Bethlehem

- A plan to build 1,400 new housing units in Gilo settlement south of Jerusalem city will be discussed next week and is expected to be approved by the city’s local planning and building committee. If approved, the plan will then be submitted to the District Committee. The housing plan passed the necessary steps quickly, since the idea first came to light in July 2008. The plan was brought forth by private entrepreneurs and was promoted by the Jerusalem Development Authority. Al Quds (January 16, 2011).

- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents of Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem city a number of military orders targeting some structures in the village under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. The orders were handed to Bilal Ali Ibrahim who owns a blacksmith, Muhammad Abdel Majid who owns a one storey house, Wasfi Muhamamd Theib who owns a two storey house and is a shelter for 7 family members, A Mosque, the house of Adnan Ibrahim Yousif and is composed of two storeys, and the house and garage of Jameel Muhammad Theib. Nahhalin Village Council (January 20, 2011).

- More than 3000 Israeli settlers gathered at Khallet Al Fahem area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and on Abu Zayed mountain in Artas village in an attempt to take over the lands. Al Ayyam (January 21, 2011).

- The Israeli bulldozers razed 5 dunums of agricultural lands owned by Ali Mahmoud Abdel Salam in Ras Salah area near Neve Daniel settlement to
expand the road leading to the settlement. The razing process also included the destruction of 20 Olive trees and tens of Grape and Olive trees. Wafa (January 24, 2011).

- Israeli settlers of Betar 'Illit settlement located southwest of Bethlehem city attacked resident Mustafa Abdel Qader Najaja while he was working in his land in Kherbit Ad Deir area which is close to the location of the settlement. Al Ayyam (January 28, 2011).

Hebron

- The Israeli settlers accompanied by Occupation forces hindered farmers of Yatta town from accessing their lands in Um Al 'Arayes area which are close to Mitzpe Ya’ir settlement east of Yatta town south of Hebron city under the pretext of being classified as "closed military areas". Wafa (January 2, 2011).

- The Israeli Civil Administration served residents of Ein 'Asi area in Halhul town southeast of Hebron city six military orders to stop the construction at their structures under the pretext of lacking valid building permits due to their location in area "C". The structures are owned by Ghassan Ahmad Abu Yousif (two storey house), Faris Ahmad Abu Yusif (one storey house), Nadim Ahmad Abu Yusif (a house), Isma'il Abdel Hadi Abu Rayyan (two storey house), Abdullah Hussein Jaradat (three storey house) and Shaker Hussein Al 'Araj (a wall). Al Quds (January 5, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation soldiers manning Al Container checkpoint closed the checkpoint in the face of Palestinians for more than three hours. Al Quds (January 9, 2011).

- In Al Daqiqa village, southeast of the Hebron city, four Israeli bulldozers accompanied by 30 military vehicles entered the area and began taking down Al Daqiqa preparatory school (contained six classrooms) and 13 residential structures owned by Al Ka’abna family under the pretext of being erected without permits. LRC & Maannews (January 12, 2011).

- Israeli Occupation troops raided the Al-Amir cement factory in the industrial zone south of Hebron. The troops raided the factory and searched it. They closed the road leading to it, preventing anyone from approaching. Maannews (January 14, 2011).
• Israeli Occupation troop raided Ar Ramadin area southwest of Hebron city and set up two military checkpoints, the first was set up at the community’s northern entrance while the second was set up at Hebron’s southern crossroad "Al Fahs". The IOT also raided the house of Murtada Zagharna in Ar Ramadin community. Wafa (January 15, 2011).

• The Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered military orders to seven residents in Susyia area east of yatta town to demolish their homes, made of canvas, wood and aluminum. The orders were handed to Issa Hussein Al Jbour, Muhammad Hussein Al Jbour, Mahmoud Ahmad Al Jbour, Issa Badawi Al Jbour and Omar Badawi Al Jbour. Wafa (January 19, 2011).

• Israeli occupation forces raided the city of Hebron and searched "Infinity" Press ' located in Al Salam Street and owned by the detainee Mo'ataz Al Ju’ba. Wafa (January 20, 2011).

