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Jerusalem

- The Jerusalem Municipality court charged the Palestinian resident Omar Abu Diab a penalty of NIS 50,000 for not having building permit for his 250 m² house. Quds (Feb 2, 2006). [For related information, click here](#)
- The Jerusalem Municipality court canceled the demolition order of Muhammad and Zafera house in Silwan neighborhood under the pretext of being unlicensed. The court only allowed him to use 130 m² of the house out of the 210 m² total area. Quds (Feb 3, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities demolished a three-storey residential building of Al Joulany family in Beit Hanina neighborhood in Jerusalem under the pretext of not having building permits. (Feb 8, 2006). [For related information, click here](#)
- The Israeli authorities handed out residents of Beit Hanina residents new military order to confiscate 129 dunums of lands in order to construct part of the Wall in the area. Quds (Feb 8, 2006).

- The Israeli bulldozers erected a tunnel near Fhedat neighborhood east of 'Anata town to construct road #70 and to construct the Wall around the neighborhood; it is worth mentioning that another bypass road will be constructed to link south of the West Bank with its north. Quds (Feb 9, 2006). [Click here for related information](#)
- Jerusalem Municipality specialized NIS 2.4 Millions (\$600,000) to demolish Palestinian houses in Jerusalem city under the pretext of not having building permits. It is worth mentioning that since 1967, Israel demolished more than 12,000 houses in Jerusalem city for the same pretext, but at favor of constructing illegal Israeli settlements. Quds+ Al Hayat Al Jadeeda (Feb 9, 2006). [For related information, click here](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a four-storey residential building (780 m²) owned by Ibrahim Isaac Abu Khdair in Beit Hanina city for not being licensed. Quds (Feb 10, 2006).
- An Israeli committee against demolishing Palestinian houses assured that Jerusalem Municipality demolished 94 Palestinian houses with 11 Gas stations in Jerusalem city during the year 2005. Wafa (Feb 13, 2006).
- The IOF demolished the 200 m² house of Farid Muhammad Sami Abu Al Dab'at in Al Sawahira Al Sharqiya village under the pretext of not being licensed. Moreover, the 65 m² house of Nasim Siyam situated in Al Farouq neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukabbir was demolished for the same reason. Quds (Feb 15, 2006).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to cancel the third part of the Segregation Wall which was supposed to be constructed in [Beir Nabala village](#) in Jerusalem and was about to divide the village into two parts east and west of the bridge. Quds (Feb 19, 2006).
- The Israeli Chief Commander Ya'er Naveh issued a new military order holding number (T/27/06) to take over 41,3 dunums of lands from Beit Hanina and Beir Nabala for the Segregation Wall process. **Lands located in:**
 - Block 2, Parcels: 4, 40, 39, 37, 8, 7, 90, 88, 85, 59, 56, 50, 48, 3
 - Block 6, Parcels: 72, 67, 62, 60, 59, 259, 257, 256, 230, 235, 215, 89
 - Block 12, Parcel 283
 - Block 20, Parcels: 54, 55
 - Block 17, Parcels: 17, 16
 - Block 11, Parcels: 162, 158 Quds (Feb 22, 2006)

- The Israeli forces staged into [Al Barid outskirts](#), particularly into Balut neighborhood north of Jerusalem city and surveyed the families of Idres, Al 'Abasy and Al Reshiq. Wafa (Feb 23, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities opened a new passage in the Segregation Wall path in Al Z'ayem village around Jerusalem to Palestinians holding special permits. Quds (Feb 27, 2006). [Click here for related info](#)

Bethlehem

- The IOF demolished the two houses of Nidal and Khadr Dar'awi (150 & 120 m²) in Al Nu'man village to the east of Bethlehem city under the pretext of being built without licenses. Quds (Feb 1, 2006). [Click here for related info](#)



Photo Courtesy of ARIJ
The demolished house of Khader Dar'awi



Photo Courtesy of ARIJ
Mr. Nidal Dar'awi standing in front of his brother's demolished house.

