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#### Nablus:

- The Israeli Forces bombed and demolished a three story building in 'Askar Camp in Nablus district which belongs to Hussein Beshkar and is inhabited by 20 people. (Al-quds 21/12/02).
- They also demolished six houses in old 'Askar camp and those houses belong to one family. Quds (December 22, 2002).
- Two Israeli tanks obtruded An Najah University and forced the students under the threat of weapons to clear out the university. Quds December, 15, 2002).
- Plans to build 232 new housing units in 'Ammanoel settlement near Nablus. The reason behind this plan is to increase the number of settlers in the settlement. Quds (December 24, 2002).
- A report shows issued by Palestinian affairs department states the total agricultural losses due to the Israeli activities since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada is 802 million dollars. More than 300 dunums were confiscated in jayyous village for the benefit of the separation wall, and another 9000 dunums are threaten to be confiscated. 2790 dunums were also confiscated in Rafah, 5 wells, 341 irrigations systems, and 50 wells were demolished. In Khan younis, 19 dunums were confiscated along with 28 dunums of land in the northern side of Gush Qatif Settlement. Quds (December 30, 2002).

## Bethlehem:

- The Israeli forces confiscated 10 dunums of land to the south of Bethlehem District and belong to Hanna Handal.
- In Husan Village, the Israeli Bulldozers demolished 6 workshops and a quarry in the industrial area that lies to west of the village, and is also known by Al Mashahid Area. Those workshops belong to :

Name	Position	Number of People
Amjad Za'oul	Quarry owner	Supports 30 families
Ashraf Isma'il	Garage owner	Supports 6 people.
Muhammad Hamamra	Blacksmith owner	Supports 9 people
Imad Hamamra	Machinery owner	Supports 10 people
Naser Nasir	Machinery owner	Supports 7 people
Ahmad Ya'coub	Carpentry owner	Supports 6 persons

- In Batir village, the Israeli troops demolished 3 houses without pre notification and under the pretext of not having building permits. Those houses belong to:

Name	Demolished property	Area
<b>Nimer Al Sholi</b>	One story house of 3 bedrooms	130 m <sup>2</sup>
	Domestic Well	
<b>Khalil Al Qaysi</b>	Two story house	
	Domestic well	360 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Muhammad Abu Tarboush</b>	One story house	250 m <sup>2</sup>
	Concrete wall	120 m length
	Animal Farm	3 Dunums

## Hebron:

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished 4 houses in Hebron city under the pretext of not having building permits. Those houses belong to Naser Sa'ed Da'na, Majed Al Fakhoury,, Abdel Jawad Jaber and Judy Jaber. QUDS (December 23, 2002).

- In Al 'arroub village, the Israeli forces confiscated 150 asjar 7urjeyya and confiscated vast areas of land in addition to uprooting tens of trees in Al Duwwara and Al Ghoul in Sa'ir village. This land belongs to Al Jabbareen family. Jadeeda (December 25, 2002).
- The Erection of 3 new ironic gates in the old city of Hebron in addition to concrete blocks and fences at the entrance of the city. Quds (Hebron 29, 12, 2002).
- A report issued by the ministry of Labor indicates that 4000 out of 87000 (48%). are now jobless due to the strict Israeli restrictions on the region, which prevents workers from reaching their work place inside the green line. The report also indicates that the total losses reached to 964 million dollars since the beginning of the Intifada. Quds (December 23, 2002).
- The Israeli Forces demolished two houses in Dura VillaGE. One of the houses belongs to martyr Jameel abu 'Atwan Family Aand the second house belongs to Abdel Rahman Talahma and is inhabited by 7 people. Quds (December 30, 2002).
- Anther two houses were demolished in Dura Village and belong to Martyr Mustafa Shahin's family and martyr Ahmad Al Faqeh. Quds (December 31, 2002).

