

Report on the Israeli Colonization Activities in the West Bank & the Gaza Strip

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This monthly report sheds the light on the Israeli Colonization activities in the West Bank Governorates and the Gaza Strip during the month of May 2008. Colonial activities include the demolition of Palestinian Houses, uprooting of fruitful trees, razing and confiscating of Palestinian lands for the various Israeli purposes, setting up checkpoints, building and expansion of Israeli settlements, construction of new bypass roads, closing of Palestinian roads and the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall.

Israeli Violations in Hebron Governorate

- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the house of Khalid Ahmad Al Za'arier in Al Samu' town and aggressed on its dwellers. Wafa (May 2, 2008).
- The Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement aggressed on Palestinian farmers while grazing their sheep and caused a state of panic to them; at the time, the Israeli settlers occupying Al Rajaby building in Hebron city aggressed on the Palestinian houses in Wadi Al Nasara and Wadi Al Hasin neighborhoods, causing loses to the properties. Wafa (May 2, 2008).

- The Israeli settlers demolished two trailers in the illegal outpost of Beit Yatir Farm South, south of Hebron city according to an agreement signed between Yesha Council and the Israeli Defense Ministry to which some outposts would be legalized in exchange for the voluntary evacuation of others. Haaretz (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces demolished the Israeli synagogue of Hazon David outpost in Hebron city. Haaretz (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli settlers of Qiryat Arba' aggressed on Palestinian houses located in Wadi Al Nasara neighborhood, alongside the prayers road which connects the settlement with the Ibrahimi Mosque, causing extensive loses to thehouses. Wafa (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the house of Basim Yousef Jaber Al Ka'ka in Adh Dhahiryia town and widely searched the house. Wafa (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Troops broke into 'Abed Allah 'Azam Mosque and several numbers of commercial stores in Hebron city and confiscated properties; in addition, the IOF aggressed on the houses of Yousef 'Abed Allah Al Rejoub, Nimr Al Rejoub Isma'il 'Abed Allah Al Rejoub and Mahmoud 'Ali Msalam Al Rejoub in Kresa area in Dura town, causing extensive damages to the properties. Wafa (Apr 5, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities plan to remove an Israeli checkpoint south of Hebron city. Quds (May 5, 2008).
- A Group of the Israeli settlers aggressed on the Palestinian houses in the eastern neighbourhoods of Hebron city and caused extensive loses to the properties. Wafa (May 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the house of the Palestinian Parliament 'Azam Salhab in Hebron city and destroyed properties. PNN (May 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out residents of Hilat Su'ud and Sha'b Ward areas in Hebron city and Beit Kahil military warnings to

stop construction at 10 Palestinian houses under the pretext of not having building permits. Among owners, the following were known: Khalid Ahmad Hussein Al Qawasmy, Khalid 'Atta Al 'Ewawy, Fahim Jameil Muhammad Byari, Khairy Khader Al Haymouny, Akram Muhammad 'Abed El Muhsin Al 'Atawneh and Sa'ed Al Qa'oud. Wafa (May 7, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Army aggressed on the Palestinian houses in Beit Ummar and Dura towns north and south of Hebron city causing extensive loses to the properties. The following owners were known: Firas Ibrahim Hamed Abu Maria, Sharif Fathi Isma'il Barghith, Naser Ibrahim Abu Maleha, 'Abed El 'Aziz Omar, Kamil Omar, Muhammad Zari' and Walid Abu Shirar. Wafa (May 8, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces carried out house to house search campaign in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city and searched tens of houses causing panic to dwellers. Among owners, the following were known: Muhammad Hassan Al Khabaz, Isma'il Rasmi Rib'i and Muhammad Issa Rashid 'Awwad. Wafa (May 11, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces re-closed Al Fahs Junction south of Hebron city with earth mounds and cement blocks. Wafa (May 12, 2008).
- The IOF broke into the house of Ahmad 'Abed El Qader Al Hroub in Kharas town northwest of Hebron city, searched the house and arrested the owners and his two sons. Wafa (May 12, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into several numbers of houses and Al Namra Mosque in Hebron city and in Nuba town west of Hebron Governorate causing extensive loses. Among owners, the following were known: Ratib Al 'Iwawy and Fuad Ikfafi. Wafa (May 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed two dunums of lands owned by Hilmi Al Jamal in Al Fahs area south of bypass road # 60 to the south of Hebron city to construct a new military base. Wafa (May 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army broke into the house of Daoud Al Natsheh in Al Salam Street in Hebron city and into the store of Raed Abu Sneineh, causing damages. Wafa (May 14, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the two-storey house of Fuad 'Abed El Halim 'Alqam in Beit Ummar town north of Heron city and destroyed windows and doors causing loses. In addition, the IOF broke into the houses of Ibrahim Fahim Ikhilil and 'Ali Samir Ikhilil in Hebron city, causing damages. Wafa (May 17, 2008).
- Group of Israeli settlers from Nof Nesher accompanied by the IOF aggressed on Palestinian shepherds while they were in their lands east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. Settlers claimed that Palestinians shepherds entered forbidden area. Wafa & Quds (May 19, 2008).
- The IOF closed the road connecting Manoh Mountain, the DCO, Al Iskan outskirt and Wadi Al Harya along with the industrial zone south of Hebron city with cement blocks and earth mounds. Quds (May 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army re-opened Al Fahs (Sida) checkpoint south of Hebron city. Quds (May 19, 2008).
- A new outpost has been built in the past few weeks on a hill near Negohot settlement south of Hebron Mountain. Ynetnews (May 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into a five-storey residential building opposite to Hebron University in Hebron city and searched apartments under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. Wafa (May 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation troops invaded Dura town and the villages of Kharsa and Karza south of Hebron city and broke into the houses of Martyr Muhammad Mustafa Shahin, Muhammad Ghanam and Fadi Muhammad Khalil Dudin. Wafa (May 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army opened two earth mounds in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron after being closed for eight years. The removed checkpoints were located on the entrance of the Vegetable Market and on the northern entrance of the town. Wafa (May 20, 2008).
- The Israeli troops invaded this morning Hebron city, Beit Ummar, Beit Nuba, Sa'er and Beit 'Awa towns and carried out huge house to house

