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#### May 1, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers from Efrat settlement, which is established on the Palestinian village of Al Khader in Bethlehem District, accompanied by Israeli occupation forces bulldozed 28-dunums of land cultivated with 600 almond trees and grapevines. The land belongs to 'Ayyish family. In addition, Jewish settlers of Efrat impeded Suleiman Naji from entering his land in Kisan village, close to Efrat settlement, while he was going to reclaim and cultivate it. *Jadeeda*
- A report published in *Al-Quds* newspaper revealed that the Israeli government has exploited the phrase “natural population growth” since the Oslo Agreement to cover for the expansion of Jewish settlements in the Palestinian Territories. Yitzhak Rabin used the phrase while building thousands of housing units in the area of Greater Jerusalem. Benjamin Netanyahu limited construction to the settlements’ “natural population growth” when he doubled the rate of construction in 1998. Orders for 4,210 units were made in 1998, representing the largest number of units in any one year with the exception of 1991-1992 when Ariel Sharon was the Israeli Housing Minister. Under the former PM Ehud Barak, construction of 2,500 units in the West Bank began in 2000. Since Ariel Sharon’s tenure, two tenders have been published for building 712 housing units in Maale Adumim and Maale Efrayim settlements, in addition to other two bids that were issued during Barak portfolio for constructing 3,575 units, 2,600 of which are going to be built in Jerusalem. It is in this context that the deceitful excuse of ‘natural population growth’ has once again gained popularity among Israeli officials. Below is a table showing the number of housing units ordered each year from 1992 to 2000 and the total number of Jewish settlers living in them: *Quds*

Year	# of Housing Units	Total# of Jewish settlers (in thousands)
1992	6,210	104.8
1993	980	115.7
1994	1,310	127.8
1995	2,520	132.9
1996	1,670	146.9
1997	1,900	160.1
1998	4,210	172.2
1999	2,510	176.9
2000	2,511	199.4

**Source: # of housing units – “Peace Now” Data  
# of Jewish settlers – Statistical Abstract of Israel**

- According to the *ARIJ fieldworker* in Hebron District, those responsible in the “Guarding of State Property” and “Construction and Organization Committee” continued issuing demolition orders and orders to stop work to Palestinian villagers in different villages of the District. The following are the names of a number of villagers who have received orders **to stop work**:
  - Ahmad Mohammad Hamamdeh
  - Mohammad Ahmad Hamamdeh
  - Hassan Musleh Hamamdeh
  - Ayyoub Ahmad Abu Sabha
  - Mohammad Hassan Hamamdeh
  - Yaser Abdel Moun’eim Abu Sabha
  - Mahmoud khalil Obeid
  - Mahmoud Khalil Abu ‘Aram
  - ‘Ali khalil Abu ‘Aram
  - Mohammad Issa Abu ‘Aram
  - Mahmoud Moussa Abu ‘Aram

## **May 2, 2001**

- Israeli occupation authorities began to erect a new settlement outpost on Al-Karmeh hilltop opposite Kokhav Yacov settlement, east of Ramallah. According to the villagers, the settlers, accompanied by Israeli army, bulldozed dozens of dunums in the area and opened a new settlement bypass road in order to link the settlement with the main road to Jerusalem.

Eyewitnesses mentioned that Israeli trucks began to bring a number of caravans to the same location. *Quds*

- In Qalqiliya District, Israeli colonization activities continued against Palestinian villagers. The settlers of Karne Shomeron and Ginat Shomeron confiscated tens of dunums owned by Palestinian farmers from Kafr Laqif village. The villagers told an *Al-Quds* reporter that their lands are cultivated with olive and forestry trees and they have documents proving their ownership to the lands. In addition, the settlers of Karne Shomeron and Ginat Shomeron, constructed on the land of Kafr Laqif and Jinsafut villages bulldozed, scores of agricultural land without prior notification. The aim of this action is to open a new 1km-long settlement by-pass road in order to connect the two settlements with the new large commercial center that was just opened last month. *Quds*

