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#### Jerusalem

- The Israeli Authorities are planning to build 17 new Outposts around the old city of Jerusalem, expanding the borders of the existing neighborhoods such as Sheikh Jarrah, Jabal Ez Zaitoun. Ras El-'Amud, Abu Dis and Al-Thuri. This new plan is threatening the Palestinian houses in the areas around. Quds (May 4, 2003).
- In a report issued by UNRWA showed that 12000 people became homeless due to Israeli violations against Palestinians. Quds (May 8, 2003).
- The Israeli government is planning to build a new Wall near Beit Hanina including more settlements inside the municipality borders and increasing the Population density in the city. Quds (May 10, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed Al Container area in As Sawahira ash Sharqiya east of Jerusalem in order to build a 50km Separation Wall which will completely isolate Jerusalem from the other Palestinian governorates. The container area is the only way that connects the north with the south of the West Bank. Quds (May 16, 2003).
- Israel is planning to include 21500 dunum of Rahat, Huwara and Al-Leqya areas in Al-Naqab to Shoval settlement. Quds (May 21, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands in 'Anata village Northeast Jerusalem city to erect a 4 Km military road. Quds (May 23, 2003).

- The Israeli Ministry of Housing and construction decided to build 500 new housing units in Ma'ale Adumim settlement east of Jerusalem. Quds (May 24, 2003).
- The IOF demolished a two-storey residential building in 'Abed Al-Hamid Shuman Street in Beit Hanina, without pre-notification under the pretext of not having building permits. The building is owned by Sufian and Othman Faris Meswada. Wafa (May 26, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands in 'Anata village Northeast of Jerusalem to continue building another 10km of the Separation Wall. This violation will isolate 'Anata and Hezma villages from the rest of the governorate. Quds (May 25, 2003).
- Jerusalem Municipality is willing to build a new Israeli neighborhood "Kadmout Tesyoun" on the eastern borders of Jerusalem city near Abu Dis village. The neighborhood consists of 230 housing units and is to be built on 100 dunums of lands. Quds (May 30, 2003).

## Jenin

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a two-storey house was demolished in At Tayba town, to the West of Jenin under the pretext of its location close to the Separation Wall area. The house belongs to Fathi Sadiq Ighbara. Wafa (May 1, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing agricultural lands in Jalbun village in Jenin cultivated with Olive trees, Wheat and barley. The lands lie in the middle of Jalbu', Merav and Yashu' settlements in the North, East and South. Quds (May 3, 2003).
- Thousands of dunums of agricultural lands were burnt by some Jewish settlers in the Northern valleys, mainly in Tammun and Al-Biqay'a districts, destroying crops. Quds (May 11, 2003).
- More than 20 bulldozers backed by Apache Helicopters staged into Jenin city and caused sever damages to a number of houses, of which Salim Al-Nasra and Dr. Hisham Al-Sa'di were known. Quds (May 12, 2003).
- In a report issued by Jenin Governorate, a total of 1000000000 US & is the losses of the district since the beginning of Al Intifada due to tight closures and checkpoints. Quds (May 14, 2003).
- In a report issued by The Land Research Center, seven houses were demolished north of Barta'a ash Sharqiya village in Jenin under the pretext of not having building permits, more than 1500 Olive tree were uprooted to erect a new bypass road. Barta'a ash Sharqiya village is

located to the west of the Separation Wall area, almost 100 dunums of agricultural lands uprooted with 800 Olive trees are also were also. Quds (May 15, 2003).

- 2150 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Wheat were burned were destroyed by the IOF and a number of Jewish settlers east of Tammun village in Al-Biqay'a valley. The lands belong to Ahmad Mustafa Bani 'Odeh, 'Aqab Mustafa Hassan and 'Aref Jaber Al-Tubasi. Alhayat Al-Jadedah (May 24, 2003).
- The IOF bombed a two-storey house in Al-Hadaf neighborhood in Jenin district. The house belongs to Tahsen Abu Alil. Wafa (May 29, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed a wide area of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive trees and confiscated hundreds of dunums in Al-Yamun and Ya'bad villages to the south of Jenin, at a favor of the Separation Wall. Quds (May 29, 2003).
- The IOF broke into Al-Zaka commission in Jenin district and caused sever damages to the properties. On the other hand, the IOF staged a number of Olive trees in Al Yamun village and belong to Fuad 'Abed Al-Rahman Samudi. Quds (May 31, 2003).

