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Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Husan Village west of Bethlehem city and imposed tight closure on the village by closing its entrances and erecting a number of checkpoints. The IOF also stormed a number of houses and carried out thorough inspection after forcing residents to leave the houses under the threat of weapons. Al Quds (November 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over citizen Abdel Fattah Abed Rabbo an order to evacuate his cave in Al Walajeh village south of Jerusalem city under the pretext that it was built without proper building Authorization. The cave is located in the middle of an agricultural area of 5 dunums, which Israel plans to construct a new settlement in the area, under the name of Giv'at Ya'el. Wafa (November 12, 2009).

Hebron

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a new military order which extends the closure of Jaber Neighbourhood Street that leads to the Ibrahmi Mosque in Hebron City for six months more for security reasons. The street is one of 16 streets that the Israeli Occupation Authorities extended their closure for six months more in the city. Al Quds (November 4, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers of Ramat Yeshai again attacked Palestinians houses in Tel Al Rumeida and Wadi Al Hussein areas in Hebron city. Among house

owners, the following were known: Hashem, Hisham, and Hani Al 'Azza, and Wael Al Sharbati. The Israeli soldiers did nothing to stop the settlers' attacks. Al Ayyam (November 8, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation forces closed the eastern entrance of Hebron and prevented Hebron residents from entering the area. Several Israeli soldiers were reportedly stationed above the Halhoul Bridge northeast of Hebron, stopping traffic and preventing dozens of locals from reaching their homes. No justification was given at the scene for the searches. Maannews (November 11, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Negohot settlement west of Dura town hindered citizens of Kherbit Salameh south of Hebron city from rehabilitating an Agricultural road in the area that will serve 25 Palestinian families who own more than 400 dunums of agricultural lands. Al Quds (November 11, 2009).
- A number of Israeli settlers living in "Abraham Avino" settlement in the center of Hebron seized a commercial building belonging to 'Ali 'Aashour Abu Snaina in al-Sahla Street in the west of the old town for several hours. They conducted religious ceremonies in the building. PCHRGAZA (November 13, 2009).
- Israeli settlers living in "Karmi'el" settlement to the southeast of Yatta village, south of Hebron, attacked Palestinian civilians from the al-Hathalin Tribe and their houses in Um al-Khair Bedouin Village. Israeli troops were present in the area, but did not intervene to stop the attack. On the same day, a number of armed Israeli settlers from "Kharsina" settlement, east of Hebron, attacked Palestinian houses in Qaizoun area using stones and empty bottles. The windows and doors of a house belonging to Ghaleb 'Abdul Karim al-Za'tari was damaged. On the following day, the settlers attacked the same area again and damaged 3 cars. PCHRGAZA (November 14, 2009).
- The Israeli Forces demolished two outposts in southern Hebron hills, next to Negohot settlements and were established on Fqeqies village lands. Al Quds (November 15, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities reopened the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron to Muslim worshippers after closing it for two days for Jewish holidays. This was the tenth closure of the mosque this year. Maannews (November 15, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation forces handed 11 notices to Palestinian civilians in Um al-Khair village, south of Hebron, ordering the demolition of 17 civilian facilities, which includes 9 houses where 57 people, including 39 children, live. The facilities are only 50-300 meters away from "Karmi'el" settlement. IOF gave Palestinian civilians until 10 December 2009 to appeal against the orders. Maannews & PCHRGAZA (November 15, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers of Negohot settlement erected a new outpost on Fqequis village lands, 400 meters away from the settlement of Negohot. The new outpost was also provided with electricity Al Quds (November 16, 2009).
- Israeli occupation soldiers forced Palestinians out of a house in Beit Ummar north of Hebron and used the building as a military position. The Israeli forces planted a flag on the roof of the house, which is owned by Khaled Sabarneh and his family, in the Asida neighborhood of the town. Maannews (November 18, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces took over the house of Saber Sabarneh in 'Asida area in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city. The house is inhabited by 5 family members. Al Quds (November 20, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers of Ma'on and Karmiel settlements continued their attacks against citizens of Umm Al Khair area east of Yatta town as they attacked the tin shack of citizen 'Eida Al Hathalin in an attempt to drive her out of the area. Al Ayyam (November 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces removed two electrical poles located between Karmi'el settlement and At Tuwani village southeast of Yatta town under the pretext that the two poles were planted in a restricted area, on both sides of the Israeli bypass road number 317. Al Ayyam (November 27, 2009)..

