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#### Bethlehem

- Israeli settlers of Betar Illit pumped wastewater into the lands of "Eid Faris" and Al Kabbarat areas in Nahhalin village which are planted with Olive and grape trees. Al Quds (February 5, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces closed with earthmounds and without pre-notification four entrances leading to Teque village southeast of Bethlehem city which led to the detention of tens of Palestinian vehicles and the inability of citizens to reach their homes in the village. Al Ayyam (February 10, 2011).
- The Israeli High court issued a restraining order to halt the construction at the Israeli Segregation Wall in Al Walajeh village based on petitions filed to the court by Palestinian land owners in the village. Al Quds (Feb 10, 2011).
- Jerusalem Municipality's local planning and construction committee announced it would not approve plans to expand the Jewish Har Homa neighborhood in east Jerusalem. The committee stated officially that it had removed a hearing on the plans from the agenda because they were not well-enough prepared. [The plans](#) were threefold: Two were for new construction in the neighborhood and the third was for the paving of a new road leading to it. The new plans would expand the neighborhood by some 60 acres – including dozens of homes, eight synagogues, a kindergarten, a swimming pool, and more. Ynetnews (February 22, 2011).

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers uprooted 250 olive trees in Al Khallah area in Al Jab'a village southwest of Bethlehem city owned by Musa Hamdan Masha'la, Abdel Rahim 'Ali At Tous, Muhammad Ahmad Abu Sabha and Izzat Abu Lateefa. The bulldozers loaded the trees onto trucks and transported them to Israel. The targeted area is 500 meters away from the illegal Israeli settlement of Beit 'Ayn. The Israeli occupation forces also uprooted 40 Olive trees in Mishmas area and other trees in Khallet Farawna area. Maannews (February 23, 2011).

## Hebron

- The Israeli Civil Administration issued a military order to confiscate 62.5 dunums of lands of Kherbit Brequt in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and other lands owned by Al Khader villagers to establish a religious school (Yeshiva in Hebrew). The plan aims to modify the use of land from agricultural area to an educational institution, in accordance with Article 24/20 of building laws and regulations of cities and Villages No. (79) of the year 1966. The lands are owned by Awad, Ikhlaiel and Sabarneh families. Maannews (February 1, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn settlement uprooted more than 250 Olive saplings in Safa village north of Hebron city. Al Quds (February 15, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities imposed a fine of 8236 NIS to release Tarqumyia Municipality Vehicle which was confiscated on September 14, 2010 in Wadi Al Qalamoun area in Beit Ula town west of Hebron city. Al Quds (February 15, 2011).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents of Kharas village west of Hebron city a military order to seize around 20 dunums of lands under the pretext of being vlassified as "State Land". Lands are owned by Khalil, Younis and Muhammad Abdel Ghani Al Hroub. The targeted lands are 300 meters away from the segregation wall and are planted with Olive and Almond trees. Al Quds (February 16, 2011).
- The Israeli Civil Administration raided Palestinian Farmers in Beit Ula west of Hebron city while there were working in their fields in al Jalamon area which is close to 'Ben Ari' stone crusher and hindered them from continuing working in their field under the pretext that the lands are "State Lands". Wafa (February 18, 2011).

