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### Report on the Israeli Colonization Activities in the West Bank & the Gaza Strip

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#### August 1, 2001

- The occupied Jerusalem municipality announced of confiscation more than 100 dunums of land in Jabal Al-Mukaber neighborhood to the southeastern of the old city. And added that is aiming to construct settlement bypass road that link eastern settlement outposts include Ma'ale Adumim within the city center and Jabal Abu Ghneim (Har Homa) to the south. Until now the Israeli Authorities continued the construction of the tunnel under the French Hill settlement to separate Israeli communities and roads from Palestinian ones. *Quds & Ayyam*

#### August 2, 2001

- A group of Jewish settlers seized a Palestinian building located near Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron District. The settlers said that the mobile homes they live in not safe, for that reason they decided to move to a solid buildings. They said they would stay there until permanent housing is built for them. *Quds & JPost*
- Israeli forces demolished a part of Beit 'Einun girls' school, which is located near a settlement bypass road in Sa'ir Village of Hebron District the demolishing happed without a notification order. *Quds*

#### August 3, 2001

- According to occupied Jerusalem municipality delivered demolishing orders to seven families in allegation of building without permits, in Shu'fat neighborhood. *Jadeeda & Quds*

- A group of Jewish settlers seized on a plot of land lies in Al Baq'a Area near the #60 bypass road that lead to Qiryat Arba settlement, this land belong to Sultan Al Tamimi family.
- According to eyewitnesses, the settlers erected a tent on this land, which is cultivated with olive, almond trees and grapevine attempting to install fencing wall around it for preparation of building anew settlement. *Quds*

### **August 4, 2001**

- In Nablus District between Zawata and Ijnisinya villages the Israeli forces burned more than 200 olive trees, and prevented the firemen from reaching the area for fire fighting. *Ayyam & Quds*
- The Jewish colonist of Shaare Tikva, which is near 'Azzun 'Atma village in Qalqiliya District, damaged and burned agricultural properties of Palestinian villagers such as green houses and a wide area of land cultivated with tomatoes. *Ayyam & Quds*
- The Israeli occupation army bulldozed an agricultural land located next to a bypass road east Jericho city. In addition they bulldozed farm of banana belong to Yaser, Isam Ibrahim Asied, Munir, and Mazen Yunis Asied which estimated about 15 dunums of Arabic development project society, as well as destroyed the water network which is irrigated the fields in the area. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers, protected by Jewish settlements and occupation army, commence in construction a new settlement bypass road that link Karmel settlement with Maon settlement which are established on confiscated land to the east of Yatta village in Hebron District. The new road is 1.2 km long and will affect more than 300 dunums of land and damage another hundred dunums that belong to the following Palestinian families: Muslem, Shaabeen, Alhathlin, Daoud, Abu Batikh, Zein, Abu Hameid, Shatat, Abu Eid, and Abu Malash. *Ayyam*

### **August 5, 2001**

- The Israeli occupation bulldozers destroyed a wide area estimated a hundred of dunums on Surif and Al Jab'a villages land, north west of Hebron. Aiming to erect a new settlement outpost. *Ayyam*

### **August 6, 2001**

- In Qalqiliya District Scores of Jewish settlers, backed with Israeli army, set fire to more than 300 olive trees from Jit village land and these trees are belong to: *Jadeeda & Ayyam*

- Elayan Sedah
  - Muhammed Khader
  - Muhammed Yamin
  - Rashad Sedah
- Furthermore, tens of Jewish settlers attacked Palestinian villagers and their properties in Hebron old town; they also blocked a road leading to the Ibrahim Mosque, and threw stones at the Palestinian cars. *PIC*

### **August 7, 2001**

- The Israeli occupation forces demolished Palestinian house that is located to the west of the tunnel in Beit Jala neighborhood without any reasons or notification, the house belongs to Ibrahim Qanis. *Ayyam*

### **August 8, 2001**

- *According to Al-Quds and Al-Ayyam newspaper*, the Israeli forces placed more than 6 caravans to Negohot settlement, which is established on confiscated land of Fuqeiqis village, west Hebron. To become more than 25 caravans since transformed it from military settlement to civilian settlement, the settlers has expand it on account of the Palestinian villager land.
- *According to Jerusalem Post newspaper*, reported that the Israeli Interior Ministry released a figures show that the Jewish settlers of the West Bank and Gaza was 203.067 in December and 208.015 in June, an increase of 2,43 %. For example:
- Maale Adummim settlement increased from 26.104 to 26.478 and Efrat settlement from 6.556 to 6.606.the population of Ariel settlement went from 16.511 to 16.702

