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**Jerusalem**

- The Israeli court decided to postpone the re-consideration of land issue in Al Bustan area (4 dunums) in Silwan town. The Court set August 17, 2008 as the date to look into the case. Quds (August 1, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities decided to make amendments to the bridge plan in the Moroccan Gate in Jerusalem Old City. These amendments came after objections filed to the Municipality court from Ir Amim. The new scheme will include the preservation of archaeological discoveries of all historical periods, including the Ottoman period. Quds (August 2, 2008).
- The Israel Lands Administration and the Israeli Housing Ministry issued tenders for building 735 new housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city. Quds (August 2, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation troops raided the Palestinian National Theatre in east Jerusalem during a ceremony, claiming that is being carried out under the auspices of the Palestinian National Authority. Quds (August 4, 2008).
- For the second time respectively, Jerusalem Municipality demolished the house of Amin Ibrahim Abbasi (400 square meters) in At- Tur neighborhood in East Jerusalem. Quds (August 5, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation authorities demolished a hut near Panorama Hotel in Ras Al 'Amoud neighborhood. The Israeli Occupation authorities also demolished an under construction house infrastructure in Wadi Qaddum neighborhood in east Jerusalem. Quds (August 5, 2008).

- The Jerusalem Municipality issued an order to stop the demolition of the seven floors Beit Jonathan building in Silwan city in East Jerusalem despite being built without proper licensing documents. The building was built by the Atteret Kohanim in 2002 without a license and the Israeli court issued an order to evacuate and close it. Quds (August 5, 2008).
- The Legal Adviser office of the Israeli Prime Minister for Jerusalem Affairs issued a precautionary order from Jerusalem court to prevent the demolition of 193 buildings in Sur Baher town east of Jerusalem city. The court order came after the town's residents provided new structural plan of the town to the court. Quds (August 5, 2008).
- The Israeli Internal Security Minister Avi Dchter renewed the closure of a number of Palestinian institutions in east Jerusalem for another six months. The order included: The Institute of Orient House - the Chamber of Commerce - the Supreme Council for Arab Tourism - Palestinian Research Center - Palestinian Prisoners Club – and Social Research Center. Quds (August 6, 2008).
- The Court of local affairs in Jerusalem city cancelled administrative demolition order which was issued by the President of the Local Committee against Hussein Khalil house in Al Esawiyeh on 30/7/2007. Quds (August 7, 2008).
- The Israeli High Court of Justice decided to give the Israelis the right to bring claims for compensation against the Palestinian National Authority. Quds (August 7, 2008).
- The Israeli police arrested 11 rightwing extremist Jewish near Shu'fat refugee camp north of Jerusalem after trying to seize Palestinian houses in Al Esawiyeh valley. In addition, these extremists are part of dozens of rightwing activists who have sworn their intention to establish an outpost of 200 housing units under the project named "Shar Hmezrach". Quds (August 8, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities gave the green light to build 300 housing units in Neve Yacoov settlement in East Jerusalem. Quds (August 8, 2008).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers attempted to raid Shu'fat refugee camp in northern Jerusalem. Maan News (August 12, 2008).
- Al Aqsa Foundation for reconstruction of Islamic holy places revealed about Israeli plans to build a Jewish synagogues and rehabilitate others in

the city of Jerusalem in addition to the establishment of 18 meters wide military bridge on the expense of Al Mughrabi Gate, one of the gates of Al-Aqsa mosque. Wafa (August 12,2008)

- Jerusalem Municipality revealed a project for a light railway lines that will extend up to the old city walls. In addition, the plan will include the evacuation of Palestinian homes in the area and the construction of 600 meters tunnel that will pass through Mount Zion. Work on the project is supposed to take two years time; during which, several shops in the old city will be closed. Quds (August 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished two houses in Al-Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina town, north East of Jerusalem city owned by Mufeed Al 'Ajlouni and Khalid Abu Sbeih. Citizens weren't allowed to salvage any of their properties and were evacuated from the houses. The Israeli Occupation bulldozers also demolished another under construction housing complex (400 meters square area) in Al Esawiyeh town under the pretext of "lack of license". The complex is owned by Muhammad Issa Durbas. Quds (August 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Ministry of Finance decided to impose a monthly tax of 3500 NIS on each contractor employs Palestinian workers inside Israel. This step aims to reduce Palestinian employment inside Israel. Quds (August 17, 2008).
- A group of Palestinians successfully blocked Israeli settlers from occupying the home of Baha' Addin Darwish in the town of Beit Safafa, south of Jerusalem city. This act came as Israeli settlers attempted last week to occupy the house along with the furniture and religious books. Maan News (August 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities decided to conduct census in East Jerusalem which will include Jerusalemites who live within the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem while excluding Jerusalemites who live outside the municipal boundaries. Quds (August 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities installed highly sensitive cameras in Bab Al- Asbat gate (Lion Gate) adjacent to Al-Aqsa Mosque to put further restrictions on the entry of worshippers to the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Wafa (August 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Regulation and construction Regional Committee in Jerusalem city ratified the validity of a scheme to establish hundreds of housing units

