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Bethlehem

- Israeli Occupation bulldozers began overturning 40 dunums of agricultural land and uprooting trees in the Al-Walajeh, a village northwest of Bethlehem city. The latest diggings are in preparation for the further construction of Israel's separation wall. 80 olive trees and 40 Hawthorn and Oak trees were uprooted in the process which is owned by resident Jamal Barghouti. Meanwhile, a flying checkpoint was also reportedly erected at the village's entrance. Maannews & ARIJ Filed team (June 8, 2010).

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished an archaeological site in Beit Jala city composed of a house and a cave next to Cremisan Monastery and owned by resident Khader Anton. Al Quds (June 23, 2010).

- Israeli Occupation forces handed head of Artas village council Hamdi 'Ayesh and owners of machinery working to construct a new agricultural road in Jabal Abu Zeid and Shu'ab Salman in Artas village a military order notifying them to stop the construction at the road under the pretext that the area falls under the Israeli control. Wafa & Al Ayyam (June 25, 2010).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem city delivered four orders to resident Issam Al Khatib from Hizma town east of Jerusalem to demolish 4 commercial stores which he owns under the pretext of being built without proper building authorization. Mr. Al Khatib was given a period of 4 days

to carry out the demolition process; otherwise, the Municipality will. Al Quds (June 1, 2010).

- Israeli Occupation Police stormed Beit Hanina club and delivered owner of the club a military order to evacuate it under the pretext that the club is a property of Al Ma'aref Committee. Al Quds (June5, 2010).

- A Palestinian family of 8 people, including 6 children, living close to Jaba' village recently received demolition order from the Israeli Occupation Authorities targeting barracks which they built to house the family after they were forced to move out of Atarot (on the Jerusalem side of the Barrier) because of the risk posed to the children, who at the time had to jump over the Barrier to reach their school in Bir Nabala. The family thus left Atarot and moved to Jaba, where they are now facing the prospect of being forcibly displaced again. DWG (June 8, 2010).

- The Interior Ministry's Jerusalem District Planning and Construction Committee ratified an existing plan to build 1,600 housing units in the city's northeastern Ramat Shlomo settlement which effectively validates the building plan. The next phase in the long process will allow the public to register opposition to the plan. JPost (June 16, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation authorities gave Salah family in Beit Safafa town a military order to demolish their 5 houses (inhabited by 55 people) under the pretext of being built without proper authorization. Israeli authorities also gave the families of Al Ramahi and Khamis in Wadi Al Jouz military orders to demolish their properties under the same pretext. Zayed family in Al Issawiya town was also given a military order to demolish their building which is composed of 4 apartments. Al Quds (June 20, 2010).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem renewed ---- for 13 Palestinian houses in Shu'fat, Beit Hanina and Wadi Al Jouz under the pretext of not paying the penalties imposed on them by the Municipality of Jerusalem for building without permits as claimed. Al Quds (June 20, 2010).

- The Israeli bulldozers of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem, accompanied by the Israeli police razed Al- 'Abbasiyya neighborhood in Silwan town south of the old city of Jerusalem and demolished three animal sheds and nursery under the pretext of lacking building permits. Mr. Nidal Siyam, owner of the demolished structures indicated that after the Israeli bulldozers completed the demolishing act, the Israeli police went and impounded the animals (horses, sheep and poultry) under the

pretext that these animals constitute a threat to public health. Al Quds (June 21, 2010).

- The Israeli bulldozers staged into At-Thawri neighborhood west of the town of Silwan, and demolished a garage owned by resident Kamal As-Shweiki under the pretext of lacking proper authorization. The bulldozers also demolished an animal barn which belonged to Nidal Siyam in Al 'Abbasiya neighborhood under the same pretext. Al Quds (June 21, 2010).

- The Building and Planning Committee of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem sanctioned a plan to demolish 22 Palestinian houses in Al Bustan neighborhood in the town of Silwan to pave the way for the Israeli colonial project called "Kings' Valley" which is a restoration of a biblical garden, in addition to other facilities. Al Quds (June 22, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Beit Safafa town south of Jerusalem city and stormed the house of Isma'il Ibrahim Salah and carried out an intensive house search. Wafa (June 23, 2010)

- Israeli settlers threatened to take over a building inhabited by 40 Palestinian people in Silwan city in Jerusalem under the pretext that the building was built on the location of Mekhal Shlomo synagogue. Wafa (June 23, 2010).

- The Likud Central Committee voted to resume settlement construction in East Jerusalem and the West Bank after the current freeze on settlement construction expires in September. Haaretz (June 24, 2010).

