan, filled as 4832 A in Israel's Jerusalem Municipality, was ratified by all the necessary Israeli municipal departments and is prepared for implementation. The land tipped for evacuation and confiscation belongs to Ash-Sheikh Shams Ad-Din Al-Yamalli, and the land has been owned by the Islamic Waqf for over 400 years. The eviction of lands includes parcels numbered 160, 161, 162 and 169, part of which is currently a Palestinian-owned parking lot. Maannews (May 11, 2010).
- Initial construction had begun on 14 housing units inside Ma'aleh David – a planned housing complex inside the Ras el-Amud neighborhood, which is slated to become the largest Jewish residential development in east Jerusalem if all goes according to plan. The complex – which is set to include some 104 units by the time it is completed, and will be connected to the existing Ma'aleh Zeitim complex in the neighborhood – was filed for approval last summer with the Jerusalem Municipality's Local Building and Planning Committee. [Jpost \(May 11, 2010\)](#).
- Israel's Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch revealed during a Knesset session that the police will soon be providing security to inspectors slated to demolish illegal Arab homes in east Jerusalem. Aharonovitch added that "At the present time, there are no orders for the Israel Police not to execute the demolition orders. The Jerusalem District can allocate the force required for the execution, in coordination with operational considerations." [Ynetnews \(May 12, 2010\)](#).
- Eleven dunums of olive trees owned by Shadi Awad family were destroyed by the nearby settlers in Silwan's Wadi Ar-Rababa, south of Jerusalem's Old City. The area now faces mass home evictions and demolitions as the Israeli municipality prepares to build a national park on much of the neighborhood. The fire lit by settlers destroyed at least three 150-year-old olive trees, as well as dozens of other saplings. Maannews (May 13, 2010).
- In a report by PeaceNow movement showed that House demolitions in East Jerusalem are about law-enforcement and are part of our struggle against illegal construction." The report indicated that houses are built illegally in East Jerusalem as a direct result of the ongoing lack of plans for Palestinians and negligence of some one-third of the Jerusalem residents,

whom one cannot describe them all as "construction criminals". Since 1967, the government initiated the planning and construction of some 50,000 apartments for Jews in East Jerusalem; while less than 700 such units were initiated for the Palestinians (and only in the 1970's). In 2009, the number of housing permits issued for the Jewish neighborhoods of Jerusalem was nine times the number of permits given for Arab construction (1,213 permits for Jews; 136 permits in East Jerusalem). According to the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, by the end of 2007, there were 187,155 apartments in Jerusalem, but only some 20% of them (38,014) were in Palestinian neighborhoods while some 80% (149,141) were in Jewish neighborhoods, of which one-third were built in Jewish neighborhoods east of the Green Line. At the same time, Palestinians comprised 34.6% of the Jerusalem population. PeaceNow (May 14, 2010).

- The sit-in tent erected by the Salah family following the forced eviction from their home by settlers was demolished by Israeli forces, rendering an elderly couple homeless a second time. The tent was erected on Thursday afternoon; a week and a half after armed police accompanied a group of settlers and forcibly removed Sheha and her husband, 99 year old Hajj Ali Ibrahim Salah. The settlers had a court order demanding the eviction, which was delivered on 28 April. By 4 May settlers moved into the home. Maannews (May 14, 2010).
- Jerusalem's Israeli district planning and building committee was scheduled to convene during the coming week to discuss major construction projects in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem. The Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth quoted sources in the Jerusalem municipal council saying the committee had not convened recently to discuss such projects due to pressure exerted by the office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Projects were slated for the areas near Al-Buraq, also known as the Wailing Wall, the Moroccan Gate, and other sites close to the Al-Aqsa compound. The projects to be discussed this week include building a structure on the parking lot near the Moroccan Gate as well as refurbishments in Al-Buraq square which include roofing the whole area. Furthermore, the committee will discuss building a police station in the site known as Strauss Home. Maannews (May 16, 2010).
- The Israeli High Court rejected the petition filed by Meretz Israel party to close Beit Yonathan near Al Magharbeh Gate. Al Quds (May 17, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation authorities banned a Palestinian resident of Jerusalem from entering the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah

for one month and fined her 800 Shekels for assaulting an Israeli citizen in the flashpoint neighborhood two weeks prior. Jamlat Al-Mughraby, from the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabel Mukkaber, was living with her sister Maysoon Al-Ghawi, one of the Palestinian families evicted and forced out of their homes by far-right Israeli settlers at the end of 2009. Al-Ghawi says her sister was beaten by Israeli settlers in the neighborhood, which prompted Al-Mughraby to "punch her in the face." Maannews (May 19, 2010).