• A group of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian farmers and took over 20 dunums of lands in Um Lasfa area east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. The settlers installed iron seats in the land in an attempt to transfer it into a park for the settlers of Karmiel settlement. The lands are owned by Abu Hamied and Awad families. Wafa (January 22, 2011).

• A group of Israeli settlers and under the protection of Israeli Occupation troops attacked agricultural lands in Al Tuwani area east of Yatta town and hindered Palestinian farmers from continuing working in their lands. The IO troops declared the area as "Closed area" in order to continue hindering Palestinian farmers of the area from accessing their lands. Wafa (January 22, 2011).

• Israeli settlers from Susyia settlement east of Yatta town began ploughing Palestinian lands near the settlement owned by An Nawaja family and other families in the area. Around 46 dunums are affected by the settlers’ violation. Wafa (January 23, 2011)

• The Israeli Occupation forces hindered four farmers (Muhammad and Khalil Abdel Qader Quqas, Ali and Jamal Muhammad Hussein ‘Adi) of Al I’rq area in Beit Ummer town located close to Beit ‘Ayn settlement from continuing ploughing their lands. The threatened land area is more than 100 dunums and is planted with Almond and grape trees. Wafa (January 23, 2011).
• The Israeli Occupation troops raided the house of Muhammad Al 'Iqeili south of Dura town and messed with its contents. Israeli settlers of Hagai settlement also uprooted a number of Olive trees owned by Al Tubasi family in Al Rayhiye area, south of Hebron city. Wafa (January 24, 2011)

• The Israeli Occupation troops close Road no. 35 which leads to Tarqumyia terminal west of Hebron city under the pretext of finding a suspicious object. Wafa (January 24, 2011).

• Tens of Israeli settlers from Karmi‘el settlement south of Hebron city took over 80 dunums of lands of Um Al Khair area and started planting Olive trees in the land. The land is owned by residents Suleiman, Yase, Muhammad, Ibrahim and Salim 'Eid Al Hathalin. Wafa (January 24, 2011).

• The Israeli Occupation forces chased Palestinian farmers in 'Atous area in Beit Ula town and hindered them from working in their lands. Wafa (January 23, 2011).

• The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a military order number 29/10/T to take over a 2580 square meters land in Manoh Mountain area in Hebron Governorate to establish an Airstrip for Israeli helicopters. The land in question is owned by resident Hussein Irfaiya. Al Quds (January 24, 2011).

• Israeli settlers of Ma‘on settlement east of Yatta town attacked a flock of sheep owned by resident Salameh Makhamreh while they were grazing near a water well in ‘Maghayer Al 'Abeed’ area south of the settlement. Al Ayyam (January 24, 2011).

• Hundreds of Israeli settlers began a campaign of planting large areas of land owned by Jaber and Al Salaymeh families in Al Baq’a area in Hebron city in an attempt to take over the land and annex it to the nearby settlements. The planting campaign affected around 50 dunums of Palestinian lands located close to Kharsina settlement. It is worth mentioning that during the past three days Israeli settlers managed to plant 80 dunums of Palestinian lands with Olive trees owned by Al Hathalin Family in Um Al Khair area wast of Yatta town, also in 'Ein Al Baida area northwest of Beit Ummer town. Al Ayyam (January 25, 2011).

• Israeli settlers set fire into the bulldozer of Anwar At Tabakhi in Hebron city. Al Ayyam (January 25, 2011).
A group of Israeli settlers from Beit 'Ayn settlement northwest of Beit Ummer city uprooted tens of Olive and Grape trees in Wadi Abu Ar Reish area located close to the settlement and owned by Hammad Abdel Hamid Jaber Al Sleibi. Wafa (January 26, 2011).

**Jerusalem**

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the 90 square meters area house of Naser Yousif Siyam in As Sammar area in Lefta village north of Ash Sheikh Jarrah city, leaving around 35 square meters standing. The family of nine must now live in one bedroom, one lounge and a corridor. Maannews (January 3, 2011).

