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#### Nablus

- The Israeli Army staged into Balata refugee camp east of Nablus city searched Palestinian houses, dynamited entrances and properties and destroyed commercial stores. Quds (Dec 1, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces continued hindering Palestinian landowners in 'Aqruba town southeast of Nablus city from accessing their 120,000 dunums of agricultural lands in the valleys, in the time the Israeli settlers take advantage of this violation step and continue taking over these lands. Wafa (Dec 4, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Allon Moreh hindered Palestinian landowners in Deir Al Hatab village from accessing their agricultural lands near the aforementioned settlement. Quds (Dec 6, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers started razing agricultural lands around Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city. Wafa (Dec 11, 2007).
- The Israeli Army invaded the Northern West Bank city of Nablus and shut down several media offices and agencies such as Afaq TV station, An Najah press and Al Ruwad press, confiscating broadcasting equipment and computers. IMEMC (Dec 12, 2007) .
- For the third day on row the Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands around Huawwra checkpoint south of Nablus city. More than 2000 m<sup>2</sup> were razed until now. Wafa (Dec 13, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces broke into the house of the head of the Palestinian Parliament 'Aziz Dweik in Al Ma'ageen neighborhood in Nablus city and demolished all furniture. Quds (Dec 17, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers agressed on the Palestinian landowners near Tel village southwest of Nablus city. Quds (Dec 26, 2007).
- The Israeli Army invaded Nablus city and searched houses of Hawash and Hamad families in Hawash Street and forced all dwellers to evacuate their houses under the threat of weapons. In addition the IOF invaded Qusin village west of Nablus city and searched Palestinian houses. Quds (Dec 30, 2007).

## **Jerusalem**

- Jerusalem Municipality , the Authority of Developing Jerusalem and the Israeli Ministry of commerce and Industry are planning to develop Qalandiya industrial zone “Atarot” which will cost NIS 20 millions. In addition the Israeli Ministry will afford NIS 4 millions to construct a Wall around the area. Quds (Dec 1, 2007).
- The IOF demolished and without any pre-notification the infrastructure of a residential building and a wall constructed on one dunum of lands in Jabal Al Mukabbir near Al Telet theme park which belongs to ‘Azam ‘Abed El ‘Aziz Ghayth under the pretext of being constructed on a green area which construction is prohibited. Quds (Dec 2, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the houses of 'Ali Abu Sarhan and Emad 'Atun in Wad Al Humos neighborhood in Sur Baher town south of Jerusalem for not being licensed. It is worth pointing out that Al Anfar Mosque in the area is threatened of demolition too. Wafa (Dec 3, 2007).
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction is willing to construct 307 new housing units in the settlements of Har Homa (Abu Ghnaim) east of Jerusalem . Arabynet & Al Jazeera (Dec 5, 2007).
- The Israeli troops staged into Qalandiya refugee camp north of Jerusalem city, searched number of houses. Among owners known were Ihab Hassan Zayed, 'Abed El 'Aziz Hamad and Ihab Nabhan. Wafa (Dec 5, 2007).
- The Israeli troops staged into Hizma village and aggressed on the houses of Muhammad Ibrahim Salah El Din, Fatima Salah El Din and Nasri Salah El Din destroying all properties, furniture and electricity devices. Quds (Dec 6, 12, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers partially demolished the house of Muhammad Musa Diryas in Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina after forcing all dwellers to evacuate it. Moreover the Israeli authorities forced the owner to pay NIS 50,000 to stop demolishing the house. Quds (Dec 6, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of Qabaja family in Qanter Khdair area in the old city of Jerusalem for not being licensed. Wafa (Dec 11, 2007).
- Several numbers of Israeli settlers aggressed on Al Sheikh Lulu Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem and partially demolished the wall surrounding the Mosque. Quds (Dec 11, 2007).
- The Israeli Group "Temple Mount Faithful" constructed a golden Chandelier opposite to Bab Al Maghariba gate in the western part of Al Aqsa Mosque with a total cost of \$ 3 millions. Maan News (Dec 13, 2007).
- The Israeli Civil Administration is willing to restart working on road 45 which penetrates inside Abu Dis town in the north reaching Sur Bahir in