- Israeli excavations of the segregation wall led to the destruction of water lines and disruptions of about 1500 telephone lines in Shu'fat, Ras Khamis and Ras Shehadeh. Al Quds (May 22, 2010).
- Israel's defense establishment is not permitting residents of the Palestinian village of Sheikh Sa'ad, southeast of Jerusalem, to leave the town in their cars. There are even restrictions on walking out of the village, a privilege reserved for residents with Israeli identity cards. To its west, Sheikh Sa'ad is walled off by the separation fence, while to the east, north and south it is surrounded by the Kidron Valley. The 3,000 residents of Sheikh Sa'ad are isolated from all other towns now that the West Bank separation fence has cut off Sheikh Sa'ad from Jabal Mukkaber, which falls under the municipal jurisdiction of Jerusalem. The 1,800 residents who possess Israeli identity cards are denied road access to Jerusalem despite the fact that they are considered residents of the city. The remaining 1,200 villagers, who carry Palestinian identity papers, have no way to leave the area, save a descend into the valley, from which they then need to climb a steep incline. Palestinians need to traverse several kilometers just to reach the nearest village of Sawahra al-Sharkiya. [Haaretz \(May 24, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem delivered 3 military orders to Mahmoud Ali Salah family in Beit Safafa town south of Jerusalem city to demolish 3 residential barracks. The three barrack are home to 50 people of Salah family. Al Quds (May 24, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation forces, composed of border guards and intelligence officers, raided around and inside the village of El Issawiya, a village in occupied East Jerusalem which lies behind Israel's segregation wall and imposed curfew. In addition to the raid, worshipers were barred from access to the village mosque for dawn prayers. Maannews (May 24, 2010).
- The Israeli reconciliation court gave Al Sabbagh family and Israeli settlers a period of one year to each prove his ownership of the house. It is worth

mentioning that Al Sabbagh family house is inhabited by 41 people. Al Quds (May 26, 2010).

- Two Palestinian families (Nazeera Siyam and Wael Al Quneibi) in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood were delivered evacuation orders and were given a period of 45 days to evacuate their properties, otherwise, they will be obliged to pay an amount of 350 Thousand Shekels. The house of Nazera Siyam is 100 square meters area and is inhabited by 14 people; while the house of Wael Al Quneibi is 60 square meters area and is inhabited by 15 people. Al Ayyam (May 30, 2010).

Ramallah

- In its response to a High Court petition filed by Palestinians in 2008, which demanded the implementation of demolition orders issued for illegal structures in the Amona outpost, the State said that since the West Bank construction moratorium went into effect, it is focusing on preventing new building projects, and therefore "the implementation of demolition orders at the (Amona) outpost is not high on the State's list of priorities." The State said that a few days ago it issued a demolition order for a new illegal structure in Amona. However, the State said, the fact that it is focusing on stopping new building projects does not justify the confiscation of private Palestinian land. Ynetnews (May 2, 2010).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction requiring the state to explain within 90 days why it has not followed through with evacuating every illegal outpost built on Palestinian land in the West Bank. The court made its ruling particularly with regard to the Amona outpost, where settlers began to build in 1995 and have continued to do so despite an official evacuation as recently as 2006. Settlers placed their first caravans in Amona in 1995, and received demolition orders for these structures in 1997, 2003 and 2004. Security forces in 1996 razed nine structures that had been built there, facing strong opposition from the settler movement. [Haaretz \(May 4, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities evacuated Beit EL military base near Ramallah and plan to build 5 new buildings to settle more settlers in the area. The area occupied by the base is 10 dunums. Al Quds (May 8, 2010).
- The Israel Occupation Authorities intend to open part of the highway to Palestinians and will erect an additional roadblock at its entrance, at which Palestinian cars will be scrupulously checked. [Haaretz \(May 10, 2010\)](#).