## **Tulkarm**

- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed 40 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Wheat, in Dahiyat Shuikah alongside the green line in Tulkarm district and belong to Al-Sheikh 'Ali family. Quds (May 6, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of Subhi Al-Ashqar in Saida town, north of Tulkarem district. Quds (May 16, 2003).
- The Israeli Forces confiscated hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands in Nazlet Issa and Baqa Esh Sharqiyya in Tulkarm in order to erect a new military fence. At the same time, the IOF isolated thousands of agricultural lands in Al-Kafriyat village and hindered their landlords from reaching their lands. Quds (May 19, 2003).
- The IOF staged into Tulkarm city and took over a number of houses turning them into military bases. The houses belong to: 'Abed Al-Karem 'Awad, Bassam Al-Domari, Saleh Al-'Anouz and Abu Luai Al-Furani. Quds (May 25, 2003).
- The IOF took over the houses of Abu Tamam, Al-Khateb and Tabal families in Tulkarem camp and turned them into a military barracks. Quds (May 28, 2003).

## Nablus

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a two-storey house of Azhar Ghassan Hanahi in Beit Furik village in Nablus and other two-storey house of Martyr Mahmmoud Hanahi. Quds (May 3, 2003).
- The IOF broke into the Medical relief committee and the Medical Center in Nablus and Ramallah districts, causing sever damages to properties. Quds (May 6, 2003).
- The Israeli Forces bombed a house in Zawata village North of Nablus district, which belongs to Taleb Judeh. Alhayat Aljadeeda (May 8, 2003).
- The Israeli Forces handed resident Najwa Zeidan a military order to uproot the Olive trees field cultivated in her 26 dunums of land in Deir Istiya village. The Israeli bulldozers earlier uprooted 600 Olive trees and razed tens of dunums from the same land. Quds (May 9, 2003).
- The IOF broke into Rafidya governmental hospital, causing severe damages to the doors and properties. Wafa (May 12, 2003).
- The IOF surrounded Abdul Wadoud Al-A'sali four-storey building (consists of 18 flats and 14 stores and shops). in Rafidyia city, west of Nablus district and blow up his carpentry shop causing severe damages to other stores in the building. IPC (May 13, 2003).
- The Israeli Forces took over the house of Shahir Tawfiq Hassan Nasrallah from Beit Furik east of Nablus city after forcing five members of the family to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Quds (May 15, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed a wide agricultural land in 'Auarta and Kfar Kalil villages cultivated with Olive, Citrus and beans, in order to build a new outpost called Iriz 2. Many houses are threatened to be demolished as a cuse of the Israeli vilation. Quds (May 16, 2003).
- The IOF demolished the house of Martyr Radwan Salah Hussein Al-Qarw in 'Ein Beit El-Ma camp in Nablus. Quds (May 17, 2003).
- A group of Jewish settlers from Yathar settlement aggressed on some Palestinian houses in 'Oref village causing sever damages to the houses and burned agricultural fields cultivated with Barley.. Quds (May 19, 2003).
- The IOF bombed the house of Zarefih Hamdan in Al-Yasamiah neighborhood in the old city of Nablus after planting it with explosive devices, causing damages to other three houses in the area. On the other hand, the IOF bombed a two-storey building without pre-notification in Begar Street in the city of Nablus. Wafa + Haaretz (May 21, 2003).

- The IOF demolished the houses of Martyrs Said Ramadan and Muhammad Hanahi in Tel and Beit Furik in Nablus district. Quds (May 29, 2003).
- The IOF razed the main road between Talluza and Al-Bathan villages to the north of Nablus district. Quds (May 31, 2003).