- The Jewish community in Hebron suffered a setback when the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that Jews could not be given property which belonged to them in the city before 1948, and that they are also not entitled to be given any compensation for it. The assets include properties in the market area, at the Beit Hadassah compound, Beit Romano, Beit Hizkiya, Tel Rumeida and a plot nearby. [Haaretz \(February 18, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 5 water wells and agricultural rooms in Jouret Al Qammoun area west of Bani Na'im town north of Hebron city under the pretext that the wells are located in Area "C". Among owners, the following were known: Mahmoud Ahmad Manasra and Jamal Al Taweel. Al Ayyam (February 18, 2011).
- Resident Basam Hamdan was notified by the Israeli Civil Administration to halt the construction at his water well in Wadi Al Qalamoun area west of Beit Ula village in Hebron Governorate under the pretext that the area where the well is being built is classified by the Israeli "State Land". The ICA also confiscated an electric ---- and an electric generator and a car and other equipments in the place. Al Ayyam (February 19, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation forces delivered families in Beit Ula town west of Hebron city five military orders to demolish agricultural rooms under the pretext of lacking building permits. Threatened owners are Muhammad Abdel Rahim Al 'Amla, Samir Ahmad Al 'Amla, Yousif Khaled Nemer Al 'Amla, Murad Ahmad Khaled Al 'Amla and As'ad Abdel Rahman Al 'Amla. Wafa (February 21, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 8 residential tents giving shelter to almost 50 people and filled two water cisterns with earth and uprooted several olive trees and buried them under the dirt in Amniyr community north of Susya area east of Yatta town under the Israeli pretext that the community they are living on is state land and must be evacuated. It is worth mentioning that the demolished structures are 2 kilometers away from Susya settlement which is established on lands of Yatta town. Demolished structures are owned by Muhammad Hussein Al Jbour, Issa Hussein Al Jbour, Issa Badawi Al Jbour and Mahmoud Al Haj Al Jbour. Wafa (February 22, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation forces raided the house of Khaled Al Zagharna in Ar Ramadin village southwest of Hebron city. The IOF also surrounded the

house of Muhammad An Naqayra in the village. Al Ayyam (February 28, 2011).

## Jerusalem

- The Israeli Authorities are planning a plan to transfer Qalandyia airport to an Industrial zone. It is expected that the Maintenance office of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem which is currently located in Giv'at Sahoul to be moved to the Industrial Zone in 'Atarot area. Al Quds (February 5, 2011).
- The Israeli Jerusalem Municipal Planning and Construction Committee approved for deposit the plan to build two buildings ([13 housing units](#)) for Israeli settlers in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood ([Shimon HaTzaddik in Hebrew](#)) in east Jerusalem who already occupy four buildings in the neighborhood. The plan will now have to get final approval from the Ministry of Interior's District Planning and Construction Committee. It is worth mentioning that according to the plan, two Palestinian buildings in the western part of the neighborhood will be demolished by the Israeli Municipality to make room for the plan. [Ynetnews \(February 7, 2011\)](#).
- The Israeli Jerusalem Municipal Planning and Construction Committee discussed the confiscation of more Palestinian lands south of Jerusalem city to construct a new road that will lead to Har Homa settlement (Abu Ghneim), south of Jerusalem city. Al Quds (February 7, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued a restraining order to evacuate Palestinian residents living Al Yamali Waqf land and take over the land and other commercial shops and buildings and a Mosque in Jerusalem Old City in preparation for implementing a colonial plan in the area. The land is owned by 15 Palestinian families and is 11.5 dunums of land. Al Ayyam (February 7, 2011).
- Nir Barakat, Mayor of Jerusalem has ratified a plan to construct a huge complex of commercial, educational and cultural buildings under the name of "Kiryat Hali'um in Jerusalem city. The complex will include 15 cinema houses, and fancy commercial stores on an area of 4000 square meters. February 10, 2011).
- The Israeli occupation Army has occupied the roof of a Palestinian building in East Jerusalem's Silwan city. The military order is effective until August 5, 2011, but the residents have been given 14 days to appeal.

They are prohibited from ascending to the building's roof. The army has taken the roof as a military posts since several months after a visit by the Israeli Minister of Interior to Silwan with intent to enhance the security of Jewish settlers, leading to a recent rise in clashes. The structure contains the Batn Al-Hawa neighborhood's main mosque and the houses of seven Palestinian families. Al Quds (February 10, 2011)