- The Israel Law Center (Shurat HaDin) has filed a petition on behalf of 1,000 Israeli families living near the road 443 to the Israeli High Court stating that the Israeli Defense Forces plan, drawn up under a court order, to reopen Highway 443 constitutes a clear and present threat. The petition included an opinion by Uzi Dayan, former National Security Advisor in the Israeli Government, who said that the proposed checkpoints are not sufficient to thwart attacks. [INN \(May 11, 2010\)](#)
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed the entrance of Beit Iksa village with an iron gate. This entrance is the only link between Beit Iksa village and Jerusalem city. Al Quds (May 14, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed 12 Palestinian families in Al Mughayyer village northeast of Ramallah city notices to halt the construction at their structures in the village under the pretext that the houses were built without proper building authorization from the Israeli Civil Administration due to their location in Area C. Owners of the houses are: Wajeeh Naser Abu 'Alia, Mahmoud Abu 'Alia, Musa Abu 'Alia, Hussein Jaber, Muhammaed Hamed, Zayed Mahoud, Ahmad Mahmoud who owns two houses, Muneer Muhammad Abu 'Alia who owns three house and Hussein Mahmoud who owns a stone factory. Al Ayyam (May 14, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities gave notices to 10 Palestinian families of Al Ka'abna Bedouins in Al Maskara area east of At Tayybeh village northeast of Ramallah city. The orders stated that the families to evacuate their barracks and tents within 48 hours, otherwise, the structures will be demolished. Al Ayyam (May 17, 2010).
- Israeli settlers fight a decision to pave an access road to a new Palestinian city Rawabi north of Ramallah under the pretext that these lands are designated for settlement expansions. Plans of the modern city Rawabi (Arabic for hills) were finalized long ago and construction has already commenced. Israeli Settlers have been protesting the slated construction of the road, while youngsters entered abandoned structures in the area, forming improvised outposts. [Ynetnews \(May 17, 2010\)](#).
- Around 20 Israeli settlers set up a tent near the planned Rawabi city area project in Ramallah Governorate. Al Quds (May 24, 2010).

- Settlers of Beit El illegal settlement erected two tents near water springs in Dura Al-Qar'a village east of Ramallah. Each of the two tents is five by eight meters, and was put up to "provoke" locals by raising Israeli flags and preventing access to the water springs, which villagers use. Maannews (May 25, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Ramot settlements set fire into 200 dunums of lands planted with Olive and peach trees in Beit Iksa village northwest of Jerusalem city which are owned by tens of Palestinian families in the village. Al Quds (May 26, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed down two Palestinian families in Al Mazra'a Al Gharbiyeh house demolition orders allegedly for being built without proper building Authorization form the Israeli Authorities. The houses are owned by Uthman Abdel Al Mu'ti Ldadwa and As'ad Ghazi Shreteh. Its worth mentioning that the two house are located in close proximity of an Israeli outpost. Al Quds (May 27, 2010)
- The formerly Israeli-only bypass road 443 is opened to Palestinian drivers at 8am amid increased military presence on the road and two new checkpoints aimed at restricting Palestinian access to parts of the route. Two-meter high fences were installed, topped with coils of razor wire, along parts of the bypass road running near illegal settlements in the West Bank. Checkpoints were also being completed at two new entry ramps opened onto the road, and concrete roadblocks, steel gates and earthen berms have been removed from four new exit points onto existing West Bank roads long blocked off. Palestinians will be permitted to enter the road via the two ramps, each with checkpoints, at Beit Sira and Beit-Ur Al-Fauqa, and will be able to exit the highway at Kharbatha Al-Misbah and A-Tira. The whole stretch of newly accessible highway is some 12 kilometers. The section of the road that runs through the illegal Giv'at Ze'ev settlement - which links the road up to the main Ramallah route - remains closed to Palestinian drivers. A checkpoint preventing Palestinian drivers from entering Jerusalem will also be installed at the Ofer Camp junction, which is designed to "prevent suspects without authorization to enter Israel, Jerusalem and Givat Zeev, and will also ensure the safety of those traveling on the route as claimed by Israeli officials. Additionally, for farmers, tunnels of steel fencing for pedestrians at the exit and entry ramps were installed. The section opened to Palestinian traffic will be overlooked at two points by Israeli army watchtowers. Maannews (May 28, 2010).

- Israeli Occupation forces closed the Jerusalem – Beit Iksa road with two iron gates, thus separating the village from Jerusalem city. Al Quds (May 29, 2010).

