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Bethlehem

- A group of Israeli settlers set fire into ten dunums of agricultural lands planted with Almonds and Olive trees in Artas Village west of Bethlehem city owned by resident Maher Abu Sbei'a. Settlers also buried an under construction water well in the village. Al Quds (July 9, 2010).
- Construction has begun on a new section of the wall on lands of Al Walajeh village northwest of Bethlehem city. The community of about 2,000 on the southwest edge of Jerusalem is to be completely encircled by a wall cutting it off from most of its open land. [Ipost](#) (July 13, 2010).
- The Israeli military bulldozers razed and sabotaged the only road connecting Beit Jala city with Battir village west of Bethlehem, in Al Makhroun Mountain, north of BeitJala city. It is worth mentioning that 5 km long road is being implemented by Battir village council and the Joint Services Council in Bethlehem area and was in its final stages. Wafa (July 15, 2010).
- There are frequent complaints from farmers in the village of Wadi Fukin in the West Bank Governorate of Bethlehem, where large quantities of contaminated water mixed with a gritty substance from the crushing plant at the Betar Ilit settlement flows into its agricultural lands, particularly in the region of Ain Mudeeq to the south of the village. Al Quds (July 16, 2010).
- Israel recently began construction on 100 new settlement units in the southern West Bank area, on Palestinian lands in the communities of Beit

Jala and Al-Walajeh. Israeli authorities began overturning land and surrounding it with barbed wires to thwart Palestinian land owners from protesting the confiscation. Another 32 units are planned for the Palestinian village of Tuqu, east of Bethlehem. Maanews (July 18, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces set up a temporary checkpoint at the southern entrance of Al Khader village (locally known as An Nash-shash entrance) which eventually connects with the Israeli Bypass road 60. Wafa (July 27, 2010).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities started the construction of 20 Housing units in Shepherd Hotel in Shiekh Jarrah Neighborhood in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (July 1, 2010).
- Al Maqdisi organization revealed about secret letters between the Israeli Ministry of Interior and the Israeli National unit for monitoring construction in Jerusalem that Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem intends to go on with its plans to demolish Palestinian houses in the city. The statistics provided by Al Maqdisi organization showed that there are 27 demolition orders awaiting Al Walajeh village northwest of Bethlehem city; another 53 demolition orders awaiting Deir Al 'Amoud and Deir Al Quntar in Sur Baher city; 30 demolition Orders in Al Farouq Neighborhood; 28 Demolition orders in At Tur neighborhood; 118 demolition orders in As Sawahreh neighborhood; demolition orders for 3 buildings in Bir Oneh area; demolition orders for 9 buildings in Kafr Aqab area and demolition orders for 84 buildings in Beit Hanina town. Al Quds (July 3, 2010).
- The Israeli local committee for building and planning at the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem will ratify the construction of 60 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city. Wafa (July 4, 2010).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem forced Citizen Nayef Kastero from Aqbat Al Saraya area in the Old City of Jerusalem to demolish part of his house which was built few years ago. The area of the demolished structure is 49 square meters. Al Quds (July 5, 2010).
- The Israeli settlers set fire to 60 Old Roman Olive trees in Beit Hanina city, in the area segregated west of the wall. Al Quds (July 8, 2010).

- Israeli settlers attacked Al Dajani cemetery in Al Dajani neighborhood in Jerusalem city and carried out some construction works at David Cemetery (An Nabi Daoud (Dawoud the Prophet) Mosque) located adjacent to the cemetery, which led to damage of some graves. The settlers also covered some of the graves with cloth and brought some construction materials to the site. Al Quds (July 10, 2010).
- The Israeli planning committee for occupied East Jerusalem gave the go-ahead for the construction of 32 new settlement housing units in the Pisgat Ze'ev settlement. Work on the buildings - an initial project for a 220 unit expansion - could begin immediately. [Wafa & Maannews](#) (July 12, 2010).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished 6 Palestinian structures in Beit Hanina, Jabal Al Mukkabbir and Al Issawiya communities in east Jerusalem under the pretext of being built without license. Details of the demolished houses are addressed in table 1