- The Agricultural Department in Bethlehem Governorate announced that the total losses of the agricultural sector due to the Israeli violations last month in the governorate reached to \$ 225140. Wafa (Feb 5, 2006).
- The IOF demolished a room in a two storey house owned by Mussallam family in order to continue the construction of the Segregation Wall in Bilal Bin Rabah area north of Bethlehem city. Wafa (Feb 5, 2006). [Click here for related info](#)

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- The IOF demolished the 100 m² house of Mahmoud Ahmad Isma'il Al A'raj in 'Ein Al Juweza neighborhood in Al Walaja village for not being licensed. Quds (Feb 5, 2006). [Click here for related info](#)

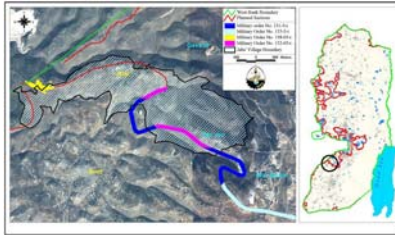


- The Israeli bulldozers started razing lands around Rachel's Tomb area and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque north of Bethlehem city at favor of constructing the final section of the Segregation Wall in the area. Quds (Feb 6, 2006). [click here for related info](#)



- The Israeli bulldozers razed 110 dunums of lands and uprooted 500 Olive trees in the northwestern part of [Al Jab'a village south of Bethlehem city](#) to construct part of the Segregation Wall in the area. Lands belong to the

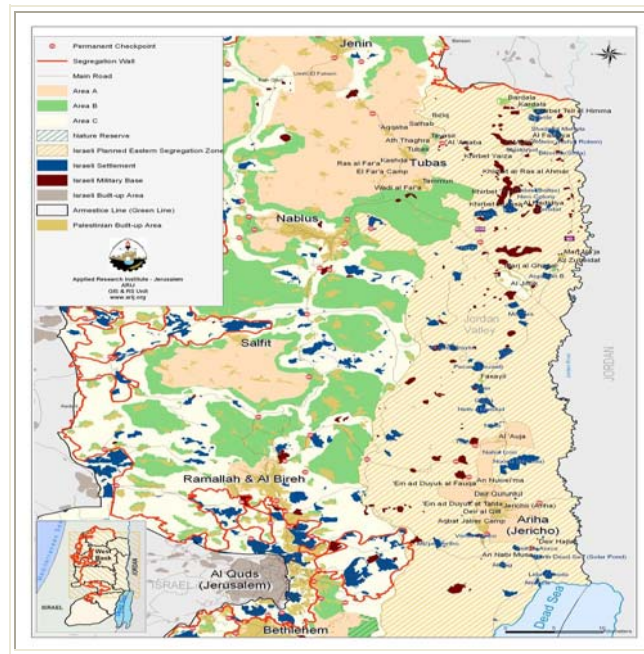
families of Abu latifa, Hamdan and Abu Mansour; as a result, Al Jab'a village will be isolated from the nearby village of Nahhalin. Wafa (Feb 8, 2006).



- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents Muhammad Khalil Safi Ta'amreh, Ibrahim Muhammad Khalil Safi Ta'amreh and Khalaf Ahmad Hamad Al Badan military warnings to demolish their houses during the coming three days for not being licensed. Wafa (Feb 16, 2006). [click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands in Al Jab'a village south of Bethlehem city; it is worth mentioning that until this date, the IOF razed 30 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Grapes and Olives. Lands belong to the families of Hamdan, Masha'leh and Tus. Wafa (Feb 21, 2006). [Click here for related info](#)
- The IOF staged into Wadi Fukin village west of Bethlehem city and razed about 10 dunums of land planted with Olives and Almonds which belong to Manasra family. Wafa (Feb 21, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing new lands around Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city in order to construct a new wall section in the area. Wafa (Feb 21, 2006). [click here for related cases](#)
- The IOF razed 4 dunums of lands and uprooted 40 Olive and Almond trees in Jenata village to the east of Bethlehem city under the pretext that the land is considered as "state land". The land belong to 'Askar family and was razed at favor of expanding the nearby "Herodian" military camp. Wafa (Feb 25, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers took over vast areas of lands in Tequ' town east of Bethlehem Governorate and cultivated some dunums. Lands belong to 'Awad Allah, Muhammad, Muhammad Hussein and Suleiman Al 'Ummor. Wafa (Feb 25, 2006).

