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Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Ad Duha city and stormed the house of Muhammad Mustapha Mu'ali and and messed up contents. The IOF also staged into 'Ayda refugee camp and stormed a number of Palestinian houses. Wafa (June 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Central Court issued an order to demolish the house of 'Adel Abu Sroor in 'Ein Al Juweiza neighborhood in Al Walajeh village northwest of Bethlehem city alleged for lacking valid building permit. The court also fined Citizen Abu Sroor with 7200 NIS Al Quds (June 20, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over three citizens of Kisan village east of Bethlehem city house demolition orders under the pretext that their houses were built without licenses. Houses are owned by 'Ali, Hussein and Mussallam 'Ibayyat. Each house occupie a total land area of 150 square meters. Al Quds (June 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed 35 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Olive, Almonds and grapes in Shweha area in Nahhalin village next to Etzion settlement. Lands are owned by inherits of

Muhammad Ibrahim GHayatha, Hamza Muhammad Fanoun, Mahmoud 'Ali Safi and other Palestinian farmers. Wafa (June 25, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities starting installing a high voltage Electricity Grid on lands of Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem city. The electricity grid will only leave the Palestinians with few thousand dunums of the original 17,250 dunums that form Nahhalin, deny Palestinians further expansion to their current Palestinian built-up area and any constructions remotely close to where the electricity lines will be located will be hazardous and life threatening. ARIJ (June 28, 2009).

Jerusalem

- The regional planning and building committee for Jerusalem at the Israeli Ministry of Interior is expected to approve a plan to build a new hotel in East Jerusalem, just 100 meters from the Old City's walls. The plan, if implemented, will see the demolition of a wholesale market and kindergarten. The plan was submitted by the Jerusalem municipality, which claims to own the land on which the hotel is slated to be built, and the state-owned Jerusalem Economic Corporation, which will actually construct the project. The site in question is in the wholesale market, just east of the Rockefeller Museum. The plan calls for a 200-room hotel that will be nine stories tall on its eastern face (where the ground is lower). It will also include a commercial building, which will be five stories tall on its eastern face, plus another three stories underground. Maannews (June 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities stormed the house of Ziad Abu Sneh in Silwan city and took photos of the house. Al Quds (June 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to stop the construction of 66 housing units in Jabal Al Mukabbir area after Amona, a Jewish organization that encourage settlement activities in Jerusalem, claimed that it bought 3 dunums of land. Al Quds (June 2, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities approved plans to demolish an East Jerusalem kindergarten and wholesale market in order to make way for a hotel and commercial center. The plan for the hotel, in the Wadi Joz neighborhood near the Old City, was given a green light by the Jerusalem planning and building committee, which submitted the proposal for public comment. The site, near the Rockefeller Museum, is owned by the

Israeli-controlled Jerusalem Municipality. The area is east of the Green Line and is recognized internationally as occupied territory. Legally the hotel would be a settlement. The plan calls for a nine-story, 200-room hotel with architecture matching the contours of the hillside. This is part of an overall Israeli plan for the area around the Old City, involving hotels, parks, and tourist attractions. Maannews (June 3, 2009).

- Israeli settlers established a new illegal West Bank outpost dedicating it partly to US President Barack Obama. The settlers, calling themselves the "Land of Israel Loyalists," named the outpost Oz Yehonatan, near Binyamin, but were calling part of it the "Obama Hut". The outpost was named "in recognition of the president's actions, which have led to a dramatic increase in the number of outposts being built throughout the West Bank." Maannews (June 5, 2009).
- The Israeli regional committee for planning and Construction for Jerusalem city approved the Jerusalem 2000 plan. The plan will be put for public review for 90 days. Al Quds (June 5, 2009).
- More than 90 Palestinian families from Jerusalem appealed on Friday for financial support as they have to pay high fees imposed by the Israeli municipal council of Jerusalem for building a road in 1998 in the neighborhood they live in. According to the families, the municipal council asked each family to pay 20,000 to 200,000 Israeli shekels, despite that their economic conditions are dire. An Israeli court ruled that the families must pay the fees; otherwise they can be legally pursued by the city. Maannews (June 6, 2009).
- Israel's Jerusalem municipality issued 13 demolition orders for Palestinian apartments in Beit Hanina, under the pretext that they lack permits. The demolition orders will affect the 13 apartments at the Al-Halhouly building in Beit Hanina and Garden of Eden neighborhood. The houses are home to about 100 Palestinians. Maannews (June 7, 2009).
- Israeli occupation authorities ordered Muhammad Gosheh, a Palestinian from the Old city of Jerusalem to demolish his own home. The Police and a demolition crew from the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem arrived at his house in the morning, threatening him with a 100,000 Israeli shekel (25,125 US dollar) fine if he doesn't destroy the house. Maannews (June 8, 2009).
- The Israeli Supreme court declares the rights of 50 Bedouin families from Al Malihat tribe in Mikhmas town of their lands estimated at hundreds of

dunums of lands located close to Ma'ale Mikhmas settlement established on lands of the town east of Jerusalem city. Wafa (June 8, 2009).

- A group of Israeli settlers razed lands and destroyed crops in An Nabi Samuel village northwest of Jerusalem city. The land is owned by Ramzi Barakat and his brother and is 8 dunums area and is surrounded by Israeli settlements from all directions, Giv'at Ze'ev from the south, Giv'on Hadasha from the west, Har Samuel from the north and Giv'on from from the east. Al Quds (June 8, 2009).
- Citizen Muhammad Gosheh demolished his house in Aqbet At Tut area in Khan Az Zeit market in the Old City of Jerusalem after the Israeli Occupation Forces surrounded the house and ordered Mr. Muhammad to demolish it under the pretext of lacking valid building permits or he will be forced to pay a 100,000 Israeli shekel (25,125 US dollar) fine if he doesn't demolish it. The house is 80 square meters area and houses 5 people. Wafa (June 9, 2009).
- An Israeli court issued an order to not demolish another house owned by Na'im Ramadan in Al Sal'a neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukkabir. The house is 195 square meters area. Wafa (June 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished an addition to an existing house of Khalil Al Hartuni in the Old City of Jerusalem. The addition is 25 meters square area and is a home to 10 people. Wafa (June 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued a demolition order to a building of two floors in Al Magharba neighborhood south of Al Aqsa Mosque under the pretext of lacking building permits. The building is owned by Abdel Karim Talab Abu Hadwan and is home to 40 people. It is worth mentioning that the first floor was built before 1967. Wafa (June 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over inherits of Mahmoud Abu Al Hawa in Ash Sheikh Jarrah an order to demolish a building of 4 floors (eight units) and is inhabited by 60 people alleging for lacking valid building permits. Al Quds (June 9, 2009).
- The Israeli Interior Ministry's district committee for planning and building in the Jerusalem area last week approved a plan for the construction of a new hotel in east Jerusalem. The hotel is slated to have seven floors and 200 rooms, and will be built on the western slopes of the Kidron Valley, on

the northeastern side of the Old City wall. The plan was initiated by the Jerusalem Development Authority for the Jerusalem Municipality. The area where the hotel is planned to be built currently includes several stores, which – according to the plan – will be moved to a building constructed on the other side of the street. This building is meant to also include two kindergartens and a welfare center. A public path connecting between the street level and the valley is planned next to the square." Ynetnews (June 9, 2009).