### May 3, 2001

- A group of settlers from Itamar kidnapped two Palestinian villagers, Rabe'i Khalil Rabe'i and Sameh Ghaleb Isbeh, from Aqraba village in Nablus District while they were working in their land. They also injured another Palestinian, Ghassan Mohammad Khader. *Jadeeda*
- According to *Al-Ayyam* and *Al Hayat Al Jadeeda* newspapers, Israeli occupation forces established a new military camp between 'Ein Yabrud and Burqa villages in Ramallah District. On May 2, 2001 they started to bulldoze agricultural land located between the two villages and erected two mobile homes in order to establish a new settlement outpost. At the same time, a number of Jewish settlers seized plots of land from the same area before they erected the new outpost.
- According to Israeli sources, Israeli occupation forces established a new post between the settlement of Ofra and Beit El, east of Ramallah, in preparation to setting up a new settlement outpost. *Quds*
- The Jerusalem Municipality dispatched ultimatums to demolish six Palestinian houses in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of being built without permits. *Quds*
- The colonist of Itamar settlement, which is built on Aqraba, Yanun, 'Awarta and Rujeib villages in Nablus District attacked Palestinian farmers while they were working on their land in Aqraba village. *Quds*
- The *ARIJ fieldworker* in Hebron District reported that an expansion effort is taking place in Al-Yakim Ben Ary quarry, which is established on land owned by villagers from Dura. The expanded area is estimated at 50 dunums.

### May 4, 2001

- The Israeli Regional Committee for Construction and Organization in Jerusalem endorsed the construction of 300 new housing units in the Jewish neighborhood of “Shapira” in the French Hill settlement in East Jerusalem. *Quds*

### May 5, 2001

- Israeli occupation authorities erected a new settlement on the land of Deir Istiya and Qarawat Bani Hassan villages in Salfit District. The villagers stated that a group of settlers from Nofim commenced bulldozing land in Al-Majour and Al-Nwetef hamlets and installed ten caravans there. Furthermore, eyewitnesses told an *Al-Quds* correspondent that Israeli surveyors protected by the Israeli army surveyed plots of land planted with olive trees belonging to villagers from Yabud and Tura, in Jenin District, in an attempt to open a new by-pass road linking Mevo Dotan military camp with the nearby settlement block. The new by-pass road is going to destroy thousands of fully-grown olive trees in the area. *Quds*
- An article appeared in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda* newspaper stating that the Israeli Mekorot Company cut off the water supply to the village of Beit Wazan, west of Nablus. As this is the village’s only source of water, the villagers are suffering a water shortage.
- The Palestinian villager Mohammad Hussein Ar Rashayida from Arab Ar Rashayida village, east of Bethlehem, was severely injured by the explosion of a landmine planted by the Israeli army in an area that is used for grazing by the farmers. *Quds*
- *The ARIJ fieldworker* in Hebron District reported that the Israeli occupation authorities are bulldozing plots of land owned by Jaber family in Al Baq’a village, east of Kharsina settlement. Moreover, the Israeli army carried out a similar action west of Karmi Tzur settlement, built on Halhoul and Beit Ummar villages, in order to open a 300m long new road connecting the five caravans that were established two months ago near the mother settlement. The bulldozed land is owned by the family of Abu Yousef from Halhoul village.

### May 6, 2001

- After entering Area A and shelling the houses in the opposite Har Gilo settlement, the Israeli army put up a military tower on the hill. The military checkpoint near the tunnel road was also expanded. *Field worker*

## May 7, 2001

- In Hebron District, Israeli occupation authorities bulldozed wide areas of Palestinian land from Halhoul village, north of Hebron, in preparation for opening new settlement by-pass roads that serve the continuity of the Jewish settlements. Moreover, In Adora settlement, northwest of Hebron, construction work is taking place on five housing units on Palestinian land owned by Tarqumiya villagers. In Otniel settlement, four housing units are under construction now, while another seven units are being built in Eshkolot settlement, located southwest of Hebron. Furthermore, Israeli occupation authorities confiscated 50 dunums of land from Far'a hamlet, west of Hebron belonging to Al Khamayseh family in an attempt to expand the Israeli quarry. Meanwhile, the Israeli Organization Committee dispatched demolition orders to 12 Palestinian houses in Hebron District. One of them is the house of Jamal Yousef Abu Qweder from Hebron city which was built in 1995 according to an official building permit issued by the Hebron Municipality and which is located within the boundaries of the Municipality. *Jadeeda*
- Israel occupation bulldozers accompanied by Israeli Border police demolished a 180m<sup>2</sup> Palestinian house owned by Abdel Talhami from Beit Hanina neighborhood, north of Jerusalem, which sheltered 33 persons, under the pretext of being built without having a permit. *Quds*.
- The Israeli occupation army set up eight new settlement housing units in Karmi Tzur settlement, which is built on land of Halhoul and Beit Ummar villages. *ARIJ Fieldworker*