## **Jerusalem:**

- The Israeli forces started erecting a new fence as the Israeli authority endorsed on the establishment of a new Hotel in Qalandia on a one dunum of land to the south of Jerusalem Airport. This 3 stores hotel will include 58 rooms and would be established on a 3600 m<sup>2</sup> area. This plan will cause the confiscation of vast area of land and. Quds (December 26, 2002).
- The Israeli Froces demolished 2 houses in Ramla village last week. (Al-quds 21/12/02).
- A plan to establish 800 new housing units on 40000 m<sup>2</sup> of land in Ramat Shlomo settlement in Shu'fat village. Quds (December 23, 2002).
- The Israeli military forces started erecting a new bypass road of 25 meters width on hundreds of dunums of lands in Al Bireh north of Ramallah district and north of Jerusalem. This new bypass road will link Ma'ale Adumim, Mishor Adumim settlements east of Jerusalem with Minora, 'atarot, Givat Zaeve in the north. Quds (December 17, 2002).

- Tens of houses are threatened to be demolished in Kafer Qare', 'Ara, 'Ar'ara and Um Al Fahim as part of the Israeli suggested plans in the area. Quds (December 23, 2002).
- The Israeli Bulldozers demolished the bailey of Silwan sport club, and razed its stadium in an attempt to it to the neighboring settlement in Ras Al Amoud. Quds (December 23, 2002).
- The Israeli forces demolished the hosue of Ramzi Ibrahim Al Rajabi in l 'aqaba neighborhood under the pretext of not having building permits. This house was built three years ago and cost 200 thousands nis that time. Quds (December 26, 2002).
- The Israeli Forces demolished the head quarter of Dir Jarir, to the north of Ramallah district. Quds (December 29, 2002).
- The Israeli forces demolished three houses in Beit Ummer, in Hebron district and belong to Sa'id Sabarna family.

### **Jenin:**

- In 'Aba village, the Israeli forces started digging a 15-50 meters high tunnel to grasp the life of Palestinians living in that area. Quds (21/12/02).
- The preparations to establish a new military fence in Jalbou' city have been made to provide safety and stability for the settlers of Jalbou' settlement. This Military fence is 12 kilometers high and is going to cost 2 million nis. Quds (December 17, 2002).
- The Israeli forces decided to demolish 60 houses and stores in Barta'a Al Sharqiya under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (December 15,28, 2002).
- Sis Israeli Bulldozers razed 30 dunums of land cultivated with hundreds of olive trees in 'Aneen village, west of Jenin. Quds (Decemebr 24, 2002).
- The Israeli Bulldozers uprooted hundreds of olive and almonds trees in 'aba Village in order to extend two water lines for Ganim and Qadim settlements established on Palestinian Lands. Quds (December 24, 2002).

### **Ramallah:**

- Dr Abdl Rahman Al Tamimi, the general director of the Hydrology center assured that the amount of water used for irrigation has decline from 22% to 3.4 % since 1967. He also added that the total land that has

been confiscated for the benefit of the separation wall reached to 30000 dunums. Quds (December 23, 2002).

### **Gaza:**

- In Rafah, The Israeli forces demolished the house of Martyr Mohammad Abdel 'Al which is owned by Emad and Murad Al 'Al. 9 houses were also affected as a result of this demolition process and over 75 people became homeless. Quds (December 23, 2002).
- The Israeli forces divided the Gaza Strip into 3 isolated regions by erecting 2 new iron gates at Hajez Al matahen and Abu Holi areas. Those gates are closed every night at 8 pm, and are opened early in the morning which isolates the northern and the middle parts of Gaza strip from the south. Quds (December 22, 2002).
- Since the beginning of Alqsa Intifada, the Israeli forces have demolished 133 industrial zones of which 62 were completely destroyed and the other 71 were partially destroyed. *Quds (December 15, 2002).*
- The Israeli forces handed the arab residents near Moraj settlement demolishing orders under the pretext that those houses causes danger to the jewish settlement in the area. The number of houses that are going to be demolished is 60 and is inhabited by more than 1000 people. *Quds (December 15, 2002).*
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished more than 30 houses in Rafah. 35 families (350 persons). became homeless after this military operation and over 47 houses of 65 families were affected. *Jadeeda (Decemeber 25, 2002).*
- The Israeli forces demolished 2 houses in Al Briej Camp and belong to Muhammad Hassan from Al Meghraqa village to the south of Gaza, AND Salah Al Shashneya on the eastern sides of Al Briej camp. In addition to the demolition of other two houses in the same area. Quds (December 15, 2002).
- 120 houses were demolished since the beginning of AlAqsa Intifada in Gaza Strip in addition to many house were partially destroyed/damaged. Quds (\*December 30, 2002).
- The Israeli forces demolished the house of Abdel Rahman Talahma and is inhabited by 7 people, and caused damage to tens of the nearby houses. Quds (December 29, 2002).
- The Israeli troops razed 7 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with Guava fruit, to the west of Dier Al Balah and belong to Jamil and

Hamdan al Salqawi. The also destroyed water pipes and electric poles. Quds (December 29, 2002).