## Qalqilyah

- The IOF confiscated 7 dunums of agricultural lands in Habla village in Qalqilyah district at favor of the Separation Wall. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed 4 dunums of lands cultivated with Vegetables which belong to Helmi Shuhana. Quds (May 28, 2003).

## Hebron

- The Israeli Authorities handed the Islamic Waqf (Department of the Islamic association). in Hebron military order to close the Department for an unspecified period of time and hindered the employees from reaching their work place. Quds (May 4, 2003).
- The IOF and under heavy barrage of gunfire staged into 'Aqbat Tafuh district west of Hebron city, and bombed a two-storey house of resident 'Azam 'Abed Al-Muhsen Al-Qawasmeh after planting it with heavy explosives devices, causing sever damages to the nearby houses. Wafa (May 6, 2003).
- The IOF bombed the house of Martyr Tariq Jawad Abu Sinineh in Gaza area Southeast Hebron city, forcing all the inhabitants to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. The house is among other five apartments in a 3 storey building which belong to 'Adel Hafez Abu Sinineh, Muwafaq Abu Sinineh, Hamdi Shahata Abu Sinineh and Shahata Hamdi Abu Sinineh. Quds (May 6, 2003).
- In a report issued by Hebron Municipality, the number of demolished houses in Hebron governorate since the beginning of the second Intifada until this date is 54 house.
- A group of Jewish settlers burned the house of Amina Al-Bakri located near Kiyat Arba' settlement in Hebron city. Not forgetting to mention that Amina's house was hit before by some settlers living in the same mentioned settlement. Quds (May 12, 2003).
- A group of Jewish settlers from Kharisina settlement east of Hebron city uprooted 100 Vine tree in Al-Boura area which belong to 'Abed Al-Rahman Sultan. In addition, settlers of Kiryat Arba' and Kharisina settlements stole the fertile soil from lands of resident Hisham 'Abed

- Al-Shakour Jaber who was later prevented from reaching his 150 dunums of land cultivated with Almond trees. Quds (May 12, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 50 dunums of lands between Kharisina and Kiryat Arba' settlements to erect a new bypass road. The lands belong to Jaber and Al-Qmeri families; in addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed 15 dunums of lands in 'Ein Bani Salim area to the north of Kharisina settlement in order to expand the previous mentioned settlement. Quds (May 15, 2003).
  - Jewish settlers are still working to construct three buildings in Tel Al-Rumaida in Hebron old city. Quds (May 19, 2003).
  - A group of Israeli settlers backed by Israeli Forces burned the house of Nabil Al-Halabi and destroyed a number of Palestinian houses in Hebron city. Quds (May 19, 2003).
  - The IOF bombed a residential building composed of six apartments which belongs to Martyr Jawad Al-Qawasmeh family in Abu Kateleh neighborhood in Hebron city. Quds (May 20, 2003).
  - A number of Israeli Bulldozers razed agricultural lands in Bani Salim district in Hebron city which belongs to Shaker Al-Hashlamouni. The lands are located between Kiryat Arba' and Kharisena settlements. Quds (May 20, 2003).
  - The IOF bombed the house of Martyr Basim Jamal Al-Takrouri and Martyr Mujahed 'Abed Al-Fatah Al-Ja'bari in 'Aqbat Tafuh district west of Hebron city causing severe damages to 27 nearby houses. Wafa (May 26, 2003).
  - The IOF bombed the house of Martyr Shadi Fayez Al-Batat south of Hebron city in Al-Dahera district after planting it with heavy explosive devices displacing 7 people. Quds (May 28, 2003).
  - A group of Jewish settlers from Adoura settlement, west of Hebron city, built eight new outposts under the protection of the Israeli forces on Tarqumiya lands, northwest Hebron. Moreover, The IOF razed 20 dunums in Freha district, east of Tafuh town which belong to Al-Khamayseh and Heja families. Wafa (May 29, 2003).
  - Two dunums were razed by the Israeli bulldozers in Qaryat Al-Thur district near Hebron Headquarter, which belongs to 'Abed Al-Fatah 'Abed Al-Qader Al-Sa'id. Quds (May 29, 2003).
  - The IOF bombed 'Abed Al-Muhsen 'Abed Al-Rahem Askafi house in Khalet Al-Sharif in Hebron city after planting it with explosive devices. Alhayat Al-Jadeeda (May 30, 2003).