- the south. As a result, vast areas of agricultural lands will be confiscated/ razed and tens of Palestinian houses will be demolished in an attempt to connect Ramallah with Bethlehem without being able to enter Jerusalem . Quds (Dec 15, 2007).
- The Israeli Civil Administration is planning to construct more than 150 new housing units near Jabal Al Mukkabar and about 7000 units in 'Ein Ya'al near Al Walaja village east of Jerusalem . Quds (Dec 15, 2007)
  - The Israeli authorities decided to continue the excavation activities taking place in Bab Al Maghariba and to specialize NIS 3.5 millions for the construction of the bridge in the area which as a result all historical sites in the place will be demolished. PNN & Arabs48 (Dec 17, 2007).
  - Jerusalem Municipality is planning to demolish more of Palestinian houses in Al Khalidiya, Al Saraya, Al Qarmi, Al Sa'diya neighborhoods and in Al Wad Street in Jerusalem city. In addition the Municipality announced it's willing to construct tens of housing units in Burj Al Luqluq area north of the Old city of Jerusalem . Quds (Dec 18, 2007) .
  - Israeli Housing Minister Ze'ev Boim has given the green light for planning a new Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem . The neighborhood, near Atarot, is slated to contain more than 10,000 apartments, making it the largest Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem . [Haaretz \(December 19, 2007\)](#)
  - The Israeli Ministry of Interior announced it's willing to construct 500 new housing units in Har Homa settlement and another 240 units at Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Wafa (Dec 23, 2007) .
  - Jerusalem Municipality demolished the two-storey house of Wjdan 'Awery in Wad El Joz neighborhood in Jerusalem under the pretext of being green area. Quds (Dec 26, 2007) .
  - The Israeli settlers aggressed on Al Nabi Daoud and Al Lu'lu' Mosques in Jerusalem , causing damages to the properties. Wafa (Dec 27, 2007)

### **Salfit**

- The Israeli Forces imposed curfew on Marda village east of Salfit city and hindered access to and out of the village and closed the Iron Gate hindering Palestinians from reaching their homes. Quds (Dec 1, 2007).

### **Qalqiliya**

- Hundreds of Israeli settlers of Kidumim aggressed on Kafr Qadum village north of the West Bank . Quds (Dec 5, 2007).

### **Bethlehem**

- The Israeli Civil Administration notified Mahmoud Muhammad Al Rashayda and his sons 'Abed and Isma'il and their families to evacuate their tents and barracks in 'Arab Al Rashayda area under the pretext of being constructed on a closed military area. In the time the IOF confiscated their agricultural equipments. Quds (Dec 1, 2007).
- The Israeli Forces erected temporary checkpoint on the main entrance of Janata town southeast of Bethlehem city and detained people hiding to their destinations for hours. Wafa (Dec 4, 2007) .
- The Israeli authorities notified the residents Tariq Issa Mahmoud Ta'amra (four- storey house) and Ibrahim Mahmoud 'Awad (500 m<sup>2</sup>) from Ras Al Wad area in Za'tara town of their intention to demolish their houses for not being licensed. In addition to another house in owned by Sa'di Ahmad Najajreh in Nahalin for the same reason. Quds (Dec 4, 2007) .
- The IOF constructed temporary checkpoint on the southern entrance of Al Khadr town south of Bethlehem city and prevented Palestinian access. Wafa (Dec 13, 2007) .
- The Israeli forces closed Al Container checkpoint east of Bethlehem city and hindered Palestinian access. Wafa (Dec 23, 2007).
- The Israeli troops staged into Al Shawawreh and Al Furdies villages east of Bethlehem city and searched Palestinian houses. Among owners known

were Nader Mahmoud 'Ali, ahmad Muhammad 'Ali and Nabil Muhammad Ahmad. Quds (Dec 28, 2007) .