Tubas

- An Israeli settler from Rotem settlement, east of Wadi Al Maleh area east of Tubas city, planted Olive trees in a pre-confiscated lands in the area. Wafa (Feb 1, 2006). [click here for related articles](#)
- The Israeli forces destroyed agricultural lands cultivated with field crops in Bardala village in the northern valleys. Arabs48 (Feb 4, 2006).
- The house of 'Abed El Rahem Hussein Bisharat east of Tamun town is threatened to be demolished under the pretext of being located in a closed military area. Wafa (Feb 5, 2006).
- Expansion activities are taking place in Kfar Selit and Mehola settlements near 'Ein El Baida village northeast of Tubas city. Wafa (Feb 7, 2006). [click here for related info](#)
- The IOF demolished a house and three barracks in Al 'Atuf village east of Tubas city. Among the owners, the following were known: 'Aref 'Abed El Wali Bani Odeh, Saqer Bani Odeh and 'Abed El Rahem Bisharat. Wafa (Feb 8, 2006).
- The Israeli forces accompanied by the Israeli surveyors surveyed vast areas of lands in Khirbet Ibziq north of Tubas city. Wafa (Feb 19, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities announced road # 90 in the northern valleys a closed military area and Palestinians are not allowed to access it. Wafa (Feb 22, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing lands and erecting roads east of Salit settlement in the northern Valleys in order to expand the settlement's borders. Wafa (Feb 23, 2006). [click here for related info](#)



- The IOF razed vast areas of mountainous lands in Shwa'er area near the Jordan Valley east of Tubas. Wafa (Feb 23, 2006). [click here for related articles](#)
- The Israeli forces destroyed more than 16 agricultural stalls in the northern Valleys east of Tubas city without pre-notification. Wafa (Feb 23, 2006).

Salfit

- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands in the villages of Haris and Qrawat Bani Hasan northwest of Salfit and uprooted tens of Olive trees at favor of constructing new electronic towers for the Israeli Electricity company. Wafa (Feb 1, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands planted with Olives south of [Marda village around Ariel settlement](#) for the Segregation Wall. Quds (Feb 6, 2006).
- An Israeli decision to turn Ariel college in Ariel settlement into a university. Arabs48 (Feb 6, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli authorities handed out residents northeast of Burqin village military warnings to demolish their houses. Among the owners, the following were known: Muhammad 'Abbas Sura, 'Eid Mahmoud Ibrahim Samara and 'Abed El Min'im 'Abed Allah. Wafa (Feb 23, 2006).

Ramallah

- The Israeli governorate is willing to evacuate the Israeli outpost of Amona near Ofra settlement in Ramallah area. Quds (Feb 1, 2006).
- The IOF demolished five houses in [Shuqba village northwest of Ramallah city](#) under the pretext of being constructed outside the village master plan. Houses belong to 'Abed El 'Azez Qadeh, Mustafa Muhammad Qadeh, Najeh 'Ali Qadeh, Muhammad Fakhry and Mahmoud Yunis; whereby, the house of Ahmad 'Abed El Hamid is also threatened of being demolished in the area under the same pretext. Wafa (Feb 8, 2006).
- The IOF dismantled three outposts near the settlements of Beit El, 'Adi 'Ad and Kokhav Hashafer. Quds (Feb 22, 2006).
- The IOF uprooted 500 fruitful trees in Beit Sira village southwest of Ramallah city, causing sever damages. Arabs48 (Feb 25, 2006).