Table 1: the demolitions carried out in Jerusalem city.				
No.	Owner's name	Structure Area (m²)	House Status	Location
1	In'am Al Taweel	100	Inhabited by 9 people	Al Sal'a Neighborhood, Jabal Al Mukabbir
2	Musa Mashaher	80	Inhabited by 6 people	Al Sal'a Neighborhood, Jabal Al Mukabbir
3	Rashed Al Rajabi	50	Inhabited by 6 people	Al Aqaba Neighborhood, Beit Hanina
4	Mahmoud Muhammad Al 'Isawi	100	Under Construction	Issawiya
5	Sabah Abu Rmeila	120	Under Construction	Issawiya
6	Khaleel Dari		An Agricultural Room	Issawiya
Al Maqdese (July 13, 2010)				

- Employees of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem hindered residents of Wadi Hilweh from parking their cars in the neighborhood. Al Quds (July 16, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed Beit Al Maqdis stores owned by Salman Al Tawil in Ar Ram area north of Jerusalem city. The IOF broke door entrance and damaged store contents and confiscated cameras. Losses are estimated at 70 Thousand Shekels (NIS). Al Quds (July 17, 2010).
- Israeli Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein informed the Supreme Court that the state plans to enforce the law on abandoned properties to properties in East Jerusalem. This in effect will mean that Israel can "legally" take over thousands of acres and buildings worth hundreds of millions of shekels. The state intends to assume control over properties of people who moved to enemy states during the War of Independence, as well as structures in East Jerusalem that belong to people now residing in the territories. [Haaretz \(July 19, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers razed a flower shop and a tile store owned by Abed Al-Aziz Shehada At-Tayeb, a father with eight children. The two adjacent structures, built on two dunums of land are located in Hizma town in Occupied east Jerusalem. Maannews (July 26, 2010).
- A Car wash owned by Muhammad Al-Khatib was demolished in Hizma town in Occupied east Jerusalem. It was the second demolition on his property in a year. The first demolition, more than six months ago, was of a small vegetable stand. Losses estimated at 100,000 shekels (\$26,448 US) for both demolitions. Maannews (July 27, 2010).
- A car wash building and an equipment shed owned by Ghaleb Salah Ad-Din was demolished in Hizma Town in Occupied East Jerusalem. The owner of the car wash store is father of five children. Maannews (July 27, 2010).
- A greenhouse and roadside garden shop belonging to Jamal Salah Ad-Din was also demolished in Hizma town in occupied east Jerusalem. Bulldozers took down two structures built on four dunums of land. The owner estimated his losses at 200,000 shekels (\$52,896 US). The owner stated that he had no idea the demolition was about to happen, as he was

still paying off a fine for illegal construction of 430 shekels per month. Maannews (July 27, 2010).

- Greenhouse and construction materials shop belonging to the Mohammad Fayez Subeih family, with ten children was demolished in Hizma town in East Jerusalem and properties were confiscated. Maannews (July 27, 2010).
- Greenhouse and shed belonging to Afeef Ahmad Suleiman Askar built on five dunums of land were demolished in Hizma town, Maannews (July 27, 2010).
- The Ir Amim organization revealed that there are plans to demolish 35 buildings (60 housing units) in different areas in Al Isawiya town east of Jerusalem under the pretext of being built without a license. Al Quds (July 29, 2010).
- Two Jewish families accompanied by Israeli police took over a building in the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem, evicting families from three of the building's apartments. The building, two stories with 11 small family apartments, is owned by the families of Suleiman Handal, rented by Kamal Qerrish and located in the As-Sa'dieh neighborhood near the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Three of the apartments housed families, totaling 50 residents. Maannews (July 31, 2010).

