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August 1, 2002

- The Israeli Forces blew up two Palestinian houses in Jenin and Bethlehem districts, which belong to Muhammad Abu Tabikh's and Atta Sarhan's families consecutively. *Jadeeda*
- In Heron district, a number of settlers backed by bulldozers, stormed Abed Al Aziz Abu Haikal's land located next to Tel Al-Rumeida settlement. The bulldozers also leveled a plot of land and uprooted trees. *Quds*
- Transmitting of an Israeli checkpoint on Ras Al 'Amud town into Abu Dis's town. *Quds*

August 2, 2002

- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed tens of Palestinians houses in the old city of Nablus district in a continuous houses demolition campaign. The demolished houses belong to the following Palestinian families: Al 'Atary, Khalaf, Al Asmar, Aweideh, Al Sha'by and Sutih. Moreover, the Israeli army demolished Ahmad 'llyan's house located in Nur Shams refugee camp to the north of Tulkarem district. As well as in Hebron district, the Israeli Forces blew up Hatem Shweiki's house. *Quds*

August 3, 2002

- The Israeli Forces bulldozed a vast area of agricultural land cultivated with Olive Trees and located to the northwest of Dahya shwika village

(near the Green Line). The land belongs to Rashid Omar and Ahmad Abdel Latif from Al Jarushiya village in Tulkarem district. *Quds*

August 4, 2002

- A group of settlers attacked a Palestinian ambulance car in Deir Dibwan village near Ramallah city, injuring two of its staff. *Quds*

August 6, 2002

- The Israeli soldiers razed more than 50 Dunums of land in the Southern part of Qalqilyah district, and damaged the water networks in “Al Razaza” area near the bypass road reaching to Alfei Menashe settlement. The land is cultivated with olive and citrus trees. *Quds*

August 7, 2002

The Israeli army destroyed two-story house close to the Nativity church in Bethlehem district, which belongs to Jamil Salahat.

August 8, 2002

- In Bethlehem district, the Israeli soldiers demolished three houses claiming that the houses belong to members executed suicide bombing against Israeli civilians. The demolished houses owned by:
 1. Dawoud Abu Swai from Artas village
 2. Akram Nabatity from AD Doha village
 3. Ali 'Alan from 'Ayda refugee camp
- Moreover, the Israeli Forces razed a house belongs to Mazen Suleiman in Tubas district, without per notification. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed hundreds of Olive Trees after leveling tens of Dunums from Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village in Nablus ditrict, according to witnesses. *Quds*
- The Municipality of occupied Jerusalem issued tenders in Al Quds Newspaper with local structural maps numbers A4585,B4585,C4585,D4585, and E4585 which reveal the East-Jerusalem Ring Road project that passes through Sur Bahir, Jabal al-Mukabbir, Ibadya, Silwan, Ras al 'Amud, At Tur, Wadi Qaddum, and part of Az Za'ayyem's land. This project will expropriate hundreds of Dunums and will cause the demolishing of tens of houses in East Jerusalem. *Quds*

August 9, 2002

- A group of Immanuel settlers set fire towards tens of Dunums of Olive Trees in Jinsafut village located 20 km to the east of Qalqiliya district thus preventing the villagers from reaching their land. *Quds & Jadeeda*

August 10, 2002

- The settlers, under the protection of Israeli soldiers, bulldozed a plot of land and cut down about 30 Olive Trees near Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik in Salfit district. *Quds*

August 11, 2002

- A group of settlers from Bracha set fire in a stone factory belongs to Naji Suleiman from Huwwara vil lage in Nablus district. *Quds*
- Nearly one hundred of settlers attacked two Palestinian houses in Al Lubban ash- Sharqiya village adjacent to Alei Zahav Settlement in Nablus district and occupied it for a couple of hours. *Quds*
- The Israeli authority informed the villagers of Qaffin, Baqa ash Sharqiya, Zeita, Nazlat Abu Nar and An Nazla al Wusta their intent to capture thousands of Dunums of an agricultural land adjacent to “1967 lines” in Tulkarem district. The villagers stated that 600 Dunums would be confiscated in order to construct the separation wall and the bypass road in that area. *Quds*

August 12, 2002

- The Israeli Forces uprooted and set fire towards scores of Olive Trees in ‘Anza village of Jenin district. *Quds*
- The Israeli soldiers issued hundreds of military orders for expropriating lands in Tulkarem district. *Quds*
- A group of settlers from Alei Zahav “located near Kafr ad-Dik village” burnt almost 30 Dunums of Olive Trees, which belong to Isma'il Yousef Suleiman. *Jadeeda*