Nablus

- Tens of Israeli settlers attacked the village of Iraq Burin south of Nablus. Al Quds (November 1, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed the main southern road to the village of Qaryout south of Nablus. Israeli bulldozers arrived to the place

accompanied by military jeeps and closed the road. The targeted entrance is the area of the village closest to the Shilo settlement entrance. Israeli troops refused to give reasons why the road was being closed, only noting they were carrying out military orders. Maannews (November 6, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation soldiers distributed warnings of house demolitions to three Palestinians from Ad-Dahyeh, near the city of Nablus. The Israeli soldiers administered the notifications to Hazem Nather Kathem Antar, Abdel Qader Ahmad Hashem and Majdi Shukri Khalil Asi. [Maannews \(November 6, 2009\)](#).
- The Israeli settlers stormed Burin and Iraq Burin villages south of Nablus and attacked the house of Um Ayman Sofan. Al Ayyam (November 8, 2009).
- Several Israeli settlers from the Yitzhar colony cut down 97 of olive trees in the West Bank village of Burin village south of Nablus on the property of Akram Amran. Maannews (November 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over citizens of Rujeib Village south of Nablus city military orders to halt the construction at 12 Palestinian houses and an animal pin in Al Salahat area in the village under the pretext that these houses were built without proper building authorization. The houses are owned by Ali Rasem Sharay'a, Rasem Hamed Rawajba, Ramez Hamed Rawajba, Su'oud Musa Dweikat, Husam Sabri Duweikat, Najeh Hasan Duweikat, Rif'at Nayef Issa Duweikat, Hani Muhammad Al Faghesh, Daoud Hussein Rawajba, Issa Sami Duweikat, Isaac Ahmad Shihada, Jibrin Muhammad Bahanjawi and Sofian Muhammad Bahanjawi. Al Quds (November 12, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement hindered citizens of 'Asira Al Qiblyia from accessing their lands (Brejem and Ad Daher areas) located in close proximity of the settlement. Among citizens, the following were known: 'Adnan 'Imran Mustafa, Issa Suleiman Makhlof, 'Ali Suleiman Saleh and Mahmoud Abu Khalaf. Al Ayyam (November 12, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Havat Gil'ad outpost threw stones at Palestinian cars driving on the road linking Nablus and Qalqilyah. Al Quds (November 24, 2009).

- The Israeli settlers of Gid'onim settlement inside the Green line and took over 40 dunums of Yanun village lands east of Nablus city. Al Ayyam (November 27, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed the Huwwara checkpoint and the main road near the village for two hours in an effort to contain several dozen settlers trying to access Joseph's Tomb in Nablus. The Israeli soldiers forcefully prevented the large group from crossing the Huwwara area, as the crowd demanded to be let into the area to visit a religious site. Israeli law requires settlers wishing to enter Palestinian cities in the West Bank to arrange military escorts. Maannews (November 27, 2009).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli settlers surveyed about 170 dunums of lands of Beit Safafa city preparing to implement Plan Number 1143B which confiscates vast areas of Beit Safafa lands to build 500 housing units and later to build another 250 housing units to annex them to Giv'at Hamatos settlements south of Jerusalem. Al Quds (November 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities in Jerusalem forced Citizen Musa Mashahra to demolish his own house in Al Sal'a neighbourhood in Jabal Al Mukkafir. The house is 48 square meters and is inhabited by 6 family members. Al Quds (November 2, 2009).
- Employees of the Israeli Jerusalem Municipality removed the tent of Al Ghawi family and all its contents in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (November 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces demolished 3 Palestinian houses and caused damages to a fourth house in Ath Thuri neighbourhood and Beit Hanina in Jerusalem city and caused the displacement of 41 Palestinian citizens. The first house is owned by Siham Ahmad Shweiki Abu Halab and is inhabited by 14 family members. The house is 70 square meters area. The second house is owned by Haron Al Qawasmi which is inhabited by 10 family members and is 80 square meters area. A third house owned by Naser Ash Shweiki was damaged due to the demolition process. The IOF also demolished a building in Wadi Ad Dam area in Beit Hanina north of Jerusalem city alleged for being built without proper licensing documents. The building is owned by Citizen Majed Muhammad Hasan Al Rajabi and

is inhabited by 17 family members. The house is 120 meters square area. Al Quds (November 3, 2009).