Hebron

- Israeli Occupation forces destroyed farm stands at Jerusalem – Hebron road owned by Abu Maria and Awad families in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The stands are the livelihood for many families in the town who depend on agriculture as a main source of income. Wafa (July 1, 2010).
- Israeli settlers of Ramat Yeshai settlement uprooted Olive and grape trees planted in the land of Zakariya Al Bakri which is located adjacent to the site. Al Ayyam (July 3, 2010)
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the Islamic society building in the Old City of Hebron. Al Ayyam (July 3, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation forces staged into Yatta town south of Hebron city and stormed the store of Jamal 'Uthman Abu 'Arram. Wafa (July 5, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Hasan 'Aqel Al Muttawar in Sa'ir Town east of Hebron city after destroying the windows of the house and the furniture without any justification. Wafa (July 5, 2010).
- In the Al Baq'a Valley east of Hebron city, Israeli Occupation authorities demolished a water pool and confiscated irrigation pipes which were used to bring water to a plot of land of around 6 dunum. A family of 17 people, including 14 children, which relies on the land as a source of livelihood, has been affected as a result. The Israeli bulldozers also destroyed Palestinian agricultural lands planted with field crops during the process. The demolished water tank is owned by Ziad Hammouda Jaber and the razed lands are owned by Fahd Salim Al Rajabi, Azzam Abdel 3aziz Jaber, Jodi Abdel Jawad Jaber, Jamal Muhammad Al Rajabi, Yasin Suleiman Al Rajabi and Imad Shu'aib Jaber. Wafa (July 6, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Army handed over Beit Ula residents a military order to confiscate 48 dunums of the town for the construction of the Israeli segregation wall. The targeted areas are: Abu Haltam, Um Al Khanazeer, Wad Al Jalmoun. The order gives residents of the town 45 days to object the military order. Al Quds (July 12, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities handed over Isma'il Abu Hamdieh a military order to demolish his 2-storey house in Al Fahs area south Hebron. Al Quds (July 13, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished a water wall in Al Bqei'a area in Hebron city owned by resident Abdel Hadi Tawfeeq Jaber and handed over residents' military orders to demolish a number of water wells in the eastern part of Hebron city. Al Quds (July 14, 2010).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers entered Al Arqan area southwest of Hebron city with orders to demolish the homes of Fathi Mahmoud Ash-Shawamreh and Mustafa Ibrahim Ash-Shawamreh. Fathi under the pretext of being constructed without a permit. Al Quds (July 16, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the 250 square meters house of Nitham Arafat Al Rajabi in Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city under the pretext of building without permit in Area C, which falls under the full Israeli Control. The bulldozers also demolished an animal shed erected next to the house. Al Quds (July 22, 2010).

- On the outskirts of Hebron city, Israeli Occupation authorities demolished an extension to a house as well as barracks used to shelter animals. The demolition affected a family of 9 people, including 7 children. DWG (July 22, 2010).
- Israeli settlers from the nearby settlements placed several mobile homes on lands belonging to Palestinians in the Al-Boweireh neighborhood, in the eastern part of Hebron. The new settlement outpost is located near the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Kharsina. The settlers from Kiryat Arba and Kharsina confiscated hundreds of dunums for the expansion of the two settlements and prevented the families of Jaber and Da'na from building or expanding in the neighborhood. Al Quds (July 23, 2010).
- An Israeli order to confiscate 16 dunums of Palestinian agricultural lands close to Karmeit Tzur settlement owned by Hussein and Mhesein Awad family. It is worth mentioning that the land is 200 meters away from the fence of the settlement. Al Ayyam (July 25, 2010).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents of Idhna town west of Hebron city new house demolition orders under the pretext of lacking building permits. The orders targeted houses in Khamat Harb west of the town. The threatened houses are owned by Nayef Muhammad Tumeizi, 'Abbas Nayef Muhammad Tumeizi, Daoud Nayef Muhammad Tumeizi, 'Arafat Nayef Muhammad Tumeizi, Sabri Tumeizi, Muhammad Sami Tumeizi and other houses owned by Awwad, Abu Jheisha and Abu Zalta families. Wafa (July 27, 2010)
- Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' settlement destroyed a field of vegetables and slashed water pipes and partially destroyed the fence around the field in Um Al-Kheir village in the south Hebron hills. The damaged field was the primary food and economic resource for the 85-member Bedouin community, which includes around 30 children. Maannews (July 30, 2010).

Ramallah

- In the community of Al Lubban Al Gharbi in the north-western Ramallah Governorate Israeli authorities demolished 10 structures belonging to 8 Palestinian families (80 people, including 38 children) under the pretext of being illegally built in 'Area C,'" which falls under Israeli control. This included 2 homes (the first is owned by Ahmad Ya'qub Isma'il Salem and is composed of two floors; and the second structure is owned by Natham A'ttallah Salem and is composed of two floors); 6 barracks (of which one

barracks is owned by Sadeq Wadi and another garage owned by Mahmoud Ya'qoub and a third garage owned by Fawwaz 'Ali Salameh) and 1 tent used for various livelihood-related purposes; as well as the foundation of a house under construction. The 2 homes that were demolished were not yet inhabited but nearly completed. Maannews (July 21, 2010).

- Israeli settlers set fire into 70 dunums of agricultural lands planted with tens of Old Roman Olive trees in Saffa village west of Ramallah city. Al Quds (July 24, 2010).
- A large number of Halmish settlement settlers gathered at the entrance of An Nabi Saleh village and closed the road leading to it. Wafa (July 26, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed residents of Qatannah village a new military order to take over more lands of the village to reroute the path of the Israeli Segregation Wall. Wafa (July 27, 2010).