## May 8, 2001

- Israeli bulldozers continued to damage wide areas of Palestinian agricultural land planted with fully-grown olive trees in Ya'bad village, Jenin District, for the by-pass road project. Eyewitnesses mentioned that this is the fifth consecutive day in which Israeli occupation chopped down 300 olive trees belonged to Kamel and Hasan Al Hajjar from Ya'bad village. The villagers reported that this road, which connects Mevo Dotan settlement with Qatzir settlement, is going to swallow thousands of dunums of land in addition to uprooting tens of thousands of the planted olive trees. *Jadeeda*
- The Palestinian villager Hashem Abu Sneineh from Halhoul received a demolition order for the allegation of building the house without a permit. In addition, the villagers Mohammad Abu Sbeih, Ibrahim Al-Hashlamoun

and Abdel Shakour Al-Zrou, all from Hebron, received stop work orders for not getting building permits. *ARIJ Fieldworker*

### **May 9, 2001**

- The Regional Council for West Bank settlements intended to establish a new settlement outpost near Itamar settlement in Nablus District. *Quds*.
- In Jenin District, Israeli bulldozers accompanied by military forces opened a 2km long, 25m wide from the by-pass road #60 which passes by Ya'bad, Zabda and Barta'a villages belonging to 25 villagers. According to the Land Defense Committee in the District, two weeks ago the Israeli authorities sent military orders to confiscate 5,000 dunums of land in an attempt to link the settlements of Shaked, Hinnanit, Mevo Dotan and Rehan (located in the West Bank) with Katsin, Mi'ami, and Tel Mensheh (located in Israel proper) and build a new settlement shopping mall between them. Moreover, in Tulkarm District, Israeli occupation forces continued their expansion work in Aveni Hefetz settlement which is established on the account of Shaifa and Kafr Al-Labad land, south east of Tulkarm, after opening a number of by-pass road connecting Aveni Hefetz settlement with the outpost of Deir Ban. According to the landlords, the expansion work comprised tens of dunums cultivated with olive trees. *Quds*
- According to *ARIJ fieldworker* in Ramallah District, Israeli occupation army continued the opening of the by-pass road in Burqa village, which is expanding till Kokhav Yacov settlement aiming to set up a new settlement outpost; On the other hand, Israeli authorities continued to establish new housing units in Qiryat Sefer and Menora settlements .

### **May 11, 2001**

- Israeli army uprooted 100 olive trees from Deir Nidham village, Ramallah belonging to Adeb Al-Khateeb; *ARIJ Fieldworker*
- According to *Kol Ha'ir* newspaper, the Israeli Police in Jerusalem are investigating how a group Jewish of land brokers succeeded in registering the purchase of 18 dunums of land from the Beit Safafa neighborhood without the knowledge of the land's owners. The group achieved this by forging contracts, claiming that the landowners signed these documents. *Quds*

### **May 14, 2001**

- The Israeli Ministerial Committee endorsed a decision that was proposed under the Barak government to commence working on the East Jerusalem Ring Road project. The road will run from north to south on a path located on the eastern boundaries of Jerusalem City. The Committee also announced that this project demands the confiscation of Palestinian lands and the demolition of a number of houses located in the area; *Ayyam & Jadeeda*
- Israeli occupation authorities began to clear land for a new Israeli military post on the Wadi Al Haramiyeh hilltop northeast of Ramallah and east of the permanent roadblock on the Ramallah-Nablus road. The villagers are afraid that this action seems to set up a new settlement outpost in the area. This military post is the third one erected in the last two weeks in Ramallah District. The other two posts were installed on Mikhmas, Ein Yabrud and Burqa village land. *Jadeeda*
- Israeli bulldozers began to destroy hundreds of dunums cultivated with olive trees from Tqoa' village, in Bethlehem District in an attempt to expand Tekoa settlement, which is built on the land of the village. The land is considered the main source of income for most of the village's families. *Quds*
- The Palestinian villagers of Sinjil, in Ramallah District, succeeded in preventing Israeli bulldozers from demolishing the house of Mohamad Kayied Khalil. Khalil received the military demolition order on May 12th. *Quds*
- In Ramallah District, an *ARIJ fieldworker* reported that the Israeli army demolished the Palestinian house of Kamel Khalil from Sinjil village.
- In Tulkam District, Israeli occupation forces demolished a Palestinian police station in Al-Shweikel suburb, as well a factory and a yogurt laboratory that belong to the agricultural faculty in Al-Najah University. *Quds*

### **May 15, 2001**

- The Israeli occupation army uprooted about 200 fully-grown olive, almond and fig trees Deir Istiya village in Salfit District. *Quds*

