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#### June 1, 2002

- The Israeli forces exploded Barbara's church in 'Abud village 15 km northwest Ramallah district. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers destroyed an agricultural land in Al Khadr village in Bethlehem district. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- In Jerusalem district, an announcement in al *Quds* newspaper issued that a new building will be established in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement.

#### June 2, 2002

- Al Walaja's villagers of Bethlehem district received an Israeli warning to demolish nine homes and a health clinic, in order to expand Har Gilo settlement, which is established on the village's land. Furthermore, in Jabal Mukabbir town of Jerusalem district the Israeli armed forces closed 150 Dunums of land that belong to a number of Palestinian families in attempt to set up Israeli commercial and touristy area. A villager said that the Israeli bulldozers fenced the area and prevented the landlords from entering. *Quds*
- The Israeli newspaper "*Ha'aretz*" issued that the municipality of occupied Jerusalem founded a public institute on 35000m2 area 10000 m2 of the area in East Jerusalem through the year 2001 and the first months of 2002, besides the planning to build 1.500 housing units on a private area of East Jerusalem. As well the municipality prepared to endorse on 35 plans in Jerusalem containing 4.000 housing units. *Quds*

### June 3, 2002

- The Israeli authorities, under the protection of Israeli police, started building a new settlement called Nof Zahav in east Jerusalem near Jabal Al Mukabbir town which will consist hundreds of houses and a huge hotel at 114 of Dunums. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- A number of Palestinian villagers claim that a colonist of Yizhar, under the protection of Israeli army, burned agricultural crops in Asira Qibliya and 'Urif villages and destroyed a vast area of cultivated land, and stole scores of head sheep, which belong to the villagers in Nablus. *Ayyam*
- A new settlement point will be erected in an Israeli military camp known as kida that looks over the road junction in east Ramallah to protect the nearby settlers. *Quds*

### June 4, 2002

- The Israeli authorities controlled over 30 dunums of agricultural land in Al 'Isawiya town belonging to Dari and Derbas families, to use for military purposes. Moreover, the Israeli army stated that a road in this land will be dug from Anatot settlement and extend to the tunnel, which reached Ramat Eshkol settlement. But Al 'Isawiya's villagers said that the aim behind confiscating the land is to actually erect a new settlement in the future. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- The Israeli newspaper "*Ha'aretz*" stated that the Israeli PM Ariel Sharon embarked on building the separation wall. The first phase is to build 110 km of the from Salim village near Majedo in the north until Kufer Kasem village in the south. *Quds & Jadeeda*
- A tender issued at *Al Quds* newspaper announced that eight of the settlers in Har Homa demanded from the municipality of occupied Jerusalem to add eight housing units in the settlement.
- During the Israeli invasion of Jenin in April, the Israeli army destroyed more than 650 Dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive and almond trees as well as 3000 Dunums of crops and vegetable fields. Moreover, 1000 heads of sheep and cows were killed. Click here for more details, *Quds*.

### June 7, 2002

- Eyewitnesses mentioned that An Israeli bulldozers started levelled a wide area in An Naqura and Deir Sharaf villages to the west of Nablus city. *Jadeeda*

- A group of Givat Zeev's settlers, which is installed in Al Jib village of Jerusalem district, set fire to a wide area cultivated with wheat and that belong to Abedel Ghani Abu Hamod, who said that the fire burned all the wheat crops in his land that is estimated at ten Dunums. *Quds*

### **June 8, 2002**

- Dozens of Palestinian villagers have protested against the confiscated land in Jabal Al Mukabbir town of Jerusalem district. The Israeli authorities fenced off the land in order to establish a Jewish settlement. *Quds & Jadeeda*

### **June 9, 2002**

- In Nablus district a group of settlers from Yizhar that set up on Burin village land, set fire to hundreds of Dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive, almond trees and wheat crops. Also, they burned a house that belongs to Attalla Sufan. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers tried to work at part of the threatened land area in Jabal Al Mukabbir town while the villagers confronted them and prevented the bulldozers from continues their work. *Quds*

### **June 11, 2002**

- In East Jerusalem, the Israeli bulldozers destroyed five of Palestinian homes in Sur Bahir neighbourhood under the pretext that those houses were built without building permits. *Quds*

### **June 12, 2002**

- In Nablus district, according to Palestinian sources, the settlers of Allon Moreh increased expansion work around the settlement at the western and northern area that overlooks east of Nablus city. Eyewitnesses said that new caravans were erected there. However the settlers bulldozed a land to open a road and link the settlement with the new settlement site. *Quds*
- The Israeli bulldozers continued destroying Bani Zeid village's land located in north west Ramallah district, in order to expand the Hallamish settlement The villagers of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih mentioned that the Halamish's settlers kept on expropriating the land, where they confiscated 400 Dunums of agricultural land. *Quds*