## Bethlehem

- More than 35 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive, Vine and Almond trees are threatened to be confiscated for military reasons in Wad Abu Hamra in Hussan village to the west of Bethlehem. Another 30 dunums area expected to be confiscated in Nahhalin village which belong to Muhammad Rashid Jadallah and Jaber family. Wafa (May 1, 2003)..
- The Israeli bulldozers razed more than 50 dunums of agricultural lands in Artas village in Bethlehem to erect a new bypass road that connects Afrat and Goush 'Atzioun settlement in the south with the eastern settlements built on the lands of Beit Sahour, At-Ta'amira, Abu Ghnaim and Beit Jala cities. Hundreds of Olive trees are threatened to be uprooted due to this military violation. Quds (May 3, 2003).
- The Israeli Forces handed military orders to confiscate a wide area of agricultural lands in Jabal Al-Dik area in Beit Sahour to erect a new military road of 1300m length and 18-68m width. As a result, this military order would threaten another 50 dunums of Beit Sahour lands to be confiscated. This violation would isolate Beit Sahour Housing Complex, the same as in the Northern entrance of Bethlehem city where 300 dunums of lands are about to be annexed and isolated. Quds (May 6, 2003).
- The Israeli soldiers broke into The Rapprochement Center in Beit Sahour city and arrested three ISM members working in the office. The Quds (May 10, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing agricultural lands in Hussan and Nahhalin villages to combine them to Betar Ilit settlement. On the other hand, the IOF built a 1200m fence around the agricultural lands in AL-Masayah district. Quds (May 20, 2003).
- The IDF demolished the house of Sa'ad Naware in Hendaza Mountain to the south of Bethlehem city, turning it to a heap of rubble. Haartez + Wafa (May 21, 2003).

## Gaza

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a five-storey houses in Al-Shaga'ia neighborhood in Gaza Strip, which belong to Yousif, Khalid and Aiman Abu Hain, causing sever damages to more than 20 other nearby houses. The IOF also demolished the house of Sami Abu Al-Khar in the same neighborhood. Wafa (May 1, 2003).

- An Israeli military bulldozer, backed by three other tanks advanced deep from a military post close to the Gaza Strip-Egypt border line towards Al Brazil neighborhood, amid intensive shootings, and demolished three houses owned by Al Sha'er, Zanoon and Al Qutaty families. IPC+Wafa (May 4, 2003).
- The IOF demolished the house of Khalid Mansur Al-sha'ir in Al-Salam neighborhood in Rafah. Quds (May 4, 2003).
- The IO bulldozers razed a wide area of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive and Almond trees, east of Khuza'a in Khan Yunis governorate. The lands are owned by Abu Jam' family. Quds (May 4, 2003).
- A total of 300 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive, Wheat, Barley and Almond trees were razed in the last ten days to the east of Khan Yunis in Khuza'a district along the Separation Wall line and belong to kdeh, Al-Najar and Abu Jam' families. Quds (May 5, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing 50 dunums of agricultural land East of Deir Al-Balah city, which belong to Abu Issa and Al-Flit families in order to erect a new military base in the area. Wafa (May 8, 2003).
- Israeli bulldozers staged into Al-Mahata district east of Deir Al-Balah and demolished the house of Mustafa Al-Qarnawe, displacing family members. Quds (May 9, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Deir Al-Balah area in Gaza Strip and completely demolished seven houses turning them into heap of rubble after forcing the residents to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Three of the houses are composed of 3 stories. On the other hand the Israeli bulldozers razed tens of dunums of agricultural lands in the same district. Quds (May 10, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 20 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with wheat east of Khuza'a town in the eastern side of Khan Yunis, the lands belong to Al-Najjar, Abu Rajeleh and Tabash families. Quds (May 11, 2003).
- The IOF demolished the house of Mahmmoud Al-Zwaidi in Beit Hanun North of Gaza Strip. Quds (May 11, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers under the cover of the helicopters staged into Al-Salam neighborhood in Rafah and demolished two houses which belong to Tawfiq At-Thawi and Nassar Al-Sha'ir. In addition the Israeli bulldozers razed more agricultural lands which belong to Musleh Qashta. Wafa (May 12, 2003).