- Israeli officials in Jerusalem carried out the area’s second demolition in the Beit Hanina neighborhood, north of the Old City. The Israeli bulldozers demolished a 125-square-meter house owned by Nayif Uweida which was built in the year 2000. Palestinian homes adjacent to Uweida's house were damaged during the destruction. It is worth mentioning that it is the third home he owned to be demolished, with the first in the area of Shu‘fat in 2008, and a second agricultural building in Beit Hanina in 2009. Maannews (January 4, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished a commercial store and a house in Al Marwaha area in Beit Hanina city under the pretext of unlicensed building. The structures are owned by Nayef Eweidah Iskafi. The area of the demolished house is 180 square meters and was a shelter for 8 people. Al Quds (January 5, 2011).

- A new settlement project in the Jerusalem community of Silwan will see the neighborhood split in two. The new development, set for 5 dunums of land some of which take up the Silwan valley, a fertile area southeast of the Old City walls known alternatively as the Valley of Jehosaphat, or Kideron Valley. The area contains a spring, known as Job's Well (Beer Ayoub), and variously identified as the Well of Nehemiah, and En Rogel. A development plan made for the zone included the construction of public buildings, a network of swimming pools and activity areas and would also include the demolition of 30 homes, eight of which are in the Silwan area, and another 22 closer to the spring. Maannews (January 6, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished destroyed two garages, a car wash and building materials belonging to Abed Al-Aziz Al-Khatib, a
resident of Hizma town north of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being constructed without permits. The buildings provided the main source of income for Al-Khatib’s 50-member family. Losses are estimated at 200 Thousand Shekels. Al Quds (January 6, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation authorities demolished the Shepherd Hotel (the Mufti, Amin Al-Husseini palace) in sheikh Garrah neighborhood in Jerusalem, pursuant to the Israeli court ratification of a plan of 20 settlers’ units construction as a first phase within the master plan of 390 settlers’ units construction in the area. Al Quds (January 8, 2011).

- Israel spent 5 million US dollars in 2010 to restore and maintain what it called Jewish holy sites in the 'Ein Silwan and Burj al-Nawateer (Neve Shamuel) Governorate of Jerusalem. The sites were actually mosques that were seized in 1948 and 1967 and later converted into Jewish synagogues. Al Quds (January 8, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers affiliated to the Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA) demolished two houses and poultry barns in As Sammar area in Wadi Al Joz in Jerusalem city under the pretext of lacking valid building permits owned by resident Abu Ahmad. The authorities also confiscated two horses, and several pieces of equipment from the barn. The demolition followed one week after inspectors from the nature and parks authority visited the area and took photos of the area. Wafa (January 10, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a tin and wood shed near the Palace Hotel in the Suwwana neighborhood. The shed was owned by Shukri Farouji. Maannews (January 10, 2011).

- The Israeli mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, vowed that the city of Jerusalem would never be divided to allow the eastern side to become the capital of a future Palestinian state. He stated during a visit to New York: "It's not going to happen, it's not natural, it's the wrong thing to do from any perspective,". Al Arabiya (January 11, 2011).

- Israeli settlers vandalized 20 graves in the historic Mamilla cemetery in West Jerusalem. Some graves were found completely destroyed while the tombstones had been removed from others. Maannews (January 11, 2011).
• The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a 20 square meters stall in Al Sultan street owned by resident Wael Al Razem in Jerusalem city. Losses are estimated at 150 Thousand NIS (New Israeli Shekels). Al Quds (January 12, 2011).

• Israeli Occupation bulldozers began to remove the rubble of the Shepherd’s Hotel, after it was demolished in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem two days ago. Bulldozing resumed after an Israeli court rejected a petition submitted by the Husseini family, which claims ownership of the site that is contested by an Israeli settler group. Maannews (January 12, 2011).