- An Israeli organization is working on what it calls "helping Jerusalemites to immigrate". The organization distributed flyers signed by its name asking Palestinian Jerusalemites to leave the city by helping them with immigration procedures. The flyers included a phone numbers where interested people can make a direct call. Maannews (June 10, 2009).
- Palestinians foiled an attempt of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem along with "Developing East Jerusalem" company to take over a piece of land estimated at 7 dunums of land in Jabal Al Zaytoun area (Mount of Olives) east of the old city and owned by Al Qadamani , Nazzal and Abu Al Hawa families. The targeted land is located next to Beit Orot outpost. [Maannews \(June 11, 2009\)](#).
- Massive Israeli forces and border police descended on Jerusalem's Al-Bustan neighborhood to serve 20 demolition notices to Palestinian homeowners. The demolition orders were served to the owners of the 88 homes earlier threatened with destruction under Israeli law 212, which allows homes to be demolished or evacuated without any formal legal charges being brought forth or any party convicted of an alleged violation of the Israeli Planning and Building Law. This law was also used in 1967 to erase the Palestinian Al-Mugharbi neighborhood inside the Old City to form the plaza in front of the Western Wall, believed to be the site of the third temple in Judaism. The neighborhood was razed and is now an open compound for Jews to pray near the wall. Maannews (June 10, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities forced two Palestinian families living in the old city of Jerusalem to demolish parts of their own homes. Each family was threatened with tens of thousands in fines if they failed to take down the structures. Osama Hashima was obliged to demolish a 30-meter-square room he had added to his home in the Al-Khalidiyya neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem. The room was an addition to the home to support his growing family. A few weeks earlier Hashima

received a warrant from the Israeli municipal council of Jerusalem threatening to fine him 70,000 shekels (17,700 USD) if he failed to take down the addition. Across the Old City in the Bab Hutta neighborhood, another Jerusalemite was also forced to demolish a newly-added part of his home. Jamal Sa'id had recently added a 25 square meter room to the top of his home. He had been threatened with a 25,000 shekel (6,300 USD) fine if he failed to remove the addition. Maannews (June 12, 2009).

- The Israeli reconciliation court handed over Citizen Rifqa Al Kurd an evacuation order in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem under the pretext that the land is owned by the Israeli company Nahalt Shim'on and gave her a period of 30 days to object the order. Al Quds (June 12, 2009).
- The Israeli bulldozers started working on the infrastructure to annex Kedar settlement established on lands of As Sawahrah and Abu Dis to Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Work is being carried out to establish a water line from the main Water Tank of Mikorot Company to Kedar B settlement of 1.4 km long and 8 inches radius, which will feed the settlement with water. Al Quds (June 15, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued an order to demolish a 45 square meters house owned by Abdel Rahman Daoud Khalil Abu 'Arafa from Al Sa'diya neighborhood in the Old city of Jerusalem. The house is inhabited by 7 family members. Citizen Iyad Al 'Aj'louni from Al Magharba neighborhood was given another military order to demolish his house. The house is composed of stores and 2 floors (4 apartments). The demolition order targeted one floor, of two apartments (140 square meters area) and inhabited by 35 people. Wafa (June 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over citizens of Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina town north of Jerusalem, Al Salam outskirt next to Shu'fat camp, Jabal Al Mukkabir and Al 'Isawiya towns 20 house demolition orders alleged for lacking proper building licenses.. Wafa (June 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Su'oud Abu Ghalia in An Nawafla neighborhood in Abu Dis city and carried out a thorough inspection in the house. The IOF also broke into a coffee shop owned by Salih Hdeidon and broke the glass of the door entrance and a number of pipes, chairs and plates. Al Quds (June 17, 2009).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over seven house demolition orders to citizens of Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem city. The threatened families are: 'Odeh, Abu Thiab, Ar Ruweidi, Abu Sneneh, 'Abbasi and Al Taweel. This increases the number of orders delivered to the neighborhood to 30. Wafa (June 18, 2009).
- Citizen Muhammad Najeeb Al Ju'ba was forced to demolish a 25 m² addition to his house on Virgin Street near the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Old City of Jerusalem. Al-Ju'ba was faced with self-demolition or paying a 13,000 shekel fine for illegally constructing an extra room on his home. Paying the fine would not ensure a permit for the structure, and may simply postpone its destruction. The house was built more than 50 years ago and is now home to eight. Twelve years ago, Al-Ju'ba built an additional room to accommodate his growing family. Maannews (June 20, 2009).
- The Israeli Civil Administration will publish during the two coming years bids and plans for 5800 new housing units to be built in Jerusalem city on 21 dunums of lands. Of the total, 1768 housing units were ratified in Har Homa settlement where 1190 housing units to be built on 300 hundred dunums of lands between Bethlehem and Sur Baher cities east of the city; another 903 housing units to be built in Ramot settlement and a luxurious neighborhood of 268 housing units to be built on some 55 Palestinian houses in Lifta village which were populated back in 1967 war. Pisgat Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem will also receive a total of 707 housing units. Al Quds (June 20, 2009).
- Israeli Magistrate's Court will hold a special session based on a request submitted by lawyers of two Israeli organizations, Kennest Israel and Nahalat Shim'on to issue an eviction order against Al Sabbag' family in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The two organizations pursue the evacuation of 28 Palestinian families in the neighborhood to make room for an Israeli colonial project of 250 housing units. Maannews (June 21, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation police, along with municipal workers carried out a large campaign against Palestinian homeowners in Jerusalem, ransacking 65 houses in different neighborhoods to hand families' demolition orders. Some of these families had received the same notices before, such as the owner of the As-Sunbula building in the Nusaiba neighborhood, which consists of 24 apartments, and a building owned by Thamin Abu Qabalah in Beit Hanina, north of Jerusalem, which has 15 apartments. New