- About 30 settlers were seen entering the house of Rifqa Al-Kurd in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem and throwing the family's furniture into the street. The settlers have refused to leave the building and Israeli police blocked members from entering the area. Maanews (November 4, 2009).
- Restraining orders were issued to cancel the demolition of 17 apartments in a number of areas in Jerusalem city, which included, a residential building of 8 housing units owned by Ibrahim Al 'Aboushi near Al Zahra' Project in Beit Hanina city and is inhabited by tens of Palestinian families. The order also included four other apartments owned by Citizen Thuraya Abu Sneneh in Jabal Al Mukkabir, 3 other apartments owned by Citizen Halima Mashahra in Jabal Al Mukkabir, two apartments owned by Citizen Muhammad Yousef Abu Sneneh in Beit Hanina city. Al Quds (November 5, 2009).
- Rioting settlers forced a Palestinian family out of their home in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, after the district court denied the residents' appeal to remain on the premises. Shortly after the verdict was passed dozens of settlers stormed into the house with hired security guards, demanding that the family vacate immediately. The specific house in question, built 10 years ago by the al-Kurd family, was unoccupied and locked up for eight years by court order pending the settlement of a land-ownership dispute. Haaretz (November 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Army stormed the Jerusalem Committee headquarter against demolition and displacement in Ar Rashid Street in Jerusalem city and confiscated the PC devices and some documents. Al Ayyam (November 7, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers attacked a number of Palestinian houses in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood and destroyed windows. Among house owners, the families of Hamad and Al Qawasmi were known. Al Ayyam (November 7, 2009).
- An Israeli order to intensify construction activities in a number of Israeli settlements in Jerusalem city. According to the Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction and the Israeli Land Administration, more pieces of lands will be marketed for the construction of 1000 housing units next year

and 1800 new housing units in Israeli settlements in the next few months. The tenders include 380 housing units in Kiryat Hayouvel settlement and 270 housing units in Ein Karem. Two pieces of lands will be marketed in Ramot settlement for the construction of 160 housing units and 300 housing units respectively. More pieces will be marketed to build 300 housing units in Pisgat Zeev settlement and 400 housing units in Armona Neighbourhood in Hebron, 610 housing units in Schneller camp in Gilo settlement. Tenders will also be announced for the construction of 1000 housing units in Harhoma settlement to build the new neighbourhood "Harhoma C" and 500 housing units in Ramot settlements and 450 housing units in Neve Yacoov settlements. There are two plans that are waiting to be marketed for the construction of 216 housing units and 270 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement and another for the construction of 745 housing units in Ramot settlement. Al Quds (November 7, 2009).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem issued an order to demolish the building of Sharhabil 'Alqam in Tel Al Foul area in Beit Hanina city. Mr. 'Alqam started constructing the building in 2002, on 500 square metres area. The building is composed on 7 floors and includes 25 apartments. Al Ayyam (November 8, 2009).
- Israeli municipality of Jerusalem staff delivered a notice to demolish the Women's Society office in the Old City of Jerusalem, accusing the organization of 100 square meters of unlicensed construction. The organization provides a range of services to women and children in the field of rehabilitation and culture and is located in the Al-Magharbeh neighborhood south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Maannews (November 9, 2009).
- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem delivered 17 demolition notices in the Al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city (8 notices), Ein Al-Luzeh and Al-Yaman neighborhoods in Silwan, also in East Jerusalem. Around 100 Palestinian houses are already slated for demolition in the same area alleged for lacking construction permits. Maannews (November 9, 2009).
- The Israeli court fined resident 'Ali Al Ju'ba 10000 NIS for living in a mobile caravan without getting a license in Al Sahel Street in At Tur neighbourhood. Al Quds (November 14, 2009).
- Jerusalem brothers Danny and Benny Cohen have gone public with their ownership claim of “thousands” of dunums (quarter-acres) of land in southern Jerusalem, on which they hope to build between 1,000 and 12,000