search campaign. Among owners, the following was known: Mahoud Al Shurouf. Wafa (May 21, 2008).

- The Israeli Authorities handed out resident Walid Al Haymouni from Beit Kahil northwest of Hebron city military warning to demolish his house. Quds (May 21, 2008).
- Tens of Israeli settlers aggressed on Palestinian cars passing through Al Fahs checkpoint which was opened recently by the IOF. Wafa (May 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces incurred into Hebron city and in Deir Samit and Dura towns and broke into the houses Hamid Al Zaghir, 'Ali Al Rejoub and Salameh Jaber Al Sewaity after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the houses under the threat of weapons. Wafa (May 22, 2008).
- Tens of Israeli settlers aggressed on the Ibrahimy Elementary School in the old city of Hebron and caused damages to properties. Wafa (May 22, 2008).
- Group of Israeli settler's confiscated more than 60 sheep owned by Salameh 'Ali Samasra from dh Dhahiriya town south of Hebron city. Wafa (May 24, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces incurred into the old city of Hebron, Dura, Adh Dhahiryia, Beit Kahil and Yatta towns and searched Palestinian houses, causing extensive loses. Among owners, the following were known: 'Ezo 'Amr Jad Allah, 'Abed El Qader Omar Jad Allah, 'Abed El 'Aziz 'Amir Jad Allah, Mahmoud 'Amir Jad Allah, Isma'il 'Abed El Qader Ghanim, Basam Muhammad Hussein Al Batat, Ghazi Hassan Mansour Qesiya, Akram 'Abed Allah Al 'Atawneh, Issa Talab Sanadeh, Muhammad Talab Sanadneh and Arwa 'Abed El 'Aziz Abu Haykal. Wafa (May 26, 2008).
- The IOF broke into the house of Nayif Al Hashlamon in Nimra area in Hebron city and destroyed properties after detaining all dwellers in one room. Wafa (May 27, 2008).

- The Israeli Military Appeals Committee evicted two Jewish families from the four Hebron market stores in which they've been living since four years and instructed them to evacuate the premises within a period of 60 days. Ynet News (May 27, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed 3.5 dunums of lands owned by Muhammad Al Kawamleh in Beit Ummar town and banned him from utilizing his land. Wafa (May 28, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the houses of Hamdi Al Harsh, 'Atta Allah Kayed Al Halaq, Muhammad Hamdi Al Harsh, Shaker Kayed Al Halaq, Mahmoud Al Harsh, Jihad Al Harsh and Issa Muhammad Al Harsh in Al Rihiya village south of Hebron city and turned them into military posts. Wafa (May 29, 2008).
- The IOF aggressed on the houses of Khaled, Hisham and Fawzi Manasra and the houses of Walid, Habis and Ja'far Al Fhily in Bani N'am town east of Hebron city and turned them into military sites. Wafa (May 29, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation forces incurred into Yatta, Dura and Adh Dhahriya towns in Hebron Governorate and aggressed on the houses of Khalil 'Ali, Ahmad Al Qiq and Fathi Omar, causing extensive loses. Wafa (May 30, 2008).
- The IOF broke into the house of Sufian Bahar in Beit Ummar town, causing loses to properties. Wafa (May 31, 2008).
- Group of the Israeli settlers occupying Al Rajabi building aggressed on the Palestinian houses of Da'na, Jaber and Abu 'Is'fan in Al Nasara and Al Hasin neighborhoods and Al Ras area, causing extensive loses to buildings. In addition, the Israeli settlers tried to erect a new outpost on Al Jumjuma hill and in Wadi Al Dur northeast of Halhul town north of Hebron city. Wafa (May 31, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Ramallah Governorate