### **August 9, 2001**

- In Nablus District, the Jewish settlers of Elon Moreh commence a bulldozing works on a wide area of land in Yanun village and that for establishing a new settlement outpost. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers, accompanied by a large number of Israeli army, destroyed a hundreds dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive, almond and forestry trees in Yatta village, Hebron District. *Quds*
- Karmel Jewish settlers expanding the settlement after they seized a new agricultural land of Yatta village in Hebron District, in addition the Jewish

settlers burned Palestinian house that belong to Fadel Abu Mayalah inside Al Luban Market of Hebron city. *Jadeeda*

### **August 10, 2001**

- Scores of Jewish settlers from Hashmonaim set fire to olive trees in Al Midya village of Ramallah District. And the Israeli army prevented the villagers from extinguishing the fire. *Quds*
- Ya'bad Palestinian villagers confirmed that the Israeli authorities continuing of confiscating the lands that surrounding Mevo Dotan 2 outpost Whereas 18 new caravans are established lately, after confiscated hundred of dunums of Ya'bad land in Jenin District; *Quds*

### **August 11, 2001**

- In Hebron District a group of Jewish settlers attacked a Palestinian building (connect between Avraham Avino settlement with Ibrahimi mosque) by throwing stones and glass bottles and harassed the residents who enter or exit from this building, the Manager Salah Al Natsheh said that the Jewish settlers sawing the main door of the building in order to seize it; *Quds*
- The Israeli occupation army stormed Beit Qad agricultural station and transformed it into a military barrack in Jenin District. *Quds*

### **August 12, 2001**

- A group of Jewish colonist burned land planted with olives and almond trees that belong to Mustafa Barqawi from Shufa village in Tulkarem District. *Quds*

### **August 13, 2001**

- Installation of a new settlement outpost in Jenin District by the Jewish settlers of Mirag (located on Jalbou' mountain) in allegation of a woman colonist has been killed in that location. Moreover, in Qalqiliya District the Jewish colonist continued their assaults on the Palestinian land in 'Azzun village where they damaged and chopped down 300 fruitful olive trees that belong to Ahmad Yousef Majed and Mohammed Suidan. *Quds*

### **August 14, 2001**

- The Israeli occupation army seized Palestinian house that belong to Jamal Al Jawarish and transformed it into a military barracks in Beit Jala neighborhood, Bethlehem District. *Ayyam & Jadeeda*

### **August 16, 2001**

- The Jewish settlers of Shilo and Rahel, under the protection of the Israeli soldier, confiscated wide area of Palestinian land in Jalud village and prevented the villagers from reaching their land. According to eyewitnesses, also the Israeli bulldozers destroyed wide areas of land in Aqraba and Yanun villages, aiming to expanding Itamar settlement that is established on the villagers land. Moreover the Itamar Jewish settlers attacked five Palestinian shepherds while they were grazing their sheep near Yanun village southeast Nablus city. *Jadeeda*
- In Nablus District, A Jewish settlers attacked a Palestinian car by throwing stones and shot bullets against it, the driver lost control of the car which caused death the of taxi driver Kamal Saed Muslem 50 years old from Talfit village near Nablus District and 6 passengers injured, on a bypass road close to As Sawiya village. *Jadeeda, Jpost & PIC*

### **August 18, 2001**

- In Hebron District, the Israeli occupation forces, captured two Palestinian houses and transformed it into military barracks and watchtower point, the first one belong to Adnan Hamdan Henhin at the northern entrance of Halhul village and the second one owned by Ali Abed Alah Shetat that located in Al Fahs area near Yatta village. *Jadeeda & Quds*

### **August 19, 2001**

- Ten armed Jewish settlers stormed a Palestinian shepherd from Aqraba village, south Nablus city. They exterminated and poisoned 128 heads of sheep without any reason .the villager Abedel Ghani (65 years old) said that suddenly, the Jewish settlers opened fire against him and another group of shepherds while they were tending to their sheep near the main road between Aqraba and Yanun villages. The day before, the same group of settlers spread grazing land in the area with poisonous substances, causing the death of many cows, sheep and goats. *Quds & PIC*