- Israeli Land Authority issued a tender to build 212 housing units on 450 dunums of lands of lifta village west of Jerusalem in addition to commercial areas and tourist huts. Al Quds (February 12, 2011).
- Israeli Mayor, Nir Barakat, has designated 560 dunums of lands between the French Hill and Ma'ale Adumim settlements as a site to dispose Dust and debris, on lands of 'Anata and Al Isawiya lands in Jerusalem. Al Quds (February 12, 2011).
- The Israeli Committee for building and planning at the Municipality of Jerusalem ratified a colonial plan no. 8186 to build 64 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement and another 56 units in Ramot settlement and 34 housing units in Ramat Shlomo settlement north of Jerusalem city to expand it on the expense of Shu'fat and Beit Hanina communities according to plan number 3412a. The committee also ratified the building of 19 new synagogues in Har Homa settlement south of Jerusalem city. Samanews (February 14, 2011).
- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem plans to construct an Israel Defense Forces army base that will house military colleges on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem, beyond the pre-1967 war Green Line. The IDF colleges to be built on the potentially controversial base will include the command and staff school, the school for national security and the military academy that are currently located on the IDF base in Galil. Although the majority of the units at the Galil base are meant to be moved south as part of a plan to increase IDF presence in the Negev, the IDF, Jerusalem municipality and the Ministry of Defense agreed to move the colleges to the capital. Plans have already been set into motion, and the municipality has hired architect Eli Ilan to prepare the initial blueprints for the project. According to first draft of plans detailing the grounds of the base, it will be located on Mount Scopus, between the Mormon University and the Augusta Victoria Hospital, not far from Hebrew University. The base will encompass 32 dunums and will house learning institutes, a swimming pool, a gym and more. Haaretz (February 15, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed the lands of resident Naser Khalil Abu Ta'a in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (February 15, 2011).
- Israeli occupation authorities forced resident Ramzi Muhammad Shihada 'Attoun in Sur Baher city to demolish 70 square meters of his house allegedly for being added to the house without a building permit. The house is inhabited by 7 family members. Al Quds (February 20, 2011).
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing and construction sold 1,400 units to Israeli settlers in East Jerusalem and the West Bank in 2010, a Palestinian researcher inside 1948-occupied Palestine said. According to data gathered by Attorney Qais Nasser, a lecturer in planning, most of the units were sold in Modi'in (668), Har Homa (319), Ma'ale Adumim (101), Betar Illit (126) and Giv'at Ze'ev (78). The report says houses sold that year constitute 35 per cent of the total houses sold by the Housing Ministry. Hel also warned that the ministry is working to build and market around 5,000 new settlement units in Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well as develop structural plans to build around 3,300 new homes in Har Homa, Homat Shamuel, Ramot and Ramat Shlomo in Jerusalem. Al Ayyam (February 20, 2011).
- Israeli Forces raided six houses owned by 'Attoun family (Marwan, Musa, Muhammad, Munir, Thaer, and Raed) in Sur Baher city after breaking doors' entrances and the office of Deputy Ahmad 'Attoun. The Israeli Forces carried out a thorough inspection to the houses. Al Quds (February 22, 2011).
- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality issued 89 demolition orders in one week in a number of communities in Jerusalem city such as Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Al Isawiya and Silwan. The orders targeted a building of 22 apartments in Beit Hanina city owned by Muhammad Hilal An Najjar. The building is called "Al 'Omara' Tower" and was targeted allegedly for being built without permits. Families were given a period of 10 days to object the orders. Among threatened families, the following were known: Zayd Zidan Al Husseini, Jamal Abu An Nada and Jameel Abu An Nada. Al Quds (February 28, 2011).

## **Ramallah**

- Israeli Settlers of Halmish settlement uprooted Olive saplings in Deir Nitham and An Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah Governorate. The saplings were planted in the lands of the two village two months ago. Al Quds (February 15, 2011).
- Israeli soldiers manning Beit Iksa checkpoint detained tens of Palestinian cars and hindered them from entering the village or exiting from it. Al Ayyam (February 21, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of 'Adi 'Ad outpost established on lands of Al Mughayer village northeast of Ramallah city destroyed 150 dunums of lands planted with Wheat by spraying the crops with toxic Chemical Substances. Maannews (February 26, 2011).