- The Israeli Occupation Forces erected a temporary checkpoint between Deir Ibzi' and 'Ein 'Arik villages on the way leading to Ramallah city and detained Palestinian cars for hours. Wafa (May 5, 2008).
- The first state-funded Reform Temple in Israel's history officially opened its doors in the city of Modi'in. It will be the first building of many that will eventually serve as Modi'in's center for Progressive Judaism and will include a synagogue, a community center, nursery school classes and a day care center." As they claim. Israel National News (May 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior agreed on transferring Modi'in 'Illit settlement bloc into a city. Quds (May 7, 2008).
- Modi'in 'Illit Municipality agreed on constructing new Industrial Zone in the nearby settlement of Shilat within the settlement bloc. Ledaat (May 11, 2008).
- A new winery is currently being set up three kilometers away from Migron outpost on private Palestinian lands. Haaretz (May 12, 2008).
- Israeli companies responsible for the construction of the Wall put some bench marks on vast areas of agricultural lands in Ni'lin village in an attempt to construct the Wall. Quds (May 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Umm Al Sharayt neighborhood south of Al Bireh city and broke into Abu Ghalous residential building. Wafa (May 19, 2008).
- Tens of Israeli settlers tried to construct new caravans of the confiscated lands of Bil'in town west of Ramallah city. Wafa (May 26, 2008).
- The IOF staged into Birham village northwest of Ramallah and broke into the house of Saleh 'Atta Saleh, causing loses to properties. Wafa (May 30, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Bethlehem Governorate

- The Israeli Occupation Army broke into the houses of 'Atallah Al Ta'amreh and Hassan Muhammad Al Wardian in Wadi Shahin neighborhood and in Hindaza Mountain in Bethlehem city and carried out wide search campaign. Wafa (May 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out new military warnings to demolish four houses and one public water tank in Al Khadr village west of Bethlehem city. The houses belong to: Muhammad Suleiman Salah (150m²), Ahmad Abu El Hatab Musa (five- storey residential building), and Muhammad Salah Mahmoud Musa (120 m²) and 'Ali Salim Musa (90 m²). DWG (May 9, 2008).
- The Israeli settlers took over a two- storey house in Artas village south of Bethlehem city which belongs to Artas Monastery and surrounded it with barbed wires. Wafa (May 10, 2008).
- The Israeli settlers of Qiryat Arba', Efrat, Tekoa' and Har Homa are planning to come back to Shdema site "Ush Ghurab" in Beit Sahour city in an attempt to construct new Israeli town in the area during US president George W. Bush's visit to Israel. Israel National News (May 14, 2008).
- The IOF invaded Tequ' town south of Bethlehem city and searched Palestinian houses under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. Quds (May 23, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out residents Muhammad 'Atta Allah Sa'd, Ayman Khalil Mahmoud Sa'd and Muhammad Mahmoud Sa'd from Khirbet Zakariya military warnings to demolish their houses for not being licensed. In addition, the IOF handed out other military warnings to demolish structures in Husan village owned by Muhammad Yunis Issa and Khalil Odeh Hassan Al Hamamreh under the same pretext. Wafa (May 28, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces handed out resident Yousef Issa Yousef Musallam military warning to demolish his 100 meters square house in Al Makhrou area in Beit Jala city under the pretext of not having building permits. Wafa (May 28, 2008).

- For the third time on row, more than 100 Israeli settlers invaded 'Ush Ghurab site located east of Beit Sahour city in an attempt to construct new outpost in the area. PNN (May 30, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Jenin Governorate

- The Israeli Occupation Forces incurred into Jenin refugee camp and surrounded the house of 'Amar Abu Galyoun. In addition, the IOF staged into Zabuba village west of Jenin city and surrounded the house of Fathi 'Amrneh after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Quds (May 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Jenin city and camp and broke into several numbers of houses and offices in Al Samudi building in Jenin city, and confiscated properties. Wafa (May 2, 2008).
- The Shomron Regional Council is preparing for the arrival of tens of thousands of settlers expected to flood to the evacuated Homesh settlement on Thursday, celebrating the 60th anniversary of Israel's Independence Day. Israel National News (May 5, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed the agricultural roads in Ya'bud town southwest of Jenin city and barred landowners from accessing their agricultural lands. Wafa (May 7, 2008).
- Hundreds of Israeli settlers marched towards the evacuated settlements of Homesh and Sa-Nur south of Jenin and constructed tens of tents and caravans in an attempt to celebrate Israel's 60th Independence Day. Wafa (May 9, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Jaba' town south of Jenin city under heavy barrage of gunfire. Wafa (May 10, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Jenin city, Jenin refugee camp and Al Yamun town and searched houses. Among owners, the following were known: Bajes Hamdiya and Ahmad Nawahda. Wafa (May 12, 2008).

- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on the eastern entrance of Fahma village southwest of Jenin city and restricted Palestinian access. Wafa (May 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Maythaloun, Series, Sanour and Qabatya villages south of Jenin city under heavy barrage of gunfire, causing panic to villagers. Wafa (May 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army incurred into Al Jadeda town south of Jenin city and searched houses causing damages to the properties. Maan News (May 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces incurred into Burqin and 'Araba towns west of Jenin city and searched houses under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. The following are among the owners: Ibrahim Jaber, Noor El Din Yousef Qabaha, Yousef 'Abed Allah 'Iwedat, Basam & Mustafa Al Sha'er, Misbah Abu 'Aziz and Jamal 'Arda. Wafa (May 22, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Al Far'a refugee camp in Jenin city and opened fire at Palestinian houses and commercial stores and set fire into a restaurant owned by Nabil Abu Dghash, causing extensive loses. Quds (May 23, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Jenin city and refugee camp and took over several numbers of Palestinian houses turning them into military sites. Among families, Al Baz family was known. Wafa (May 24, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces erected temporary checkpoint on Nablus road near Marka village south of Jenin city and detained tens of Palestinian cars for hours. Wafa (May 27, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Al Far'a refugee camp, opened fire at the Palestinian houses and took over the male and female UNRWA schools in the camp and turned them into military sites. Quds (May 27, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Nablus Governorate

- The Israeli settlers of Yizhar aggressed on villagers of 'Asera Al Qiblya damaged few houses, set fire into some vehicles and burned dozens of acres of agricultural fields. Ynetnews (May 3, 2008).
- Israel started the implementation of the colonial project # (1/114) to expand Har Bracha settlement over 229 dunums of lands in Burin village south of Nablus city. Quds (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army incurred into Beta village south of Nablus city and broke into tens of houses under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinian people. Maan News (May 5, 2008).
- Group of Israeli settlers aggressed on a Palestinian farmer while he was working in his land in Burin village south of Nablus city. Wafa (May 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation vehicles staged into Al Yasmina neighborhood in the old city of Nablus and took over several numbers of houses turning them into military posts and blow some extensive devices inside the houses, causing extensive loses. Quds (May 7, 2008).
- The IOF closed Beit Iba checkpoint west of Nablus city and hindered Palestinian access. Wafa (May 8, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces manning Beit Furik checkpoint east of Nablus city barred Palestinians from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan and the nearby villages from accessing the checkpoint under security reasons. Wafa (May 11, 2008).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint nearby Huwwara village south of Nablus city and on Yizhar junction and barred Palestinian access. Wafa (May 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces detained hundreds of Palestinian vehicles at Za'tara checkpoint junction which leads to Nablus and Salfit for long time and restricted their movement. Wafa (May 13, 2008).

- The IOF closed 'Asera Al Shamaliya checkpoint (checkpoint # 17) north of Nablus city and prevented Palestinian access. In addition, the IOF reconstructed Al Bathan checkpoint north of the city and erected other temporary checkpoints on the main entrances of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmout villages east of Nablus. Wafa (May 13, 2008).
- Tens of Israeli settlers from Yizhar settlement aggressed on Palestinian houses in 'Asera Al Qablya south of Nablus city. Among owners, the following were known: Jamal Yousef Saleh and Qasim Muhammad Hasan. Wafa (May 16, 2008).
- The IOF set fire into a Palestinian restaurant owned by Mahmoud Abu Halema in Al Quds Street in Nablus city, destroyed cars and took over several numbers of houses in Balata refugee camp east of the city, causing extensive loses. Maan News (May 24, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces razed more than 8 km lengths of lands planted with Olives, Almonds, Figs and Grape vines in Beit Furik town east of Nablus city in an attempt to erect a new colonial road to connect the southwestern part of Itamar settlement with the new settlement outpost Gad'onim (Hill 815) which in turn will cause the isolation of almost 8000 thousand dunums of the town's lands. It is worth pointing out that he IOF recently constructed new caravans and water tanks in the area. Wafa (May 25, 2008).
- Group of Israeli settlers from Itamar settlement aggressed on resident Shadi Burhan 'Awad from 'Awarta village south of Nablus city and stole his car. Wafa (May 28, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces incurred into Nablus city and 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp, in addition, the Israeli settlers broke into Yousef Tomb in the city and cause panic and fear to residents. Wafa (May 30, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Qalqilyah Governorate