## Hebron

- The Israeli Forces invaded Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city and took over the house of Hasan Museef turning it into military barrack after holding all dwellers in one room. Moreover, the IOF constructed temporary checkpoints between Al Fuwar refugee camp and Al Rehiya village and on the road connecting Al Samu' and Yatta towns. Wafa (Dec 2, 2007) .
- The IOF staged into Hebron city and Dura town, searched houses and caused loses to the furniture. Among owners known were 'Abed El Majed Amr and Ahmad Mahmoud 'Amr. Wafa (Dec 4, 2007) .
- The Israeli troops invaded Yatta town searched houses and took over others, causing severe loses to the furniture and properties. Among owners know were 'Ali, Ahmad, Muhammad and Musa Hassan Muhammad Nasar and Hussein 'Ali Salim Nasar. Wafa (Dec 5, 2007)
- Tens of Israeli settlers retried to take over Al Jomjuma hill north of Halhul town in an attempt to construct new outpost in the area. Wafa (Dec 5, 2007)
- The IOF moved into Yatta town, south of Hebron and raided a 3-storey house belonging to Hussein Hammad Bhais and forced its residents out. They searched the house for allegedly banned objects and wanted Palestinians. The IOF transformed the third floor of the house into a military site after forcing its residents to stay on the first floor. Wafa (December 6, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities notified Al 'Aroub agricultural collage north of Hebron to stop the building constructions for not being licensed. Wafa (Dec 10, 2007).
- The IOF evacuated more than 30 Israeli settlers from the indiscriminate outpost Giv'at Halhul north of Hebron city. Quds (Dec 13, 2007).

- The Israeli Supreme Court delayed the settler's evacuation from an occupied Palestinian house in Hebron city which they took over on March 2007, claiming their ownership. Quds (Dec 24, 2007)
- The Israeli settlers damaged hundreds of Olive trees in Deir El 'Asal village southwest of Hebron city which belong to Yousef Salman Al Shawamreh and 'Ali Isma'il Al Shawamreh. In addition the Israeli bulldozers destroyed tens of the Olive trees due to a road construction near the Segregation Wall path in the area. Wafa (Dec 27, 2007)
- The IOF aggressed on the houses and the fuel stations owned by Maher, Yahya and Ramadan 'Arafat Basal in Yatta town south of Hebron city, causing severe damages and loses. Wafa (Dec 27, 2007) .
- The Israeli Civil Administration did not allow the evacuation of Al Rajaby building which was occupied by the Israeli settlers ten months ago in Hebron city. Arabs48 (Dec 29, 2007) .
- The Israeli Army broke into Al Ahly Hospital in Hebron city, turned it into military site, forced all employees to stay in one room and hindered patients from entering the hospitable, causing panic to the patients. Quds (Dec 30, 2007)
- The IOF closed the main entrances of Halhul and Beit Kahel towns north and northwest of Hebron city and hindered Palestinian access. In addition the IOF also closed the entrance of Sa'ir town with an iron gate manned by Israeli Forces and opened in specific times. Wafa (Dec 31, 2007)
- The Israeli bulldozers started erecting new colonial road on the expanse of Al Rehiya lands planted with Olives and Almonds south of Hebron city in an attempt to serve Hagai settlement in the west. In addition the Israeli bulldozers destroyed the wires surrounding the agricultural lands around the secondary School in the village. Wafa (Dec 31, 2007)
- The Israeli authorities notified Bilal 'Azmi 'Abed El 'Aziz Abu Odeh, 'Azam 'Abed El 'Aziz Abu Odeh, Fayez Muhammad Farah Jaber and Fadi Muhammad Jawad Jaber to stop constructing their houses in Al Baq'a area near Qiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron for not having building permits. Quds (Dec 31, 2007) .