demolition orders were handed over to Muhammad Abu Khdeir related to a 12-apartment building he owns in Shu'fat, north of Jerusalem. Another 12-room block known as the Ghayth building was also served in Beit Hanina. Two new demolition orders were also handed over to two families living in the Wadi Qaddum neighborhood in Silwan, south of Jerusalem. Maannews (June 21, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation police, along with municipal workers staged into Al 'Isawiya town east of Jerusalem and handed over Palestinian families house demolition orders alleged for lacking valid building permits. Of the families, khdeir family was known and was instructed to evacuate the house preparing it for evacuation and fined him 400 thousand NIS as a penalty for violating building rules, as claimed (USD 100 thousand). Wafa (June 24, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed 500 dunums of lands of Al 'Isawiya town east of Jerusalem city for the construction of a public park as reported. The razed lands are located in Ras Tamim, Al Za'farana and Ras Al Sullam areas. Lands are owned by Dirbas, 'Isawi, Darwish, 'ilian, Abu Ryala and Mustafa. Wafa (June 24, 2009).
- Palestinians managed to block Israeli settlers' attempts to take control the house Darwish Hjazi in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. The settlers attempted to overrun the house twice, once on Wednesday night and again early on Thursday. Both times the Palestinians stood their ground and managed to block the settlers from entering. Maannews (June 25, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over four Palestinian families in Al 'Isawiya town demolition orders under the pretext of being built without valid building permits. The houses are owned by 'Atta Ahmad Mousa Khalil, Sahreef Muheisen, 'Amer Naser and 'Ayesh 'Ibeid. Wafa (June 25, 2009).
- Palestinian lands abutting the illegal Israeli settlement of Ma'ale Adumim were allegedly registered by the Israeli Land Registry Office and declared abandoned. The lands, 139,000 dunums in all, are these in the An Nabi Mousa near Jericho, as well as Beit Ta'mir, Rashayda and Al-Beida areas near Bethlehem. They were labeled abandoned under the Israeli "ordinance of abandoned areas" act. Any individual with an objection to

the land registration must send an objection warrant to the Beil El District coordination office within 45 days. Al Quds (June 28, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities staged into head of Jaba's village council, forced family members to leave the house and carried out an intensive house search which caused damages to the properties. Al Quds (June 28, 2009).
- Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat is set to announce a plan to freeze demolition orders on around 70 percent of unauthorized construction in the east of the city. The municipality would also negotiate compensation terms with families evicted from the remaining 30 percent. [Haaretz \(June 29, 2009\)](#).
- At least 500 homes leased by the church to Christian families in the Old City are under threat for self-demolition orders by the Israeli Jerusalem municipality. According to a statement from the Jerusalem Inter-Church Centre, there are currently four suits underway where Christian families leasing church land or buildings are being told to tear down alleged renovations on their homes. Bassam Ayyash, who rents a 50 square meter apartment from the Greek Orthodox Church inside the Patriarchate's convent, received a demolition order claiming that this 50 square meter apartment is an expansion to his home. Most of the homes under threat are owned by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate and the Catholic Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Maannews (June 29, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the house of Khaled Abu Jum'a of At Tur neighborhood east of the old city of Jerusalem. The house is 150 square meters area and is inhabited by 15 family members. It is worth mentioning that the demolition came without any warning. Wafa (June 30, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over families of Al Ashqariyeh neighborhood in Beit Hanina town 11 house demolition orders under the pretext that there houses were built without valid building permit. The IO bulldozers also demolished a house owned by Yasin Mahmoud Yasin made of wood and Zinco and confiscated its belongingness in Al Marwaha neighborhood in Beit Hanina town. The house was inhabited by 5 family members Al Quds (June 30, 2009).

Hebron

- Israeli Occupation soldiers blocked firefighters from putting out a fire in the Abdel Khaleq Seder house, near the Israeli settlement of Ad-Diboya in Hebron's Old City. Barred from entering the area, the firefighters were unable to contain the fire. Maannews (June 2, 2009).
- Israeli settlers from Etzion settlement set fire into a car that was parking at the southern entrance of the settlement and belongs to a Palestinian worker. Al Quds (June 5, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers aggressed on Lands of Safa village in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city, burnt and cut a number of Olive trees and Grape vines in wadi Ar Reesh area owned by Muhammad Hussein Mufleh 'Adi and 'Ayed Abdel Rahman Qawwash Khalil. Settlers also hindered peace activists and land owners from accessing their lands. Wafa (June 6, 2009).
- Israel's Defense Ministry plans to dole out 250,000 shekels (about 63,000 US dollars) to 50 Palestinians whose property was damaged by settlers in the southern West Bank city of Hebron in December. The compensation will cover damage caused by settlers following Israel's evacuation of the "House of Contention" home in late 2008, when settlers went on a rampage through the Palestinian city in protest. Maannews (June 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces closed down Halhul Bridge, the northern entrance of Hebron city. Wafa (June 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces declared Al Muhaya area located close to Susiya settlement east of Yatta town south of Hebron city a closed military area after settlers refused the Israeli Government's decision to evacuate two caravans and two tents of Givat Hadejel outpost that was erected to expand the aforementioned settlement. Israeli occupation forces also aggressed on Land owners form Al Halees and Al Makhmrah families. Wafa (June 7, 2009).
- Israeli bulldozers destroyed a pool and agricultural land owned by Citizen Mohammed Radi Sultan in Al Buweira area north east of Hebron city causing heavy damage to surrounding grape yards as a result of the ensuing flood. The pool was built at the cost of 10000 US dollars with a maximum capacity of 350 m³. It was used for irrigating the fields through water harvesting at winter time. On the same day, Israeli bulldozers