in Neve Yacoov settlement north of Jerusalem. According to the scheme, the municipality will build 400 housing units on an 80 dunums of lands. Quds (August 20, 2008).

- Israeli settlers tried to seize 4 dunums of land near Dar Al-Aytam School in Al-Thawri neighborhood in East Jerusalem. Settlers tried to build iron gates around the land. Quds (August 21, 2008).
- Radical settlers damaged 20 graves and tombstones in Ma'man Allah cemetery just outside the Old City of Jerusalem. Damages to the cemetery were concentrated in four different areas. The vandalism was done over the course of several days. Maan News (August 22, 2008).
- In response to court petitions filed by Palestinian landowners, the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Defense Minister Ehud Barak decided to reroute the West Bank Segregation Wall, to ensure that the wall does not encroach on Palestinian land. The new route represented a significant change in plans for the wall to the east. The reroute plan includes a section running east of Ma'aleh Adumim settlement, restoring Palestinian access to about 4000 dunums of land which the original plan would have placed on the Israeli side. Haaretz (August 22, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Wadi Al Joz neighborhood east of Jerusalem city and caused property damage. Quds (August 27, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed 'Anata town east Jerusalem surrounded a house and caused property damage. Quds (August 27, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities issued demolition orders to a part of Sharafat Elementary school in Beit Safafa village, south of occupied east Jerusalem. The decision coincides with the beginning of the new school year, in an attempt to disrupt Palestinian education in east Jerusalem. It is worth mentioning that the school was forced to build a number of classrooms to accommodate the growing numbers of students since Jerusalem Municipality rejected any permits applied to it by the school administration to build new schools. Wafa (August 27, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Beit Hanina Club, confiscated computers and printers, destroyed club doors and carried out intensive inspection. Quds (August 27, 2008).

## **Bethlehem**

- The Israeli settlers have reintegrated the Eastern Gush Etzion settlement bloc--which includes the illegal Israeli settlements of Nekodim, Teqou', Kfar Eldad, and Ma'ale 'Amous with a combined population of more than 3000 Israeli settlers--with new lands allocated for expansionist purposes, particularly after terminating the last stage of constructing the Israeli bypass road # 356 adjacent to the city of Beit Sahour. Quds (August 1, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces carried out extensive excavations activities around Al Container checkpoint located in the northeastern part of Bethlehem city. Excavations have led to serious damages to the lands of Al Sarkhy and Atrash families in As Sawahra Al Sharqiyeh village. The Israeli army did not explain the reason for the excavations activities neither did it warn residents of their intention to raze the land. The bulldozed land is estimated at 6 dunums, located in close parameters of the checkpoint. Quds (August 2, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Beit Ta'mar, Al Furdeis and Za'tara villages east of Bethlehem city. Soldiers ransacked homes and imposed a curfew on the villages after closing the main entrances leading to the aforementioned villages. The IOF also took control of the home of Yousif Abu Amiriyya and used it as military base erecting a tent on the roof to monitor movement of residents. Maannews (August 4, 2008)
- More than 200 Israeli settlers occupied an abandoned Israeli military base east of Beit Sahour city, assaulting an ecumenical peace group that had gathered nearby. The settlers also set out rows of plastic chairs, a public address system, and lights, powered by a generator. Maannews (August 7, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued tenders for building 286 housing units in Betar Illit settlement west of Bethlehem city. Quds (August 8, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities gave the green light to build 130 housing units in Har Homa settlement. Quds (August 8, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Janata village east of Bethlehem city and stopped Palestinian vehicles and inspected citizens' ID cards after forcing them to get off the cars which resulted in hampering their movements. Wafa (August 8, 2008).