Nablus

- Israel's Civil Administration handed down three stop work orders to residents in the Nablus village of Burqa under the pretext of being built without license. The orders were delivered to Muhammad Hamed Hajjeh, Jamal Radi Seif, Hilal Hamdeh Hijjeh. The orders, known locally as "demolition orders," demand that home owners appear before a magistrates court to defend allegations. Maannews (July 7, 2010).
- Israeli settlers staged into Burin village south of Nablus city and threw stones at Palestinian houses in the village. Wafa (July 8, 2010).
- A group of Israeli settlers uprooted tens of fruitful trees in Al Lubban Al Sharqiya village and attacked a number of residents in the village, of whom, the following were known: Muhammad Khaleel Muhammad 'Uweesa. Al Quds (July 10, 2010)
- More than 400 Israeli settlers under military guard entered 'Awarta village in the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Israeli Occupation forces closed the area for the duration of the event, and Palestinians were unable to leave the village between 10 p.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday. Maannews (July 12, 2010).

- The Israeli Settlers of Migdalim settlement set fire into the agricultural lands of Qisra village southeast of Nablus city and resulted in the loss of 25 Old Roman Olive Trees. Al Quds (July 15, 2010).
- A group of Israeli settlers from Itamar settlement set up new caravans on lands close to Deir Al Hatab village, in Ras Hazem area, east of Nablus city. Al Quds (July 20, 2010).
- More than 700 Israeli settlers stormed Joseph Tomb north of Nablus city and performed religious rituals inside the Tomb lasted for five hours. Wafa (July 27, 2010).
- The Israeli settlers set fire into Burin village lands south of Nablus city and caused the burning of Field crops. Wafa (July 26, 2010).
- A group of Israeli settlers stormed Burin village from its eastern side and took over an under construction house and tried to demolish it. Wafa (July 30, 2010).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Jubara Hamlet south of Tulkarem city which is isolated west of the Israeli segregation wall and stormed a number of Palestinian houses, among of which, the following were known: Mustafa Yousef Awad and Samer Taha Yousif. Wafa (July 8, 2010).

Jenin

- Israeli Occupation forces set up a military checkpoint at Arraba village junction and obstructed Palestinian movement. Wafa (July 8, 2010).
- Israeli occupation forces tore down 10 stables in the northern West Bank village of Al Jalameh used for selling fruits and vegetable. The demolitions were carried out based on the Israeli pretexts that the structures were build without permission. Maannews (July 19, 2010).

Tubas

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 13 houses, 19 barns and 5 stoves in Ar Ras Al Ahmar area east of Tubas city. The demolished structures were owned by Abdullah Bisharat (Stove, 2 barns, and a house), Salah

Bisharat (House, 2 barns), Mohammad Bani Odeh (House, 3 barns), Fayyad Bani Odeh (House, barn), 'Ali Bani Odeh (House, barn, and a stove), Jum'a Bani Odeh (house), 'Ali 'Izzat Bani Odeh (House, 2 barns), 'Izzat Bani Odeh (House, 2 barns), Ayman Bani Odeh (House, barns), Jamal Bani Odeh (House, barn, stove), Mustapha Bani Odeh (House, barn, stove), Iyad Bani Odeh (House, barn), Hasan Bani Odeh (House, 2 barns, stove). LRC (July 1, 2010).

- Israel's Civil Administration demolished over 20 farmer's sheds in the Al-Farisiya area in the northern Jordan Valley. In addition to the sheds, homes and barracks were also razed in the process. Owners of the demolished structures were issued the orders on 27 June, but did not appeal the decision. Maannews (July 19, 2010).
- In the village of Bardala, east of Tubas city, the Israeli Civil Administration distributed 10 stop-work orders under the pretext of being built without licenses. The orders also demanded homeowners to appear before a magistrates court to defend allegations. According to a report in the Israeli daily Haaretz, the Civil Administration has received government orders to increase enforcement against Palestinian construction in Area C, according to a deposition by an administration official to the High Court. Maannews (July 19, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished at least 76 Palestinian structures in Al Farsiyah village east of Tubas city, in the northern valleys. This included: (1) In the community of Al Farisyie, a total of 74 structures were demolished. This included 26 residential tents; 22 animal shelters; 7 taboun ovens; 8 kitchens; 10 bathrooms and a barrack used to store agricultural equipment. As a result, at least 107 people, including 52, have lost their main residences and many personal and other belongings. As many of the families were not present during the demolition, much of their belongings were buried in the rubble. In addition, at least 4 water tanks and large quantities of food and animal fodder were damaged or destroyed. (2) In the community of Fasayel al Fuqa, the Israeli Occupation bulldozers also demolished a barrack housing a Palestinian family of 9 people, including 7 children, one of them an infant of 10 months. DWG (July 19, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed two Palestinian farmers in Al Farisyia village demolition orders to their houses. Wafa (July 29, 2010).