### **August 20, 2001**

- The Israeli bulldozers that belong to occupied Jerusalem municipality, guarded by police and soldiers forces, demolished two Palestinian buildings under the pretext of not a illegal building in Beit Hanina neighborhood to the north of Jerusalem .the first structure (4 -story) belong to Ibrahim Al Julani, and the second one belong to Fahmi Ahmad al Najar. Lately, the occupied Jerusalem municipality delivered demolishes houses tenders for scores of Palestinian families in allegation of built without permits. *Quds, Jadeeda & PIC*
- In Tulkarem District, the Israeli military bulldozers, guarded by Israeli soldiers, dug and destroyed road, which is lead toward Shufa village, in addition closed Ras Al Shomer road that reach Safarin village by putting a rocks and a blocks. While in Hebron District, the Israeli bulldozers accompanied by armored vehicle demolished a stone factory that located in Al Fahs area without prior notification despite of the owner Rateb Abu Hamdiya have permit documents since 20 years .the area of the factory estimated on two dunums and consider the only income source of 150 person. *Quds*
- Four Jewish settlers shot Palestinian farmer called Reyad Bani Hasan from Arabbuna village in Jenin District when he was working in his land. *Ayyam*

### **August 22, 2001**

- The Israeli bulldozers continue destroying a hundred dunums of land cultivated with olive and almond trees belong to the villagers west of Jenin, aiming to execute the separation plan between the Palestinian land and the green line along the separate boundaries. Moreover, the villagers said that the Israeli bulldozers digging a trench, its height about 2 m and its width about 2.5 m along tens of kilometers, in addition to damaged couples of meters besides the trench and dumped the almond and the olive trees with a heap of earth. The villager Mohamad Jaradat confirmed that the bulldozers, under the protection of occupied Israeli soldiers, swallowed scores of kilometer of agricultural village land without notice to their owners: Sabri Farid Abu Baker, Ibrahim Mohamad Jaradat ,Mohamad Tib and Mohamad Jaradat. *Jadeeda*
- In Yatta village of Hebron District, two of Israeli bulldozers accompanied by Karmel settlers stormed land belongs to Mohamad Al Hazalin and commenced a wide bulldozing work. Moreover, the bulldozer constructed a new by-pass road that link between Karmel and Maon settlements, the villager Mohamad with his family tried to defend of their land but Israeli soldiers and the Jewish settlers attacked them. *Ayyam*

- In Jericho District, a large number of Israeli army stormed Fasayil village whereas gave evicted and notice to a number of villagers: Ayash Daajnah, Odah Rashayda, and Jazeeya Ali Ghazal. *Ayyam*
- The Israeli bulldozers, under the protection of Israeli police and army, dug a trench along the road that is near the military checkpoints that are erected on the Jerusalem District endurances to forbidden the cars and lorries and even the walkers from passing the region. In addition the bulldozers damaged and dug a deep trench on the tracks roads that lead separate the "Nisabeh" buildings from the northern area and other Palestinian houses. *Quds*

### August 23, 2001

- Group of Homesh Jewish settlers blocked the road leading to Sabastiya village, west of Nablus, with burning tires. *Jpost*

### August 24, 2001

- In Jenin District the Jewish settlers placed a large quantity of poisons substances near roads edges between Al 'Araqa and 'Anin villages beside the settlements which established on the villages land. *Jadeeda*
- In Tulkarem District, the Israeli Bulldozer, under protection Israeli forces, destroyed Lemon trees and another citrus tree of a farm owned by a farmer from 'Illar village. *Quds*

### August 25, 2001

- An Israeli decision to demolish 12 commercial shops in Mas-ha village market in allegation of dose not possesses permits. These commercial shops belong to:

1. Yousef Abu Safia
2. Mohamad Abu Shhadeh
3. Talal Odeh
4. Abed Al Aziz Ibrahim
5. Nemer Abed Al Rahman
6. Saleh Abu Safia
7. Jamal Alqarem
8. Zaher Rashedeh
9. Daoud Abed Al Haq
10. Sami Al Aqra'.