housing units. The Cohens are little-known businessmen who said to have purchased, over the past 26 years, thousands of acres of land along the Jerusalem-Bethlehem seam line area. They said they plan to file, within a few months, a construction plan for the area - Givat Yael - with the Jerusalem Regional Planning and Building Commission. Construction in this area means expanding the borders of greater Jerusalem. Globes (November 15, 2009).

- The Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee authorized the construction of 900 new housing units in East Jerusalem's Gilo settlement, prompting an expression of "dismay" from the White House. The plan approved, known as the "Western Slopes of Gilo" project, is the first stage of a much broader expansion of the southern Jerusalem neighborhood. The current expansion is in the direction of the Malha neighborhood. The full plan, which is already included in Jerusalem's master plan, will also expand the neighborhood southward. In addition, plans exist for major construction in the area between Gilo and Har Homa and around the neighborhood of Givat Hamatos. Overall, plans are in various stages of approval for 4,000 housing units in Gilo and its environs. All of these units would be over the Green Line. Haaretz (November 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over the families of Al Qabbani and Al 'Awawda in the Dung gate in the Old city of Jerusalem orders to evict their houses within ten days time. The house of Al Qabbani family is 18 square meters area and is inhabited by 6 family members; while the 2 storey house of Al 'Awawda family is inhabited by two families. November 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the house of Nasri Nassar Al Husseini which is inhabited by 30 family members and is composed of 4 appartments in Wadi Qaddum Neighbourhood south of Jerusalem city. Al Quds (November 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers affiliated to the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem demolished the houses of Khaled Ar Ruweidi and Muhammad 'Awwad in Al Bustan Neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. The Demolition process caused the displacement of 18 people form both houses. Al Quds (November 18, 2009).
- Residents of the Nof Zion housing compound gathered to celebrate the government's approval of building plans for 105 new homes in the mainly Palestinian area of Jabal Mukaber. Amongst the attendees of the

