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June 1, 2000

- A group of settlers from Yizhar installed a mobile home on land owned by Moussa 'Asaira, inhabitant of 'Asira al Qibliya village, in Nablus District. Quds
- Abdel Hadi Hantash of the Palestinian Land Defense Committee reported that the Israeli occupation authorities bulldozed 26 dunums of land and uprooted 15-year old almond trees. The Abu Ayyish and Maddiya families owned the land from Beit Ummar and Halhul villages, in Hebron District. Quds
- Jerusalem police yesterday temporarily stopped renovation work at a 100-year-old mosque in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, following complaints from Jewish residents. The mosque had recently reopened for prayers. Jerusalem Post

June 3, 2000

- Scores of Palestinians staged a sit-in protest strike on a site threatened by Israeli confiscation near Biddya village in Salfit, in Nablus District. Landowners were protesting against a new confiscation order issued by the Israeli government to seize several dunums for opening a new settlement by-pass road known as "Trans-Samaria B". Meanwhile, the settlers of Elazar uprooted tens of fruit trees belonging to citizens from Al Khadr village, west of Bethlehem. Moreover, other settlers from Elazar, Efrat and Neve Danyyel settlements released sewage water into the agricultural land of Bethlehem damaging the lands. Quds

June 5, 2000

- The Al-Quds newspaper announced that, during the years of 1987-1999, 3282 ID cards were confiscated from Palestinian Jerusalemites.

# of confiscated ID cards	Year
23	1987
2	1988
32	1989
36	1990
20	1991
41	1992
32	1993
45	1994
96	1995
689	1996
1067	1997
788	1998
411	1999

Source: Walid Abu Sarhan & Bassam Oweida; Al-Quds newspaper; June 5, 2000

- Israeli army bulldozers demolished the house of the Palestinian citizen Hasan Khalifa, a father of four from Al-Walajah village, southwest of Jerusalem, under the pretext that the house was built without a permit. Haaretz

June 6, 2000

- A new settlement neighborhood has been inaugurated in the Jewish settlement of Kokhav Yaacov, in Ramallah District, in order to redouble the number of Jewish settlers. The new settlement will include the construction of 1100 housing units for religious settlers. Quds

June 7, 2000

- Jewish settlers seized a large quantity of agricultural crops belonging to the farmer Ali Ribhi, from Yatta village in Hebron District, as a preparation to expropriate his land. Moreover, other settlers seized a

well and stole agricultural yield owned by Salameh Shehadeh from Yatta village after manhandling him. PIC

- A group of right-wing MKs (from Likud, NRP, National Union and Shas) and Jerusalem Yeshiva students erected a fence of metal poles and barbed wire, and planted olive sapling in the planned Jewish neighborhood, "Kidmat Zion", near Abu Dis, in Jerusalem. The fenced-off area contains 15 of the 64 dunums on which the Municipality of Jerusalem approved the construction of a new neighborhood. Ha'aretz / Jerusalem Post

June 8, 2000

- The Israeli settlers of Maale Amos confiscated about 2000 dunums of land belonging to citizens of 'Arab ar Rashayida and Kisan villages, near Bethlehem, as a preparation to build new housing units for the settlement. Meanwhile, a group of settlers from Neve Daniyyel attacked villagers from Al Khader, near Bethlehem, while they were working in their land and destroyed about 600 m² of retaining walls, in an attempt to confiscate the land. Quds

June 11, 2000

- Police have stopped Jerusalem municipal officials from inspecting work undertaken by the Waqf (Islamic religious trust) and the Israeli Islamic movement on the Temple Mount. Haaretz

June 12, 2000

- The Israeli occupation authorities delivered notification orders to demolish five Palestinian houses in An Nabi Samwil village (Jerusalem) under the pretext of being built without permits,. Quds

June 13, 2000

- The Israeli occupation authorities accompanied by Israeli border police demolished a Palestinian house belonging to Hamzeh Mugarbi, 35, father of seven children from Jabal al Mukabbir neighborhood, south of Jerusalem. The Ministry of Interior claimed that the house has been built on public land. However, Mugarbi pointed out that the bulldozers took him by surprise because he had received an order to

appear in a court hearing on July 12th over planned demolition.
Haaretz / Jerusalem post

- Moshe Mosko, deputy spokesman of the Ministry of Interior, said demolition orders had been issued for 500 illegal structures throughout the country, most in Arab areas. He did not say how many of these were in Jerusalem. Jerusalem Post

June 14, 2000

- Today Amnesty International charges in its annual report for 1999 that most members of the security forces who use torture or ill treatment, or who unlawfully kill are not punished by Israeli Authorities. The General Security Service tortured suspects until the High Court ruled in September that its interrogation methods are unlawful, the report said. Moreover, Amnesty International said it received many reports of Palestinians being beaten or otherwise ill-treated at checkpoints, during demonstrations and immediately after arrest. Jerusalem Post

June 17, 2000

- Al-Quds newspaper published a report about demolition of houses being carried out by the Israeli government in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, under the pretext of being built without permits. Total number of Palestinian houses demolished in the West Bank (Except Jerusalem):

Year	by the Israeli authorities	by the owner	Total
1987	NA	NA	103
1988	NA	NA	393
1989	NA	NA	431
1990	NA	NA	102
1991	NA	NA	227
1992	NA	NA	148
1993	NA	NA	63
1994	NA	NA	120
1995	86	26	112
1996	71	69	140
1997	171	62	233

1998	219	58	277
1999*	30	20	50
Total	-	-	2399

Source: Walid Abu Sarhan & Bassam Oweida; Al-Quds newspaper; June 17, 2000 Between 1967-1974, the total number of Palestinian houses demolished in the West Bank was 4425. * Only the first three months

Total number of Palestinian houses demolished in East Jerusalem:

Year	Houses Demolished
1987	2
1988	30
1989	7
1990	19
1991	18
1992	12
1993	48
1994	29
1995	25
1996	17
1997	16
1998	30
1999	36
Total	289

Source: Walid Abu Sarhan & Bassam Oweida; Al-Quds newspaper; June 17, 2000

June 22, 2000

- Jewish colonist leaders claimed that the Israeli government has agreed that 65 settlements in the West Bank come under PA sovereignty and the entire Jordan Valley will be transferred in stages to total Palestinian control. They charge that PM Ehud Barak will give 86 to 96 percent of the land to the PA. Ha'aretz

June 25, 2000

- The Israeli Minister of Housing Yitzhak Levy has decided to construct 400 housing units near Efrat settlement, in the southern part of the West Bank, as a preparation to expand the settlement. Quds

June 28, 2000

- PM Ehud Barak ordered that the Waqf (Islamic religious trust), be permitted to continue its tiling work on about 200 meters of the eastern wall of the Temple Mount, up to the Golden Gate. He also instructed the authorities to allow archaeologists from the Antiquities Authority onto the site and to prevent the tiling work from developing into more extensive construction activity. Palestinians clashed with a group of hard-line Jews protesting tiling work on the Temple Mount, in the Old City. A police spokesman said that five Palestinians were detained following the clash. Jerusalem Post/ Haaretz

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted / Confiscated Trees	Houses Demolished	Threatened Houses
Hebron	26	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	2000	0	0	1	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	1	5
Total	2026	0	0	2	5

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

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