uprooted a number of almond trees and destroyed wheat fields at the same area belonging to the family of Al Qaisi. Al Quds (June 8, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed around 100 dunums of agricultural lands and 7 water pools and many plastic houses planted with vegetables and destroyed some agricultural equipments east of Hebron city in Al Baq'a area located close to Kiryat Arba' and Kharsina settlements. Among owners, the following were known: Abdel Wahab Faraj Jaber and Abdel Raheem Al Rajabi. Wafa (June 8, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn staged into Safa Hamlet in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and mowed trees in Wadi Ar Reesh area owned by Fahd Abdullah Jaber, and burnt others in Al 'Irq area owned by Muhammad Hussein Mufleh and 'Abd Abdel Rahman Qawwash Khalil. Al Quds (June 8, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation troops overran several areas in Hebron and raided a Al-Hashlamoun family home in the Wad Abu Katileh neighborhood. A second home raid saw the seizure of Zain Abdel Hafith Al-Qudsi from his house in the Al-Jildah neighborhood. His home was searched and ransacked. Israeli occupation troops ransacked the home of recently released detainee Na'im Ismael Abu Turkey. His home is in the Old City of Hebron. Maannews (June 10, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Kharsina (Ramat Mamre) set fire into vast areas of agricultural lands planted with Olive and Almond trees in Al Baq'a area. The fire burnt tens of trees owned by 'Abdeen and Jaber families. Palpress (June 10, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Beit 'Ayn settlement guarded by Israeli police forces attacked Palestinian farmers and Internationals while they were trying to access their lands in Abu Reish Valley located in the vicinity of Beit 'Ayn settlement north of Beit Ummer town. Wafa (June 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Bani Na'im village and stormed a number of Palestinian houses and carried out a thorough inspection. Among houses, the house of 'Ata Manasra was known. Wafa (June 14, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation forces detained cattle herders in Umm Al Khair area next to Karmi'el settlement east of Yatta town south of Hebron city and preventing them from herding their cattle. The IOF threatened cattle herders that they would confiscate their cattle if they ever step to the area again. The Israeli pretext was that the land is owned by Israeli settlers. Wafa (June 17, 2009).
- Israeli Settlers of Beit 'Ayn set fire to Palestinian agricultural fields in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. Fields are owned by Thalji family in Al 'Arq area in Kherbit Safa. The fire destroyed tens of Olive and Almonds seedlings. Wafa (June 19, 2009).
- Three Palestinians from a small hamlet near Yatta, south of Hebron, narrowly escaped death after Israeli settlers set fire to a tent while they were inside. Israeli settlers from the nearby Susia settlement, which sits on Palestinian land, set fire to a large tent used as a meeting hall for the small village. The tent belonged to Muhammad Nasr Nawaj'ah, and was about 50 square meters in size. Maannews (June 20, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn settlement mowed more than 170 fruitful trees (grape trees, Olives and peach) in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and caused damages to agricultural fields. Maannews (June 22, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities prevented Palestinian farmers from Khirbet Salama village south of Hebron from accessing fallow agricultural lands in an effort to annex the area to a nearby settlement. Khirbit Samala is 400 meters away from the Israeli settlement Nahal Negohot. Settlers and soldiers routinely attack farmers from the village, deterring many from farming areas abutting the settlement. Local land owners banded together and made an attempt to enter the fallow-land to re-plant crops and prune fruit trees, however Israeli soldiers denied the group entry into the area saying they had to seek permission from the Israeli Civil Administration before entering the area. Maannews (June 30, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities hindered Palestinian farmers in Salamah Hamlet southwest of Hebron city from working in their lands and handed them over an order which states that working in the lands requires a permit. The targeted lands are 400 meters away from Negohot settlement. Maannews (June 30, 2009).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation Forces set up two military checkpoints east and south of Jenin north of the West Bank. The first checkpoint was erected near Haddad Resort; while the second checkpoint was erected in Muthalath Al Shuhada south of Jenin city. The IOF stopped Palestinian vehicles and carried out thorough inspection. Wafa (June 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces set up a military checkpoint south of Jenin city north of the West Bank, between 'Arraba and Fahma villages and started inspecting people. Wafa (June 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into T'innek village west of Jenin city and set up a military checkpoint between Rummana and Zabuba villages. The IOF also stormed the house of Sha'ban Zayud after surrounding his house and forcing dwellers to leave under the pretext that his son is "wanted" by the Israeli Authorities. Wafa (June 14, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Forces set up a military checkpoint on Jenin- Nablus road way close to 'Ijja village south of Nablus city. The IOF stopped Palestinian citizens while on their way to their destinations and checked their ID's. Wafa (June 15, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers set fire to Palestinian fields planted with field crops (Wheat) in an area close to Al Lubban Ash Sharqiyah village, on Nablus-Ramallah roadway. Lands are owned by 'Issa Hussein 'Oweis, Muhammad Hussein 'Oweis, Faisal 'Issa Oweis, Rif'at Daraghmah and Muhammad Abdel Rahman 'Oweis. Wafa (June 15, 2009).
- Israeli warplanes airdropped soldiers into Jenin city. The airdrops began at 11pm and continued until Tuesday morning in an area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Kfeir. Israeli soldiers also raided the village of Salilat Al-Harthiyeh, roaming the streets and launching stun grenades. IOF also raided the village of Silah, west of Nablus. Maannews (June 16, 2009).
- Five Israeli patrols, accompanied by an Israeli intelligence unit overran a coffee shop and a number of stone workshops at the Ash-Shuhada area of southern Jenin. Soldiers checked the identities of a number of workers

and residents and erected a military checkpoint in Ash-Shuhada but soon removed it. Maannews (June 22, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces set up a new checkpoint between Al Yamoun and Al 'Arqa villages in Jenin area. Wafa (June 23, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Army set up a military checkpoint between Ya'bad and 'Arraba villages south of Jenin city north of the West Bank stopped Palestinian citizens and checked their ID cards. Wafa (June 27, 2009).
- Israeli soldiers poured dirt, stones and toxic chemicals in the only well in the hamlet of Khirbat Makehl near the village of Ya'bad in the northern West Bank. Three military jeeps entered the community overnight and sabotaged the well. The chemicals caused the water to change color and taste. The 80 cubic-meter well is the only source of water for the village of 70 to 80 families. Maannews (June 28, 2009).

Ramallah

- More than 20 Arab families have been given seven days to vacate homes built illegally on lots owned by Israelis in the northeast Jerusalem Arab village of Kafr Akab (near Kochav Yaakov). The orders were posted on the eve of the Shavuot holiday. The eviction will be carried out by security and repossession firms hired by the developers. INN (June 2, 2009).
- Israeli Settlers in the West Bank began constructing two new outposts in the Ramallah area just hours after Israeli security forces dismantled two structures in the Maoz Ester outpost. The new outposts were being built by members of the Land of Israel Faithful movement, who also arrived at Maoz Ester in order to rebuild it. The settlers erected entirely new Erez Farm and Panei Shilo outposts, near the settlements of Nahliel and Shilo, north of Ramallah. Ynetnews (June 3, 2009).
- Some 200 Israeli right-wing settlers held a Torah dedication ceremony at the illegal Maoz Ester outpost. The outpost was dismantled by security forces on Wednesday, but was rebuilt by settler teens later in the day. Ynetnews (June 4, 2009).

- Israeli police forces knocked down the “Obama” civilian outpost, named for the U.S. president, Barack Obama, who has opposed Jewish construction in Israeli settlements in the West Bank. The start-up neighborhood, also called Ma'oz Yonatan, is located a short distance away from Kochav Yaakov settlement. The Israeli police knocked down the two make-shift structures at the site. INN (June 15, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces re-erected the Atara checkpoint north of Ramallah in the central West Bank, which was removed earlier this month. Earlier in June, Israeli forces evacuated the checkpoint, but did not remove the cement blocks. Regardless, Palestinians were free to cross the checkpoint in both directions. Maannews (June 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak has recently authorized the Civil Administration to submit a plan for the construction of 300 housing units in the unauthorized outpost of Givat Habrecha, near the community of Talmon. The new construction is located around 13 kilometers east of the Green Line, on the "Palestinian" side of the separation barrier. The plan is a bid to whitewash the illegal construction of 60 housing units that have already been put up and to allow the construction of another 240 housing units, public buildings and roads. **Haaretz (June 23, 2009).**
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior ratified the construction of a railway route from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, passing along the village of Beit Surik, and will confiscate 50 dunums of five Palestinian villages in the nearby. Wafa (June 24, 2009).
- Settlers of Hallmish settlement set fire to Al Hammam area lands in Deir Nitham village west of Ramallah city. More than 120 Olive trees that were planted in 15 dunums of lands of the village were burnt. Trees are owned by Samir Theib Tamimi, Jameel Abdel Qader Al Tamimi, Karam Mahmoud Tamimi and Yousif Nemer Tamimi. Maannews (June 24, 2009).
- Israel will build 50 new homes in an existing West Bank settlement as part of a wider plan to absorb residents slated to be evicted from the illegal outpost of Migron. The complete plan calls for the construction of 1,450

homes in the settlement of Adam. 190 housing units will be built in the settlement of Adam in the first stage, in accordance with the plan, which was approved by the Defense Ministry in May. However, only 50 of the units can be erected without further approval from the ministry. This number does not include public buildings and roads. Haaretz (June 29, 2009).