• The Israeli Jerusalem municipality and the Israeli Tourism Ministry will invest NIS 2 million in a project run by the Elad organization that buys property for Jews in East Jerusalem’s largely Arab Silwan neighborhood. The municipality’s finance committee confirmed that it would transfer NIS 1.025 million to the Spring House museum, a development project in the City of David National Park. Elad plans to use the house to build a visitors’ center or a museum on the history of the Siloam Spring, the main water source for ancient Jerusalem. The museum is supposed to be set up in a large house belonging to Elad. The house was originally owned by a man named Musa al-Abassi, who was declared absentee after the Six-Day War. In 1988, the house was nationalized under the Absentee Property Law, following extensive lobbying by Elad. Three years later, the house was rented out to the organization at only NIS 23.73 per month. In July 2006, the organization acquired a long-term lease on the property. Haaretz (January 14, 2011).

• A new Jewish prayer area was created in Jerusalem’s Old City in the center of a Palestinian neighborhood. The area was made by clearing scaffolding that was supporting an archway beneath Palestinian homes. The area beneath the arch had been called "the little western wall plaza" by some religious Jewish groups, who say it is the second closest access point to what Jews believe is the western wall to the third Jewish temple. The road leading up to the small space has been used before by the ultra-orthodox, causing tension in the Old City, with large groups accompanied by border guards taking over what remains a Palestinian residential area. The right-wing organization Ateret Cohanim was said to have been demanding the area be cleared of the scaffolding to make room for a prayer area. Maannews (January 14, 2011).
• The Israeli Knesset approved in preliminary reading a bill defining Jerusalem as a first grade national priority area which will provide it with benefits. 39 Israeli MKs voted in favor and seven opposed. "The bill will help the city’s residents of all sectors, particularly the young ones, in purchasing apartments, finding work, and opening businesses," MK Uri Ariel (National Union) who initiated the bill said. Ynetnews (January 14, 2011)

• Israel's Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Strategic Affairs Moshe Ya’alon told Israeli Hebrew news site Wallah that hundreds of permits for construction in West Bank settlements are expected in the coming days. The construction permits will be for additional housing and infrastructure in the illegal West Bank settlements of Ariel, Efrat and Ma'ale Adumim. Maannews (January 14, 2011).

• Jewish settlers are to expand a housing scheme being built on the site of an historic East Jerusalem hotel. Right-wing Likud party councillor Elisha Peleg said developers had filed a planning application for 50 housing units, in addition to the 20 already approved for construction on the site of the Shepherd Hotel. Israeli bulldozers began demolishing the hotel, in occupied East Jerusalem, to make way for the construction of 20 luxury apartments for Jewish settlers. Maannews (January 15, 2011).

• The Israeli Occupation army announced that construction should be finished on a wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem in about a year. The wall, dubbed “the Jerusalem envelope”, is set to isolate the holy city from neighboring Palestinian communities. According to the plan, approved by the army’s Deputy Chief of Staff Yaif Naveh, works will continue on the structure’s remaining central points in the villages of Qalandyia, West Shu’fat, and Mount Gilo in an area not exceeding 20 kilometers. Al Quds (January 17, 2011).

• The Israeli local committee for building and planning ratified the construction of 197 housing units in a number of Israeli settlements in east Jerusalem; of which, 75 housing units to be built in Ramat Shlomo settlement (Reches Shu’fat), 32 housing units in Pisgan Ze’ev settlement north of Jerusalem and 90 housing units in East Telpiot settlement south of Jerusalem city. Al Quds (January 18, 2011).

• The Shu’fat checkpoint into Jerusalem was closed after two rounds of clashes broke out in the vicinity. As clashes continued Israeli police entered the refugee camp adjacent to the checkpoint, closing all entrances
and firing rubber-coated bullets and tear-gas into areas where people gathered. In the evening, clashes erupted in the nearby neighborhood of Ras Al-Amud. Maannews (January 19, 2011).

- The Jerusalem city council approved the building of another 122 Israeli settler homes in occupied East Jerusalem. In addition, the green light has been given for construction of 90 housing units in Talpiot East and another 32 in Pisgat Zeev. Maannews (January 18, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation bulldozers razed 35 dunums of lands of Al Isawiya town in Al Baqee’ and Ras Al Baqee’ areas and demolished a water well owned by Mustafa Rashid allegedly for being classified as “State Land”. The razed lands are owned by Mustafa and Muhammad Rashid, Muhammad Saleh Hilala and Hamdan Family. Wafa (January 19, 2011).