- The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into 'Azzun town east of Qalqilyah city, closed all town entrances and besieged a high school with 490 students inside it for hours. IMEMC (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli settlers closed the main road leading to 'Azzun village east of Qalqiliya city. Quds (May 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Qalqilyah city and broke into the Palestinian houses, commercial stores and schools and caused severe loses and damages to the properties. Among owners, the following were known: Ibrahim Al Harty, Ashraf Diyab and Muhsin Hardan. Maan News & Wafa (May 27, 2008).
- The IOF demolished a fence and a barracks nearby the house of Muhammad Al Saman west of Qalqiliya city. Quds (May 28, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Jerusalem Governorate

- The Israeli Police partially started their duties in the new police headquarter in the E-1 area between Jerusalem and Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Quds (May 1, 2008).
- Mayor of Ma'aleh Adumim settlement, Benny Kashriel, intends to construct a tent on the contested hilltop in what is known as E-1, on Israel's 60th Independence Day. Jpost (May 2, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army aggressed on the house of Ra'fat Samih Najeeb in the old city of Jerusalem and causing loses and damages to properties. Quds (May 2, 2008).
- The Israeli Nof Zion neighborhood which borders Jabal Al Mukabbir neighborhood in east Jerusalem will be populated soon. The new neighborhood will eventually comprise 480 apartments, including 80 swanky flats attached to a luxury boutique hotel, an International Sephardic Federation building, two synagogues, a kindergarten, a community center, a country club and a small shopping mall. Jpost (May 3, 2008).

- The Israeli Property Taxation Authority (Arnona) accompanied by the Israeli Police broke into the Palestinian commercial stores in Al 'Atarin Markets, Khan El Zeit, Al Dabagha neighborhoods, Al Sultan Suleiman, Salah El Din and Al Sahira Streets in Jerusalem city and imposed high taxes on Palestinian store owners in the aforementioned areas. Wafa (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Shu'fat refugee camp north of Jerusalem city and searched tens of houses and buildings causing severe losses and damages. Among owners, the following was known: 'Adwen family. PNN (May 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Property Taxation Authority (Arnona) accompanied by the Israeli Police broke into the Palestinian houses and commercial stores in Al 'Isawiya town in Jerusalem and aggressed on residents. Wafa (May 6, 2008).
- The Israeli Police department transferred their transportation Bureaus into the new Police Station building at the E-1 area. Quds (May 8, 2008).
- The Israeli Committee for Planning and Construction agreed on the plan to build a bridge in Al Magharbah gate near Al Aqsa Mosque. It is worth pointing out that the Israeli Government agreed on transferring NIS 3.5 millions for the Israeli Ministry of Antiques to continue their excavations works in the area. Arabs48 (May 12, 2008).
- The Israeli committee of Housing and Construction in Jerusalem Municipality agreed on constructing 150 new housing units in Gilo settlement south of Jerusalem city. Buildings will be composed of 12-14 floors and will be constructed on 20000 m² of lands. Quds (May 13, 2008).
- Jerusalem municipality has begun the process of approving a plan for a new housing complex, including a synagogue, in the heart of the Arab neighborhood of Silwan south of the Old City. The plan, submitted by the right-wing 'Elad' association, includes 10 apartments, kindergarten classrooms, a library and underground parking for 100 cars. Haaretz (May 14, 2008).

- Jerusalem Municipality handed resident Sami Abu Zahriya military warning to demolish his five- storey residential building in Beit Hanina town under the pretext of being licensed; as a result, 80 dwellers will be displaced. Quds (May 14, 2008).
- Shas chairman Eli Yishai said that the Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction would announce about several new building projects, including continued building (600 housing units) in Betar 'Illit settlement located to the southwest of Jerusalem city. Jpost & Quds (May 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Defense Ministry issued military warning to confiscate 25 dunums of lands in Al 'Isawiya town to construct a security fence in the eastern part of the town. In addition, Jerusalem employees broke into Bashir neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukabbir and started taking pictures for Palestinian houses in the town. Quds (May 18, 2008).
- Prime Minister Ehud Olmert approved the construction of 286 new housing units in Betar Illit settlement southwest of Bethlehem city. Jpost (May 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished four apartments (400 m²) owned by Amin Al 'Abasy near 'Anbar Street in Al Tur neighborhood east of Jerusalem city and another two apartments (170 m²) owned by Majed Al Salaymeh in Al Sahl Street in Al Tur under the pretext of being built without licenses. On the other hand, the Jerusalem Municipality handed out residents of Al Farouq and 'Ein Al Luza neighborhoods in Silwan military warnings to demolish 22 houses under the same pretext. PNN & Quds (May 21, 2008).
- Group of Israeli settlers from "Khade Ya'lez" are planning to construct a new neighbourhood (Qiryat Ya'lez) of 300 housing units in the settlements of Giva't Zeev near Jerusalem. Ledaat (May 26, 2008).
- Jerusalem Municipality sealed off with glue the house of Ibrahim Abu Idhaim in Jabal Al Mukkabir neighborhood in Jerusalem city for adding 300 m² structure to the existing building. Haaretz (May 27, 2008).
- The Israeli Central Court in Jerusalem city issued restraining orders against the demolition of a residential building composed of 10

apartments owned by Sami Abu Zahriya in Beit Hanina town, two houses owned by Al Maslamany and Jamjum families near Neve Yacov settlement and another house owned by Sa'ed Al Halesy in Silwan for being unlicensed. Quds (May 27, 2008).