Jenin

- The IOF staged into Jenin city and camp and took over the houses of Ahmad Abu El Rab and 'Abbas Kamil, and transferred them into military barracks. Quds (Feb 17, 2006).
- The IOF uprooted more than 50 Olive trees owned by Rebhy Qabaha and Rateb Qabaha in [Barta'a Ash Sharqiya](#) and demolished two barracks owned by Farhan Mahmoud Qabaha. Wafa (Feb 27, 2006). [click here for related info](#)

Qalqilyia

- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their lands behind the Wall; among the owners, the following were known: Hosny Shehada and Met'eb Ibrahim Saleh. Wafa (Feb 3, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Karne Shomron closed Qalqilyia-Nablus road and forbade an access through it. Wafa (Feb 13, 2006).
- The IOF destroyed 7 dunums theme park with a garden in the area between Jayyus and 'Azzun east of Qalqilyia city which belong to 'Azzun Municipality claiming that they were built in area C and were built without licenses. Wafa (Feb 22, 2006).
- The IOF demolished a house and a barracks owned by Hamouda Muhammad Mhesain and Tawfiq Ghaleb Bashir in Al Fandaq and Jinsafut

towns east of Qalqiliya under the pretext of being built without licenses. Wafa (Feb 22, 2006). [Click here for earlier cases](#)

Hebron

- The Agricultural Department in Hebron Governorate announced that the total losses for the agricultural sector due to the Israeli violations last month in the governorate reached to \$ 10,000. Wafa (Feb 2, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities made a deal with the Israeli settlers who occupied the Palestinian commercial stores in the old city of Hebron city. The deal stated that the settlers must evacuate the stores in a way that the governorate will allow them to return back to the area with renting papers in order to make their staying legal. Quds (Feb 4, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)



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- The IOF uprooted tens of Olive trees in Gamroura village to construct part of the Segregation Wall in the area. The trees belong to Shower family. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli Supreme Court issued, in an earlier time, a restraining order which stated the prohibition of constructing this same part of the Wall in the village. Wafa (Feb 7, 2006).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of Muneef Qazaz in Dura town and turned it into military barrack; in addition, the IOF also surrounded the house of Rateb El Shayeb in Adh Dhahiriya town. Wafa (Feb 7, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities started erecting a one kilometer long colonial road south of As Samu' town in order to link the lands of Khirbet Al Rodem and Khirbet Al Baha with the colonial road south of the town. As a result, hundreds of dunums of lands in Al Mahariq, Al Badarin and Abu Saif will be devoured. Wafa (Feb 7, 2006).

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- The IOF staged into Bani Na'im village east of Hebron city and took over 6 houses and turned them into military posts. Among the owners, the following were known: Jamal Salem Al 'Umor (Two- storey house), Shehda 'Eiz El Din Al Manasra, Meharb Id'as Al Manasra, Zahra 'Abed El Hafez Al Manasra, Khames Salem Al Hanajra and Eyad Abu Hanan. Wafa (Feb 11, 2006).
- The IOF took over the house of Salameh Muhammad Abu I'mar and turned it into military barracks and caused severe damages to the house of Hussein Al Qazaz. Wafa (Feb 11, 2006).
- The Israeli forces staged into Ibresh village in Hebron Governorate under heavy barrage of gunfire and took over the two-storey house of Nayef Al Sha'rawy and turned it into military post. Wafa (Feb 17, 2006).
- Israel announced it's willing to start constructing new parts of the Wall in Al Mesafer area east of Yatta and Bani Na'im towns. Quds (Feb 18, 2006).
- The Israeli forces staged into Jabal Jawhar neighborhood east of Hebron city and demolished a water well owned by Isma'il Mahmoud Ghayth along with an agricultural barracks owned by Rabeh Al Ragaby under the pretext of not having building permits. In addition, the IOF demolished the 300 m² house owned by Najeeb Kamal Sadiq Al Ja'bary in Jabal Al Ja'abreh area east of the city under the same pretext. Wafa (Feb 21, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Susiya uprooted tens of Olive trees in Yatta town south of Hebron city. Wafa (Feb 22, 2006).
- The Israeli authority is willing to construct 80 centimeter of cement fence on some roads south of Jabal Al Khalil which will isolate 21 Palestinian villages in a small ghetto. Quds (Feb 28, 2006). [click here for related cases](#)