- Israeli Occupation Forces raided Al Khadr village west of Bethlehem city through its southern entrance and stormed the houses of Omar Joudeh and 'Eid Salah and tampered house contents. Wafa (August 12,2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided Beit Jala city and stormed the house of Shibli Munir Rizqallah. IOF also raided a metal Lathe owned by Rimon Rizqallah and search the place. Wafa (August 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers raided Al 'Asakreh village southeast of Bethlehem city and raided the house of Hasan Muhammad Hasan 'Ayesh and messed up with the contents. Wafa (August 14, 2008).
- The Land Registry Office at the Israeli Civil Administration - Beit El, announced the confiscation of 92 Dunums of Al Khadr village south of Bethlehem. The Registration Office announced the land as "state property and property of absentees". Adding that the confiscation of land aims to expand Efrat settlement, situated on lands of Al Khadr and Artas villages. Quds (August 15, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities blocked the construction of a road in the West Bank village of Al-Walajah under the pretext that the land is claimed by the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem. Israeli border police and representatives of Interior Ministry raided the village, detained the bulldozer operator and threatened construction workers of arrest if they continued working on the road. Maan News (August 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the village of Obeidiya northeast of Bethlehem city, surrounded the house of Khaled Abu Hnaith, raided and messed with all its contents. The IOF also raided the house of Mudhafar Adnan Jawarish and forced its occupants to leave the house under the threat of weapons. Wafa (August 21, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al Shawawrah village east of Bethlehem city, raided and searched a number of houses and messed its contents. Wafa (August 23, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Army imposed a curfew on Dar Salah village east of Bethlehem city, raided the houses of the village and caused property damage. Quds(August 26, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al Shawawrah and Al-Obeidiya villages east of Bethlehem city, raided and ransacked houses causing property damages. Quds (August 26, 2008).

- Israeli Settlers from 'Betar Illit settlement located south-west of Bethlehem city, destroyed and stole grapes harvest planted on 6 dunums land out of 15 dunums located within the boundaries of Betar Illit settlement. The Land belongs to Ghazi Naji Shawasha from Husan village southwest of Bethlehem city. Losses are estimated at 2000 shekels. It is worth mentioning that Israeli Settlers also uprooted 200 fruitful trees (Olives, Peach and Almond) last year, in addition to the demolition of stone chains, and shattering his car last May. Wafa (August 27, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Bethlehem city and surrounded the house of 'Ala Mohammad Hassan Breijiyah and caused severe damages to the house. Meanwhile, Israeli Occupation soldiers stormed Al-Ihsan medical center in central Bethlehem city and searched the building. A separate group of Israeli soldiers invaded Ad-Duheisha refugee camp south of Bethlehem city and raided the house of Ahmad Tawfiq Tayeh. Maan News (August 29, 2008).

## **Ramallah**

- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the home of Al-Manar TV correspondent Dib Horany in Ramallah city and ransacked it. Maannews (August 1, 2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces closed off the entrance to Ni'lin village, northwest of Ramallah city, by earth mound after clashes between the Israeli Occupation army and demonstrators from the village to protest against the building of the segregation wall in Ni'lin village. Quds (August 1, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation erected temporary military checkpoint at the entrance of Deir Ibzeig village west of Ramallah city and detained hundreds of Palestinian citizens heading to their destinations through this road and checked their ID cards which led to the obstruction of traffic and the detention of dozens of private and public vehicles in both directions. Wafa (August 4, 2008)
- The Israeli High Court ruled that the state had 45 days to come up with a new plan for the separation wall on lands of Bil'in village west of Ramallah city. The court found that the most recent plan is in violation of the Court ruling of September 2007 that first ordered the barrier re-routed,

and ordered a new less "detrimental" route be suggested. Maannews & Quds (August 5, 2008).

- The Binyamin regional council, which includes Israeli settlements in the Ramallah region rejected the suggestion of the West Bank settlement council to move the illegal Israeli settler outpost of Migron inside a neighboring settlement (Adam – Giv'at Binyamin) as suggested by Yesha Council, representative of the Israeli settlers throughout the West Bank. Maannews (August 7, 2008)
- Israel plans to expand one large settlement to make room for settlers it will evacuate from the West Bank outpost of Migron, near Ramallah city. Maan News (August 12, 2008).
- The Israeli government postponed the evacuation of Migron outpost, east of Ramallah, until constructing new settlement that will absorb evacuated settlers. Quds (August 16, 2008).
- The Israeli High Court of Justice has given the state three more months to work out a mutually acceptable arrangement with settlement leaders to remove residents of the illegal outpost Migron. Jerusalem post (August 21, 2008).
- The Bir Nabala checkpoint, which separates Ramallah from its southern suburbs, was removed. The station was abandoned in order to allow Palestinians to move more freely in the Ramallah area of the West Bank. Maan News (August 22, 2008).