Salfit

- Resident Nasser Khader Eshtayeh, of the Wadi An-Najjar neighborhood of the town was attacked by a flock of wild pigs which were sent by Israeli settlers of Ariel and searched in the baskets looking for food and caused a state of fear among citizens. This was not the first time settler-owned boars have been reported in Salfit. On 25 May officials from the Palestinian Agricultural Trade Union reported that Boars damaged crops planted in the area. Maannews (June 4, 2009).
- A herd of wild pigs attacked the An-Nijarah area west of Salfit splintering dozens of apple and plum trees newly planted on the tilled earth. Farmers fear they will also lose their grape crops after the pigs trampled the vines. The attacks were the result of planned attacks by Israeli settlers who are using the wild pigs to prevent Palestinians from making use of their harvest and thus driving them off the land. Maannews (June 11, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli military troops set up camp at the southern entrance of the illegal Ariel settlement in anticipation of the arrival of thousands of settlers who will pray at ancient shrines in the area. Soldiers set up road barriers and blocked all but local residents from using the roads near the settlement. Vehicles were also being detained and identity cards checked in an effort to provide “security for settlers.” Maannews (June 12, 2009).
- Israeli settlers set up four more trailers to the illegal outpost Nofei Nahmei' located 2 meters east of Ariel Settlement west of Salfit city. Al Quds (June 17, 2009).
- A herd of boars released by settlers in the northern West Bank attacked neighborhoods and farmland in Salfit. A field of grain near An Nijara area, owned by Faleh Jameel Omran, was destroyed in the incident in which boars attacked Ein Al-Qabila, broke apple trees and devoured their fruit. Maannews (June 21, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over Deir Ballut village southwest of Salfit city 11 house demolition orders alleged for lacking valid building permits. The houses are owned by Khalil Mahmoud Ahmad 'Abdullah, Ahmad Muhammad Ahmad Dar Mousa, Idris Jubara 'Abdullah, Amnah Theib Salem Kheir, Zayed 'Ali 'abdel Halin 'Abdullah, 'Abd 'Odeh 'Abdullah, Saleh Hussein Saleh, Najeh Daoud 'Abdullah, Mufeed Mahfouz Salem Abu Kheir, 'Abdullah Mahmoud Muhammad Abu Kheir, Hatem 'Abdullah Mahmoud Abu Kheir, and Suleiman 'Abdel Hamid 'Abdullah. Maannews (June 28, 2009).

Tubas

- Israel's Occupation army handed out demolition orders to 33 houses owned by Palestinians in the northern West Bank. The notices also announced the immediate demolition of five houses in the village of Tammoun, in Tubas. The Israeli authorities handed the citizens these warnings after storming a number of houses in the areas of Khirbat Atuf, Al-Bki'a and Al-Hadidiyah near Tammoun. 33 Palestinian families (around 200 people) will be affected by the Demolition orders, they are: Abdel Rahim Hasan Bisharat, Saleh Yousif Bisharat, Omar 'Aref Bisharat, Ahmad Abdullah Bani Odeh, Najeh Odeh Ka'abneh, Salem 'Ali Ka'abneh, Ibrahim Issa Abu Karsh, Ghayath Abdel Muhdi Salmeen, Suleiman Freij Abu Lekbash, Isma'il Freij Abu Lekbash, Abdullah Hafez Bani 'Odeh, Mahyoub Muhammad Al 'Amer, 'Ali Muhammad Bisharat, Waleed Suleiman Abu Lekbash, Hasan Salem Musa, 'Ali 'Odeh Ka'abneh, Khader 'Izzat bani 'Odeh, Muhammad Khader Bano 'Odeh, 'Izzat Yousif Bani 'Odeh, Ayman 'Izzat Bani Odeh, 'Ali Izzat Bani 'Odeh, Jamal Khader Bani 'Odeh, Salah Abdullah Bisharat, Abdullah Hussein Bisharat, Jameel Suleiman Bani 'Odeh, Lutfi Sa'ed Bani 'Odeh, Muhammad Fahd Bani 'Odeh, 'Inad Hasan Bani 'Odeh, Hasan Abdullah Bani 'Odeh, Mustafa Bani 'Odeh, Iyad Mustafa Bani 'Odeh, Jameel Khader Bani 'Odeh, 'Ali Khader Bano Odeh. Maannews & Wafa (June 1, 2009).
- 20 Israeli military jeeps, a bulldozer and a container arrived at the Bedouin community of Ras Al-Ahmar in Tubas Governorate north of the West Bank at 7:3 and began destroying homes. 18 homes and animal pens were reportedly destroyed and 130 people displaced. The residents of the community evacuated the area on Tuesday, setting up makeshift camps nearby, after demolition orders were issued. Israeli bulldozers also razed a large area of Palestinian-owned farmland in the same area. The three

Israeli bulldozers demolished farm sheds, water pipes and other structures on orders from the army. Maannews (June 4, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 20 animal barns and 4 residential shacks owned by Palestinian residents of Ein Al-Hilwa neighborhood in the Jordan Valley. Maannews (June 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Army informed 35 Palestinian families living in tents and barracks in Al Maleh and Al Mayta in the northern valley to evacuate their houses from 8 pm to 6 pm to carry out military maneuvers. Al Quds (June 29, 2009).

Jericho

- The Israeli Occupation Forces removed the checkpoint at Jericho's southern entrance and erected a tent about 50 meters away from the aforementioned checkpoint to be used as a temporary checkpoint by Israeli soldiers. Al Quds (June 13, 2009).
- The Israel Forces has removed a major checkpoint on the road into Jericho city, locally known as the DCO checkpoint. Al Quds (June 18, 2009).

Tulkarem

- Israeli Occupation forces closed the Enav military checkpoint east of the city of Tulkarem, banning movement of the Palestinians residents for a whole day, planning to reopen the checkpoint on Thursday morning. The Israeli Occupation forces began enlarging the checkpoint, adding glass huts and new paths for pedestrians and cars. This enlargement means they have to confiscate surrounding agricultural lands owned by Palestinians. Maannews (June 3, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces swept the Tulkarem area of the northern West Bank. The military operation extended to Iktaba, Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Shweika, Bal'a, and Tulkarem's city center. During the raids a number of Palestinian residents were summoned for interrogation by the Israeli intelligence services. Israeli forces also searched a mosque and raided several shops. Israeli soldiers searched a hardware store owned by Husam Fouda, and summoned Muhammad Mahmoud Masharka from Nur Shams Camp for interrogation. In the village of Bala'a, Israeli soldiers raided Al-Khader mosque, searching the ground. The troops also raided

several houses, including those belonging to Amar Wasef and Ra'fat Shahrer, who were both summoned for interrogation. Maannews (June 14, 2009).