## **Salfit**

- Israeli Occupation Bulldozers started razing vast areas of lands in Deir Sam'an area in Kafr Ad Deik village west of Salfit city. Al Ayyam (February 7, 2011).
- The Israeli bulldozers have been carrying out large scale bulldozing works throughout Kafr Ad Deik village for the sole purpose of expanding Eli Zahav, Bruchin and Peduel settlements. The current expansions are considered to be the largest in the settlements history. Bruchin and Peduel settlements are witnessing expansion on the expense of 200 dunums of Deir Ballut and Kafr Ad Deik villages; while Alei Zahav settlement located north of Kafr Ad Deik village is witnessing expansion at the expense of 100 dunums of lands of the aforementioned village planted with Olive and other fruit trees. Al Quds (February 9, 2011).
- Israeli occupation authorities delivered evacuation orders to five Bedouin families in Al Mahajer area west of Salfit city. The targeted families are 'Ali Muslim Suleiman Muhamadin, Nawwaf 'Ali Muslim Muhammadin, Muhammad Suleiman Odeh Al Azazmah and, 'Akef 'Ali Muslim and Menwer Suleiman Odeh Al Azazmah. Al Ayyam (February 21, 2011).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces delivered Iskaka village council a warning to stop paving a 2 km long road in Al Harayeq area west of the village. Wafa (February 22, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed 15 dunums of lands planted with Olive trees in Qattan Al Jame' area west of Deir Istya village in Salfit Governorate. The targeted land is located close to Revava settlement established on lands of Revava settlement. The lands are owned by resident Mahmoud Samhan. Wafa (February 24, 2011).

## **Nablus**

- Israeli military bulldozers demolished barns and tents in Khirbet Tana village east of Nablus city marking the fourth time in a week dwellings in the area set up by the International Red Cross were forcibly taken down. Israeli bulldozers demolished 6 residential structures, 21 animal barns and 3 Tabons. Maannews (February 9, 2011).
- The village of Balata was closed down overnight by Israeli occupation forces escorting three members of the Knesset on the first state visit to Josph's Tomb since troops withdrew from the area. At least 1,000 religious Jews and settlers were present for the visit, which began at 11 p.m. and lasted until sunrise. Ministers Moshe Kahlon (Likud), Yuli Edelstein (Likud) and Daniel Hershkowitz (Ysrial Betinu) entered the site, escorted by Israeli forces, attended a ceremony following renovations to the site. Maannews (February 11, 2011).
- Israel's Civil Administration announced the re-closure of an access road connecting a new development in the northern West Bank to the Nablus-Beit Iba road. The development, a teachers' residence outside the northern village of awarta, consists of 200 apartments and villas available for purchase to members of the Palestinian teachers' union. Maannews (February 14, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed lands in Deir Hatab Village east of Nablus city, near an elementary school to establish a colonial neighborhood. Al Ayyam (February 15, 2011).
- six Israeli Occupation army jeeps accompanied bulldozers to demolish structures in Kherbit Tana in Nablus Governorate for the fifth time on row. The demolition process included 13 tents and agriculture structures which were donated to them by the Palestinian National Authority in addition to confiscating an agricultural tractor and a cement mixer. The IO

army also gave Tana residents a military order to halt the construction at the school that was demolished two weeks ago. Wafa (February 20, 2011).

- Israeli settlers living in an illegal outpost cut with chainsaw 270 Olive trees planted in the area between Qusra and Duma south of Nablus city. Of the trees uprooted, 100 belonged to Abdul-Razzaq Dawabsha, 100 to Muhammad and Shahada Dawabsha and 70 to Sabir Dawabsha. Wafa (February 21, 2011).
- Israeli settlers set fire into two Palestinian cars owned by Khaled Walid Najjar and Abdel Salam Abdel Hamid. Al Quds (February 24, 2011).
- Israeli Settlers of 'Arousa outpost south of Nablus city, near burin, set fire into a car owned by Basheer Al Zibin and tried to set fire into his house. Maannews (February 26, 2011).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement uprooted 25 olive trees in Urif village south of Nbalus city. Al Ayyam (February 26, 2011).

## **Qalqilyia**

- Yesh Din organization handed head of kafr Qaddum village council a map which shows that the Israeli Occupation Authorities intend to take over 300 dunums of lands of the village in Jabala Al Aqra' (Al Aqra' mountain) and Abu As Sou'od park. Al Quds (February 1, 2011).

