July 1, 2001

- In Ramallah District, the Palestinian villagers of An Nabi Salih are concerned about a new Israeli plan for establishing a new military post in the center of the village. Moreover, the villagers have faced a water shortage for 16 consecutive days because settlers cut off the water supply from the village’s networks. *Jadeeda*
- The mayor of Silwad village, Mohammad Abdel Majed, announced that the Israeli occupation army confiscated 5 dunums of land from the village in Ramallah District, under the pretext of installing a new Israeli heliport. The confiscated land is located near Ofra settlement. *Jadeed & Quds*
- In Tulkarem District, Jewish settlers burned hundreds of Dunums of land cultivated with olive trees that belong to Palestinian villagers in Ramin. In addition, the Israeli army protected Jewish settlers of Kedumim (established on Kafr Qaddum village land in Qalqiliya District) while they bulldozed 15 dunums of agriculture land belonging to Rahmah Ali and cultivated with wheat and barley crops, in order to expand the settlement. *Quds*

July 2, 2001

- In Hebron District, Israeli bulldozers destroyed 100 dunums of Surif village land in order to expand a settlement outpost in the area. *Quds*
- Three days ago the Israeli Authorities began bulldozing and digging hundreds of dunums of land owned by Palestinian villagers from Ar Ram, Jaba’, and Hizma villages north of Jerusalem in order to establish a new settlement. The villagers mentioned that the Israeli authorities prevented them from cultivating their land, declaring it a military area and
constructing a 300m-long road to link Neve Yaacov settlement with Adam settlement.

July 3, 2001

- In Qalqiliya District, the Palestinian villagers from Kafr Thulth confronted the settlers of Karne Shomron who tried to bulldoze wide areas of the village land, which is located in the Aloyyoun area, in order to establish a new settlement outpost. The villagers stated that they have documents proving their ownership of the land. *Jadeeda & Quds*

- The Israeli Defense Minster Benjamin Ben Eliezar pointed out that he and the Israeli Settlement Council agreed to evacuate 15 settlement outposts in the West Bank that were setup since Sharon came to power. *Jadeeda*

- A report published by the LAW Society (The Palestinian Society for the protection of Human Rights and the Environment) stated that Israeli occupation bulldozers accompanied by Jewish settlers demolished tens of Palestinian buildings in Yatta village in Hebron, owned by a number of Palestinian families. They also demolished five Palestinian houses in the southern part of As Samu’ village, of Hebron District, without prior notification and after they forced the owners to evacuate their homes. The demolished houses belong to the following villagers. *Jadeeda & Quds*

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- Jewish settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, bulldozed 60 dunums of land in Tall village in Nablus District. The land belongs to Abedel Aziz Abed Allah and his brother. *Quds*

- Also, in Yatta village, the Israeli bulldozers destroyed one hundred dunums of land and uprooted scores of olive trees and grapevines from land near Susiya and Maon settlements as they demolished huts and water wells. Moreover, they bulldozed more than one hundred olive trees on the land of Jit and Immatin villages, near Kedumim settlement, which established on Kafr Qaddum village land in Qalqiliya District. The villagers said that the Jewish settlers intended to capture part of Al Jabal Al Ahmar area that is located between Immatin and Jit villages. *Quds*
• In Tulkarem District the Jewish settlers burned a wide area of land cultivated with tens of olive and almond trees. In addition, a group of Jewish settlers from Avnei Hefetz burned a wide area of agricultural land cultivated with olive trees that belong to Na‘im Hanon of Shufa village, also in Tulkarm District. According to eyewitnesses the Israeli forces prevented the villagers from extinguishing the fire in the area and as a result 20 dunums of agricultural land were burned. Quds

• In Jerusalem, Jewish colonist on the road near Ma‘ale Adumim opened fire on a group of goats owned by ‘Arab al Jahalin Bedouin shepherds. And caused the death of 20 heads of goat. Quds