11. Jamal Abu Safia. In addition to house owned by Mouhamed Issa which area is 160 m. *Quds*

- In Hebron District, the Jewish settlers continue their harassment against Palestinian people. In Wadi Al Tufah the settlers of Tal Al Rumeida fired shots at Palestinians injuring one. In addition to other villagers, from another side the Israeli forces captured roof of one of Palestinian villagers called Saleh Rajeh Abu Shehab and transformed it into military barracks in Beit Furik village in Nablus District. Moreover, in Tulkarem District the Israeli bulldozers uprooted more than 200 olive trees from the land of Khaled and Majed Khresha that located to the east of Dahiyat Dhinnaba village as well as constructed a track road through the villagers land lead to 'Izbat Abu Khameish and toward a military base near Avne Hefets settlement. *Quds*

### **August 26, 2001**

- The Israeli Authorities delivered three demolition orders to three houses and a kindergarten under the pretext of building without permits, in Dhaher Al 'Abed village of Jenin District. The houses belong to:
  - Ahmad Ghaleb 'Amarneh
  - Helmi Abed Al Latif
  - Ghasan Sameh 'Amarneh. While the kindergarten belong to the village council. *Quds*
- In Qalqiliya District, the Israeli Authorities imposed curfew in Azun village, and also blocked the northern entrance of the village, which is the main entrance that link it within the District. *Quds*
- The settlers of Tekoa poisoned heads of sheep, after sprayed chemical poisonous substances into the grazing area where located between the settlement and Al Qab village south Al Fureidis village in Bethlehem District. The heads of sheep belonged to Farhan Hasan Al Salahat. *Quds*

### **August 28, 2001**

- In Nablus District, According to villagers from Beit Furik said that tens of Jewish settlers attacked the villager's properties and burned scores dunums of agricultural land. Moreover the Israeli bulldozers destroyed villagers land cultivated with citrus trees and vegetable in Area called "Sufeen" east of Qalqiliya city *Jadeeda*



- The Israeli soldiers fired at livestock pen that caused death of more than 15 heads of sheep in Rakhme village, Bethlehem District. Quds
- The Israeli forces stormed the Abu Nujeim village in Bethlehem District and destroyed the water network as well as damaged part of Abu Nujeim school in addition uprooted more than 20 olive trees that belonged to the school. *Quds*

### **August 29, 2001**

- A group of Jewish settlers fired shots into a Palestinian car at Hizma – Jericho road, caused the death of 25 years old young man called Hedar Jadou' Kanan from Hizma village (north eastern occupied Jerusalem) while he was traveling to his work and also his father and his brother were injured. Kanan's father and brother reported that three Jewish settlers riding in a car opened fire at the Palestinian car and run away toward the Maale Adummim settlement. *Jadeeda ,Ha'aretz& PIC*
- The Israeli army occupied Palestinian house owned by Ibrahim Qasem Salim, which is located nearby the main road in Beit 'Ur at Tahta west of Ramallah city that has placed under curfew for forth days consecutively. *Jadeeda*

### **August 30, 2001**

- In Jenin District the Israeli bulldozers uprooted scores of olive trees belonged to the villager Hamza Abu Al Rub (45 years old) from Jalbun village without prior notification. And also closed his land by blocks to prevent him from entry. Furthermore in Jerusalem District the Israeli forces set up new four military posts in Palestinian villages, which are overlooking the Givat Zeev settlement and Modin settlement west of Jerusalem. Several villagers said that military posts were established on houses in Tera, Beit 'Ur At Tehta and Kharbatha Al Misbah villages Quds
- The monthly report is an overview of events that have been reported by field workers and \or by one or more of the following sources: Al-Ayyam, Al-Quds, Alhayat Al Jadeeda, Ha'aretz, Jerusalem Post, Ministry of Information (MoI) and Palestinian Information Center (PIC). The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for size and clarity.

Statistics of the Israeli Violations in the OPT

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted/ Confiscated. burnt/razed Trees	Demolished Houses	Threatened Houses
Jerusalem	100	0	0	5	8
Nablus	0	0	200	0	0
Jericho	15	0	0	0	3
Hebron	500	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyia	0	0	600	0	1
Bethlehem	0	0	20	1	0
Tulkarem	0	0	200	0	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</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, 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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