- In Rafah, 2790 dunums of agricultural land were razed as well as demolishing five domestic wells and 341 irrigation systems since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada. Quds (December 33, 2002).
- In Kha Yunos, 19 dunums of agricultural land were razed, as well as 23 dunums north of Moraj Road, near Gush Qatif Settlement.
- The number of houses that have been demolished in Gaza since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada is 120. Quds (December 31, 2002).
- In Rafah, 255 houses were demolished since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada. Quds (December 31, 2002).

### **Salfit:**

- The Israeli forces started surveying 5000 dunums of land in Bedyā and Masha villages to prepare for the separation wall. The number of affected farmers will exceed 60. Quds (December 22, 2002).

### **Tulkarm:**

- The Israeli forces bombed the entrance of Rashad 'Adwan's house south of Tulkarem district, and forced its inhabitants to leave the house while they continue they military operation inside the house. Quds (December 20, 2002).
- The Israeli force also demolished another house in Tulkarem district and belongs to Burhan Sarhan. Quds (December 20, 2002).
- The separation wall takes 16% of Tulkarem agricultural lands which is cultivated with olive, and citric trees. Quds (December 30, 2002).
- The Separation wall takes more than 32 Dunums of agricultural land were 8 artesian wells used to irrigate the agricultural lands in the city. Quds (December 31, 2002).

### **Qalqilyah:**

- The confiscation of 80 dunums of land in Azzoun village, which belongs to Ibrahim Saleem Shatara, in addition to a half dunum of land.
- A total of 247 dunum of land cultivated with almost 600 Olive trees, has been confiscated since the beginning of the Israeli activities in Azzoun village. (Al-quds 21/12/02).

- The Israeli Forces started digging a “6 meters depth and 4 meters width” trench in the northern parts of the district to completely segregate it from the city. This isolated area includes thousands of agricultural lands cultivated with olive and citric trees along with tens of artesian wells. Quds (December 23, 2002).
- The erection of a new caravan 300 meters away from the southern part of the village. (Al-quds 21/12/02).
- The total loss that Qalqilyah had to take since the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada village is estimated to be 500 million dollars from which 18 million dollars direct losses and 433 million dollars for indirect violations. This loss affected the economical sector of the city. (Al-quds 21/12/02).
- Qaliqilia village has also lost 30% of its lands for the sake of the Separation wall. (Al-quds 21/12/02).
- The Ministry of Agriculture had announced recently that the amount of losses in the agricultural sector since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada till November 2002 has reached to 823,810,217 US dollars. This loss has resulted from Israeli Violations against Palestinian lands in the West Bank through land confiscation, uprooting of trees, destruction of agricultural building and wells and obstructing the import and export processes.
- Since the beginning of Al Aqsa Intifada till October 31, 2002, the educational sector has lost 277 students and almost 9690 were injured. More than 75 teachers and 166 students were arrested. The Israeli forces have also closed 7 schools and the educational life of more than 850 schools all over the West Bank. Quds (December 20, 2002).

### Statistics of Israeli Violations

District	Lands Confiscated	Lands Threatened	Uprooted /Confiscated/ Burnt/Razed/ Confiscated/burnt Trees	Houses Demolished	Threatened Houses
Nablus	0	0	0	9	0
Bethlehem	10	0	0	3	0
Hebron	0	0	0	11	0
Jerusalem	1	0	0	1	0
Jenin	30	0	600	0	60
Gaza	49	0	0	36	60

<b>Salfit</b>	0	5000	0	0	0
<b>Tulkarem</b>	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Qalqilyia</b>	80.5	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>120</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, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, Israel National News, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, Paltoday news-website, Palpress news website, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Palestine News Network, Ma'an News Agency, Al Jazeera News Channel, Israel National News, and Yediot Ahronot – English website.

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