• An official Palestinian report declared that 24 Jewish settlement outposts were established on Palestinian land, not less than 280 trees were burned and 280 dunums of land were bulldozed and destroyed from March 2000 to June 2001. The report also mentioned that a new settlement outpost was set up on Dura Alqara’ village land. Moreover, another new settlement is in process on 60 dunums of land that is located to the west of Sura and Jit villages in Nablus District and near a settlement bypass road, which was opened by Karne Shomron settlers. Quds

July 4, 2001

• The Israeli occupation army demolished a new two-story, 150 m2 Palestinian house in Beit Hanina neighborhood, north of Jerusalem, under the pretext of being built without having a permit. The house was owned by Rasem Abed El Wahed and Rajeh El Hawarin. Jadeeda

• A group of Jewish settlers from Revava, under the protection of the Israeli occupation army, bulldozed dozens of dunums of land and uprooted scores of olive trees west of Haris village, in Salfit District. This plan aims to confiscate the land surrounding the settlement from its western side, in an attempt to expand it. Jadeeda

• Israeli occupation forces captured a Palestinian house owned by Mohamad Zahran and transformed it into a military post in Deir Abu Mash’al village, Ramallah District. Quds

July 5, 2001

• Palestinian sources denied the Israeli authorities’ claim that Jewish settlers evacuated an outpost in Tulkarem District. The mayor of Beit Lid village said that the settlement outpost is still on the village land with a number of settlers living inside 2 tents, in addition to a mobile home. He also added that Jewish settlers chopped down tens of olive and almond trees surrounding the outpost and impeded the villagers from reaching their
land. It is of important weight to mention that this settlement was established 20 days ago. Furthermore, the settlers burned 2,000 dunums of agricultural land planted with olive and almond trees that belong to Palestinian farmers. In addition, a Jewish colonist stated that Enav settlers in Tulkarem District temporally removed one outpost. Jadeeda

- Israeli bulldozers demolished 30 huts owned by Palestinian villagers, in addition to destroying 20 potable water wells in Yatta village, Hebron district. Quds

July 6, 2001

- In Jenin District, two Israeli bulldozers accompanied by Israeli soldiers demolished a carpenter shop and 29 commercial shops. Jadeda
- The Israeli occupation army confiscated 6,000 dunums of land planted with trees in Sinjil village, Ramallah. Furthermore, the Israeli occupation army published a new Israeli master plan to open a new bypass road that links Shilo settlement and road number (60) with Maale Levona settlement, which is established on Al Lubban al Sharqiya village land, and connected with Rahawat and Rahil settlements. The road will pass through the Palestinian villages of Sinjil, Turmus‘ayya, Jiljiliya Al Lubban Ash Shrqiya, and As Sawiya. Moreover, the Israeli army bulldozed 2 dunums of land, demolished a Palestinian stone factory, destroyed a 200-m2 livestock pen, and burned olive trees that belonged to the Palestinian village Mohamad Kaid. Jadeda
- The Tulkarem District’s agricultural directorate estimated that Jewish settlers burned 25,000 trees of various kinds, mainly olive and almond. They also burned more than 4,000 dunums of land from ‘Anabta, Ramin, Beit Lid Saffarin, Qaffin, Nazlat ‘Isa and Kafir al Labad villages and burned wide areas of land in ‘Attil village that is cultivated with wheat and barley crops. Quds

July 7, 2001

- The Israeli authorities bulldozed wide areas of land for a settlement bypass road that will begin at the Nablus-Tulkarem road and will run toward Al Mas‘udiya, Bizzariya and Burqa Palestinian villages to connect with Homesh Jewish settlement. Quds
- In Hebron District, the Jewish settlers destroyed caves and huts that Palestinian farmers and shepherds were living in, in addition to water wells. The settlers warned them to leave the area within one week to make room for the expansion of the border of their settlement near Yatta village. Furthermore, the Israeli army erected a military tent and new watchtower
on Palestinian villager land called As‘ad ‘Atiya that is located in south Tulkarem District in order to protect the Jewish settlers near the bypass road that leads to Enav and Avnei Hefetz settlements. \textit{Quds}