## **Hebron**

- Qiryat Arba' settlers destroyed 15 Palestinian cars and attacked a number of Palestinian houses near Qiryat Arba' settlement east of Hebron city. Quds (August 1, 2008).
- For the third day on row, about 20 Israeli settlers form Qiryat Arba' settlement and settlers living in Al Rajabi building east of Hebron city carried out violence against Palestinians living in Al Hsein and An Nasara neighborhoods and throw stones and empty bottles at Palestinian houses and chased Palestinians along the "prayers road" which links the Ibrahimi Mosque with Qiryat Arba' settlement. Wafa (August 2, 2008).



- Israel Channel 10 announced that Israeli settlers used the site of a former military base as an outpost in Hebron old city. It should be noted that the military base lands were confiscated from Palestinians in 1983 for security reasons. Quds (August 3, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Army raided Yatta town south of Hebron city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses: Among house owners, Khalil Musa Rib'i and Ibrahim Muhammad Hussein. Wafa (August 4, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Forces raided a number of Palestinian houses in Surif town west of Hebron city. Among house owners, the following were known: Muhannad Waleed Tumar Ikhaleil and Jibreil Saleh Abu Farah. Wafa (August 5, 2008).
- Israeli settlers living in Al Rajabi building attacked a number of houses in Al Hsein neighborhood in the vicinity of the building. Among house owners, the following were known: Ayman and 'Ahed Muhammad Al Ja'bari, Abdel Wahab Jaber and Muhammad Ayyub Jaber. Wafa (August 5, 2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided the towns of Yatta and Idhna south and west of the city of Hebron, searched the house of citizen Salah Musa Nassar and demolished the outer wall surrounding it. Wafa (August 6, 2008)
- In the city of Hebron and Beit Ummar village, the Israeli Occupation Forces stormed into the house of Hani Abu Sba' in Umm Al Dalila area south Hebron city, and the house of Mohammed Hussein Abu Sarah, where the IOF detained family members and carried out thorough house inspection. Israeli Occupation Forces also raided the house of Thaer Nayef Barath'iyah in Surif town and searched it thoroughly. Wafa (August 7, 2008)
- Israeli extremists in the city of Hebron vandalize Al Ras mosque near 'Qiryat Arba' settlement east Hebron city through dumping of solid waste at the entrance of the mosque. It is worth mentioning that two years ago, settlers established a colonial outpost near the mosque and Palestinians have been suffering from settlers attacks since then. Wafa (August 7, 2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces partially re-opened Sedat Farsh Al Hawa road, from 5 am to 7 am and from 9 am to 1 pm daily. Quds (August 8, 2008).
- A group of 50 armed Israeli settlers attempted to storm the Ibrahim Mosque in Old city of Hebron which marks the fourth recorded settlers

attack in four days. The group of settlers attempted to enter what is now the Muslim section of the mosque, an area that represents about 81% of the structure and is under the control of the Al Awqaf Ministry (the traditional trust) in Palestine. Maannews ( August 9, 2008)

- Settlers of Qiryat Arba' settlement along with settlers living in Al Rajabi building outpost east of Hebron city carried out acts of violence against Palestinian citizens and their homes in Al Hsein and Wadi An Nasara neighborhoods. Settlers also reset up tents on a piece of land owned by Mahmoud Albouti Jaber, with the aim of transferring it to a permanent settlement. Wafa (August 10,2008)
- Settlers from Qiryat Arba' settlement located to the east of Hebron city, attempted to burn Al Ras mosque located adjacent to an outpost in the Rajabi Building. The Settlers also attacked two groups of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), foreign peace activists, UNRWA employees and a number of Palestinian citizens. Quds (August 13, 2008).
- Twenty Israeli military vehicles, including bulldozers, invaded Taffuh village west of the city of Hebron, conducted house to house searches and causing property damage. Maan news, (August 13, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided Yatta town and stormed a number of Palestinian houses in the town, in Beit 'Omrah area. Among owners, the following were known: Muhammad 'Ali Muhammad Abu Qbeita, Rasem Muhammad Abu Qbeita and Fawzi 'Aqel Murr. Wafa (August 13,2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces took over a number of Palestinian houses in Taphuh village (Korom Al Gharabah area) west of Hebron city and turned them into military posts. Among the owners, the following were known: Yousif Hamad Izreiqat, Abdel Kareem and Abdel Salam Izreiqat. Israeli forces also used Bulldozers to raze some lands in the vicinity of the aforementioned houses. Wafa (August 13,2008)
- A group of Qiryat Arba' settlers attacked Palestinian houses with stones and empty glass bottles in Wadi Al Hsein neighborhood located along the fence of the settlement. Wafa.(August 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a new military order number (T/5/94) which states the seizing of 1500 square meters (1.5) of Tal Al-Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city. The Military Order aims to establish a road for military purposes in the area. Land Owners are: inherits of Salem Zgheir Abu Shkheidem Dumeiri, Muhammad Hamed