## Tubas

- The Israeli Army aggressed on the Palestinian shepherds in Al 'Aqaba village east of Tubas city while grazing their sheep's and arrested some of them. Wafa (Dec 4, 2007).
- The IOF invaded Tubas city in the early morning and destroyed some private and public properties. In addition the IOF closed the road connecting Tubas city with Tayseer, Al Thagra and Al 'Aqaba villages. Quds (Dec 4, 2007) .
- The Israeli Army intensified their military activities east of Tubas governorate and hindered owners from accessing their grazing areas. It is worth pointing out that the Israeli authorities closed vast areas of lands claming that they are military areas. These lands extend from the Eastern slopes of Tubas reaching the Jordan River, in order to use them for military activities. Quds (Dec 7, 2007)
- Israeli settlers completed the construction of six housing units in the settlement of Messkiot in Wadi Al Maleh east of Tubas city. The units were built under the protection of Israeli Police. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Defense Minister, Amir Peretz, agreed last year on transferring Masskiyot from a military base into a settlement to settle more Jewish families who evacuated from the Gaza Strip settlements. Wafa (December 21, 2007).
- A number of housing units are being added to the Settlement of Mechola, in the northern valley, northeast Tubas City. The units are in final stages on constructions. It is worth mentioning that Mechola settlement is the largest among agricultural settlements in the northern valleys and was among the firsts which were established in the West Bank following the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territory in 1967. Wafa (December 22, 2007) .
- The Israeli settlers aggressed on the eggplant fields in Al Farisiya hamlet in the northern valleys, causing severe loses. Wafa (Dec 29, 2007).



**Gaza:**

- The Israeli Army is planning to construct an under ground sensors along the borders of the Gaza Strip to prevent Palestinian entries to Israel. Quds (Dec 4, 2007).
- During the Israeli Army's incursion into al-Fukhari area in the southern Gaza Strip and Beit Hanoun town in the north, a total of 133 dunums of agricultural land were razed and a factory was destroyed. PCHRGAZA (Dec 11, 2007) .
- The Israeli army separated south of the Gaza Strip from its north by closing the main road of Salah El Din. In addition the IOF invaded Al Fkhary town, searched houses and turned them into military barracks after forcing all dwellers to evacuate them. Wafa (Dec 11, 2007).
- The Israeli Housing Minister Ze'ev Boim encourages Israelis to move to areas adjacent to the Gaza Strip. Boim said that he has authorized the Israeli Land Administration (ILA) to construct fifty new developments within five kilometers of the Gaza border, and will offer the land for free to Israelis who wish to build homes there. IMEMC (Dec 22, 2007).
- The Israeli troops invaded east of Al Maghazi refugee camp and Al Masdar village in the middle of the Gaza Strip, razed vast areas of agricultural lands, uprooted trees and demolished houses. Quds (Dec 23, 2007) .
- The Israeli Forces shelled the Palestinian houses and properties in Al Sheikh Zaid city northeast of Beit Lahya town, causing severe loses to the houses and to the electricity network. Quds (Dec 26, 2007) .
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing vast areas of lands planted with Wheat and Barley east of 'Abasan Al Kabera town in Khan Yunis governorate. Wafa (Dec 27, 2007)
- The Israeli Forces demolished the two-storey house of Ahmad Abu Taeir in 'Abasan Al Kabera town east of Khan Yunis city. Wafa (Dec 27, 2007) .

- The IOF shelled on the Palestinian houses in Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis, causing damages to the properties. Wafa (Dec 27, 2007)
- The Israeli bulldozers invaded Al Jaradat neighborhood east of Rafah, searched Palestinian houses and turned them into military posts and erected earth mounds in the area and razed agricultural lands. Quds (Dec 31, 2007)

#### **Jenin:**

- The Israeli Army staged into Qabatya town southwest of Jenin city closed all entrances and took over several numbers of houses, causing loses and damages. Quds (Dec 3, 2007) .
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint 400 meters a way from Al Hamra checkpoint in the valleys, detained Palestinian cars and confiscated more than 15 kilos of Olives owned by farmers at the checkpoint. Quds (Dec 8, 2007).
- The Israeli troops took over the two-storey house of 'Eiz El Din Hasan Muhammad Jabarin in Al Tayba village west of Jenin and turned the house into military barrack for 15 hours. Quds (Dec 26, 2007)
- The Israeli Forces staged into Kafr Dan village west of Jenin city, aggressed on the Palestinian houses and caused the electricity cut from the village. Wafa (Dec 29, 2007).