celebration were Member of Knesset Danny Danon and 25 Peace Now activists. The Digal Investments and Holding Ltd, the firm responsible for Nof Zion's construction, further said they received approval for their third and fourth stages, which, according to construction plans on Digal's website, includes a shopping centre, hotel and country club. The housing complex, described by Digal as "a private Jerusalem neighborhood" offers its residents panoramic views of Jerusalem, including the Old City. "Nof Zion" translates from Hebrew as "View of Zion." Maannews (November 18, 2009).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem ordered the demolition of the building of the Old Town Women Society in Wadi Hilwa quarter in Silwan village to the south of the old town of Jerusalem. The owner of the building, Eyad Ramadan, received the demolition order on 09 November 2009. It is worth mentioning that municipal officials, escorted by Israeli forces, photographed the building more than 15 months ago. The building originally stood on a 20-square-meter area, but an additional 30-square-meter area has been added to it. The Old Town Women Society provides services to at least 70 Palestinian families in Jerusalem. PCHRGAZA (November 18, 2009).
- Last minute political pressure is preventing the implementation of a Supreme Court ruling to evacuate Beit Yehonatan, which was established in East Jerusalem by the right-wing group Ateret Cohanim. In July 2008 the court ruled that the seven-story structure in the Silwan neighborhood must be shuttered. [Haaretz \(November 18, 2009\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished two Palestinian houses in east Jerusalem. The first house is owned by citizen 'Ateya Qaraeen and is located in Al Baq'a neighbourhood in Beit Hanina city; the house is 108 meters square area and is inhabited by 11 people. While the second house is composed of four storeys and is owned by Naser Nassar Al Husseni and his sons in Wadi Qaddum village in Ras Al 'Amud area. The four apartments (two storeys) were inhabited by 30 people. It is worth mentioning that families weren't given time to salvage their properties. Maannews (November 18, 2009).
- Violent protests erupted between Jerusalem residents and Israeli occupation troops as forces demolished the house of Abbas Ar-Ruweidi in Be'r Ayoub area in Al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan, East Jerusalem. The house is 80 meters square area and is inhabited by 18 people. Maannews (November 19, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a two-family Palestinian home in the town of Al-Issawiya in occupied East Jerusalem. Israeli forces entered the village with three bulldozers on the premise of carrying out demolition orders, and noted Israeli police and border guards blocked off the main entrances of the community. The 290-square-meter structure is composed of two storeys and is owned by Abdul-Halim Dari, and Ibrahim Dari. Both houses are inhabited by 15 people. Maannews (November 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished Silwan women society in Wadi Hilwah area in Silwan city. The society is 100 meters square area and is owned by Iyad Siyam. Al Quds (November 19, 2009).
- Israeli municipal authorities handed over demolition orders to 14 Palestinian families in Al Issawiya town east of Jerusalem, 6 houses in Beit Hanina and 3 in Shu'fat Town. Maannews (November 19, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation police and Jerusalem Municipality officers raided the main entrance to Shu'fat Refugee Camp and confiscated large quantities of vegetables from street vendors and demolished their stands. Maannews (November 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces along with Israeli settlers stormed the house of Fatima Muhammad Silwadi in Kubaniyet Um Haroun in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city and asked the resident to evacuate the house under the pretext that the house is a Jewish property. Al Quds (November 19, 2009).
- Excavation works to built two new tunnels and electrical elevators to link Al Sharaf neighbourhood in the old city of Jerusalem city with The Western wall area and Al Magharba gate. Al Quds (November 19, 2009).
- The Israeli ministry of housing and construction postponed the issuing of tenders for 1,500 housing units in Pisgat Zeev and Har Homa. Ynetnews (November 20, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers wrote racist slogans on the walls of a Mosque and a community centre in Beit Safafa south of Jerusalem. The settlers also torn the tires of three cars in the town. Al Ayyam (November 26, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over residents of Al Bustan neighbourhood in Silwan city south of Jerusalem house demolition orders under the pretext of being built without proper authorization from the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem. Al Quds (November 26, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over Al Ja'abis families in Jabal Al Mukkabir southeast of Jerusalem city 21 house demolition orders under the pretext that their houses were built without proper licensing documents. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem rejected a plan presented by Al Ja'abis families to obtain building permits for the families' houses. Al Quds (November 26, 2009).
- An appeal by the Al-Kurd family in Ash Shiekh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city to return to their home was turned down an Israeli magistrate's court, effectively handing control of the house to settlers. An appeal submitted by the family will be heard on 2 December in the Jerusalem District Court. Maannews (November 30, 2009).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Burqin village south of Jenin city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses under the pretext of searching for wanted Palestinians. Al Ayyam (November 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Kafr Dan village and stormed a number of green houses and agricultural facilities under the pretext of searching for unlicensed water wells. Al Quds (November 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Rummana village west of Jenin city and stormed the house of Sari Mahmoud Sbeihat and messed up contents. The IOF also staged into Raba and Ya'bad villages and stormed a number of Palestinian houses. Among owners, the following were known: Muhammad Ibrahim 'Aref Zayd, Iz Ad Din 'Amarna, 'Adnan Yasin Hamarsha from Ya'ba village; 'Ali Ibrahim Abu Hasan, Hasan 'Ali Ibrahim and Salah 'Ali Ibrahim from Raba village. Al Ayyam (November 24, 2009).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed a café owned by Ahmad Daraghmah in Tubas city after detaining all people in the Café. Al Ayyam (November 5, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over citizens of Al Zubeidat community in the Jordan valley area to halt the construction at 15 residential shacks and animal pens under the pretext of being built without proper licensing documents. Wafa (November 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over 7 Palestinian families in Al 'Aqaba and Tayaseer communities house demolition orders under the pretext that their houses were built without proper licensing documents. Owners of the houses are: Abdel Naser Sbeih, Hisham Husni Sbeih and Ahmad Jameel Sbieh from Al 'Aqaba village; Mahmoud and Jabr Najeh Hamdan from Tayaseer village. Al Ayyam (November 26, 2009).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Deir Al Ghsoun village north of Tulkarem and carried out an intensive house search in a number of Palestinian houses in the village. Among house owners, the following were known: Baha' Abu Sa', Muhammad 'Atwa and Qais Abu Sa'. Al Ayyam (November 2, 2009).