Abu 'Eicha, Rateb Saleem Abu Haykal, and the Islamic Waqf. Quds (August 15, 2008).

- Israeli Settlers living in Al Ras neighborhood in Hebron city attacked Palestinians in the neighborhood and a mosque. It is noteworthy that the Israeli occupying forces have done nothing to deter the settlers but even intensified inspection at checkpoints situated around the neighborhood and impeded the movement of Palestinian citizens. Quds (August 15, 2008).
- Israeli Settlers from Susiya settlement (located on lands of Al-Samu' village land south of Hebron city) attacked farmers and shepherds and prevented them from accessing their lands located in close proximity of the settlement. Land Owners are: Ali Abu Odeh Suleiman Abu Saher and Ahmed Abu Odeh. Quds (August 18, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army shut down three local radio stations in the West Bank city of Hebron and confiscated all equipment of the three stations. Maan News (August 20, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities issued military order No. (0 /08/m u r) which confiscates piece of land located to the northwest of Hebron city in order to erect a road for an Israeli settlement and to establish military base. Quds (August 22, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation army closed pneumatic transmitters belonging to the British Broadcasting Corporation BBC in the city of Hebron under the pretext that the station disrupts communications at Ben Gurion international airport in Lod. Closure order was issued by Israeli Communications Minister. Quds (August 23, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the house of Hazim Qafishah in Hebron city and damaged some of the home's interior during the search. Maan News (August 26, 2008).
- Qiryat Arba' settlers along with settlers living in Rajabi Building' outpost' in Hebron city renewed their attacks at Palestinian houses in Al- Rajabi neighborhood. Settlers throw stones and glass bottles against Palestinian homes and carried out immoral actions in the streets. Settlers also assaulted on members of Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) as they were called to document settlers' assaults. Wafa (August 27, 2008).

## **Nablus**

- Israeli Occupation Soldiers raided Burqa village north of Nablus city and stormed the houses of Bassam 'Abdullah Suleiman Hijja, Ahmad Suleiman Khalil Saif. Wafa (August 3, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Army raided number of neighborhoods in Nablus city, including the Old City, Ras Al 'Ein, Al Jabal Ash Shamali and Krum 'Ashour. In the meantime, the Israeli Occupation Forces surrounded, ransacked several houses and caused property damage. Quds (August 5, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the area around 'Yousef Tomb' located in the eastern side of Nablus city north of the West Bank. Wafa (August 8, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers manning Beit Iba checkpoint west of Nablus city prevented all vehicles and buses from entering or leaving the city of Nablus north of the West Bank. This procedure has led to long queues of vehicles in both directions. Wafa (August 10, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers closed Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city and hindered Palestinian access through the checkpoint. Wafa (August 13, 2008).
- Dozens of Israeli Occupation soldiers stormed Beta village, and erected several checkpoints at the entrance of the village and its western access point. The Israeli soldiers afterwards declared the area as "closed military area". Maan News (August 14, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Qusin village west of Nablus city and imposed closure on the village. The IOF raided and searched citizens' homes. Wafa,(August 16, 2008)
- A number of Israeli officers surveyed lands belonging to Qusrin, Aqruba and Beita villages southeast of Nablus city. The Israeli Occupation Army plan to construct a bypass road that will link Za'tara road with Itamar settlement. The road is expected to extend a length of 4 kilometers and will cause the confiscation of 100 dunums of lands planted with olive trees. Wafa (August 27, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Kafr Kalil village south of Nablus city and carried out house to house inspection, causing damages to the interior. Wafa (August 27, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces closed off Al Bathan checkpoint and checkpoint number 17 for unknown reasons. Wafa (August 27, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Army forced their way into the playground of a Palestinian secondary school in the village of Tel southwest of Nablus city. Dozens of Israeli soldiers stormed the area where a soccer game was about to be held. Maan News (August 29, 2008).