### **May 16, 2001**

- In Ramallah District, the Jewish settlers of Ma'ale Mikhmas & Rimmonim bulldozed and burned wide areas of Palestinian fields planted with wheat belonging to farmers from the village of Deir Dibwan. *ARIJ Fieldworker*

- Israeli occupation authorities conceded that an error happened in the opening of a section of the Trans Samaria-B by-pass road, south of Nablus. They then began to open a new section of road under the name of “wrong execution.” The villagers were surprised to hear of the revised plan for the by-pass road, which is supposed to reach Ariel settlement, the largest settlement in north of the West Bank. The new road, which is about 6km long and 150m wide, is going to start from Rachelim settlement , which is established on Yitma village land, then runs towards the west across Yasuf and Sakaka villages, then towards Marda village, near Ariel settlement . The construction of the first by-pass road caused the damage of wide areas of agricultural land and the uprooting of thousands of olive trees, which are considered the main source of the villagers’ income. The villagers stated that the opening of the new section will swallow more agricultural land in the area, adding that they are afraid of the building of a new settlement outpost due to the erection of caravans one month ago. *Quds*

### **May 17, 2001**

- Israeli occupation authorities uprooted 30 fig and 102 olive trees from Sinjil village, in Ramallah District, owned by Hussein Mohamad ‘Asfour and bulldozed about 15 dunums of land from the same area in addition to uprooting about 200 olive trees belonging to a number of other villagers. *ARIJ Fieldworker*
- In Bethlehem District, Israeli occupation forces began to bulldoze wide areas of Palestinian land in Husan village. In addition, the settlers of Beitar pumped their wastewater toward Palestinian lands causing damage to large amounts of agricultural crops. In Al-Khader village, Israeli army damaged a piece of land cultivated with grapevines owned by Ahmad Mahmoud Salah. Salah reported that about 1,000 grape vines were uprooted during this action in order to expand Efrat settlement, which is built on Al-Khader village land.

### **May 18, 2001**

- An article appeared in *Al-Quds* newspaper stating that Israeli occupation authorities issued demolition orders for 15 Palestinian barracks, a commercial shop, and a quarry located at the main entrance of Jenin, close to the by-pass road. The owners stated that the demolition order came without any reason.
- According to the Israeli newspaper *Kol Hair*, the Israeli police arrested a 28 year-old Jewish colonist from Maale Mikhmas settlement for stealing four

heads of sheep from a Palestinian shepherd from Hizma village, east of Jerusalem. *Quds*

### **May 19, 2001**

- The settlers of Asfar, established on Sa'ir village land, burned more than 30 dunums of land cultivated with agricultural crops that belonged to the Abu 'Eid family. *ARIJ Fieldworker*

### **May 20, 2001**

- In Ramallah District, Jewish settlers, accompanied by Israeli occupation forces, attacked the villages of Deir Nidham and 'Abud and burned olive fields on the eastern side of 'Abud village. In An Nabi Samuel village, northwest of Jerusalem, Jewish settlers of Neve Shamuel, which is built on the villages of Beit Ikhsa and An Nabi Samuel, commenced to open a new by-pass road around the settlement. They also uprooted and stole a number of olive trees that belong to Abed Rabbo Barakat and chopped down another 3 olive trees owned by the heirs of Mohammad Yusef. According to the Al Hajjeh Shoukriyeh Abdel Hadi, wide areas from the two villages are now restricted between the road and the settlement, which may be the first step toward annexation of the land. Abdel Hadi also stated that Jewish bulldozers uprooted a number of olive trees. Eyewitnesses, the settlers commenced to set up a number of mobile homes and caravans in the area. *ARIJ Fieldworker & Quds*
- In Nablus District, Israeli bulldozers damaged wide areas of agricultural land from Deir sharaf village. The action caused the uprooting of large number of trees, destruction of the agricultural fields and the damage of the main water network, which is the only source of water in the village.
- The Israeli "Peace Now" movement conducted an aerial survey showing that at least 15 new settlement sites have been established in the West Bank since the Prime Ministerial elections in February 2001. Below is a list of the new settlement sites:
  - Hill 866 outpost – East of Itamar settlement
  - Tapuach West outpost – West of Kfar Tapuach settlement
  - Rachelim West outpost – West of Rachelim settlement
  - Ofra South outpost – Southwest of Ofra settlement
  - Hill 590 outpost – South of Nahliel settlement
  - Mizpe Keramin outpost – Southwest of Kochav Hashachar settlement