Nablus

- A group of Israeli settlers entered the mosque of Nablus-area village Al-Lubban Ash-Sharqiyya, gathered flammables and set them alight. The groups tear curtains from the walls and throw several copies of the Qur'an into a pile on the mosque floor and set the pile aflame. The mosque was badly damaged. Maannews (May 3, 2010).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement Shilo blocked the southern entrance to the village of Qaryout, in southern Nablus by mounds of dirt, preventing village residents from either leaving or entering. Maannews (May 3, 2010).
- Around 20 Israeli settlers from Yetzhar settlement set fire into agricultural fields in Huwwara village south of Nablus city hours after they set fire into a Mosque in Al Lubban Ash Sharqiyeh village. Wafa (May 4, 2010).
- The Israeli High Court of Justice is expected to decide on the fate of 18 homes in two more illegal outposts in the next few months. PeaceNow movement is asking the court to enforce the demolition of six permanent structures in Haresha outpost and 12 in Hayovel. Those structures, in addition to being built without permits are located on private land partly owned by Palestinians. [JPost \(May 5, 2010\)](#).
- Following Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak's request to delay the demolition date of illegal residential structures in the West Bank, the state announced to the High Court of Justice that it may legalize the Giv'at Hayovel outpost in the West Bank, if the outpost in question resides on state-owned land. [Haaretz \(May 7, 2010\)](#).
- Dozens of Israeli Settlers illegally residing on the Ramat Gilad outpost ascended upon the nearby Palestinian village of Jit between Nablus and Qalqilyah, setting fire to 5,000 square-meter crop field. The crops were set on fire hours after Israeli soldiers confiscated an agricultural tractor owned by a resident of the illegal outpost. Maannews (May 10, 2010).

- Israeli settlers from the outpost of Kida (which is associated with the colony of Shivot Raheil) ploughed 14 dunums of Palestinian lands in the area of Sahl Al Khilleh in Parcel 20 of the village of Jalud. The targeted lands are owned by resident Fawzi Ibraheem Al Hajj Mohammad. Maannews (May 12, 2010).
- More than 500 Israeli settlers stormed Joseph tomb in the eastern area of Nablus city under the pretext of holding religious rites. Al Ayyam (May 11, 2010).
- Armed Israeli settlers from the illegal settlement of Migdalim accosted a group of Palestinian farmers from Qusra village and demanded that they leave the fields or face injury. Farmers were driven away from their lands and were unable to harvest crops for the day. Maannews (May 21, 2010).
- Israel's Civil Administration handed down nine demolition warrants to home-owners in the Yatma village south of Nablus City. The warrants were distributed to residents whose homes are built at the village's entrance. The village itself is adjacent to three illegal settlements and outposts, including Rechalim, Eli, and Kfar Tappuah. The recipients of the demolition warrants as: Zidan Mut'eb Snowbar, Daoud Ahmad Snowbar, Bahjat Abdul Rahman An-Najjar, Nayef Mut'eb Snowbar, Muneer Nayef Snowbar, Muhammad Mahmud Najjar, Muhammad Bassam Najjar, Ayoub Kayed Najjar, and Iqab Abdul Ghani Najjar. Maannews (May 26, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement set fire into 10 dunums of lands planted with Olive trees and Wheat in 'Asira Al Qiblya village in Nablus Governorate. Al Ayyam (May 30, 2010).

Salfit

- A sounder of wild boars that come from the Adjacent Israeli settlement, Ari'el, destroyed several dunums of Palestinian farm land in the Salfit district. Considerable damage was done in the Al-Matwi, Ash-Shala and An-Nejarah areas, farmers said, with Othman Balasmah reporting that "the fields in Al-Matwi were totally destroyed." Maannews (May 3, 2010).
- A group of settlers and under the protection of Israeli police cut off water from the village of Iskaka east of Salfit city, causing water shortages. The settlers also sabotaged and destructed the farms and fields of wheat in the village through the deployment of wild boars. Maannews (May 25, 2010).

- A sounder of wild boars attacked wadi Al Mishmish area in Salfit area and destroyed peach and apricot trees, field crops and retaining walls. Al Quds (May 30, 2010).