## **Jenin**

- Israeli Occupation Forces erected temporary checkpoint on the roadway linking Qabatyia town with Sanur village south of Jenin city and stopped Palestinian vehicles for inspection. Wafa (August 2, 2008).
- 40 Israeli Knesset members support the rebuilding of Homesh settlement which was evacuated in September 15, 2005. On the other hand, settlers sited the area permanently. Quds (August 4, 2008).
- Israeli Military Forces erected temporary checkpoint at the entrance of Zabuba village west of Jenin city and started checking Palestinians ID cards. IOF also searched the agricultural lands adjacent to the Israeli Segregation Wall which penetrates the lands of the village. The IOF also set up two temporary checkpoints at the southern and western entrances of Kafr Rai' village. Wafa (August 6, 2008)
- Israeli Military bulldozers uprooted hundreds of Olive trees along Salem military base fence, west of Jenin city. Wafa (August 13, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities issued military order to confiscate 6 dunums of land in Rummana village to the north of Jenin city. The confiscation aims expanding Salem military training camp. Wafa (August 13, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers started razing and destroying Olive trees planted in the vicinity of Salem Military Camp west of Jenin city north of the West Bank which belong to Brothers 'Aziz and Mahmoud Taher Bushnaq. Not forgetting to mention that the two brothers received a

military order a couple of days ago this states the confiscation of 6 dunums of their lands for military reasons. Wafa (August 13, 2008)

- Israeli Occupation Authorities set up a flying checkpoint between Qabatyia and Sanur communities and obstructed Palestinian vehicular and pedestrian movements. Wafa (August 14, 2008)
- The Israeli Occupation Army troops invaded Jenin city north of the West Bank and erected several military checkpoints. IMECE (August 16, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the village of Silat Adh-Dhahr southwest Jenin, along with villages of Ti'nnik and Zabuba northwest of the city where the patrols searched agricultural lands. Maan News (August 17, 2008).
- Seven Israeli military vehicles stormed Qabatyia village south of Jenin city and ransacked houses in western neighborhood of the village. Maan News (August 20, 2008).
- Palestinian workers rallied in protest of the Israeli policy of "strip search" of men and women traveling through Al-Jalama checkpoint heading to their work places. Maan News (August 25, 2008).
- Groups of Israeli settlers celebrated Sheva Brachot prayers in Homesh settlement southwest of Jenin city which was evacuated 3 years ago. INN (August 25, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al-'Arqa village northwest of Jenin city, stormed several houses and ransacked into the village. The IOF also stormed Al Masella and Raba villages near Jenin city, raided and searched houses. Quds (August 25, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Jenin refugee camp near Jenin city, raided and ransacked the houses, causing property damages. Quds (August 27, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation troops forced Palestinian men to undress in public at a checkpoint near Qabatiya village south of Jenin city. IMEMC (August 29, 2008).

## **Salfit**

- Four Israeli settlers from Taphuh settlement east of Yasuf village attacked with stones the Palestinian farmer Khalil Ibrahim Yassin while he was grazing his sheep in the vicinity of the village and stole 23 of his sheep. Wafa (August 4, 2008)
- The Israeli Minister of Pensioner Affairs, Rafi Itan, recommended keeping the vicinity of Ariel settlement, Shilo and the Jordan Valley under the Israeli sovereignty. INN (August 14, 2008).

## **Tubas**

- Israeli Occupation Forces chased Palestinian shepherds in the mountainous areas east of Tubas city and seized the cattle herd of some fifty head of sheep and took the herd to an Israeli army camp in the area. It is worth mentioning that IOF are working daily to prevent shepherds from entering the pastures, which threatens the livestock sector in the region. Wafa (August 4, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al-Far'a refugee camp southwest of Tubas city in the West Bank, raided and ransacked houses, causing property damages. Quds (August 6, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces closed the entrances of Tubas city and prevented vehicles from entering or leaving. IOF also set up several military checkpoints on the roads that link the city of Tubas with Tamun, 'Aqqaba and Al-Far'a refugee camp. Wafa (August 6, 2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces raided Tubas city for the third time on row during 12 hours closed its entrances and set up a number of flying checkpoints. Wafa (August 7, 2008)
- Tens of Israeli Military Jeeps raided the area located along Bypass road number 90 in the Jordan Valley area and began the demolition of barracks used for marketing vegetables and fruits. The Israeli army operations in the region also affected some trees planted in the area in addition to some rooms made of wood. Wafa (August 12,20008)

## **Jericho**

- The Israeli Occupation authorities notified to demolish homes and mobile houses owned by farmers from Wadi Al-Maleh area in the northern

Jordan Valley. The demolition notices included dozens of farmers and livestock breeders, Wafa (August 25, 2008).