August 13, 2002

- A group of Israeli surveyors, accompanied by military forces, worked on a new survey operation of lands in Shweka village north of Tulkarem district, in an attempt to erect the separation wall. Moreover, the Israeli Forces started constructing a 60 m wide and 1.5 km long road inside

Shweka land to erect the separation wall, causing the loss of 200 Dunums of agricultural lands. The Israeli Forces also issued orders stating the expropriation of hundreds of Dunums of agricultural lands in Qaffin village, in preparing to open a road for building the separation wall.
Quds

- The Israeli authority demolished a house that shelters 12 persons in Al Doha village near Bethlehem district, and belongs to Issa Bdair Martyr's family. *Quds*
- In addition, the Israeli Forces blew up another Palestinian house in Adh Dhahiriya village to the south of Hebron district, which belongs to Muhammad El Battat martyr's family. The Israeli Authority also sent a house demolition notice to Khaled el Tal martyr's family in the same district. *Quds*
- Bethlehem mayor Mr. Hanna Nasser pointed out that the municipality of Occupied Jerusalem intends to join Kaber Rahil "Rachel tomb" to its border is a dangerous plan. He also added that the annexing of Rachael tomb will attack almost 25% of the lands that belong to Bethlehem Municipality master plan, and that this Plan will expose a number of houses to be demolished in order to construct a 55m wide bypass road which will connect lands belong to Gilo settlement to Ma'ale Adumim settlement. It is important to mention that 40 Dunums of this expropriated land belongs to Bethlehem municipality in addition to 27 Dunums that were used as "Israeli checkpoint area". *Quds*

August 14, 2002

- The Israeli Forces uprooted hundreds of Olive Trees planted in 30 Dunums of Land in At Tayba village of Jenin district in order to erect the separation wall. The landlord Fathi el Fahmawi has documents that prove his ownership of the land. *Quds*
- Furthermore, the Israeli Forces demolished a 200 M² house which belongs to At-Tal Family in Adh Dhahiriya village that lies to the south of Hebron district. *Quds*
- In Hebron city the Israeli soldiers evacuated a Palestinian house that shelter 11 persons in an attempt to erect a military site. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a house in Ras al 'Amud town in Jerusalem district under the pretext of not having building permits. *Jadeeda*

August 15, 2002

- The villagers of Ya'bad reported that the Israeli Forces are working on expanding a settlement outpost called Mevo Dotan b which lies between Mevo Dotan A and Hermesh settlements in Jenin district. This outpost was established on 32 Dunums of land. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers constructed a 12-meter wide road in agricultural lands of Ya'bad. *Quds*
- The landlord Khaled al 'Aroj from Al 'Arrub village, east of Bethlehem district, declared that the Israeli bulldozers leveled 3 Dunums of his agricultural land to dug a “ 5 m wide and 3 m high “ trench. *Quds*
- A group of settlers, mainly women, attempted to seize a Palestinian house in Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village in Nablus district. *Quds*
- The Israeli newspaper "Haaretz" mentioned that the first stage of the Separation wall between the West Bank and Israel extended 110 kilometers from Salem village to kafr Qassem in the south, and the track will continue alongside the green line and towards the eastern side of the West Bank Border, in order to create a Colonized defense area. The Separation wall will include the following blocs: Shaked, Janit, Rehan, Salit, Tzufim, Alfei Menashe, Uranit, Shaare Tikva, Alkana. In addition to some Palestinian villages, Barta'a, Baqa ash Sharqiya and Nazlat 'Issa. *Quds*
- In Tulkarem district, a group of Israeli surveyors, accompanied by Israeli soldiers, worked on land surveying process in Ar Ras Al Gharbiya and Ash Shamaliya villages .It is Important to mention that Ar Ras village lost about 75% of its agricultural lands, which were expropriated by Israeli Forces to erect the Separation wall. *Quds*

August 16, 2002

- In Jenin district, the Israeli Forces blew up a two-story house of 300 M² area .The house belongs to Ahmad Abu Shaqra, 70 years old, from Kafr Ra'I village. Moreover, the Israeli army demolished Murad Abu 'Asal's house from 'Anabta village in the eastern part of Tulkarem district *Quds*

August 17, 2002

- The Israeli authority sent land confiscation orders to a number of farmers and landlords in the southern part of Qalqilyah city. 2000 Dunums of their lands will be expropriated, and another 3000 Dunums will be constricted between the separation wall and the green line, which will prevent the landlords of the village from reaching their lands, unless they get private permissions. *Quds*