- Neve Erez outpost – Southeast of Maale Michmash settlement
- Mevo Dotan North outpost – Northwest of Mevo Dotan settlement
- Enav West outpost – West of Enav settlement
- Yakir South outpost – South of Yakir settlement
- Elazar West outpost – Northwest of Elazar settlement
- Givat Hahish North outpost – Northwest of Alon Shevut settlement
- Karmeit Tzur West outpost – Southwest of Karmeit Tzur settlement
- Hill 833 outpost – South of Maon settlement
- Bat Ayin North outpost – Northeast of Bat Ayin settlement

### **May 21, 2001**

- In Ramallah District, Israeli bulldozers cleared wide areas of agricultural land planted with fully-grown olive trees south of Beituniya village. *Quds*
- Israeli bulldozers uprooted a number of olive trees in Ramallah District. The leader of the Israeli forces in the West Bank, Isaac Itan, issued two military orders to confiscate about 10 dunums belonging to Beit Sira villagers and around 9 dunums owned by Deir Qiddis and Ni'lin villagers for military purposes. *Jadeeda*

### **May 22, 2001**

- Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished two Palestinian houses in Jerusalem District. The first house, owned by Kayiad Jarradat and which sheltered 15 persons, is located in At-Tur neighborhood, in east Jerusalem. The second house, located in Jabal Al-Mukabbir neighborhood, was inhabited by 17 people and belonged to Mohammad Al- Ja'afreh. Both were demolished under the pretext of being built without having a permit. *Jadeeda*
- In Hebron District, Israeli occupation authorities bulldozed wide areas of agricultural land and destroyed the electrical cables in Al Bweib hamlet, which is located between Yatta and Pene Hever settlement, established on Bani Na'im village land. ARIJ Fieldworker

### **May 23, 2001**

- In Tulkarm District, Jewish settlers of Enav, protected by Israeli occupation army, erected five new mobile homes on 5 dunums of land

east of Enav settlement. The land is owned by villagers from Ramin. Two months ago Israeli bulldozers destroyed pieces of land from the same area and opened a new by-pass road that connects Enav settlement with the new post. *Jadeeda*

### **May 24, 2001**

- In Jericho District, Israeli tanks entered a Palestinian farm belonging to Ibrahim Deik, destroying his water networks. Moreover, Israeli bulldozers damaged wide areas of agricultural land and roads located in area A. They also destroyed the main water pipeline that supplies more than 1,000 dunums of agricultural land in the area. *Jadeeda*
- Israeli bulldozers accompanied by the Israeli army demolished a number of Palestinian enclosures for livestock and peddler markets belonging to farmers from Bardala village in Tubas District. *Quds*
- In Nablus District, a group of settlers, protected by Israeli Border Police, chopped down 180 fully-grown olive trees north of Iskaka village, close to Ariel settlement, and belonging to a number of villagers. *Quds & Jadeeda*

### **May 25, 2001**

- Israeli occupation authorities confiscated ten heads of sheep belonging to the villager Abdel Raheem Suleiman. Suleiman reported that the Israeli army assaulted him for no reason while he was grazing his sheep in Tubas. In Bardala, in Tubas District, a Jewish colonist opened fire at Mithkal Fakha and his livestock, killing some of his herd. *Quds*.

### **May 27, 2001**

- A group of Jewish settlers uprooted 500 fully-grown olive trees that belonged to the Odeh family from Qursa village in Nablus District. Jewish settlers also poured wastewater near the earth roadblock at 'Awarta entrance. *Jadeeda*
- In Nablus District, Israeli bulldozers destroyed for the second time in less than ten days large parts of the water and sewage networks of thousands of cubic meters of drinking water. According to Rural Council Member Ziad Az-Za'anoun, the Israeli forces destroyed these networks several times. *Quds*
- According to Israeli reports, the new Israeli government, led by Mr. Sharon, is planning to establish 7,000 new settlements -housing units in the Palestinian Territories. *Quds & PIC*