- In Ramallah District, the Israeli authorities invaded a house in An Nabi Salih village and occupied it to establish a military outpost. \textit{Field worker}

\textbf{July 8, 2001}

- In Tulkarem District, Jewish settlers erected a number of mobile houses on Ramin village land to the north of Enav settlement. They also attacked Palestinian villagers form Shu‘fa, Beit Lid and Safarin and prevented them from entering Tulkarem District. While in Nablus District the Israeli forces captured a Palestinian house that belongs to Khaled Abedel Aziz from Burqa village and uprooted more than 1,500 olive trees and bulldozed 2,000 dunums of land. In addition, settlers of Karne Shomron under the protection of Israeli forces in Qalqiliya District continued bulldozing in Kafr Thulth village to establish a new settlement outpost. \textit{Quds}

- Twenty-five Palestinian refugees living in Shu‘fat camp received demolition orders under the pretext of being built without permits. \textit{Quds}

\textbf{July 9, 2001}

- The Israeli occupation forces executed the largest demolition campaign in East Jerusalem since 1967. They demolished 17 Palestinian houses (of the 25 that received demolition orders on July 8) in the refugee camp of Shu‘fat, under the pretext that they were built without permits. The demolished homes, three of which were under construction, that were located very close to the Israeli settlement of Pisgat Zeev. Below are the Palestinian owners of the demolished houses in Shu‘fat neighborhood: \textit{Jaddeda & Quds} & 
\textit{Ayyam Jamal Alfaqih Abedel rahman alkam Lafi mohamad Ali abed Orabi eshqir Samih Berawi

- In Hebron District, Israeli bulldozers destroyed vast areas of lands in Yatta village near Susiya settlement and that belonged to the Al Nawa‘ja Palestinian family in preparation to expand the settlement. \textit{Jaddeda}

- Israeli occupation bulldozers under the protection of Israeli army bulldozed a piece of land in Barta‘a ash Sharqiya and uprooted 350 old olive trees in Jenin District that, aiming to open a 6km long and 25m wide a by-pass road. The construction will swallow 180 dunums of Palestinian land. \textit{Jaddeda & Quds}

- In Qalqiliya District, for the second consecutive day, the settlers of Maale Shomron and Karne Shomron continue their bulldozing in the Aloyyon
area of Kafr Thulth village in order to open a 2km long settlement bypass road linking Ma’ale Shomron and the new outpost. *Quds*

- In Hebron District, a group of Qiryat Arba settlers stormed a Palestinian wedding party and assaulted the villagers in addition to damaging their houses and cars. *Quds*

**July 10, 2001**

- In Hebron District, Israeli occupation forces attacked Beit Ummar village and Al’Arrub camp and bulldozed a plot of land near Adh Dahiriya village, uprooting scores of trees. Furthermore, Israeli bulldozers continued to damage land and uproot a number of trees in Barta’a Ash Sharqiya village in Jenin District, in order to open new settlement by pass roads. Meanwhile, in the Northern Valleys, Israeli bulldozers began to construct a large tunnel near the Wadi Al Malih main road, a couple hundred meters away form Mehola settlement, that will separate the area into two parts and swallow thousands of dunums of Palestinian land that are used for crop and vegetable cultivation. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers continued to damage Palestinian land in Mas-ha village, Salfit District. *Jaddeda & Quds*

- According to Barta’a villagers in Jenin District the Israeli authorities began executing a settlement master plan that will confiscate a hundred dunums of agricultural land that belong to the Marwan, Zuhair, Maysara, Ibrahim, Mahmoud, Iqab, Ismail, and Ghisab Kabaha families. Moreover, they bulldozed hundreds of olive trees. This campaign is aimed at confiscating the lands that are located nearby the Green Line border and to construct a new settlement bypass road (30m wide and 25 km long) linking the Jewish settlements together, which are established on Ya’bad village land.