- The Israeli Reconciliation Court in West Jerusalem refused to issue a temporary order to prevent the demolition of 200 additional graves in Ma’manallah Cemetry in Jerusalem city. Wafa (January 20, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Jaba’ checkpoint northeast of Jerusalem city from both direction and hindered vehicular movement. Al Ayyam (January 21, 2011).

- The Israel Land Administration published a public tender for construction in Lifta, which is to transform an abandoned Palestinian village on the edge of Jerusalem and a popular location for hiking into a luxury residential neighborhood. Plans call for the houses to become restaurants and galleries. In open areas around the existing homes in the village, plans call for 212 luxury housing units and a small hotel. Haaretz (January 21, 2011).

- The Israeli local committee for building and construction discussed the master plan number 13456 which states the construction of a new road that will link the settlements of Pisgat Ze’ev and Neve Yaacov with the Israeli bypass road number 443, known as "Begen road". According to the plan, 34 pieces (85 dunums) of Palestinian lands will be confiscated from Beit Hanina city for that purpose. Al Quds (January 23, 2011).

- The Israeli occupation Authorities will inaugurate a 600 meters long tunnel (a width of 1.5 meters and a height of 3 meters) that connects the village of Silwan, south of the Aqsa mosque with Al-Buraq plaza (falsely
dubbed as the Kotel plaza) in the southern western side of the Aqsa mosque. Al Quds (January 26, 2011).

- The "Israeli Nature Preservation" authority, the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem city, delivered demolition orders to two Palestinian families' in Khallet Al 'Ein, in Al Tur Neighborhood east of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being illegally built. The two families were given a 48 hours time to execute the demolition process. The threatened structures are owned by Yousef Muhammad Isbitan and Ramadan Mahfouz Shabana. Resident Yousef Isbitan received a demolition order for his house and a sheep barn that he owns. Isbitan's house is 70 m², consists of 3 facility rooms, and is considered a shelter for eight family members; while the sheep barn is a shelter for 8 sheep. Mr. Ramadan Shabana owns a cave in the area. Shabana rose up this room as a residential shelter for his family, a 10 members family, 8 of its members are children. Al Quds (January 28, 2011).

- The Israeli Planning and Construction Committee ratified the construction of 180 new settlement housing units' on lands of Sur Baher and Umm Leison communities south of Jerusalem city. The proposed construction plans will cover almost 53 dunums and constitute a vast extension of the settlement outposts already existing in these areas. The units are set for construction on confiscated Palestinian land in Sur Baher. The project, submitted to the Israeli District Committee 5 years ago, encountered several setbacks before being approved this week. Al Quds (January 29, 2011).

- The Israeli financial committee at the Municipality of Jerusalem city designated 40 Million NIS to implement 12 projects for developing the transportation network and other roads that link east Jerusalem with West Jerusalem. Among projects, designating 22 Million NIS for bypass Road number 20. Al Quds (January 29, 2011).

- The cornerstone for a new East Jerusalem Jewish neighborhood was placed in a ceremony attended by Knesset members, Jerusalem councilmen, as well as former GOP presidential candidate Mike Huckabee. Initial construction for the new neighborhood, called Beit Orot and located near the Beit Orot religious school (Yeshiva in Hebrew) on Mount Scopus, called for 24 new housing units to be built near the Augusta Victoria Hospital. Haaretz (January 31, 2011).
• The Israeli occupation authority sold around 1400 settlement units to Jews in occupied Jerusalem and the West Bank in 2010, Qais Yousef Nasser, a settlement expert, said. Most of those units were sold in Modi'in Illit, Har Homa, Ma'ale Adumim, Betar Illit, and Giv'at Ze'ev settlements. He added that the Israeli housing ministry was planning to build and market about 5000 new housing units in occupied Jerusalem and the West Bank other than the construction of 3300 other units in occupied Jerusalem settlements. Al Quds (January 31, 2011).