- The Israeli Minister of Housing and Construction, Ze'ev Boim, announced that new tenders to be issued to construct hundreds of housing units in two East Jerusalem settlements: 121 units in Har Homa and 763 units in Pisgat Ze'ev. In addition, the Minister also announced that a piece of land known as (Giv'at Hatashkhimot) near Ramat Eshkol settlement north of Jerusalem will be handed to the Israeli Army and the Israeli Giv'at Hatashkhimot committee. Haaretz & Israel National News (May 31, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Jericho Governorate

- The Israeli Supreme Court froze the demolition of the 20 structures in 'Arab Al Ka'abneh in Jericho region according to the appeal handed out to the court by owners. Quds (May 25, 2008).
- One structure is threatened of demolition in Al Jiftlik town in the Jordan valley under the pretext of lacking building permits. DWG (May 29, 2008).

Israeli Violations in the Gaza Strip

- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished a lethal workshop and caused damages to the nearby buildings west of Rafah city south of the Strip, causing extensive loses to the properties. Quds (May 1, 2008).
- The IOF invaded 800 meters into Al Farahin neighborhood in 'Abasan Al Kabera town searched Palestinian houses and turning them into military posts after detaining the dwellers in one room. Monitor (May 1, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers incurred into Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis city, razed vast areas of agricultural lands, partially demolished some houses and took over others after forcing all dwellers to stay in one room. Quds (May 2, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Army partially demolished the house of Hatim Abu Daqa and uprooted his fruitful trees in Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis city. Quds (May 3, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces withdraw from east 'Abasan Al Kabera town leaving demolished houses and vast areas of razed agricultural lands planted with Olives and Wheat in addition to razed poultries. Quds (May 3, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed 50 dunums of lands planted with Almonds, Olives and Citrus in Khaza'a village east of Khan Yunis city in addition to 10 dunums of green houses and four poultry farms. Wafa (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Troops broke into the two-storey house of Shawqi Abu Salah and the houses of Fatouh Qdeih, Fayez Qdeih and 'Azmi Qdeih in Khaza'a village east of Khan Yunis and turned them into military posts; in addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural lands planted with Olives, Palms and Cactus which belong to Abu Reida, Qdaih and Al Najjar families. Wafa & Quds (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed more than 50 dunums of agricultural lands owned by Daloul family along with greenhouses and poultry farms in Juhr El Dik area in the center of the Strip; in addition the IOF razed another 45 dunums of lands owned by Ahmad Sukar in Al Zaytoun neighborhood east of Gaza city. Quds (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces incurred 2000 meters into Al Sayfa area northwest of Beit Lahya town and searched Palestinian houses, causing extensive loses to properties. Monitor (May 5, 2008)
- More than 15 Israeli vehicles and two bulldozers incurred into Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis under heavy barrage of gunfire and centered nearby the Palestinian houses, causing panic to dwellers, in addition to razing 3 dunums of lands planted with Olives and belong to Shihada Mahmoud Abu Daqa. Wafa & Monitor (May 5, 2008).