- The IOF shelled on some Palestinian houses in Tel El-Sultan neighborhood Southwest of Rafah governorate causing sever damages to properties. Quds (May 12, 2003).
- More than 700 Olive and Palm trees were uprooted and a wide area of agricultural lands were razed by the Israeli bulldozers in Qizan An Najjar district and Khuza'a town in the Eastern side of Khan Yunis, which belong to Al-Bana, Al-Masri, Sha'th and Al-'Mur. Quds (May 12, 2003).
- The IOF took over the house of 'Aziz Al-Hadad in al-Mahata district in Deir Al-Balah and turned into military. The IOF forced the residents to leave the house under the threat of weapons Wafa (May 13, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al-Salam and Al-Brazil neighborhoods south of Rafah under the cover of the helicopters and completely demolished five houses. Quds (May 13, 2003).
- The Israeli Bulldozers demolished a two-storey house for Suliman Abu Luz, four-storey house for Abu Mustafa and another two houses which belong to Abu 'Aker and Abu 'Baideh families, east of Al- Tufah checkpoint west of Khan Yunis governorate. In addition, the IOF took over a four-storey house and turned them to military barrack after forcing the inhabitants to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. The houses belong to 'Naiah family. Wafa (May 14, 2003).
- In a report issued by the Palestinian Human rights center, 16,466 dunums of the agricultural lands were razed from the beginning of the second Intifada, in addition 1064 house were demolished causing the displacing of 1421 family in Gaza Strip. Quds (May 14, 2003).
- Israeli Troops handed the resident Muqbel Tawfeq Yousif Sharab a military order to evacuate his house for it lies close to the Illegal Neviah Dikalem settlement in Al-Mawasi district in Khan Yunis South of Gaza Strip. Quds (May 14, 2003).
- Two residential buildings and three houses were demolished by the IOF, causing damages to other ten nearby houses in Khan Yunis. Quds (May 15, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged an incursion into Beit Hanoun and demolished nine houses. IPC (May 15, 2003).
- In Beit Hanon, the Israeli bulldozers demolished five houses which belong to: Yousif El-Basyouni, Rami Abu Jarad, Isma'il Fayad, Mahmmod Khamis Al-Shanbawi and Muhammad Nasir. On the other hand the IOF burned some agricultural lands and Plastic houses in Beit Lahiya district. Quds (May 16, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed the houses of Yousif Bahloul and Nasar El-Sha'ir in El-Brazil neighborhood in Rafah. Quds (May 16, 2003).