Jenin

• The Israeli occupation forces set up a military checkpoint close to Zahret Al Fenjan dumping site southwest of Jenin city and started checking Palestinians' IDs and their cars. Wafa (January 10, 2011).

• The Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of Yahya Zyoud in Silat Al Harithyia village west of Jenin city and carried out an intensive house search. Wafa (January 10, 2011).

• The Israeli Occupation forces raided the houses of Mahmoud Thiab Abu Zaytouna and Muhammad Al Hafeth in Zabuba village west of Jenin city and an internet café, and carried out an intensive search to the structures. Wafa (January 15, 2011).

• Israeli soldiers manning the checkpoint located between Zabuba and Rummana in Jenin Governorate confiscated farm tractors owned by Muhammad Sharif and Bashir Abu Shamla. Wafa (January 18, 2011).

Nablus

• Dozens of armed Israeli settlers surrounded a Palestinian home in Burin village south of Nablus and attempted to enter the home of Um Ayman Suwan, but were stopped by dozens of residents. Maannews (January 2, 2011).

• Palestinian Residents of Qusra village in the northern West Bank said that at least ten Israeli settlers from an outpost known as Estra were behind a series of car-tire slashings and the slaughter of two sheep in the Nabuh neighborhood. The barn targeted in the attack belonged to 55-year-old Sayel Ribhy Yousif Hasan. Maannews (January 3, 2011).
• The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed lands of Qusin, Deir Sharaf and Beit Wazan west of Nablus city preparing for establishing a dumping site for Israeli settlements in the area. Paltoday (January 3, 2011).

• An Israel Defense Forces decision to allow a Palestinian farmer to work a contested field near the West Bank settlement of Shiloh was overturned in an interim court ruling this week that also questioned the army’s authority to reach a decision on other such land disputes. Haaretz (January 5, 2011).

• More than 100 small olive trees were uprooted from Al Basala area in Qusra village in the northern West Bank at the hands of Israeli settlers from Estra outpost. The trees belonged to resident Abed Ar-Razeq Daoud Abdllah Auda who planted the five dunums lands with Olive trees three months ago. Maannews (January 7, 2011).

• The Israeli settlers took over a water spring that supplies Duma Village with water. Al Ayyam (January 7, 2011).

• The Israeli settlers took over 65 dunums of lands of Jalud village in Nablus Governorate. Al Quds (January 8, 2011).

• Israeli Bulldozers started razing vast areas of lands in Madama village south of Nablus city. The bulldozers razed lands in the hills opposite to Yetzhar settlement for the sake of opening new roads that lead to the settlement. Al Ayyam (January 11, 2011).

• A group of Israeli settlers attacked the house of Jamal Yousif in Asira Al Qiblya village south of Nablus city and set fire to a cement mixer and some wood in the yard. Wafa (January 12, 2011).

• The Israeli settlers of Shilo settlement took over 25 dunums of lands of Qaryut village in Nablus Governorate and ploughed the land under the protection of Security forces. Al Ayyam (January 16, 2011).

• Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered military orders to Palestinian farmers in Kherbit At Tawil east of ‘Aqraba village in Nablus Governorate. The threatened structures are owned by Ghallab Ibrahim Mayadma, Wasfi Ibrahim Mayadma, Muhammad Ibrahim Mayadma and Jihad Wasfi. Thirty five people will displace if demolition is carried out. Wafa (January 19, 2011).
• A group of Israeli settlers began planting dozens of seedlings in the evacuated settlement of 'Homesh' west of Burqa village north-west of Nablus city. The settlers were urged to plant seedlings in all places, and to have a distance of 150 meters between one seedling and another to control the largest area of land possible. Wafa (January 20, 2011).