## **Tulkarem**

- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Nour Ash Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem city, raided and ransacked houses, causing property damages. Quds (August 6, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Forces intensified their arbitrary actions against the city of Tulkarem and its people and hindered the movement of Palestinian citizens at the checkpoints erected at the entrances of the city, especially Enav settlement checkpoint located at the eastern entrance of the Governorate. IOF soldiers stationed at the checkpoint deliberately delayed the access of vehicles and citizens through the checkpoint and forced citizens to get off their cars and have their ID checked which resulted in traffic jams on both directions of the checkpoint. IOF also carried out same procedures at Al Kafriyat checkpoint south of Tulkarem city which has led to long queues of cars at the checkpoint, especially those heading out of it to their destinations. Wafa (August 6, 2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Nasif Taxi office in the southern part of Tulkarem city broke two cars and detained three others. Wafa (August 7, 2008)
- Around 12 Israeli military jeeps invaded Tulkarem city, rolled through the market, destroying vendors' stalls and firing sonic bombs. Maannews (August 9, 2008)
- Israeli Occupation Soldiers raided Kafr Al Labad village and Dahiyat Artah east of Tulkarem city and stormed the houses of Abu 'Ala Al Hijwai, Muhammad Abu Hantash and Al Taweel family. Wafa (August 13, 2008)
- Israeli Occupation Forces closed two checkpoints leading to Tulkarem city and controlled citizens' entry and exit to the city. Wafa (August 14, 2008).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces set up a flying checkpoint at Far'oun village junction from its western side and another checkpoint at the entrance of Dahiyat Al Shweiki village and controlled the movement of Palestinian entering and exiting the two villages. Wafa (August 14, 2008)



- The Israeli Occupation Forces set up a flying checkpoint at Ramin's village entrance east of Tulkarem city. Wafa (August 14, 2008)
- A number of Israeli military jeeps and patrols stormed the town of 'Anabta east of Tulkarm city. The Military jeeps carried out a clean-up operation, and searched several houses in the village, broke into six shops for agricultural fertilizers and medicines in the city. Wafa (August 19, 2008).

## **Gaza**

- Israeli Occupation Forces backed by Israeli bulldozers stormed As-Sarj area north-east of Khan Yunis city in the Gaza strip, intensively and indiscriminately firing at Palestinian houses causing material damages. Quds (August 5, 2008).
- New report for Al Dameer association reveals that Israeli Occupation authorities expanded the buffer zone in the Gaza Strip to include the agricultural land located near the border of the Gaza Strip. Quds (August 5, 2008).
- Israel closed Sofa crossing border with the Gaza Strip. Quds (August 8, 2008).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak decided to close Nahal Oz crossing point used for fuel transportation and Sufa crossing point used for transporting foodstuffs. Quds (August 12, 2008).
- A number of Israeli military vehicles stormed Khuza'a town east of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza strip razed agricultural lands amid intensive gunfire. Quds (August 15, 2008).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities refused to allow a Scottish aid truck carrying about 1.5 tons of medicines and medical assistance enters the Gaza Strip. Wafa (August 16, 2008).
- A statement by the deputy head of the federation of gas stations' owners in the Gaza Strip declared that due to Israeli restrictions imposed on shipments of cooking gas to the Gaza Strip, less than 30% of the Strip's basic needs are being fulfilled. Only 75 to 100 tons of cooking gas is allowed into Gaza by the Israeli military each day while the daily need is 350 tons. Maan News (August 18, 2008).

- The Israeli Occupation authorities decided to exchange 3 million shekels from Gaza strip with similar amount, after making sure they are not forged. The aim of this step is to keep the Gaza Strip under Israeli economic control and prevent the Palestinians from Gaza Strip to search for alternative currency differs than the Israeli Shekel. Haaretz (August 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak ordered that the border crossings into the Gaza Strip remain closed until the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2008. Jpost (August 20, 2008).