**July 11, 2001**

- In Tulkarem District, the settlers of Avnei Hefetz set fire to land in Karnet Aldab’, which is located near the settlement built on land that belongs to the Palestinian villagers of Shufa. The settlers’ intent was to capture the land and annexing to the settlement. The villagers said that the fire destroyed 50 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with fully-grown olive and almond trees. *Jadeed & Quds*

- Palestinian sources said that the municipality of West Jerusalem sent warnings of destroying two Palestinian houses and confiscating land near the houses in a location called Karm Albahar in Ash Sheikh Jarah neighborhood, intending to establish a train station to link Pisgat Zeev settlement with West Jerusalem. The municipality also announced plans of
confiscating 15 dunums in Shu‘fat neighborhood for another such station. In addition, the municipality announced that it plans to demolish a building with 12 apartments in Beit Hanina neighborhood under the pretext of have been built without permit Ayyam.

- The Israeli forces uprooted scores of trees from Khelat Al Abed area, located between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and Abu Dis villages. Musleh badawi said to Al Quds newspaper that the Israeli army started building a military base on 400 dunums of land called Marah Alenab in Nablus District. Quds.

- In Medya village near Ramallah District the Israeli Authorities sent 24 demolition orders for Palestinian houses under the pretext that 6 of these houses have been built without building permits and the other 18 houses are located within Israeli land to the west of the Green Line and must evict it. The Medya village mayor confirmed that the demolishing bids aim to seize a wide area of fertilized agricultural land and added that the villagers owned the building permit documents. Jadeeda & Quds.

July 12, 2001

- The Jerusalem municipality prepared to execute a new settlement scheme near Shu‘fat neighborhood northeastern Jerusalem, which will lead to the confiscation of 170 dunums of land that is currently used as a slaughterhouse. The plan aims to construct 160 housing units on a 26,000-m2 area. Jadeeda.

- In Nablus District, the Israeli army occupied a hilltop with a number of houses in Kafr Qallil village that is controlled by the Palestinian authorities. Moreover the Jewish settlers burned more than 500 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive trees and cereal crops that belong to Kafr Qallil and ‘Awarta farmers. Quds.

- A group of Jewish settlers burned 17 Palestinian houses and bulldozed a hundreds dunums of land in Hebron District and captured a Palestinian vegetable market which is near Avraham Avinu settlement. Quds.

July 13, 2001

- The settlers of Qiryat Arba burned cultivated land and destroyed the properties of a house in Hebron that belong to Palestinian villager named Basem Al Khatib. Jadeeda.

July 14, 2001
• The Israeli occupation army set fire to a wide area of agricultural land that caused damage to 70 olive trees of Madama village in Nablus District. Quds

**July 15, 2001**

• According to Palestinian villagers of Kufr Al Deik and Deir Ballut in Qalqiliya District, settlers burned more than 1,000 dunums of agricultural land in their villages. Moreover, in Tulkarem District, the Israeli occupation authority delivered 30 demolition notices to commercial stores in Nazlat ‘Isa village under the pretext of not having building permits. Furthermore, the settlers of Avnei Hefetz burned dozens of dunums of agricultural land and destroyed the water pipes in ‘Izbat Shufa and Hadab villages. The Israeli occupation authorities also continued the settlement’s expansion campaign in “Mevo Dotan 2” outpost that was set up on Yabad land 4 month ago. Recently they placed 15 new caravans and are working on opening a new settlement bypass road to link it with nearby settlements, causing damage to thousands dunums of agricultural land. Meanwhile in Tulkarem District Israeli bulldozers uprooted 23 olive trees on Mouhamed Durubi land, which is located to the west of Shufa village. Jadeeda &Quds

• The Israeli occupation forces confiscated a Palestinian house in Umm Safa village in Ramallah District and transformed it into military post after pushing out the owner Naser Tanatra and his family. Furthermore, the Jewish settlers in Hebron District captured a Palestinian house that belongs to the Hasuna family in downtown Hebron. They also occupied a house located beside Qiriyyat Arba settlement and set fire to it as well as damaging more than 60 Palestinian cars. Jadeeda, Quds, Jpost & PIC