## **Tulkarem**

- The Israeli Occupation forces set up a temporary checkpoint at Beit Led Village east of Tulkarem city and obstructed Vehicular and Pedestraian movement. Al Ayyam (February 28, 2011).

## **Tubas**

- The Israeli occupation Authorities verbally notified a number of Palestinian families in Kherbit Yerza in Tubas Governorate in the northern valleys of their intention to destroy at any time, a number of buildings and facilities in kherbit Yerza without pre-notice under the pretext that the families' presence in the area is illegal. The number of threatened families

in Kherbit Yerza is 10 structures and are owned by Na'im Hafez Ahmad Masa'id, Fawzi Mahmoud Mufdi 'Anbousi, Muhammad Mahmoud Ibrahim Masa'id, Khaled Muhammad Mahmoud Masa'id, Hafez Na'im Hafez Masa'id, Fayez Hamed Abed Daraghmeh, Hasan Khalid Mahmoud Daraghmeh, Mahmoud Fawzi Mahmoud 'Anbousi, Amir Khaled Mahoud 'Anbousi, Sami Khaled Mahmoud 'Anbousi. ARIJ (February 9, 2011).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a Mosque, 10 residential tents and other animal shelters in Kherbit Yerza east of Tubas city. Structures are owned by Na'im Hafez Masa'id, Fayez Hamed Masa'id, Hasan Khaled Daraghmah, Sami Khaled Daraghmah, Khaled Mohammad Masa'id, Muhammad Mahmoud Daraghmah, 'Amir Khaled Daraghmah, Hafez Na'im Masa'id, Fawzi Mahmoud Masa'id, and Mahmoud Fawzi 'Anbousi. The Israeli Civil Administration also threatened to demolish three other structures in Kherbit Yerza owned by Mukhlis Na'im Masa'id, Fawzi Mahmoud Daraghmah and Fayez Hamed Daraghmah. DWG (February 17, 2011).

## Gaza

- The Israeli tanks fired a number of shells at Al Shuga'iyah neighborhood eastern side and Al Zaytouna neighborhood and targeted the house owned by Al Hams family which was completely destroyed as a result of the shelling. Al Quds (February 25, 2011).
- Israeli Occupation Authorities intend to permanently close Karnei Border crossing (Locally known as Al Mintar crossing<sup>1</sup>) northeast of the Gaza Strip. Al Ayyam (February 27, 2011).
- Israeli warplanes shelled on the house of Ahmad Abu Shareb east of Al Bureij Refugee camp and completely destroyed it. The house of Abu Shareb's brother was partially damaged due to the shelling. Al Ayyam (February 27, 2011).

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<sup>1</sup> **Al Mintar/Karni crossing:** The Al Mintar/Karni crossing is a cargo terminal. Unlike most of the other border crossings it is maintained by the Israeli Airports Authority. The crossing was built in 1993 and is used to transport containers in and out of Gaza. This crossing point is the crossing point that controls the Gazan export and import.

- Israeli warplanes shelled on An Nusseirat Refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. The rockets landed on an empty land and caused damages to Al Iman mill and a number of nearby houses. Al Ayyam (February 27, 2011).

## Others

- Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak ratified a plan to legalize 25 colonial buildings that were constructed in Israeli settlements in the West Bank without license, of which 15 buildings were constructed in Netafim settlement and 10 buildings were constructed in Neve Tzuf (Halamish) settlement. Samanews (February 7, 2011).
- The United States vetoed a UN resolution that would have condemned Israeli settlements as "illegal" and called for an immediate halt to all settlement building.
- The Israeli Knesset will discuss a new bill tomorrow to annex the West Bank to Israel despite Government's disapproval. The bill is proposed by MK Yaakov Katz, head of the of the National Union party. [PNN \(February 22, 2011\)](#)

## Monthly Violations Statistics –February 2011

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	0	0	250	0	0
Jerusalem	0	592	0	1	89
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	295	19	0
Salfit	315	0	0	0	5
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	2	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0		0
Hebron	82.5	0	250	8	0
Tubas	0	0	0	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>397.5</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>104</b>

*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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