- A West Bank checkpoint managed by a private security company is not allowing Palestinians to pass through with large water bottles and some food items. The checkpoint, Sha'ar Efraim, is south of Tul Karm, and is managed for the Defense Ministry by the private security company Modi'in Ezrahi. The company stops Palestinian workers from passing through the checkpoint with the following items: Large bottles of frozen water, large bottles of soft drinks, home-cooked food, coffee, tea and the spice zaatar. The security company also dictates the quantity of items allowed: Five pitas, one container of hummus and canned tuna, one small bottle or can of beverage, one or two slices of cheese, a few spoonfuls of sugar, and 5 to 10 olives. Workers are also not allowed to carry cooking utensils and work tools. [Haaretz \(June 29, 2009\)](#).
- More than 50 Israeli settlers attacked two farmers and erected a tent on Palestinian farmland in the Ras Al-Masid area in the village of Kfar Al-Labad east of Tulkarem. The three dozen settlers descend on the lands, owned by Ibrahim Kayid, expressed horror as the group erected a tent and place an Israeli flag over top. Residents are unsure whether the new tent will be declared a new outpost to the nearby Enav settlement. Similar cases in Hebron where Israelis erected small tents and clapboard structures were declared closed military zones and were henceforth off limits for Palestinians and even the owners of the land. Maannews (June 26, 2009).

Qalqilyah

- A group of Israeli settlers attacked A Mosque in An Nabi Elias in Qalqilyah city and carried out some racist actions. Wafa (June 2, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces removed the southern Jal'ud checkpoint in Qalqilyah governorate following an announcement the day before. Israeli soldiers took away cement blocks at the checkpoint while other blocks are still at the eastern checkpoint of the governorate, known as "DCO checkpoint," which soldiers abandoned earlier. Maannews (June 8, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities notified farmers in the village of 'Azzun 'Atma that their agricultural infrastructure will be destroyed. 'Azzun

Atma, near Qalqilyah, is a small community cut off from the rest of the West Bank by Israel's separation wall and wedged between two Israeli settlements. The villager's only access to the outside world is through a military checkpoint. The demolition orders condemn stables, barns, and water tanks which were provided by the Agriculture Institutions Union four years ago. Palestinian farmers working on the land in question are subject to frequent attacks by the Israeli army. Maannews (June 21, 2009).

Nablus

- Israeli settlers assaulted Palestinians, injuring six of them, at the Kedumim crossroads between the cities of Nablus and Qalqilyah, in the northern West Bank. The attacks were the first incident in a day of violence which the settlers say is a response to the Israeli government's dismantling of unsanctioned settler "outposts." Maannews (June 1, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Havat Gil'ad set fire to Palestinian-owned fields of wheat, barley, and olive trees in the northern West Bank villages of Burin, Madama, Asira, Surra, Jit and Tell south of Nablus city. Palestinian firefighters faced difficulties accessing the areas on fire because settlers attacked them. The most serious fire was reported to be in the Jabal Salman area between Burin, Tell, and Asira. The fire burned large numbers of olive trees, around 1500 Olive Trees, and quantities of wheat, and barley planted in almost 1000 dunums of lands. Settlers also obstructed fire fighters who attempted to extinguish the fire. The settlers' attacks are in protest against the Israeli government's decision to evacuate an illegal settlement outpost in the area called Nahlat Yousei near the Israeli settlement of Elon Moreh where three trailers were evacuated from the outpost. Maannews (June 1, 2009).
- Israeli forces destroyed two unoccupied caravans (small mobile homes without wheels) in the Nahalat Yosef outpost near Elon Moreh in Samaria. A third caravan was moved into the Elon Moreh community. Land of Israel activists blocked the Highway 1 entrance to Jerusalem as part of an ongoing struggle to prevent the forced eviction of unauthorized outposts. The activists were protesting the destruction of Nahalat Yosef, near Elon Moreh. Settlers also Jewish youth responded to the planned demolitions and the previous expulsions by throwing rocks at Arabs on Highway 55, several miles east of Kfar Saba, possibly as a tactic to divert security forces. INN (June 1, 2009).

- Israeli settlers set fire to more than 50 dunums (50,000 square meters) of Palestinian-owned farmland south of the West Bank city of Nablus. The settlers lit the fires in the Hariq area near the village of Sarra. The fire destroyed more than 50 dunums planted with fruitful olive trees. The arson comes a day after settlers set fire to large swaths of Palestinian land in the Nablus area, blocked roads, threw stones and assaulted Palestinian commuters, putting six men in the hospital with serious injuries. Those attacks torched 1350 olive trees in the villages of Asira Al-Qibliya, Tell, Huwwara, Habet and Burin, in addition to 280 dunums of wheat and barley. Maannews (June 3, 2009).
- Israeli settlers threw stones, blocked roads, and set fire to Palestinian farmland in the fourth straight day of violence they say is in reaction to their government's decision to dismantle a handful of unauthorized outposts. Settlers also returned to the sites of two outposts that were earlier dismantled, Maoz Esther and Ramat Migron, and erected two new outposts close by. Maannews (June 4, 2009).
- The Israeli government is considering completely removing the Asira Ash-Shamaliya military checkpoint north of the West Bank city of Nablus. Israel informed the Palestinian Authority that this measure would be taken as a part of an overall easing of restrictions around Nablus. The Israeli military also stated that it would open the checkpoint, known as Checkpoint 17, to 24-hour a day traffic. Maannews (June 4, 2009).
- Israel has officially informed the Palestinian side that some military checkpoints surrounding Nablus in the northern West Bank would be open 24 hours a day starting on Saturday. Huwwara, Shavi Shomron, and At-Tneib checkpoints will be open 24 hours for pedestrians, while they will open from midnight to 5am for vehicles. Meanwhile, Awarta checkpoint will be open until midnight, and Beit Furik checkpoint will be open till 11pm. "The 17 checkpoint north of Nablus will be completely removed within a few days, according to information from the Israeli liaison department. Maannews (June 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces hindered Israeli settlers from building on a piece of land close to Beit Arye settlement east of Ras Al 'Ein area alleging that the building plans of the Israeli settlers in that piece of land threaten the path of the Wall. Al Quds (June 7, 2009).
- Five Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement set fire into 20 dunums of lands of 'Awarta village planted with Olive trees. Wafa (June 8, 2009).

- A group of Israeli settlers set up tents on the outskirts of Yanun village east of Nablus city. Wafa (June 9, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers set fire into 8 dunums of lands between Aqraba and Yanun village east of Nablus city. Palpress (June 10, 2009).
- More than 20 Israeli extremist settlers attacked Palestinian houses in Jit village west of Nablus city. Wafa (June 14, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities issued an order to demolish the house of Salim Bani Jaber in 'Aqraba village southeast of Nablus city. The house will be demolished within 45 hours time. Wafa (June 15, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces completely closed the main road joining the villages of Osarin and Aqraba with Al-Majdal and Qabalan near Israeli Magdalen settlement south of Nablus city with piles of earth and stones, preventing all traffic from entering or exiting the area. Maannews (June 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al Zaine residential building in Al Sikka road west of Nablus city, forced dwellers to leave the building and carried out a thorough inspection. Wafa (June 17, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities notified citizen Khadija Abdel-Qader Aweis from Al-Lubban Ash-Sharqiya village south of Nablus that they intend to demolish her four-bedroom home due to its proximity to several Israeli settlements, Israel is stepping up attacks on residents by issuing demolition orders to homes near settlements, particularly near Ma'ale Levona and Eli. Maannews (June 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into 'Awarta village south of Nablus city and completely broke the properties of three Palestinian houses. The houses are owned by Sa'd Saleem 'Awwad, Abdel Qader Ahmad Ibrahim and Mahmoud Jaber Darawshah. Maannews (June 23, 2009).
- Settlers of Yitzhar settlement attacked for the third time on row two workshops in Al Sahel area in Nablus city owned by Ibrahim 'Eid and 'Abdel Karim 'Eid, messed up with contents and destroyed water wells and other properties. Maannews (June 24, 2009).