• The Jewish settlers burned 12 Palestinian houses in old city of Hebron. Quds

**July 16, 2001**

• A number of Jewish settlers confiscated a plot of agricultural land and attempted to capture ten Palestinian houses, succeeding in setting fire to one Palestinian house belonging to the Al Rasem family in Hebron District. Quds

• In Jenin District, Palestinian villagers reported that Israeli bulldozers accompanied by military forces destroyed more than one hundred dunums of agricultural land that belonged to Palestinian villager Mohamed Al Sheikh Qabaha from Bart’a Alsharqia village, and prevented the Palestinian farmers from tending to their land. Quds
July 17, 2001

- In Salfit District, Palestinian villager Ibrahim Abu Amir from Marda village died of a heart attack after the Ariel settlers chased and beat him while he was working in his field. *Jadeeda* & *Quds*
- A group of Hamra and Mehola Jewish colonist burned 300 trees that belong to Palestinian villagers Hashem Al’bassi and Haft Abdal Jalil in Nasaria village of Nablus District. *Quds*

July 18, 2001

- The Israeli occupation bulldozers damaged scores of olive trees near a military post, which is established on Tall and Madama villages. *Jadeeda*
- In Hebron District, the settlers of Qiryat Arba guarded by military forces bulldozed 15 dunums of agricultural land planted with almond trees and grapevines that belong to the Al Ja’bari family, then placed caravans and tents on this land close to Qiryat Arba settlement. *Jadeeda*

July 19, 2001

- Three Palestinians were murdered, including a three month-old baby, and five injured by a gang of Jewish settlers. The Palestinians were traveling in a mini-bus near the village of Edna, 20 kilometers from west of Hebron city. The victims were identified as the baby Dheya’ Aldin Itmezi (3 months), Muhammed Salameh Itmezi, 23, and Muhammed Helmi Itmezi, 22. *Alayyam, Quds & PIC*
- In Jerusalem District, a Palestinian landlord from Ras Shehada area, which is close to Shu’fat Refugee camp, said that a group of Israeli surveyors and engineers accompanied by Israeli security forces conducted a survey of 8 Palestinian houses presumably in preparation for their demolition. They pointed out that this process has happened before when the Jerusalem municipality demolished 14 Palestinian houses in Shu’fat refugee camp under the pretext that they were built without permit. *Quds*

July 21, 2001

- In Tulkarm District, Jewish settlers of Beit Hefer burned 9 dunums of agricultural land that is cultivated with olive trees that belong to Palestinians of Taiah family. The land is located in Sahel Tulkarem near the settlement. Moreover, in Shufa village Avnei Hefetz Jewish settlers set fire to land that is cultivated with olive trees that belong to Palestinian farmer Zaki Aldrubi. The Palestinian landlord said that the Jewish settlers...
released wastewater on one dunum of land cultivated with olive trees. In Kafl Haris village, to the southwest of Nablus city, the Israeli forces continued their harassment of the Palestinian farmers, destroying water networks and digging the main road that links the village with Qira village. Quds

July 22, 2001

- In Nablus District, the Jewish settlers set fire to land that is cultivated with olive trees that belong to Palestinians of Deir Hatab village. According to eyewitnesses the fire burned more than 300 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive trees and the villagers were prevented from reaching the land. Furthermore, the Israeli soldiers set up a new permanent military post overlooking Kufr Al Deik village and the other surrounding villages. Quds

July 23, 2001

- In Nablus District, the Israeli army burned hundreds of dunums of olive trees and bulldozed an area of land that is surrounding the bypass road in Qusin-Al Juneid. Quds & Jadeeda
- In Es Samu’ village, Hebron District, the Jewish settlers occupied a number of commercial stores that belong to Naser al Dein Abu Munshar, and stormed a Palestinian house that belongs to the Al Atrash family in order to capture it. Jadeeda