Qalqilyah

- Israeli Occupation Forces completed the construction of a fence along bypass road #55 to the north of 'Azzun village, east of Qalqilyah, allegedly to prevent stone throwing at Israeli vehicle traveling on the road, which links Nablus and Qalqilyah. The fence is 3.5 kilometers long and two meters wide. Israeli forces had started establishing the fence a year ago. With the establishment of this fence, 'Azzoun village had become totally isolated, and at least 1,300 dunums of its agricultural land have become separated from it. Israeli forces have also imposed restrictions on construction near the fence. Palestinian civilians have to resort to alternative longer roads to travel to Qalqilyah and to reach their lands. PCHRGZA (November 13, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities handed over citizen 'Akumah Yousef Saleem and Muhammad 'Asi Jamal from Azzun village east of Qalqilyah

city under the pretext that the two houses were built without proper building authorization. Al Quds (January 18, 2009).

- Personnel from the Israeli planning and construction committee of the so-called Israeli civil administration in the West Bank handed over halt-of-construction orders to 7 citizens from Azzun village east of Qalqilyah city orate against their houses and agricultural installations under the pretext that their houses were built without proper authorization from the Israeli civil Administration in the area due to their location in Area "C" which falls under the full Israeli Control. The owners are Naser Salameh Salim, 'Ikrima Yusif Salim , Azem Mohammed Salim, Rashid Abdullah Hussein, Musa Sulieman Abu Labada, Sai'd Suker Salim, Kamal Yusif Salim. Wafa (November 19, 2009).

Ramallah

- Landscapers in what will some day be Rawabi city, a planned community six kilometers north of Ramallah, were ordered by Israeli forces to stop planting more than 2,000 trees ordered for part of the project's "Grow for a Greener Palestine" program. The soldiers told workers tree planting was illegal because the area in question was "Area C" and under Israeli civil and military control. Maannews (November 6, 2009).
- Settlers of the unauthorized West Bank outpost Gi'vat Yosef admitted that a Civil Administration official who had come to deliver demolition orders, after locking him outside the settlement gates. Israel Police officers and security forces were summoned to the outpost gates to attempt to negotiate with residents of the outpost, which is located near the southern West Bank settlement of Beit El. Haaretz (November 9, 2009).
- Jaba' Village Regional Council assisted by the Yesh Din Human Rights Organization, filed a petition to the High Court of Justice demanding that a fence preventing villagers from working lands they cultivated for years be removed. The lands of Jaba' Village have been adjacent to the settlement of Geva-Binyamin since 2003, when the illegal fence was erected, annexing numerous plots, and denying the village farmers' access. The total size of lands so trapped is 394 dunums. In addition to the plots that were de facto annexed to the settlement after the fence surrounded them, the settlement of Geva-Binyamin also holds some 145 dunums of Jaba' Village residents' privately-owned lands. The landowners cannot access these plots as well, and over the years several public buildings were

built there even though these plots are formally outside the settlement's jurisdiction. Yesh-Din (November 11, 2009).

- Israeli Occupation forces ordered a cease of construction in al-Bireh Stadium, allegedly due to the lack of a construction license. The Mayor of al-Bireh, Jamal al-Tawil, stated that the area where the stadium is being constructed is a part of the city, which has been added to its boundaries since 1976. Since that time, the municipality has implemented many infrastructure projects in the area and offered construction licenses to many Palestinians, without facing any problem. PCHRGAZA (November 14, 2009).
- The Rigafim organization filed a petition to the Israeli Supreme court to demolish five Palestinian houses south of Al Mazra'a Al Qiblyia village in Ramallah city. Al Quds (November 17, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over Al Lubban Al Gharbi residents northwest of Ramallah city orders to demolish three Palestinian houses in the village under the pretext that the houses were built without proper authorization. The houses are owned by Ahmad Yacoub Salem, Nitham 'Atallah Salem and Muhammad Abed Radwan. The IO forces also confiscated some contents of 8 Commercial stores in the village and losses are estimated at 50-60 Thousand NIS. Al Ayyam (November 18, 2009).
- The Yesh Din organization has filed a petition on behalf of two Palestinians from the nearby village of Ein Yabrud northeast of Ramallah city against the waste-water purification plant which is partly funded by government ministries and is being built on Private Palestinian lands of the village to serve Ofra outpost settlers. [Al Ayyam \(November 26, 2009\)](#).