## May 28, 2001

- In Jenin District, Jewish settlers burned 330 dunums of Palestinian farm cultivated with almond, olive and fig trees in 'Aba village. The losses are estimated to be around 1,200 trees. *Jadeeda*
- In Qalqiliya District, Israeli bulldozers accompanied by Israeli military forces damaged a 1.5 dunum plot of land southeast of Qalqiliya in addition to uprooting 40 olive trees, a 60m irrigated pipeline and a room belonging to Ibrahim Abdallah Nazzal. *Quds*
- The Israeli Housing and Construction Minister Natan Sharansky approved bids for building over 700 new housing units in the West Bank. According to Sharansky, he approved the tenders for 496 new units in Maale Adumim settlement and 217 units in Alfei Menashe settlement. *Jerusalem Post*
- *The ARIJ fieldworker* in Ramallah District reported that in 'Abud village about 258 olive trees were uprooted. After the Israeli army chopped down the trees, they began to bulldoze the land and erected a military camp. The trees that were uprooted belonged to the following Palestinian villagers:
  - Ibrahim Hmeid: - 25 trees
  - Jamal 'Awad: - 10 trees
  - Wajih Abdel Majid: - 3 trees
  - Abdallah Odeh:L – 150 trees
  - Jihad 'Awad: - 30 trees
  - 'Atiyeh Jeries: - 25 trees
  - Othman Abdel Majid: - 15 trees
- The Israeli army burned 25 dunums of land cultivated with olive trees owned by six families from At Tayba village, in Ramallah District. At the same time, in Salfit District, the settlers of El kana, which is built on land of Mas-ha and Az-Zawiya villages, burned dozens of olive trees owned by a number of Palestinian villagers. *ARIJ Fieldworker & Quds*

## May 29, 2001

- In Bethlehem District, the residents of Gush Etzion community of Efrat erected a tent for mourners adjacent to the neighborhood community of Neve Daniyyel. *Jerusalem Post*.
- In Ramallah District, Israeli occupation forces demolished a number of Palestinian animal enclosures that were used for livestock in Deir Dibwan village. *ARIJ Field worker*

- An article appeared in *Al-Quds* newspaper stating that a group of settlers from Maale Mikhmas and Rimmonim settlements, which are constructed on Deir Dibwan village land, damaged 20 animal enclosures that belonged to a number of villagers. The Mayor of the village pointed out that the settlers also bulldozed a 1km<sup>2</sup> piece of land, stole the bulldozed earth and transported it to their settlements.
- In Bethlehem District, the Palestinian village of Tqoa' suffered the expansion of the nearby settlement of Tekoa. Israeli bulldozers destroyed areas of land planted with olive trees in an attempt to annex the land to a new outpost, the groundwork of which was laid three weeks ago. *Quds*

### May 30, 2001

- According to eyewitnesses, about 20 Jewish settlers captured a Palestinian hilltop from Al-Khader village, south of Bethlehem. Ha'aretz newspaper reported that the settlers of Gush Etzion and Efrat are planning to set up a new settlement outpost on Hatma hilltop in Al-Khader village, which is included in the master plan of the settlement. *Ayyam*
- Two settlers from Yitzar settlement set fire to a wheat barn in Huwwara village, Nablus District. The barn belonged to Al-Haj Mohamad Hamad Al-Jalad. *Quds*
- Israeli occupation authorities issued confiscation orders for plots of land in Beit Surik village, northwest of Jerusalem in preparation for being annexed to Har Adar settlement. The confiscation order was issued on April 18th 2001, and was delivered to a number of villagers on May 29th 2001. The Rural Council Leader of Beit Surik said that the villagers of the threatened land have title deeds proving their ownerships of the land. In Jenin District, Israeli bulldozers razed wide areas of Palestinian land from Al-Jalama village in addition to the destruction of other agricultural land in Marj Iben 'Amer owned by villagers from Al-Jalama, Birqin and Kafr Dan without prior notification of a confiscation order. According to the Palestinian Land Defense Committee in Jenin District, Israeli authorities chopped down a number of olive trees from Zabda, Tura and Ya'bad villages to expand the boundaries of a new by-pass road. The building of the road will result in the confiscation of some 5,000 dunums of land from the area. The Committee also added that the settlers of Kaddim and Gannim, east of Jenin, bulldozed plots of land near 'Aba village and burned hundreds of the fully-grown olive trees after they attacked the farmers and impeded them from entering their land. *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.

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Trees uprooted/confiscated/ burnt/razed	Houses Demolished	Threatened Houses
<b>Bethlehem</b>	28	0	1600	0	0
<b>Hebron</b>	50	50	0	0	25
<b>Jerusalem</b>	0	0	0	3	6
<b>Jenin</b>	0	0	1500	0	0
<b>Ramallah</b>	34	0	1193	1	0
<b>Salfit</b>	0	0	200	0	0
<b>Tulkarem</b>	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Nablus</b>	0	0	680	0	0
<b>Qalqilyia</b>	1.5	0	40	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5213</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</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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