July 24, 2001

- The Palestinian farmers from Yatta village reported that the Jewish settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, seized about 350 dunums of the land that belongs to Abu Ubied family for Lasafer settlement expansion, which is established on the Palestinian villagers land in the Hebron District Quds & Ayyam

July 25, 2001

- A number of Jewish settlers, under the protection of Israeli army, stormed three commercial stores located in downtown Hebron. Quds
- The Israeli forces sent orders of evacuation within 48 hours to three Palestinian quarries owned by Saber Abu Mariya and Haytham Abu Ayash under the pretext of giving safety to Jewish settlers. These quarries
are located in Beit Ummar Village near the Hebron-Jerusalem road in Hebron District. *Quds & Ayyam*

- The Israeli bulldozers under the protection of a large number of Israeli army and Natural Reserve Authorities destroyed the road network that linked the center of Qatana village to Jerusalem city. They intend to confiscate this land in order to annex it to Maale Khamesha settlement that is established on the village land. They also cut the water and the electricity networks. The Israeli Authorities delivered demolition orders to Palestinian villagers under the pretext that they were built without permits despite of the owner’s claim that have building permits. *Quds & Jadeeda & Ayyam*

- In Hebron District, the Israeli authorities sent two bids for demolishing two Palestinian houses in Bani Na’im village, in addition to evicting another three Palestinian houses threatened with demolition. *Jadeeda*

- According to the villagers from Beit Amin village, a number of Israeli bulldozers accompanied by Israeli army and Jewish settlers bulldozed and uprooted scores of trees in an attempt to construct a settlement bypass road that links Shaare Tikva settlement with a group of settlements nearby. *Ayyam*

**July 27, 2001**

- In Nablus District, the Israeli army set fire to more than 600 dunums of agricultural fields cultivated with olive trees that belong to Beit Iba and Zuwata villages. *Quds*

- A group of settlers from Kokhav Yaacov settlement hanged a young Palestinian refugee named Naser Abu Al’Ish who lives in Qalandia refugee camp in Jerusalem District. *Quds*

- In Nablus District, the Israeli forces burned more than 300 dunums of cultivated land. The fire reached Beit Iba and Burqa villages. *Quds & Jadeeda*

**July 28, 2001**

- In Tubas district, the Israeli authorities surveyed agricultural land located in the Northern Valley including land of Wadi al Maleh and al Nasarya villages. The occupation forces informed Wadi Al Maleh villagers of the decision to confiscate a hundred dunums of their land, which is known to be the most fertile agricultural land. Abu Khizaran, the head of Tubas municipality, warned of an Israeli plan that includes construction of a new settlement bypass road in the Al Nasrya area looking over the Jordan River. He added that the new bypass road will link settlement bypass road
60, which passes through east of Nahoula settlement, and link it with the Israeli military bases in the valley area, resulting in the confiscation of 78 plots of land. 

- In Jerusalem District, the Israeli occupation forces uprooted 50 olive trees in Al Jib village near Jerusalem (Qalandia) airport, on land that belongs to the Asad family. Occupation forces also captured a Palestinian house belonging to Omar Rashed Asaf and transformed it into Israeli military post.

**July 29, 2001**

- A group of Jewish settlers from Shevut Rahil settlement, which is established on Al Mughayyir village land, chopped down about 390 old olive trees using electrical saws. This olive trees belong to:
  - Rebhi Shehada
  - Madni Shehada
  - Saleh Seliman
  - Sa’ada Sa’ied
  - Ibrahim Abedallah
  - Abedel Hadi Abas

- This area had been exposed to the same uprooting last year. Moreover, the Jewish colonist “Bo’az” who lives in a settlement outpost and another group of Jewish settlers hit Palestinian children and ran after shepherds.

**July 30, 2001**

- The Israeli bulldozers, under the protection of police and soldiers, bulldozed three Palestinian houses under construction and water well under the pretext of building without permits in Shu’fat neighborhood to the north of Jerusalem. In addition, the Jerusalem municipality employees who supervised the demolition process confirmed that there are another 13 houses to be demolished in Shu’fat neighborhood.

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