- Some wild boars released from Itamar and Alon Moreh settlements attacked agricultural fields in Harat Al Mazra'a area north of 'Awarta village east of Nablus city and destroyed field crops (Wheat and beans) planted on more than 10 dunums of lands. Wafa (June 28, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar set fire to agricultural lands planted with Olive Trees located near the settlement west of Nablus city. Wafa (June 29, 2009).
- Dozens of settlers from Yitzhar settlement rioted in the nearby Palestinian village Asira al-Qabaliya. During the riots Palestinian homes owned by Jamal Yousif Saleh, Muhammad Mahmoud Daoud and his brother Ahmad Daoud were raided, property was damaged and one villager was injured from settler gunfire. Settlers also set fire to agricultural lands planted with Wheta and Barley in the village. Israeli Settlers from the Gilad Farm outpost also attacked a number of Palestinians from the village of Fara'ata. Ynetnews (June 29, 2009).
- Wild boars released from the settlement of Itamar destroyed agricultural lands planted with field crops, Onion and Corn in 'Awarta village southeast of Nablus city. Al Quds (June 30, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers attacked several Palestinian homes in Asira Al-Qibliya and Far'ata villages southwest of Nablus near Israeli settlement of Yitzhar and destroyed agricultural fields. Settlers also closed the main road between Far'ata, Nablus and Qalqilyah. They fired several gunshots from handguns into the air. Maannews (June 30, 2009).

Gaza

- According to a report issued by the UN, Israel's military "buffer zone" along the eastern and northern edge of the Gaza Strip eats up 30% of the territory's arable land. The exclusion zone, which at times protrudes 1.25 miles into the Strip, has made much of Gaza's scarce farmland unusable. The entire Gaza Strip is 25 miles long and just six miles wide. Maannews (June 3, 2009).

- Israeli occupation warships surrounded two fishing boats off the coast north of Gaza City. The boats belong to Omar Al-Habil and Omar Al-Hissi. Maannews (June 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces set fire into agricultural fields in Abu Safieh hill area east of Jabalyia refugee camp northeast of Gaza. Al Quds (June 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed agricultural lands in the vicinity of Gaza airport. Wafa (June 9, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation warships damaged several fishing boats when they opened fire on Gazan fishermen off the coast of Khan Younis and the central Strip area. Israeli warships concentrated in the two areas and advanced on fishing boats then opened fire. Maannews (June 12, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces launched artillery shells at Al-Maghazi in the central Gaza Strip damaging agricultural equipment; extensive damage was done to equipment for crop harvesting. Maannews (June 20, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation navy seized four Gazan fishermen after stopping their boats off the Gaza City coast. They were taken to Israel's Ashdod port, north of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli warships obstructed two fishing boats, taking four fishermen, all members of the As-Sultan family, while they were sailing in the As-Sudaniyya area. Israeli navy officers beat the fishermen and also confiscated their boats. The Israeli navy prohibits Gazan fishermen from sailing more than three miles from the coast. If fishermen attempt to sail farther, they are pursued, shot at, detained, and often asked to become informers for Israeli intelligence. Under the Oslo peace agreements, Israel is obligated to allow Palestinians to fish as far as 20 nautical miles from Gaza. Maannews (June 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers staged 150 meters into the eastern side of Al Farahin area in Khan Younis city and razed agricultural lands in the area. Al Quds (June 28, 2009).

Others

- The Women in Green organization along with the Action Committees of Efrat, Gush Etzion, and Kiryat Arba Hebron - The Committee for a Jewish Shdema are encouraging Jews to help thwart the demolition of more

Jewish outposts by participating in upcoming tours and protests. [INN \(June 1, 2009\)](#).

- In a report issued by the Israeli Central bureau of Statistics claimed that work on [new housing](#) units in the West Bank dropped sharply in the [first quarter](#) of 2009, down 39 percent compared to the first quarter of 2008. In the first quarter of 2008, work was begun on 560 new apartment units, compared to 342 in that same period in 2009. When it comes to the number of completed apartments in the West Bank in the first quarter of 2009, there was a 6% drop compared to that same period in 2008, as the number fell from 467 apartment units to 439. In 2008, however, the number of completed apartments in the settlements rose by 9% from 2007, going from 428 to 467 units. Overall in 2008, 1,591 new apartment units were completed in the West Bank and work was begun on 2,117 units. JPost (June 1, 2009). [\(1\)](#)
- Shael Arieli, as deputy military secretary to former prime minister and incumbent Defense Minister Ehud Barak in 1991 expressed in numbers that From 1992-2001, the number of Jewish settlers increased by approximately 93,000 and four settlements were added; in the period from 2001-2009, another 95,000 settlers were added to the population and 100 additional outposts established. As for East Jerusalem, 45 percent of Israelis living in East Jerusalem moved there after the Oslo agreement. And now for the total: While 32 settlements (not including East Jerusalem) were established in the territories between 1967 and 1977, housing some 6,000 settlers, today 127 Jewish settlements can be found in the territories, alongside another 100 outposts, housing a total of 295,000 settlers. Haaretz (June 1, 2009).
- In a report issued by The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) office showed that Israel did not dismantle two West Bank military checkpoints as promised. UN teams found that the Atara checkpoint in the village of Bir Zeit, on the main route between Ramallah and Nablus, was physically intact, including a concrete watchtower. Israel re-classified the installation as a “partial checkpoint,” since the Israeli military has decided not to impose 24-hour checks. The other checkpoint the Israeli military said it would remove is At-Tayba (referred to as Rimomim by the army), near the village of the same name. The physical apparatus of this roadblock, already classified as a partial

checkpoint, was still place when an OCHA team visited. Maannews (June 3, 2009).