#### **Tulkarm:**

- The Israeli Forces invaded the villages north of Tulkarm governorate and aggressed on the Palestinian houses. Among owners known were: Muhammad Sati Al Ashqar in Saida, Fadi Kitana in Qafin, Iyad 'Abas Kitana and Rashid Ta'ma. Wafa (Dec 27, 2007) .

#### **Others:**

- New Israeli justice ministry proposal allows state funding for the Israeli outposts in the West Bank which were constructed on Palestinian private lands and allows the expansion of housing units or neighborhoods in existing settlements. Arabs48 (Dec 1, 2007)

- Shim' on Peres the Israeli president announced that Israel is willing to construct three new industrial zones near Jericho, Jenin and in the middle of the West Bank. Quds (Dec 1, 2007) .
- The Israeli right wings are planning to construct three new outposts and to return to the recently evacuated five during the Hanukah. The three will take place in Maoz Ister in Ramallah, Giv'at Oz near Beit El and in the E-1 plan in Ma'ale Adumim area. Quds (Dec 1, 2007)
- According to a report issued by the Israeli movement of the Peace Now assured that a total of 3% of the illegal constructions were demolished in the Israeli settlements. Maan News (Dec 4, 2007)
- Plans to build two West Bank cities with thousands of homes as well as malls, high-tech call centers and hotels. The two projects, with a total investment of up to \$900 million, are part of ambitious plans to revive the Palestinian economy. Both to be located about 15 minutes from Ramallah, the West Bank's commercial center and seat of government. Haaretz (Dec 5, 2007)
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers constructed 8 new indiscriminate outposts throughout the West Bank, mainly in Ma'ale Adumim area, Halhul and Nablus. Quds (Dec 10, 2007).
- The Israeli Land Administration issued an order to take over 470 dunums of lands owned by Ghabish family in Yurka village. Arabs48 (Dec 11, 2007)
- Brigadier General Yoav Mordechai, the head of the Civil Administration said that there are hundreds, even thousands, of planned housing units in the West Bank that have building permits and do not need any further government approval before their construction can begin. Haaretz (Dec 12, 2007).
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior and the Israeli Land Administration demolished 27 houses in the unrecognized villages of Abu Talul, Tawel, Abu Grul, Beir Al Hamam, Sur, Tel 'Arad and Al Bat. Houses belong to Al 'Emour, Abu 'Asa, Al Saray'a and Abu Sulb families. Arabs48 (Dec 13, 2007)

- The Israeli Governorate is planning to specialize NIS 1.5 Milliard to develop the Galilee area in the north and create more job vacancies in an attempt to attract Israeli's to settle in the area. Quds (Dec 14, 2007) .
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert assured that there will be no building of settlements or any expansion activities in the settlements of the West Bank. Quds (Dec 18, 2007)
- The Israeli Government won't give Palestinian residents who were attached to the Jerusalem Municipality borders any permanent residency but they will be given permits. As a result Palestinian won't be able to work, study in Israel and they won't be given any health insurance. Quds (Dec 18, 2007).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and the Defense Minister Ehud Barak have already given their blessing to remove some five outposts, which are home to 50-60 settlers due to Bush's visit to the country. These outposts are included on the list of 25 illegal settlements the Americans have been demanding of Israel to evacuate since Ariel Sharon's term in office as prime minister. Arabynet (Dec 24, 2007)
- More than 40 Iranian immigrants arrived to Israel for the first time. Quds (Dec 26, 2007)
- About 200 immigrants arrived to Israel from Canada and the United States of America. Quds (Dec 28, 2007).