### **Others**

- The Israeli court issued an order preventing the implementation of demolition orders issued by 'Arad Municipality to demolish 13 houses owned by Al Darajah family. Quds (August 1, 2008).
- New report for the PCBS revealed that the number of settlers in West Bank settlements doubled 39 times in 35 years. Quds (August 4, 2008).
- Israeli groups seeking to transform the Sa'ada cemetery, Darwish cemetery and the Christian cemetery in Barad village near Aco to cows farms. Quds (August 5, 2008).
- Israel completes the last major airlift of Sixty-five Ethiopian Jews to Israel. The 65 Ethiopians are the last eligible for Israeli citizenship under a quota imposed in 2003. Maannews (August 6, 2008)
- Israeli Supreme Court decided to reduce the temporary precautionary order which was issued few months ago and prevents the Israeli Antiquities Authority from excavation work at the historic Islamic cemetery near Ramleh city. According to the new order; the Supreme Court will allow the Israeli Antiquities Authority to carry out excavations work with any appropriate tools it deems to identify the historic Islamic cemetery area. Quds (August 7, 2008).
- The Israeli Magistrate's Court in Al Ramleh issued an order to tear down a building located in the city of Lud, on the pretext of unlicensed construction. The building is owned by Abdel Mu'ti Abu Qteifan who was also put into jail and was charged with a penalty of NIS 750 Thousand. Wafa (August 8, 2008)

- 215 Israelis and new Jewish immigrants from Georgia will land in Israel at Ben Gurion International Airport. Maannews (August 14, 2008)
- The Israeli daily newspaper 'Haaretz' published a map that shows Israel's intention to keep about 220 thousand Israeli settlers in the West Bank in 84 Israeli settlements within the West Bank 1967 borders. Quds (August 14, 2008).
- A New report by the Palestinian Centre Bureau of Statistics revealed the theft and increase in the Israeli control over the Palestinian water from groundwater basins. The Report also confirmed that the Israeli Occupation Authorities deny Palestinians the right for water through the construction of the segregation wall and the isolation of water resources. It is worth pointing out that Israeli Occupation authorities deliberately deny granting new licenses to build artesian water wells. Quds (August 19, 2008).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert had given final approval to bring the 7,232 members of the Bnei Menashe tribe of northern India to Israel. Jerusalem post (August 21, 2008).
- Some 300 police officers raided the Al-Aksa Institute in Umm El-Fahm, seized computers and documents, and froze several bank accounts belonging to the institute. The operation was launched after Defense Minister Ehud Barak issued an order declaring the Al-Aksa Institute 'an illegal organization'. Jerusalem Post (August 24, 2008).
- The Israeli government ordered the demolition of a newly built mosque and community center in the unrecognized Bedouin village of Wadi Al-Na'am in the Negev desert of southern Israel. Maan News (August 25, 2008).
- The Israeli court of Tel Aviv issued a decision, nullifying the deal of selling the graveyard of the Persian Islamic cemetery (2.5 Dunums). The deal was signed by Ahalakha Company and the Arabic Committee of Trustees 17-year ago. Quds (August 22, 2008).
- A Number of Israeli army officers including Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi Admitted that the segregation wall was built for political purposes and not for security goals. The Israeli Chief of Staff announced that drawing the segregation wall rout must be made by the Israeli Authoritative Political Echelon and not by the Israeli army. Quds (August 23, 2008).

- A new report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations (OHCHR) stated that the Israeli army carried out during the last week 97 searches and raids operation. The report also emphasized that the incursions included the destruction of property for more than 30 houses and assault against sheep herders in Ramallah villages. Al Quds (August 23, 2008).
- More than 2,600 housing units are under construction in West Bank settlements, including units in more than 1,000 new buildings, Peace Now contends in its semi-annual report. Haaretz (August 26, 2008).
- The 2009 Israeli budget showed that Israel spends 8.2 of its GDP on military budget. This percentage is considered the highest in the world. Quds (August 26, 2008).
- A number of settlers from Rechasem attacked Al Hajji Taher mosque in Al Baten village in Haifa district. This is the second attack on the village by Jewish extremists. Quds (August 26, 2008).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	98	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	80	4	0	3	0
Jenin	6	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	100	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqiliya	1.5	0	0	0	0
Hebron	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>179.5</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

*The Monthly overview report gives a list of the Israeli Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory which are based on reports provided by field workers and/or by one or more of the following news sources: Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, 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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