• Dozens of Israeli settlers teens associated with the Hilltop Youth movement attempted to enter Joseph's Tomb in Nablus without coordinating the visit with the IOF. The group managed to get into the heart of the Palestinian city and progressed towards Joseph's Tomb. Ynetnews (January 23, 2011)

• The Israeli settlers planted tens of Olive seedlings 'Ein Al Bayda area in lands owned by Palestinians. Wafa (January 24, 2011)

Qalqilyia

• The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished two Palestinian houses in Azzoun Al Atmah village southeast of Qalqilyia city. The first house is owned by resident Samer Muhammad Hasan Younis and the second house is owned by resident Mu'ion Amin Ahmad Younis and is a shelter for 8 people. Al Quds (January 12, 2011).

• The Israeli occupation soldiers staged into Azzun village east of Qalqilyia city after midnight and raided the houses of Zuhair Abdel Fattah Shbeita, Mufeed Isma'il Radwan, Amin Muhammad Ishaq Sweidan, Adam Ahmad Badran, Odai Hasan Shbeita, Hussein Muhammad Shbeita, and Riyad Abdel Haleem Hussein and caused damages to the properties where the Israeli soldiers deliberately destroyed the furniture of these houses, took away the steel doors to a number of them, in addition to sabotaging the carpentry shop of resident Muhammad Amin Sweidan. Wafa (January 23, 2011).

Salfit

• Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed and closed agricultural roads in Marda village south of Salfit city which made it difficult for farmers to reach their lands. Al Ayyam (January 18, 2011).

Tubas
• Israel's civil administration handed 16 evacuation orders to Palestinians in a community northeast of the West Bank city of Tubas, Kherbit Ibziq to demolish 28 residential structures and 58 agricultural facility. Israeli forces declared Kherbit Ibziq a closed military zone, and residents were told to leave the area within 72 hours. The orders stated that if the residents failed to leave the area, their homes would be demolished and their livestock confiscated. Of the owners, the following were known: Abdel Kareem Nasrallah Al Hroub, Amjad Muhammad As'ad Al Hroub, Anas 'Ali Nasrallah Al Hroub, Muhammad Ali Mahmoud Nasrallah, Adel Nasrallah, Nael 'Ali Al Hroub, Qa'dan Abu Zahu, Mahmoud Yousif Jbarin. Maannews (January 4, 2011).

• A group of Israeli settlers started planting Olive trees in 35 dunums of lands in Al Farisiya area in the northern Valleys near Rotem settlement. Wafa (January 14, 2011).

• A group of armed Israeli settlers raided 'Atouf village in Tammun city in Tubas Governorate and started surveying the lands in the area. Maannews (January 15, 2011).

• The Israeli Environment Authority raided Ein Al Hilweh area in the northern valleys and started collecting taxes from Sati Zamel, Fathi Zamel and Qadri Zamel in the area which it imposed on them last week. Al Quds (January 17, 2011).

• More than 30 Israeli settlers attacked Beduion families in Ein Al Hilweh area in Tubas Governorate and tried to steal their sheep. Al Ayyam (January 27, 2011).

Ramallah

• A Palestinian from a Ramallah village petitioned Israel's High Court over construction on his land by Israeli settlers. The Israeli organization Yesh Din is supporting Abed Ar-Rahman Kassem, whose land in Dura Al-Qara was seized by the Israeli army in the 1970s for military needs. Kassem asked the court to enforce demolition orders on houses being built on his privately-owned land, which is registered in the West Bank Properties Registry. Five structures are currently being constructed, and foundations are being laid for several more. No building permits have been issued for
the work, and stop-work orders have been ignored. Maannews (January 3, 2011).

**Tulkarem**

- The Israeli Civil Administration delivered residents of Nazlet Issa north of Tulkarem city orders to halt the construction at 7 Palestinian houses in the village under the pretext of lacking building permits, due to their location in area C, which falls under the full Israeli control. The affected owners are Abdel Rahim Yousif Shawareb, Abdel 7akim Yousif Shawrebb, Muhammad Ahmad Sadeq 'Alloush, Fadel Yousif 'Alloush, Mahmoud 'Izzat Hussein, Abdel Halim 'Ali Shihada, and Iyad Abdel Latif As'ad who owns a barracks and a carpentry store inside the western Segegation Zone. Maannews (January 15, 2011).