Tulkarem

- More than 200 Israeli settlers from Enav settlement stormed Kafr Al Labad village in Tulkarem Governorate and set fire into tens of Olive trees in Al Khallah and Al Sawame' areas in the village. The lands are also adjacent to the aforementioned settlement. Al Quds (May 25, 2010).

Qalqilya

- Israeli settlers burnt 3 dunums of lands planted with wheat belonging to 'Aadel Hassan Ymin in Qalqilya. PCHRGAZA (May 6, 2010)

Tubas

- Some Israeli settlers are employing a new strategy to get Palestinians evicted from their land in the northern region of the Jordan Valley. A number of settlers, some of whom reside in Maskiot settlement, set up a "protest" tent next to a tent belonging to Bedouin herdsmen near Wad el Maleh, on private Palestinian land. After the Palestinians complained to the civil administration, both the Israelis and Palestinians there were handed decrees declaring the area a closed military zone, signed by brigade commander Yochai Ben-Yishai. [Haaretz \(May 3, 2010\)](#).
- Dozens of Israeli trucks loaded with construction materials (wood and cement) entering the illegal Israeli settlement of Nahal Masskiyot, followed by trucks full of workers building homes despite a government freeze. Maannews (May 11, 2010).
- As a result of the Israeli military exercises conducted by the Israeli army in Ein Al Hilweh pastures in the northern valleys, large areas of the lands were burnt. Al Quds (May 26, 2010).

Gaza

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers completely demolished al Duhniya mosque in Rafah city south of Gaza Strip. The bulldozers also razed agricultural fields in the area. The Israeli bulldozers also uprooted trees

and razed agricultural lands planted with field crops and Olive trees. Wafa (May 4, 2010).

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers staged 400 meters into Al Faraheen area east of Khan Younis city and demolished the house of Jaber Abu Rajela. Wafa (May 21, 2010).
- Israeli war planes fired at residential and commercial buildings in the Gaza Strip and caused damages to 26 residential homes, in addition to slightly damaging 60 houses, 23 commercial stores and 3 cars. The rockets also hit Beit Hanoun Youth Club, Jerusalem center for health and social services and Beit Hanoun Municipality. Al Quds (May 26, 2010).

Others

- The Israeli Occupation authorities demolished the house of Ashqar family in At Taybe city inside the 1948 Line under the pretext of illegal building. Wafa (May 3, 2010).
- Israeli Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz (Likud) announced that the ministry was promoting a plan to establish a train network in the West Bank which will converge with the new train tracks planned throughout Israel. The plan had been drawn up with the cooperation of international organizations which have expressed great interest in the issue. The train track is planned to run between Jenin, the Yizrael Valley and to Jerusalem. Katz also mentioned the building of the new road, Highway 505, which is due to stretch from Tel Aviv to the Jordan Valley. [Haaretz \(May 4, 2010\)](#).
- Voice of Israel radio hosted a program about a settler plan to "distract" indirect Israeli-Palestinian negotiations "as soon as they start." The program's military guests and settler researchers said West Bank settler-leaders had formed a committee and distributed thousands of leaflets with details on planned protest action as meetings between officials continue. Groups called the talks "surrender negotiations" and pamphlets read that the Palestinian state would be a "country for terrorists" with Jerusalem as its capital, which would result in the eviction of thousands of Jews from their homes. Maannews (May 6, 2010).
- The Land of Israel Lobby in the Knesset, lead by Knesset Members Zeev Elkin (Likud) and Arie Elad (National Union), sent a letter to the prime minister and the defense minister requesting an authorization to deviate from the building freeze in order to promote a building project for Gush

Katif evacuees in Ariel. Fifty-six Knesset members are signed on the letter. Ynetnews (May 20, 2010).

- The state of Israel intends to authorize dozens of buildings in the settlements of Nativ Ha'avot, the Givat Hayovel outpost in Eli, Harsha and Rahelim. Haaretz (May 24, 2010).
- Israeli Settler groups are currently in discussions with the military and National Emergency Authority over proposals to build "wartime refuges" for Israelis inside the West Bank. Maanews (May 28, 2010).

Monthly Violations Statistics – May 2010

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	15	0	545	0	9
Jerusalem	0	0	150	0	5
Jenin	0	0	0	0	2
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	300	0	24
Nablus	14	0	100	0	9
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	2	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	0.750	0	320	0	42
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29.75	0	1415	2	91

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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