- A group of Israeli settlers staged into Beit Safafa town south of Jerusalem and attacked the houses of Salah families in attempt to drive them out of the area. Al Quds (June 24, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers are making the way for the construction of 600 housing units between Pisgat Ze'ev settlement and Neve Ya'acov to link the two settlements with each other. The lands being razed belong to the communities of Beit Hanina, Hizma and Shu'fat north of Jerusalem city. Al Quds (June 25, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished an agricultural room in Al Issawiya town owned by resident Khalil Abduallah Dari. The Israeli bulldozers also demolished tin shacks and a horse barn owned by resident

Muhammad Ahmad Sheikha 'Abeid and razed lands owned by residents of the town to build a national Talmudic park. Al Quds (June 30, 2010).

- Israeli District Planning and Construction Committee have decided to build 1400 hotel rooms in east Jerusalem. The construction of the rooms will be near the Armon HaNetziv area garden in Jerusalem. The construction of the rooms is part of establishing two hotels between East Talpiot and Mount Scopus. Wafa (June 30, 2010).

Hebron

- Israeli settlers of Tel Ar Rumeida settlement set fire to 3 dunums of lands planted with fruitful trees. The lands are located close to the settlement. Al Quds (June 2, 2010).

- The Israeli Attorney General rejected an appeal presented by residents of Wadi Al Hsein in Hebron Old city against the military order which states the construction of a security road on their lands which will link Kiryat Arba' settlement with the Ibrahimi Mosque (Cave of the Patriarchs). Al Quds (June 2, 2101).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities threatened to evacuate Abu Qbeita family south of Yatta town in Hebron Governorate in the few coming days. The land is located west of the path of the Israeli Segregation Wall and is estimated at 150 dunums of land. More than 50 family members live on the land. Al Quds (June 7, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities delivered three demolition orders to residents of Shu'ab Al Butum area south of Yatta in Hebron Governorate to demolish 19 structures including residential tents, water wells and animal barracks. The threatened structures belong to 'Izzat al Najjar who owns 2 Tents, one barn, 2 Bathrooms, a Cave, Chicken hut, Stove and a kitchen; 'Izzat al Jabarin who owns two tents and a bar; Hatem al Jabarin who owns A water tank, a Tent, a Room, three barns, a Chicken hut and a bathroom, Maannews (June 10, 2010).

- Two settlers of Kiryat Arba settlement walked through the garden of a Palestinian farmer and destroyed his crops, planted with the assistance of USAID and slashed water pipes. The damage to the crops, which are the primary food and economic resource for the extended family of thirty

adults and thirty children, totaled an estimated 10,000 NIS (about 2600 USD). It is worth mentioning that the settlers lives between the settlement of Kiryat Arba' and a set of prefabricated housing containers, installed about five years ago, called Havat Gal. CPT (June 16, 2010).

- Tens of Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' settlement attacked Palestinian residents in Jales Mountain in Hebron which falls in area C and attacked properties and destroyed 2.5 dunums of agricultural lands planted with vegetables. The lands are owned by resident Shaker Zorro Al Tamimi. Al Quds (June 20, 2010).

- The Israeli settlers of Asfar settlement north of Hebron city set fire into 5 dunums of lands and caused the complete damage of 40 Olive trees owned by Jawdat Abdel Rahman Issa Al Shaladah. Al Quds (June 27, 2010).

- Israeli Occupation forces stormed the house of 'Ata Salameh Al Baddareen in As Sammou' village in Hebron Governorate and also set up a flying checkpoint at Al Tabaqa Junction in Dura Town. Wafa (June 27, 2010).

- Israeli settlers of Beit Yishai settlements set fire into 20 Old Roman Olive trees in Tel Ar Rumeida area owned by inherits of Rateb Saleem Abu Haykal. Al Quds (June 27, 2010).

- The Israeli occupation forces hindered resident Bassam Hamdan from reclaiming his 10 dunums land in Al Jalmon Valley in Beit Ula north of Hebron city and confiscated the bulldozer of Jameel Musa which was working in the place. Al Quds (June 28, 2010).

- Israeli Occupation forces closed several numbers of Palestinian houses in Al Rajabi, Jaber and east of the Ibrahimi Mosque neighbourhoods. Among those houses are houses for people with special needs. Al Quds (June 29, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities distributed 12 military orders to demolish structures in Al Burj area south of Hebron city under the pretext of lacking valid building permits form the Israeli Civil Administration. Among owners the following were known: Ziyad Issa Al Talahmeh, Hussein Isma'il Al Talahmeh, Saleh Muhammad Hussein Al Talahmeh, and NIdal Al Talahmeh. Al Quds (June 30, 2010).