August 18, 2002

- In Hebron district, the Israeli Forces notified four Palestinian owners of demolishing their commercial stores. Those stores belong to Yaser, Fayez, Fakhry Abu 'Aisha and Hassan Bader. *Quds*.
- The Israeli army bulldozed three houses still " under construction ", which belong to Mahmoud Abu Sa'da, Jassem Daraghmeh, and Muhammad 'Awesa, under the pretext of not having building permits in Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya of Nablus district, and they also threatened another three owners of demolishing their houses for the same allegation. The villagers confirmed that the demolition process is carried out as a result of its location close to a settlement bypass road.
- Tens of settlers, under the protection of Israeli soldiers, captured many houses in Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya village. Moreover, the Israeli soldiers seized a house in Bethlehem district that belongs to Musa Al Duri, and transformed it into military barracks. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- According to some eyewitnesses, an Israeli commander ordered the confiscation of 125 Dunums of Land in Qalqiliya District mainly in Habla village in order to erect the separation wall that will be constructed 2000 m to the south of the village.
- In addition to the expropriation of 1350 Dunums outside Qalqiliya district and inside the separation wall area, tens of houses and industrial constrictions are threatened to be demolished as a result of this Expropriation process. *Quds*
- Al Bireh municipality declared that the Israeli authority issued a military order that reveals the confiscation of 168 Dunums from al Bireh town, Rafat, and kafr 'Aqab villages. The threatened land lies in Khlet Al Qur'an area (location number 26), in addition to another locations in the above-mentioned villages. The commands were sent to a number of landlords in order to establish military checkpoints and security zones. *Quds*

August 20, 2002

- According to Palestinian official resources, the number of settlements outposts in Hebron city increased to reach 18 since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada, in addition to other 27 outposts constructed before, *Quds*

August 21, 2002

- In Jerusalem district, the Israeli authority demolished a Palestinian house in Beit Hanina neighbourhood of area 150 M² and belongs to Laila 'Aref 'Ali. This house shelters 9 persons. Afterwards, the Israeli bulldozers

destroyed a fence that surrounds the land of Musa and Munther Jaber from Beit Hanina. *Quds*

- A group of Jewish settlers attacked Palestinian houses and burnt a number of Olive Trees in the eastern side of Sinjil village. *Quds*
- The Palestinian official statistics report confirmed that more than 45 houses have been completely destroyed in Hebron district since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada. *Quds*

August 22, 2002

- In Jenin district, the Israeli Forces, accompanied by bulldozers, uprooted 500 Olive Trees which belong to Tamim Mahmoud Yasin from 'Anin Village to the south of Jenin district. This land was expropriated in order to erect the separation wall that will lead to confiscate more vast areas of agricultural lands from 'Anin, Rummana, Tura, Barta'a, and Al-Tayba villages. *Quds*
- In Tulkarem district, the Israeli Authority delivered land capturing decisions to seize hundreds of Dunums of agricultural lands that belong to Ar Ras, Jubara hamlet, and Far'un villages in order to erect the separation wall. According to the Israeli decision and the planed map, the Israeli Forces intend to open a 5 km long and 48-64 m wide new road, which will create a new constricted zone between the new separate wall and the old Green line. The Isolated zone is estimated by 10.000 Dunums of land. *Quds*

August 23, 2002

- The Israeli Forces blew up a four-story house, owned by Muhannad Talal Shrim's father, who was arrested by the Israeli Authority claiming his belonging to "HAMAS movement". The Israeli army also sent a house demolition warning to Abdallah Thabet from Ramin village east of Tulkarem as well as Mohammad and Nimer Nayfeh from Shweka village to demolish their houses. *Quds& Jadeeda*
- The Israeli Newspaper "Kul Haa'ir" mentioned that the Israeli government undefined any final tracks of the separation wall around the eastern side of Jerusalem. Almost 22 kilometres of land had been endorsed till now. *Quds*

August 24, 2002

- The Israeli Forces stormed two houses in Abu Dis town, and warned their owners to abandon their houses in 24 hours in order to demolish them.

The threatened houses belong to Osama Bahar, and Mahmoud Halabiya martyrs' families. *Quds*

- The Israeli soldiers issued a land confiscation orders in Qalandiya camp, Rafat, and Kafr 'Aqab's lands south of Ramallah district. *Quds*
- According to Rabah Yassin, the rural committee resident of 'Anin village, which lies near Shaked and Hinnanit settlements, more than 2000 Dunums of 'Anin's agricultural lands will be constricted as a result of the construction of the separation wall alongside the Green Line. This process was executed by the Israeli bulldozers at the northern areas of the West Bank. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- A number of settlers threw stones at the International Solidarity Movement car in Hebron city, near Beit Hadsah settlement, injuring one of them. *Quds*