Others

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished the house of Muhammad Abu Shareef Ighbariya in Masmias village inside Israel. Al Quds (November 2, 2009).
- Fifty American Jews on a unique visit to Israeli areas are advising investors to skip over buying condominiums in Florida and to put their money in “our historical homeland.” “Our objective is to send a clear message to Washington and to U.S. President Barack Obama that Jews will continue to live in eastern Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria,” New York State

Assemblyman Dov Hikind said on the first leg of a four-day visit to those areas on Sunday. "Instead of investing in properties in Florida, we must consider buying homes in our historical homeland," he said. "We will show the Obama administration that Israel and Jews in the Diaspora will never accept [outside] orders where to live or where to build in our homeland. American Jews have an important obligation...to buy houses in these areas to secure their security and growth." [INN \(November 16, 2009\)](#).

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that Israel would impose a 10-month freeze on construction in West Bank settlements, saying the move was a bid to restart stalled peace talks with the Palestinians. During the press conference, Netanyahu said that the move would not be implemented in Arab East Jerusalem, which is viewed by Israel as a separate issue to be discussed in a final status agreement with the Palestinians. Netanyahu also added that the freeze applies only to new construction, meaning housing already underway will continue. Also the freeze will also not apply to construction that has already been authorized or to work on public buildings conducive to normal life in the territories. [Haaretz \(November 25, 2009\)](#).
- Yesh Din organization has been monitoring Police investigation of Palestinian complaints on damage caused to their fruit trees for the past four years, and finds out that some 40% of the incidents that the organization has monitored took place over the past 10 months. Most of the damage was inflicted on olive trees, but other types of fruit-bearing trees, such as lemon and almond trees, were also harmed. Yesh Din monitored the investigation of 69 incidents where Palestinian-owned trees were vandalized in the West Bank that the Samaria and Judea (SJ) District Police have been investigating. Not a single one of the 69 cases under police investigation that Yesh Din monitored has so far yielded an indictment against those suspected of involvement in vandalizing Palestinian-owned trees. [Yesh din \(November 26, 2009\)](#).
- The Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak ordered the IDF to issue a temporary freeze order, but at the same time allowed the construction of 28 new public buildings in settlements. [Haaretz \(November 27, 2009\)](#).
- The Israeli settlers have stepped up new construction in an effort to get ahead of the restrictions imposed by the states. Hundreds of new housing units are in the process of construction, among other places in Bracha,

Yitzhar, Eli, Shilo, Betar Ilit, Elazar, Carmel and Ma'on. [Haaretz \(November 27, 2009\)](#).

- Israeli settlers vowed to defy a government [crackdown on West Bank construction](#) by laying cornerstones in communities across the territory. Yishai Hollander, a spokesman for the settlers' said that there would be festive cornerstone ceremonies for new neighborhoods in multiple settlements in the next few days. [Haaretz \(November 29, 2009\)](#).

Monthly Violations Statistics – November 2009

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	1
Jerusalem	170	0	0	20	90
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	4
Nablus	40	0	97	0	15
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	9
Hebron	0	400	0	0	11
Tubas	0	0	0	0	22
Total	40	400	97	20	152

The Monthly overview report gives a list of the Israeli Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory which are based on reports provided by field workers and/or by one or more of the following news sources: Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, Al-Quds daily newspaper, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, Israel National News, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, Paltoday news-website, Palpress news website, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Palestine News Network, Ma'an News Agency, Al Jazeera News Channel, and Yediot Achronot – English website.

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