- Israeli occupation forces confiscated a water tanker owned by Burhan Asmar in Khirbet Makhool area in the northern Jordan Valley. Wafa (July 29, 2010).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed down Kherbit Yezra village council east of Tubas city orders to demolish the 100 square meters Mosque and 4 residential structures under the pretext of building without permits. Wafa (July 30, 2010).

Salfit

- The wastewater from the pipe line passing the settlement of Yakir leaks profusely from one of the inspection founts passing the valley of Qana (Wadi Qana). This waste water flows along the course of the entire valley which has led to it mixing with the fresh natural spring water in Deir Istya village in Salfit Governorate. The wastewater has also led to the pollution of the water in the 'Ayn al-Jawza' spring, one of nine natural springs used by farmers to irrigate their lands, water their livestock and to water orange and lemon trees. Waste water constitutes the most prominent pollutant of groundwater in that region. Al Quds (July 16, 2010).

Jericho

- Areas in the southern Jordan Valley were declared a closed military zone with road blocks and checkpoints installed around two population centers. Jericho city and the town of Al-Auja were surrounded by Israeli military blockades, with soldiers stopping and searching all vehicles passing in and out of the areas. Maannews (July 12, 2010).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities gave residents of Fasayel village north of Jericho city orders to stop the construction at their houses. The orders targeted residents Ibrahim Salem Khalil I'bayyat, Musa Rashayda, As'ad Rashayda and Muhammad Rashayda. Al Quds (July 16, 2010).

Others

- Israeli Regional councils across the West Bank are preparing for continued settlement construction ahead of September 27, when the current build freeze is scheduled to end. This will include the construction of At least 2,700 new housing units in settlements in the West Bank. The Shomron regional council in the northern West Bank, for instance, is gearing up for

the construction of 800 new houses. The Binyamin regional council is also furiously working to lay the groundwork for 1,200 housing units in Shilo, Talmonim and Kfar Adumim settlements. The Oranit regional council has planned 600 units, some of which have already been authorized, only to be halted by the settlement freeze. The Southern Hebron Hills regional council has but a few dozen units in its bank, mostly in Eshkolot and Susia. Haaretz (July 5, 2010).

- The Israeli Ministerial Committee for Legislation approved a bill proposed by National Union Chairman MK Yaakov (Ketzaleh) Katz, for the construction of a fence along the border between Israel and Egypt. [INN](#) (July 12, 2010).
- An amendment to Israel's citizenship bill, requiring all Israeli citizens to swear allegiance to a Jewish state, is due to be presented to the cabinet on the 25th of July, 2010. At Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the bill has "demographic and humanitarian aspects" to preserve Israel's "Jewish and democratic character." He added that Israel is "the only western state that does not have an immigration policy." Maannews (July 19, 2010).
- Israeli Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Eli Yishai are scheduled to lay the cornerstone on the 22nd of July, 2010 for a new administrative center in the southern Hebron Hills. The new office complex for the Judea Regional Council is to be built in Meitarim, a 1,200-dunam industrial park located south of Hebron that opened in 2001. The center will provide administrative services to all Jewish communities in the region. [INN \(July 19, 2010\)](#).
- The Israeli Interior minister will lay the corner stone to a new Administrative center for the settlements south of the West Bank. The ceremony for laying the corner stone will be held at Metarim Industrial zone inside the Green Line and will be responsible for 15 Israeli settlements in Hebron area inhabited by 4500 settlers. Al Quds (July 19, 2010).
- The Israeli government decided that fence to be constructed between Egypt and Israel would begin only in November. The fence is to be 240 kilometers long, and is currently slated to cost 140 million shekels (\$362,000). [INN](#) (July 19, 2010).

Monthly Violations Statistics – July 2010

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	60	7 in addition to 11 structures	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	10	0
Nablus	0	0	25	0	3
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	4
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	64	0	0	2	0
Tubas	0	0	0	36	17
Total	64	0	85	55	24

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, Israel National News, and Yediot Ahronot – English website.

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