- Ex-Defense and Foreign Minister Professor Moshe Arens says that the existing settlement communities in the West Bank must be expanded and strengthened even beyond their rates of “natural growth.” [INN \(June 6, 2009\)](#).
- The Israeli Interior Minister Eli Yishai had announced that his ministry will exploit all the resources to expand settlements in the territories. Officials at the Interior Ministry to come up with ways to help the settlers, by allowing continued construction within the major West Bank settlement blocs where building has stopped as a result of American pressure. Yishai is hoping to allocate tens of millions of shekels funding from the "interior minister's reserves" to benefit settlements in the West Bank. Haaretz (June 8, 2009).
- More than 3,200 housing units have been built in illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land in the West Bank since the beginning of 2008 according to figures of the Central Bureau of Statistics. The report stated that thousands of units of settler housing are currently under construction and that more construction will likely be announced later this year. The Numbers: Revava: 52 houses under construction, Yakir: About 10 houses in the final stages of construction, Ariel and Barkan: Expanding the Ariel-Barkan industrial zone by 27 new plants, now under construction; 220 houses in Ariel under construction; 50 houses in Barkan under construction; Ma'ale Shomron: Villa neighborhood under construction; Elkana: 52 houses under construction; Beit Arye: Dozens of villas under construction; Halamish: 24 houses. Construction was stopped last week because of a Peace Now petition to the High Court of Justice, Modiin Illit: 617 houses under construction, Mevo Horon: A number of new villas under construction, Betar Illit: 327 houses under construction, Hebron: A ten story building next to Beit Romano is being planned, Sansana: 68 houses are planned, Efrat: Dozens of new villas under construction, Tekoa': Dozens of new villas under construction, Shilo: 40 houses. The tender was frozen by the defense minister two weeks ago, 'Ofra: Ten houses under construction, Giv'at Ze'ev: about 750 houses are under construction and will be populated in August, Ma'ale Adumim: About 900 houses are under construction. The majority has been completed, Kedar: The ground is being prepared to build 42 houses, Nikodim: infrastructure work has been completed for a new villa neighborhood. Maannews (June 9, 2009).

- In a report issued by the Civic Coalition to defend Palestinian rights in Jerusalem showed that the Israeli Jerusalem Municipality issued orders to demolish 54 Palestinian houses in Jerusalem city, out of which, 3 buildings of 18 floors in Beit Hanina. The demolition orders threaten the lives of 330 people who will be displaced if demolition orders are carried out. Ccdprj (June 9, 2009).
- Day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech, Israeli rightists announced plans to build dozens more outposts in West Bank, saying, 'This is the appropriate Zionist response to Netanyahu, Obama's speeches'. Ynetnews (June 15, 2009).
- In a report issued by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics showed that the population of 21 West Bank settlements was static or declined in 2007, and the population at another 74 grew by 100 people or less. Yet the overall settlement population grew by 5.6 percent in 2007 - close to three times the growth rate in the rest of the country - primarily because of the increase at the three largest communities, Modi'in Illit, Betar Illit and Ma'aleh Adumim, which, combined in population, reach to 110,200 people, or 38 percent of the entire settlement population of 289,600 at the end of 2008. In 2007, the settler population increased by a total of 14,500 people, through a combination of birth and migration, from 261,600 to 276,100. Out of that number, 12,185 new settlers, or 84% of the population increase, came at a group of 25 larger settlements - ranging in size from Tekoa, with a population in 2007 of 1,455, to Modi'in Illit, with 38,047. As in 2008, most of the 2007 growth, 7,886 people, was also at Modi'in Illit, Betar Illit and Ma'aleh Adumim. Another 30% of the overall growth in 2007, or 4,299 people, came at the remaining 22 mid-size settlements in that 25 member group. [Jpost \(June 15, 2009\)](#).
- The Land of Israel Faithful group announced about a plan to construct 30 new outposts in the West Bank over the summer, in response to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's speech a day earlier in which he said that no new settlements would be built and no additional land would be expropriated for settlement development. JPost (June 18, 2009).

- The Israeli Knesset approved the allocation of a billion shekels to Israeli settlements in the West Bank for the years 2009 and 2010. The one billion shekels, half a billion shekels will be allocated for the development of security of settlements, and the other half to develop settlements' building. Maannews (June 21, 2009).
- The Israeli High Court issued an order to allow Ahihud settlement to build animal pens on parts of Al Barwa village cemetery (east of Acre) inside the 1948 lands and public parks on other parts of the cemetery. Maannews (June 21, 2009).
- Three families of émigrés From Yemen's tiny Jewish population arrived in Israel. The immigrants were brought to Israel by the Jewish Agency for Israel, the organization traditionally charged with organizing aliyah to Israel from foreign countries. These developments come even as Jewish organizational officials continue to work on a much debated plan to bring a contingent of up to 113 Jews from Yemen to New York, particularly the largely Orthodox Jewish community of Monsey in upstate New York. Forward (June 21, 2009).
- The Knesset Yesha Lobby, formed for the purpose of advancing the cause of the Jewish towns in the West Bank, is distributing maps and information on endangered Yesha outposts and neighborhoods to Israeli Cabinet ministers and Knesset Members. Among the some 20 outposts in specific danger of destruction, according to the Israeli Defense Ministry list, are Mitzpeh Lachish in western Judea, Havat Gilad in the Shomron, Givat HaRoeh near Shilo, Givat Assaf near Beit El, Givat Sal'it in northeastern Shomron, and Mul Nevo north of the Dead Sea. INN (June 22, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over 9 Palestinian families' house demolition orders in Umm Numeila village (Al Zawayda) in the Negev, inside the 1948 Green Line. Wafa (June 22, 2009).
- The Israeli High court issued a decision to allow settlers of Kerem Mehral settlement to build more new housing units on the ruins of Ijzim Village

cemetery which was depopulated by the Israelis in 1948 war. Wafa (June 22, 2009).

- A group of Israeli Officers wrote a letter to Chief of Staff, **Gabi (Gabriel) Ashkenazi** informing him that they would reject to serve in the Army if they are evacuated from Kida outpost in Nablus. Maannews (June 23, 2009).
- One hundred new immigrants arrived in Israel on Wednesday under the joint auspices of Nefesh B'Nefesh and the Jewish Agency. The two organizations plan to bring a total of more than 3,000 new immigrants to Israel over the course of the summer. Israel National News (June 24, 2009).
- Brig. Gen. Noam Tibon, commander of the Judea and Samaria Brigade and Brig. Gen. Yoav Mordechai, head of the Civil Administration announced that the Palestinian security forces would be allowed to operate freely within the city limits of Bethlehem, Ramallah, Jericho and Qalqilyah from midnight to 5. A.M. Israel agreed to expanded activity by Palestinian Authority security forces in four West Bank towns, for a trial period of one week followed by an assessment. [Haaretz \(June 26, 2009\)](#).
- In a report issued by btselem stated that during more than 40 years of occupation, Israel has not built advanced regional wastewater treatment plants in the settlements to match those inside Israel. It is estimated that the 121 recognized settlements in the West Bank (without East Jerusalem) produce some 17.5 mcm of wastewater a year. Only 81 are currently connected to wastewater treatment facilities, and use methods that are less up-to-date than those used in Israel. More than half of them are small and can treat the wastewater of only a few hundred families, despite the growth of the settler population. Most of the facilities suffer frequent technical breakdowns and at times shut down completely. The rest of the settlements produce some 5.5 mcm wastewater a year, which are not treated and flow as raw wastewater into West Bank streams and valleys. Btselem (June 29, 2009).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	35	0	0	0	4
Jerusalem	139508	0	0	6	158
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	50	120	0	0
Nablus	0	0	3150	0	2
Salfit	0	0	0	0	11
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	100	0	200	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	42	68
Total	139643	50	3470	48	243

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