- A number of Israeli forces backed by bulldozers, amid heavy intensive shelling, staged into an area near Rafah border and demolished three Palestinian homes. IPC (May 16, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished two houses in Beit Hanoun belong to Shahi family causing damages to other three nearby houses. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands in the same district. Wafa (May 16, 2003).
- In the Western camp of Khan Yunis, the Israeli Occupation Forces completely demolished 25 houses and another 20 house were partially damaged by this operation and more that 25 families were displaced. Alhayat Aljadeeda (May 17, 2003).
- The Israeli troops staged an incursion into Rafah city under heavy barrage of gunfire and demolished three houses which belong to: Fathi Abu Zuhri, Talal Abu Yousif and Muhammad Al-Hams. On the other hand, three Israeli bulldozers razed 30 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Wheat, which belong to Qdah, Al-Najjar and Al-Brem families in Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis. In another incident, five houses were demolished by the IOF Al-Mughraqa district and belong to Muqdad, Al-Haj, Al-Hasnat, Abu Z'abeh and Al-Nezli families. Quds (May 18, 2003).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 'Abed Allah 'Azam Mosque in Beit Hanun and destroyed the houses of Mustafa, Nasim, Khalil and Ahmad Al-Za'anin. On the other hand the Israeli troops demolished four houses in Al-Sha'out district in Rafah without pre-notification. The houses belong to: 'Atef Al-Ghouti, Tal'at Abu Hamra, Suliman Barhum and Mahmmod Barhum. Quds (May 19, 2003).
- A number of Israeli bulldozers invaded Al-Farahen district east of Khan Yunis and razed more than 60 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive, Wheat and Cactus trees and a water line that supplies the lands. Quds (May 20, 2003).
- The IOF demolished eight houses in Beit Hanoun and Rafah districts, to the south and north of Gaza Strip. They also destroyed a Mosque in Al-Ezba district in Beit Hanoun. On the other hand, the IOF demolished six houses in block (c), to the south of Rafah near the Egyptian borders. The houses belong to: Samir, Hatim, 'Abed Al-Rahem Barhum, Zuhar, Jihad Al-Hums and Muhammad Al-Rekhawi. Quds (May 20, 2003).
- Three houses were razed by the IOF near Salahdeen gate causing severe damages to a number of nearby houses, which belong to Qusta and Al-Sha'ir families. On the other hand, the IOF razed agricultural

- lands east of Deir Al-Balah city and demolished two houses, one of which belongs to Zeina Al-Zra'i. Quds (May 21, 2003).
- Four Israeli bulldozers invaded into Al-Sha'out district southwest Rafah governorate and demolished six houses belong to: Nemir Barhoum, 'Atiya Barhoum, Turki Al-Sha'ir, Mahmmoud Abu Zahri, Yousef Al-Sadoudi and Mahmmoud Kabaja, causing damages to the nearby houses, moreover the Israeli bulldozers razed two dunums of lands cultivated with Olive trees and belongs to Abu Talakh and Al-Bardawel families. Wafa (May 21, 2003).
  - Two Israeli bulldozers razed a plastic house cultivated with citrus southeast Gaza city and belong to Al-Husani family. Wafa (May 23, 2003).
  - The IOF demolished two Cement factories near Beit Hanun city, one of which belongs to Musleh family. On the other hand, the IOF demolished Al-Amer Cement factory Southeast Gaza city. The total loses are estimated to be 200,000 dollars. Wafa (May 23, 2003).
  - Five houses were demolished and more than 300 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive trees were razed by the Israeli bulldozers in Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis, the lands belong to Kdeh and Al-Najjar families. Wafa (May 24, 2003).
  - The IOF razed 30 dunums of agricultural lands which belong to Al-Husani and Al-Ghafri families east of Gaza city. Wafa (May 24, 2003).
  - Three Israeli bulldozers invaded into the Western district of Rafah and destroyed Zeidan Abu Dhar house turning it into a heap of rubble after forcing its residents to evacuate it under the threat of weapons. Wafa (May 25, 2003).
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed 27 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Wheat and uprooted more than 100 Olive trees in Khuza'a district east of Khan Yunis. The lands belong to Kdeh family. Wafa (May 25, 2003).
  - The Israeli bulldozers invaded 500m into Al-Birka district and demolished a two-storey house and razed a wide area of agricultural land cultivated with Wheat and Olive trees which belong to Suliman Abu Shamas. Wafa (May 26, 2003).
  - In a report issued by Al-Mezan human rights center, 19 people were killed, 273 houses were demolished and more than 1,634,218m<sup>2</sup> were razed in beit Hanoun since the beginning of the second Intifada. Quds (May 26, 2003).
  - The Israeli bulldozers staged 800m into Qisan an Najjar district southeast Khan Yunis and razed 30 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with Wheat and Barley. In addition the Israeli bulldozers