August 25, 2002

Freezing an Israeli order to demolish two Palestinian houses in Abu Dis, east of Jerusalem, after proposing a petition to the Israeli supreme court in Jerusalem by the owners of the houses. *Quds*

August 26, 2002

- The municipality of Occupied Jerusalem issued house demolition notices to 15 Palestinian owners in Wadi Qaddum area, south of Jerusalem city, in order to implement the Eastern ring road plan, which links (Gilo and Har Homa with Maale Adummim and Mishr Adummim settlements). According to the plan, 63 houses will be demolished in the second part of the project. The threatened houses belong to: Ahmad 'Adela, Musa Abdel Rahman, Yasien Rajabi, Ahmad Julani, Noor, Eid, Maher Salayma, Saed Masuade, Muhammad and Ali Abu Swai. *Quds*
- In Tulkarem district, the Israeli Forces demolished a house, which belongs to Salah Shriem. The Israeli bulldozers also cut a number of Olive Trees in Baqa Ash Sharqiya land to prepare for the erection of the Separation wall. *Quds*
- A colonist from Qiryat Arba run over a 6 years old child, called Jihad al 'Athra from Ed Deirat village near Yatta, south of Hebron district. *Quds*

August 28, 2002

- The Israeli Authority started implementing the separation plan in Bethlehem district. Thus, working on constructing a 15 km military road

stretching from the tunnel road, north east Beit Jala city, then passing through the northern part of Bethlehem, and finally reaching Beit Sahour city. As a result of this process hundreds of Olive Trees were uprooted. The new road will destroy vast areas and annex them into Jerusalem Municipality border. About 15000 Dunums will be confiscated which form 2.5% out of the total area of Bethlehem district. *Quds*

- Some Palestinian official societies and institutes expressed their fears from the East-Jerusalem-Ring road project number "4585", which will link Bethlehem checkpoint and Har Homa settlement (south of Jerusalem) with Az Za'ayem checkpoint north east Jerusalem. This road will expropriate hundreds of Dunums from the following eight Palestinian villages: Sur Bahir, Jabal Al Mukabbir, Ibadya, Silwan, Ras al Amud, At Tur, Wadi Qaddum, and part of Az- Za'ayem land. The road will also destroy another 35 houses in this land. The lawyer Hussin Ghanayim, the representative of a number of landlords said that the Israeli plan aim to link the southern part of the West Bank with the northern one by a wide road network, two bridges and a tunnel. *Quds*

August 29, 2002

- The Israeli Forces prepared a plan for annexing Rachel Tomb to Jerusalem boundaries according to "East Jerusalem Ring" plan stated by the Israeli Prime Minister Sharon and Jerusalem's mayor Olmert. According to "Haaretz" newspaper, the plan states the erecting of 8 meters high wall that will surround Rachel Tomb area along with hundreds of meters of the nearby lands to reach Jerusalem. On the other hand, the check point that lies 300m away from Rachel Tomb will be transferred few meters to the south. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished 70 commercial stories in the Industrial zone of Jenin district. Moreover, the Israeli Forces destroyed and evacuated three houses in Tulkarem district. *Jadeeda*
- The Israeli newspaper "Haaretz" reported that the Israeli army agreed on a plan for temporary solution between the Palestinians and the Israeli, which includes the withdrawal and the evacuation of Kedumim and Ghannim settlements (In Jenin District) in the West Bank and Gaza strip. The plan also includes the expansion of the Palestinian controlled area (A) from 42% to 49.1%. *Quds*

August 30, 2002

- The Israeli committee endorsed half-billiard shekel for the complement of the first stage of the Separation wall, in which 135 km were erected between the Palestinian and Israeli lands. The committee also endorsed 100-million shekels for the Jerusalem-Ring road project. *Quds*

August 31, 2002

- A number of Israeli Surveyors accompanied by military Forces worked on a new survey operation in Qafin village in preparation to erect the separation wall. Mr. Tayseer Harsheh, mayor of Qafin Village, said that the Israeli Forces declared the area as "closed military area". He also pointed out that the Israeli Surveyors worked on a new digitizing process of 200m depth in the eastern side of the village, which means the seizure and the loss of more lands.

District	Confiscated Lands	Threatened Lands	Uprooted /confiscated/ burnt/razed trees	Demolished Houses	Threatened Houses
Ramallah	168	0	0	1	0
Bethlehem	3	0	0	7	0
Jenin	30	0	1100	4	0
Nablus	0	0	0	13	3
Qalqilyah	80	5125	1725	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	1	0
Salfit	0	0	30	0	0
Tulkarem	800	0	0	6	2
Hebron	0	0	0	2	2
Jerusalem	0	0	0	2	17
Total	1081	5125	2855	36	24

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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