Nablus

- The IOF started demolishing Al Ashqar seven-storey residential building in Rafidyia neighborhood in Nablus city. Wafa (Feb 7, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished several numbers of agricultural houses which occupied 500 m² area of land, along with a water tank in Sha'b El Beer area east of Beit Furik village. Among the owners, the following was known: Najeh Sabty Khatatbeh. Quds (Feb 9, 2006).
- The IOF demolished several numbers of barracks in 'Aqruba valley south of Nablus city which belong to Wasfi, Muhammad and Ghalab Ibrahim Mayadma. Quds (Feb 9, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers are razing lands in order to construct a three meters high cement fence around Sheve Shomron settlement in Deir Sharaf

village; as a result, hundreds of dunums of lands will be confiscated. Wafa (Feb 9, 2006). [click here for related info](#)

- The Israeli troops demolished an artesian well owned by Mitalk Hussein Al Dera'y and Muhammad Jawad Reziq Al Masri in Ghur El Far'a area. Quds (Feb 12, 2006).
- The IOF confiscated 300 dunums of lands and demolished some barracks in 'Aqruba town and constructed new military watch tower to provide security for the nearby settlement of Mikhora. Quds (Feb 14, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities handed several numbers of residents in Al Higa and Al Fandaq villages in Nablus Governorate military warnings to demolish about 50 houses located on Nablus-Qalqiliya road. The warnings were given under the pretext of being located near Qudim settlement or being constructed without licenses. Among the owners, the following were known: Bashir Mofed Hussein Masalha, Yaser Salameh and Nael Salameh. Wafa (Feb 17, 2006).
- The IOF partially demolished the house of Husny Al Hamamy in Balata refugee camp east of Nablus city, causing sever damages. Wafa (Feb 19, 2006).
- The Israeli forces erected a path for the Israeli bulldozers in Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city. Wafa (Feb 20, 2006).
- The IOF closed the entrances of Marda and [Kafil Haris](#) villages with iron gates; another gate is expected to be constructed on the entrance of Haris village in Nablus. Quds (Feb22, 2006).



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- The Israeli forces constructed new iron gates with plastic walls at Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city. Wafa (Feb 27, 2006).

Tulkarm

- The Israeli authorities hindered Palestinian landowners in Al Ras village south of Tulkarm from accessing their agricultural lands behind the Segregation Wall path. Among the owners, Mr. Ihsan Mahmoud was known. Wafa (Feb 20, 2006).

Gaza

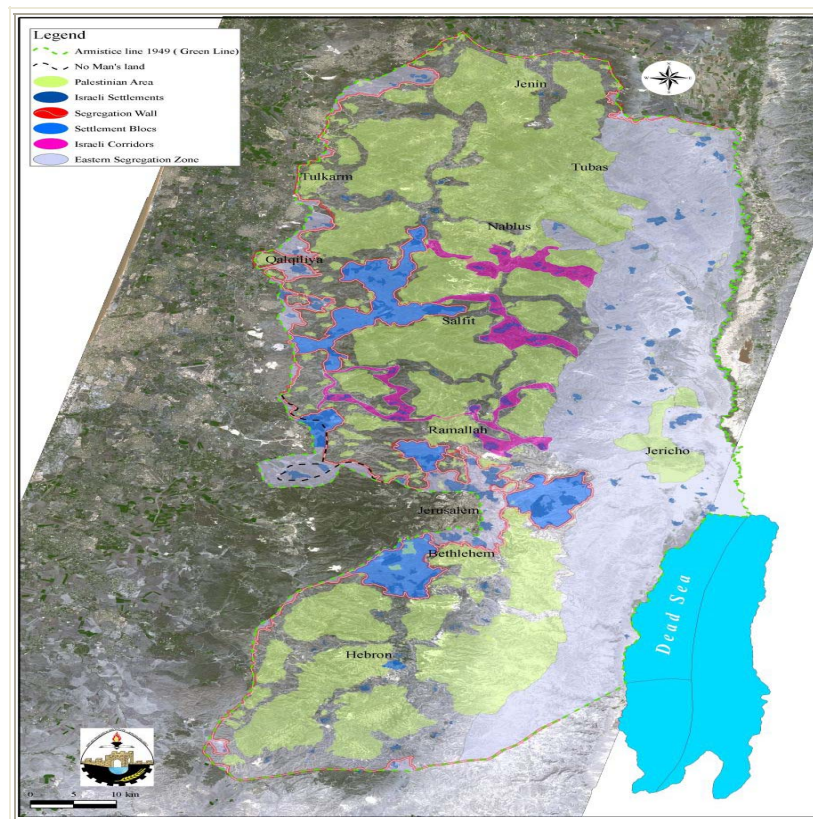
- The Israeli forces shelled on the northern parts of the Gaza Strip and caused severe damages to a residential building in Beit Hanoun city owned by Adham Al Masri. Quds (Feb 15, 2006).