### June 13, 2002

- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed a wide area of land from Deir Sharaf village in Nablus district, after burning the crops and the trees. *Jadeeda*
- In Qalqiliya District, the Israeli bulldozers continue working in setting up the “Separation Wall” west of Qalqilyah, thus aggravating vast areas of agricultural land. *Jadeeda*
- A tender in *Al Quds* newspaper showed a demand of building seven house units in Gilo settlement near Bethlehem. Another bid demands the addition of a building in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement in Jerusalem. *Quds*

### June 15, 2002

- The Israeli forces burnt 200 olive trees located adjacent to Avnei Hefetz settlement bypass road. The trees belong to Mustafa Buder from Far'un village near Tulkarem district. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers are digging three-meter deep and four-meter wide trench south of Far'un village to reach to Jubara village. As a result, more than 8.000 of Dunums of land cultivated with olive in Far'un, Jubara, arras and Kafr Sur will be isolated. *Quds*

### June 17, 2002

- A group of settlers occupied a Palestinian shop in the old city of Jerusalem that belongs to Hasanin Al Zghair. According to Palestinian statistics, Jewish settlers have seized more than 550 Palestinian houses during the last 34 years of Israeli occupation to Jerusalem City. The number of settlers there reached 2700. *Quds*
- The Israeli authorities confiscated 400 Dunums of cultivated land in Halhul and Beit Ummar villages, preventing the farmers from reaching their fields. The mentioned confiscated land is located near Karmeil Zur settlement in Hebron district. *Quds*

### June 20, 2002 🏠

- Israeli sources said that the separation wall will pass through the eastern part of Alfei Menashe settlement, which is 4 km away from the Green Line borders, and will also link Nirit, Shaare Tikva and Etz Agrayim settlements. The wall extends towards Jayuss village that overlooks Tzufim settlement between Qalqiliya and Alfei Menashe to reach Silah village in the south. *Quds*

## June 21, 2002

- The Israeli forces stormed a house in Nablus' old city belonging to Rakan Suki with and demolished the house with explosives, ruining a house nearby belonging to al Sa'dy family, thus killing a child and injuring the rest. Moreover, a group of Itmar's settlers destroyed and burnt stores in Huwwara village of Nablus and also set some houses on fire and caused the death of Adnan Shehada, 22 years old. Moreover, a group of settlers attacked Burin village, which is close to Huwwara village. *Quds*
- Hatem Abu Daya declared that the settlers, accompanied with Israeli army, installed a number of mobile houses on a piece of land that belongs to families from Halhul village in Hebron district located near Eli Tzur settlement, which is established on Beit Ummar and Halhul villages in order to seize it. Also, the Israeli authorities expropriated more than 200 Dunums and opened a road to link the caravans with the settlement. *Quds*

## June 24, 2002

- According to Israeli media, the Israeli defense Minister Ben Eliezer decided to dismantle about 20 out of 60 Jewish settlement outposts that were erected illegally in the West Bank. These outposts constitute a number of caravans or tents located on occupied hills in preparation for expanding or establishing a new settlement. *Quds*

## June 25, 2002

- The Israeli central court decided to stop a demolition decision of a house inside the old city of Jerusalem that belongs to Sharifa family. This house is a two-floor old building. The demolition order is to destroy the second floor that allegedly was built without a license. *Quds*
- The villager Hasan Hamdan from Arraba village in Jenin district pointed out that the Israeli bulldozers destroyed vast areas of an agricultural land close to Mevo Dotan settlement. Also, they have uprooted scores of olive trees. *Quds*

## June 29, 2002

- The Israeli soldiers sent warning notes to a number of Palestinian houses in Al Khadr village threatening to demolish houses that belong to the brothers Hasan, Yousef, Mahmoud, Jafar Da'du, Imad alsarafandi and Moustafa Salah. *Quds*

## June 30, 2002

- The Minister of Israeli defense “Eliezer” launched the construction of the “Safety Fence” around Jerusalem to prevent Palestinians from reaching Jerusalem. The Israeli authorities intend to erect a 50 km fence. Eliezer declared that 8 to 10 km will be in the southern side of Jerusalem border between Beit Jala and Gilo settlement. *Quds*
- “Peace Now” movement published in a research that since the Israeli governmental election at February 2001 until today, 44 new settlement outposts have been set up, nine of which have been erected during the period spanning March till June. *Quds*
- Jewish settlers dismantled 11 scattered settlement outposts in the West Bank, two of which are in Hebron district. *Quds*
- In Nablus district, the Israeli forces demolished two houses belonging to Abu Suhaib Nabulsy and Ahmad Al ma’ani. *Quds*

District	Lands Confiscated	Threatened Lands	Uprooted/ confiscated/burnt/ razed trees	Houses Demolished	Threatened Houses
Ramallah	266	0	0	0	0
Nablus	300	0	1300	0	0
Bethlehem	45	0	0	0	0
Hebron	3	0	105	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	1	0
Tulkarem	200	0	50	0	0
Jenin	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1455</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</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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