- uprooted Citrus, Olive and Palm trees which belong to Al-Najjar and Al-Sha'ir families. Wafa (May 28, 2003).
- In a report issued by Al-Haq Palestinian Congregation, 900 houses were completely demolished another 2000 were severely damaged since the beginning of the second Itifada. Quds (May 28, 2003).
  - Five houses were demolished by the IOF in Tel Zurub district south of Rafah. The houses belong to Dhayer and Zurub families. In addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed a wide area of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive trees, which also belong to Zurub family. Wafa (May 29, 2003).
  - The IOF razed a wide area of agricultural lands cultivated with Citrus trees in Beit Lahiya north of Gaza Strip, which belong to Al-Salosi family. Quds (May 29, 2003).
  - The Israeli bulldozers uprooted more than 200 Olive and Palm trees in Qizan An Najjar district southeast of Khan Yunis district and belong to Al-Sha'ir family. Wafa (May 29, 2003).
  - The IOF staged 800m into Qizan nn Najjar district southeast of Khan Yunis and razed a Poultry farm which belongs to Hamdi Al-Masri. The IOF also razed other areas of agricultural lands which belong to Al-Masri and Sha'th families in the area. Wafa (May 30, 2003).

## **Ramallah**

- The IOF demolished a two-storey house without pre-notification in Beit Sira village to the West of Ramallah district. The house belongs to Haitham Hamdan. Wafa (May 1, 2003).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces took over a house in Beit Anyia town, to the west of Ramallah governorate, after forcing its inhabitants to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. The house belongs to Wael 'Azat Muhammad Al-Hindi. Wafa (May 7, 2003).
- The Israeli Government started building a new Jewish neighborhood "Jenout Beit Ill" composed of 72 Housing units in Beit Ill settlement near Ramallah.
- In a report issued by the Land research Institute in Jerusalem showed that 4583 dunums of agricultural lands were confiscated at favor of the Separation wall and 638 Olive trees were uprooted as a result of this plan. The report also showed that another 300 dunums were razed to erect 2 new bypass roads that will link Rafat village with both Qalandia and Ramallah. On the other hand, 600 dunums cultivated

with Olive trees were also isolated between the bypass road and the Separation Wall area. Quds (May 10, 2003).

- The Jewish settlers relinquished seven caravans from Ahya neighborhood near Shilo settlement near Turmus'ayya village in Ramallah district. Quds (May 15, 2003).
- A total of 163 checkpoints are still erected on the entries of Palestinian Territories, hindering the ability of Palestinians to live an ordinary life and hampering or freezing their daily activities,. Quds (May 15, 2003).

### **Salfit**

- The Israeli bulldozers bombed the house of Rashid 'Abd Allah 'Liyan after planting it with heavy explosive devices, displacing its family members and causing severe damages to the nearby houses. The damaged houses belong to Dr. 'Abd Al-Rahim Ar Rabi, Sufian Muhammad Amin, 'Ali 'Abd Allah 'Liyan and Raed 'Liyan. Wafa (May 13, 2003).
- The IOF hindered the landlords from reach their lands in Iskaka and Yasouf villages in Salfit near Ariel and Kfouhim settlements , north of Salfit district. Quds (May 16, 2003).

### **Tubas**

- The Israeli troops burned agricultural lands cultivated with Wheat in Al-Burj and Samra areas in Tubas. Quds (May 18, 2003).
- The IOF bombed a two-storey house of Martyr Heba Daraghma in Tubas after planting it with heavy explosives and forcing the inhabitants to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Alhayat Al-Jadeedah (May 24, 2003).

### **Jericho**

- The IOF built a new outpost in Al Jeftlik valleys and forbade any of the residents to enter the area. Quds (May 21, 2003).

## Statistics of Israeli Violations

Governorate	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Trees Uprooted	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Jenin	100	0	2300	11	0
Gaza	849	0	15690	139	1
Ramallah	0	0	0	2	0
Bethlehem	50	415	0	1	0
Jerusalem	0	21600	0	2	0
Nablus	0	26	0	11	0
Hebron	87	150	100	12	0
Tulkarem	40	0	0	1	0
Qalqilyah	11	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	1	0
Tubas	0	0	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>22191</b>	<b>18090</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1</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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