Others

- According to the Israeli Research Institute for Economic and Social Affairs, more than \$14 billion has been spent on West Bank settlements during the past four decades. Associated Press (Feb 4, 2006).
- The Israeli authority of "Developing the Galilee and the Negev" along with the immigration Ministry plan to settle more than 2000 Israeli settlers in the Negev and the Galilee during the current year; it is worth mentioning that the housing units will be constructed on the confiscated Palestinian lands of the unauthorized villages. Arabs48 (Feb 6, 2006).
- **The Israeli "Peace Now" movement said that the number of Israeli settlers and housing units in West Bank sharply grew during the year 2005 in comparison with year 2004, particularly, after the evacuation of the Gaza Strip and North W. Bank settlements known by "Unilateral Disengagement Plan".** Thousands of housing units were constructed in the big settlement blocs, such as [Ariel settlement near Salfit](#), [Ma'ali Adumim east of Jerusalem](#), Gush Etzion between Jerusalem and Hebron, and several settlements east of north of Jerusalem. Roads and infrastructure projects to link Jerusalem with Macadam Settlement, and another 10 bypassing roads are being constructed in the West Bank. IPC (Feb 7, 2006).



- The Israeli organization "We are on the Map" handed an appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court to demolish the unlicensed Palestinian houses in the West Bank. The Organization also asked the court to issue military orders to demolish the Palestinian housing complex near Beir Zeit city. Quds (Feb 7, 2006).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced his willing to keep the three big settlement blocs of Ariel, Ma'ale Adumim, and Gush Etzion, whereby the Jordan Valley will stay under the Israeli control. Arabs48 (Feb 8, 2006). [click here for related cases](#)