- New Israeli plan to erect security built on the eastern borders of the Gaza Strip separating it from the Occupied Territories inside the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line). Quds (May 5, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army opened fire at the Palestinian houses in 'Ezbat Beit Hanoun north of the Gaza Strip, causing extensive losses to the properties. Wafa (May 5, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into east of Jabalya town north of the Strip, opened fire at Palestinian houses and razed agricultural lands. Wafa (May 6, 2008).
- The last Israeli incursion into 'Abasan Al Jadedda town east of Khan Yunis caused the demolition of 43 Palestinian houses either completely or partially and razed 327 dunums of agricultural lands in addition to causing severe damages to the infrastructure. Monitor (May 7, 2008)
- The IO tanks shelled on the house of Tawfiq Abu It'ameh in 'Abasan Al Jadedda town east of Khan Yunis Governorate and caused extensive losses to the properties; in addition, the Israeli troops took over several numbers of houses in the town, among which, the house of 'Attiya Al Daghma was known and turned it into military sites. At the time, the Israeli occupation bulldozers continued razing tens of dunums of agricultural lands planted with Olives, Citrus, Wheat and Almonds owned by Al Daghma, Abu 'Arafat and Abu Shahin families. Wafa (May 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces demolished five houses belonging to Abu T'ama, Al Daghma and Al Qara families in 'Abasan Al Jadedda town. Wafa (May 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army shelled on the house of Martyr Yasir 'Asfour east of 'Abasan Al Jadedda town, causing losses and damages. Quds (May 8, 2008).
- The IOF opened fire at Palestinian houses in Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis Governorate, causing damages to houses and set fire into tens of dunums of lands planted with Wheat. Quds (May 9, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers incurred into Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis city and razed vast areas of agricultural lands and green houses. Wafa (May 10, 2008).
- The Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture assured that the Israeli Army set fire into 300 dunums of lands cultivated with Wheat in 'Abasan Al Jadedda town. Arabs48 (May 11, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army opened fire at Palestinian houses in Al Shuka town and around Gaza International Airport, causing severe loses. Wafa (May 12, 2008).
- Tens of Israeli vehicles staged into Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis Governorate and opened fire at Palestinian houses. Wafa (May 13, 2008).
- Several numbers of Israeli missiles were shelled on three Palestinian houses in Riyadh Al Salhin neighborhood east of Jabalya refugee camp, causing extensive loses and damages to the nearby houses. Monitor (May 14, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed more than 225 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Citrus, Almonds, Barley and Wheat along with 41 green houses, agricultural rooms and 150 bee hives in Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis owned by Iqdah, Abu T'ameh, Abu Irjeleh, Abu Daqa, 'Amish and Radwan families. Wafa & Quds & Monitor (May 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers incurred 200 meters into lands planted with Wheat and Barley in Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis. Wafa (May 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Al Jaradat & Al Iskan areas and around Gaza International Airport razed vast areas of agricultural lands, green houses and poultry farms which belong to Shalouf, Al Haj, Jabr and Abu 'Ajaj families, causing severe loses. Monitor (May 17, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Al Shuka area east of Rafah city and razed 8 dunums of agricultural lands and destroyed a huge poultry farm in Rafah. Maan News (May 17, 2008).

- The IOF opened fire at Palestinian houses in Al Farahin village east of Khan Yunis, causing damages and loses. Wafa (May 17, 2008).
- The Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture assured that total loses of the destroyed poultry farms in Al Shuka area east of Rafah reached \$ 1.5 millions due to the Israeli incursion to the area. Quds (May 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers staged into the northeast of Rafah, razed agricultural lands planted with Olives, razed green houses and destroyed infrastructure and water wells. Wafa (May 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces opened fire at Palestinian houses east of Al Zaytoun neighborhood southeast of Gaza city and caused damages. Wafa (May 20, 2008).
- The IOF shelled on the house of Jiyab Abu Al Jidyan in Bir Al Na'ja area west of Beit Lahya town and caused damages to properties. Monitor (May 21, 2008)
- The Israeli bulldozers invaded 700 meters into the eastern part of Al Bureij refugee camp and razed vast areas of agricultural lands. Quds (May 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army opened fire at Palestinian houses in 'Abasan Al Jadeda and Al Farahin areas east of Khan Yunis, causing damages. Wafa (May 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces demolished a house owned by Abu Msamih family, destroyed water wells and took over several numbers of houses and Qisariya School turning them into military sites in Johr El Dik area southeast of Gaza city. Among owners, the following were known: Khaled Al 'Ewidat, Mansour Abu 'Etawy, the Municipality of Wadi Gaza and the Cultural Center. Wafa & Quds (May 22, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished a Palestinian house and razed agricultural lands in the eastern parts of Khan Yunis south of the Gaza Strip. Maan News (May 23, 2008).

- The IOF staged into Al 'Imour area east of Khan Yunis and destroyed a cement factory owned by Abu Daqa family and razed vast areas of agricultural lands and farms. Quds (May 24, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers staged into Al Shaja'iya neighborhood east of Gaza Governorate and demolished three Palestinian houses. Quds (May 25, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers incurred into Sufa and Al Fukhary areas east of Rafah and razed vast areas of agricultural lands and properties. Quds (May 29, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces took over several numbers of Palestinian houses in Al Farta area east of Beit Hanun north of the Strip, destroyed properties and turned them into military sites. Among owners, the following were known: Al Kafarneh, Hamad, Al Masry, Wahdan and Al 'Adesy families. In addition, the IO tanks razed lands and water wells which belong to Al Masry, Al Kafarneh, Al Fara and Sharab families. Wafa (May 29, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers incurred into Abu Safiya area east of Jabalya town north of the Strip and razed agricultural lands owned by Al Walayda, Abu Safiya and Abu Sil'a families. Quds (May 31, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Tulkarm Governorate

- The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Far'un village south of Tulkarm city and searched the houses of Radwan 'Attiya, Muhammad Wafiq Omar, Baher Samih Odwan, Hamza 'Abed El Fatah and Ahmad Anwar. Wafa (May 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces erected temporary checkpoint on the main entrance of 'Alar town north of Tulkarm city and detained residents for hours. Wafa (May 12, 2008).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on the entrance of Baqa Al Sharqiya village north of Tulkarm city and restricted Palestinians access in and out of the village. Wafa (May 13, 2008).