- Israeli occupation forces closed Kherbit Jubara Gate (Gate no. 753) and Nazlet Issa gate in Tulkarem Governorate and hindered Palestinian farmers of the two aforementioned villages from accessing their lands through the gates. Al Ayyam (January 21, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces raided a number of Palestinian houses in Kherbit Jubara in Tulkarem Governorate and carried out an intensive house search after forcing all residents to leave the houses under the threat of weapons. Among house owners, the following were known: Theib Abdullah Abu Safiyeh, Thiab Abdullah Abu Safiyeh, and Abdullah Abdullah Abu Safiyeh. Wafa (January 31, 2011).

**Jericho**


- The Israeli Occupation Authorities served residents of Al Jiftlik village north of Jericho city 8 military orders to demolish 5 houses, 2 residential tin shacks, two sheep barns, two agricultural barracks and two stores in
the area. The affected owners are: Ahmad Khaled Mahmmoud Abu Juda, Mit‘ib Abdil Aziz A’tawneh, Muhammad Sliman Abid Abu Sa’deh Kifaya Lubad Sarryes Abu Rizeq, Hussein Abdallah Bani Odeh, Ibrahim Mbarak Yousef Bsharat, Sliman Tawfeeq Imar Daraghmeh and Fathi Abdallah Ahmad Tayem Ajouri. The orders were delivered under the pretext of unlicensed building. Wafa (January 12, 2011).

Others

- The 2011-2012 budget, approved by the Israeli Knesset, allocates NIS 2 billion to settlements, their services and security, and hundreds of millions of shekels more hidden among the different clauses of the bill. According to the budget, 200 housing units will be marketed in Ma‘aleh Adumim next year, with NIS 58 million allocated to the city’s development in 2011 and NIS 31 million in 2012. In 2011, 500 housing units will be marketed in the Har Homa neighborhood beyond the Green Line in Jerusalem; NIS 238 million will be spent on its development over the next two years. The budget also indicates the settlement division of the World Zionist Organization supports at least 16 illegal outposts: The treasury also allocated NIS 180 million to Route 20, a road set to link Jerusalem’s Pisgat Ze’ev neighborhood to Route 45, toward Modi’in and Tel Aviv. Some NIS 225 million was allocated to repairing the road between the Adumim plain and the Good Samaritan junction, and Pisgat Ze’ev and the Zeitim intersection. Security expenses for settlers living in Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem went up in the new budget, reaching NIS 3,160 per settler. This represents a rise of 40 percent in the settler security budget, from NIS 54.5 million in 2010 to NIS 146 million in 2011 and 2012. Haaretz (January 1, 2011).

- Israel extended for six months a ban preventing Palestinians married to Israelis immigrating to the state. The Israeli ministerial committee for security affairs decided to extend for six months a text on family unification, which expired December 31, 2010. That extension until June 30 denies Palestinians the right to acquire Israeli citizenship or resident status through marriage. Maannews (January 3, 2011).

- Israel’s foreign minister Avigdor Lieberman confirmed that he has drawn up a plan for the creation of an interim Palestinian state with temporary borders in the absence of a full peace agreement. Lieberman argued that an interim arrangement was the only option, saying the Palestinians have turned down previous Israeli offers and no agreement is possible at present. "There is no other way. We must go back to an interim
agreement,” he told Israel Radio, adding, “The plan is ready.” Al Quds (January 24, 2011).

- The number of Palestinian residences demolished by Israel’s Civil Administration in the part of the West Bank under full Israeli control tripled last year compared to 2009. The increase in Area C demolitions is attributed to the increased pressure applied over the last two years by both settlers and a new organization, Regavim which sees its aim as preserving state lands in the West Bank. In 2010, the Civil Administration destroyed 86 residences in Area C, including tents and shacks that compares to only 28 in 2009. As a result, 472 Palestinians, including 223 minors, lost their homes last year, up from 217 (including 60 minors) in 2009. B’Tselem (January 26, 2011).

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