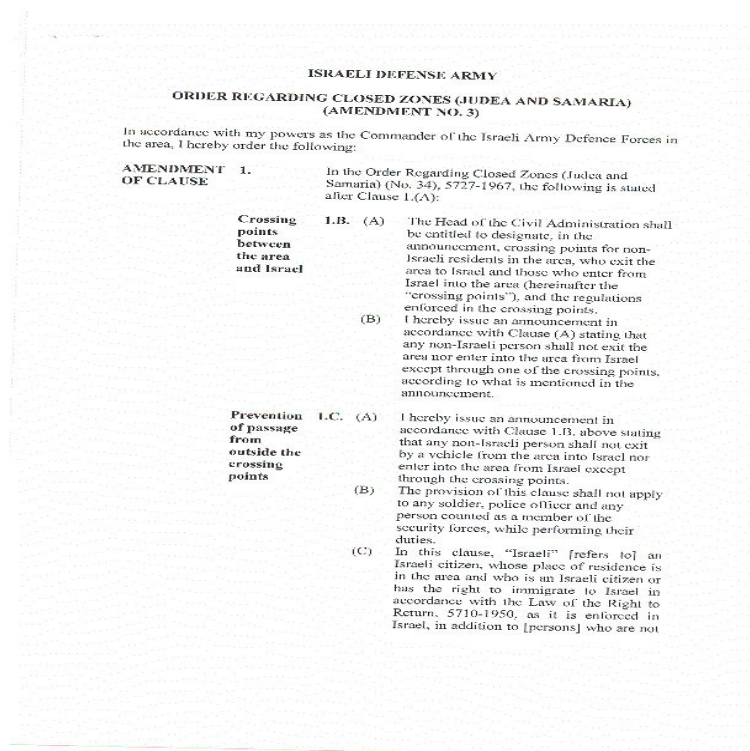


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- The United States of America will specialize of about \$ 2.5 Milliard, 2.28 Milliard will be transferred for security needs. Moreover, Israel may also get of about \$ 240 millions for economical issues and another \$ 40 millions to settle refugees. Wafa (Feb 8, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands in Rahat village in Beir Sheva'. Wafa (Feb 8, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed the Wheat planted into 2000 dunums of lands in Al 'Araqeb area south of Rahat in the Negev under the pretext of being planted in to a state lands; whereby the lands belong to the families of Abu Latif, Abu Ziyad and Abu Jaber. Wafa (Feb 8, 2006).
- In a report issued by the Agricultural Ministry assured that the total loses for the agricultural sector in the Palestinian Territory due to the Israeli violations since the eruption of the second Intifada in September 2000 until December 2005, reached more than one Millard dollars. The report also assured that more than 464945 Olive trees, 33594 Palm trees, 550277 Citrus trees, 87600 Almond, 91303 Vine, 20400 Banana, 130818 Fruitful trees and 10248 forest trees were razed. Quds (Feb 9, 2006).
- New Israeli order to prevent the access of the Palestinian residents on the roads specialized for the Israeli settlers. Arabs48 (Feb 18, 2006). **See copy of military order**



residents in the area, but possess a valid permit to enter Israel.

Exemption	1.D.	The Head of the Civil Administration shall be entitled to exempt a person or a group of persons from the enforcement of the instructions of Clauses 1.B. and 1.C., wholly or partly.
VALIDITY	2.	This Order shall be enter into force from the day it is signed.
NAME	3.	This Order shall be named "Order Regarding Closed Zones (Amendment No. 3) (Judea and Samaria) (No. 1576), 5766-2005".

15 December 2005

**Ya'ir Naveh, Colonel
Commander of the Israeli Army Defence Forces
in the area of Judea and Samaria.**

ISRAELI DEFENSE ARMY
**ORDER REGARDING CLOSED ZONES (JUDEA AND SAMARIA) (NO. 34),
5727-1967**
**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF CROSSING
POINTS**

In accordance with my powers in accordance with Clause 1.B. in the Order Regarding Closed Zones (Judea and Samaria) (No. 34), 5727-1967 (hereinafter, the "Order"), I hereby announce the following:

ALLOCATION OF CROSSING POINTS	1.	I hereby designate the locations detailed in the Annex to this announcement, which are allocated in the maps attached to this announcement, as crossing point, as stated in Clause 1.B. in the Order.
VALIDITY	3.	This Order shall be valid 30 days following the day on which it is signed.
NAME	4.	This announcement shall be named "Announcement Regarding the Designation of Crossing Points (Judea and Samaria), 5766-2006".

ANNEX

Hagalboa' Crossing Point
Rihan Crossing Point
Zyal Crossing Point
She'ar ElFayim Crossing Point ✓
Macabim Crossing Point ✓
*Atarot Crossing Point ✓
Shu'lat refugee camp Crossing Point ✓
Husidim Crossing Point ✓
Rahel [Rachel's Tomb] Crossing Point ✓
Tarquniya Crossing Point ✓
Metar Crossing Point ✓

3 January 2006

**Kamil Abu Rukon, Brigadier
General
Head of Civil Administration for
the area of Judea and Samaria**

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished 6 houses in Umm Mitnan village in the Negev under the pretext of not being licensed. The houses belong to Al Kashkhar family. Wafa+ Jpost (Feb 27, 2006).

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	154	0	815	3	3
Jerusalem	170.3	0	0	9	0
Jenin	0	0	50	0	0
Tulkarem	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	500	5	1
Nablus	300	0	0	7	50
Salfit	0	0	0	0	3
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyia	7	0	0	1	0
Hebron	0	0	0	1	0
Tubas	0	0	0	1	1
Total	631.3	0	1365	27	58

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, Palestinian National Information Center, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, International Press Center, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Ma'an News Agency, and Yediot Achronot.

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