- The Israeli Forces manning 'Enav checkpoint east of Tulkarm city detained Palestinians residents and barred them from accessing their destinations. Wafa (May 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Sayda town north of Tulkarm city and searched the houses of Samir Yousef Al Ashqar, Bilal Yousef 'Ajaj and Yasir Sadiq 'Ajaj. Wafa (May 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces closed 'Enav checkpoint east of Tulkarm city and barred Palestinian movement. Wafa (May 21, 2008).
- The IOF staged into Far'oun and Irtah outskirts in Tulkarm city and aggressed on the house of Rami Talal Al Shinar, causing loses. Wafa (May 30, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Salfit Governorate

- The Israeli settlers of Ariel freed wild pigs into the agricultural lands planted with Wheat, Barely and Apples owned by Khalil Omran and 'Abed El Hadi M'ale in the areas surrounding Salfit city, causing extensive loses. Wafa (May 19, 2008).
- The IOF closed the northern entrance of Salfit city with earth mounds and cement blocks under the pretext of being close to Ariel settlement. Wafa (May 30, 2008).

Israeli Violations in Territories inside the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line)

- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished an Auto Exhibition owned by 'Anad Hamdan in Kufr Kana under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (May 1, 2008).
- The Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak agreed on constructing five new water projects in the settlements of Talmon near Ramallah, Ma'aleh Adumim, ElKana, Ariel and Qiryat Arba'. Quds (May 2, 2008).

- The Israeli Land Administration announced about new tenders to construct 400 new housing units on 300 dunums of lands in Kitsarin settlement in the Golan Heights in an attempt to settle the evacuees of Gaza Strip; in addition, construction started to build new touristic village in Alone Habishan settlement in the Golan in order to attract tourists. Quds (May 3, 2008).
- Four hundred new immigrants from all over the world arrived to Israel as part of "Aliyah Day", which was marked by the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry. The immigrants will settle in 50 different cities throughout Israel. Ynet News (May 6, 2008).
- A Jewish right-wing organization called 'Land of Israel Faithful' plans to rebuilt five evacuated outposts in the West Bank (Shevut Ami near Kedumim, Giv'at Ha'or near Beit El, Nizar near Alon Shevut, Maoz Ister near Kokhav Hashahar and Gevory Hevron between Hebron and the Ibrahime Mosque); the organization will also construct eight new outposts in the West Bank: (Rekhes Migron east of Migron outpost, Kida Rekhes-Orot near Shuvut Rachel settlement, Giv'at Hanate'ot south of Hebron Mountain, Rekhes Ma'a lot Halhul south of Karmi Zur, Reches Mevaseret Adummim in the E-1, Reches Kol Zion near Shilo settlement, Rekhes Sela' between the outpost of Havat Gil'ad and Yizhar and Rekhes Ha'etm in Gush Eztion bloc and not far from Efrat) Haaretz & Eretzil (May 8, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation forces restricted Palestinian movement on the main roads connecting the northern parts of the West Bank with its south. The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on Beit Lid junction east of Tulkarm city and another one on Jit- Sura junction leading to Nablus and Qalqiliya cities and detained residents for long hours. Wafa (May 13, 2008).
- Shas chairman Eli Yishai announced that the US Presidents George W. Bush gave Israel the green light to implement several numbers of building projects in Betar 'Illit and Qiryat Sefer (Modi'in 'Illit) settlements. Quds (May 15, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished 11 tents and 6 animal sheds owned by Al Talalqa family in Tawil Abu Grul village in the Negev. Wafa (May 20, 2008).

- The Israeli Defense Minister, Ehud Barak, agreed on specializing NIS 2.5 millions to reinforce settler’s cars in the West Bank. Quds (May 28, 2008).
- 70 Knesset members agreed to grant an extra NIS 1.5 billion to Israeli settlers evacuated from Gush Katif and the northern Gaza Strip in an attempt to increase the total compensation to the evacuees from NIS 6 billion to NIS 7.5 billion, or NIS 3.37 million on average per family instead of NIS 3 million. Haaretz (May 29, 2008).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	10
Jerusalem	25	0	0	6	27
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	229	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	1
Gaza	391	0	1435	10	0
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	5.5	0	0	0	11
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	650.5	0	1435	16	49

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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