Ramallah

- Israeli Occupation forces set fire into 130 Olive trees in Ni'lin village west of Ramallah city. Al Quds (June 19, 2010).

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation forces handed the villagers of Jinsafut village east of Qalqilyah city 6 stop-work orders designated against 8 structures in the village under the pretext of 'no building permits'. The structures are owned by Yahya Nabhan, Basil Sabra, 'Atiya Ryan, Hammad 'Eid, Mohammad Sabra, 'Abdul Fattah Bas4h1ir, 'Abdul Fattah Bashir. Al Quds (June 21, 2010).

Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation army issued two demolition orders against two Palestinian houses in Haris village in Salfir Governorate. The threatened Structures are owned by Solomon Shimlawi and Nayif Souf. LRC (June 9, 2010).

- A sounder of 20 wild boars were set out from Ariel settlement in Salfit Governorate and attacked An Najara agricultural area in Salfit. The boars caused destruction to peace and prune trees and destroyed field crops. Al Quds (June 7, 2010).

- Salift farmers reported that a sounder of wild boars destroyed several dunums of Palestinian farm land, causing considerable damage in the Eid Al-Kabaliyeh area, southern Salfit. Maannews (June 10, 2010).

- Israeli Occupation soldiers closed two entrances that lead to Marda village north of Salfit city with earth mounds. Al Quds (June 19, 2010).

- The Israeli occupation army distributed 6 stop-work orders against Palestinian structures in Kafr ad Dik village west of Salfit village under the pretext of lacking building authorization. Structures are owned by Fadi Taha, Nawal Ahmad, Samir Naji, Jamal Ahmad, Zayed Ahmad, Khaled Ahmad. Al Quds (June 23, 2010).

Nablus

- Israeli Occupation Forces set back cement blocks to Checkpoint 17 north of Nablus city. Al Quds (June 2, 2010).

- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement set fire to 100 dunums lands planted with Olive and Almond trees in Urif, Asira Al Qiblya and Einabus south of Nablus city. Al Quds (June 3, 2010).

- Israeli settlers of Kedumim settlement set fire to lands of Far'ata village east of Qalqilyah city planted with Wheat and Olive trees. Al Quds (June 3, 2010).

- Israeli Settlers of Alon Moreh settlement hindered residents of Salem, 'Azmout, Deir Al Hatab and Beit Dajan villages from accessing their agricultural lands to harvest their wheat and barley fields. Al Quds (June 10, 210).

- The Israeli Occupation forces closed Huwwara checkpoint and hindered Vehicular and Pedestrian movement. Al Quds (June 15, 2010).

- Hundreds of Israeli settlers attacked the eastern neighbourhoods of Nablus city to practice religious rites at Joseph's Tomb. The IOF imposed closure on the area and hindered Palestinian citizens from coming close to the site. Al Quds (June 15, 2010).

- The Israeli Occupation forces distributed 9 stop-work orders to residents of Majdal Bani Fadel village in Nablus Governorate under the pretext that they were built with license from the Israeli Civil Administration due to their location in Area C. Previously, on May 4, 2010, 7 other similar orders were distributed in the village and a hearing session was set on May 20. structures are owned by Husam Zein Ad Dein, Faris Zein Ad Dein, Salah Zein Ad Dein, Ibrahim Zein Ad Dein, Omar Zein Ad Dein, Husam Zein Ad Dein, Husam Zein Ad Dein, Yousuf Zein Ad Dein, Mustapha Zein Ad Dein, Abdul Halim Muhsin, 'Issa Zein Ad2 Dein, Sa'a1da Zein 1Ad Dein, 'Ahed Zein Ad Dein, Muhsen Zein Ad Dein, Subhi Zein Ad Dein, Ahmad Zein Ad Dein. LRC (June 26, 2010).

- Israel confiscated seven oxygen machines en route to hospitals in the West Bank and Gaza based on the claim that there was a chance the generators attached to the machines would not be used for medical purposes. The

generators were donated to the Palestinian National Authority by a Norwegian development agency. Haaretz (June 26, 2010).

- A group of Israeli settlers from Shavei Shomron settlement attacked Sabastyia water well guards while on duty in Al Mas'oudiya area. Wafa (June 30, 2010).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation army delivered eviction orders to Nine Palestinian families (12 structures) in Kherbit Ar Ras Al Ahmar in the Jordan Valley, giving families ten days to evacuate their lands after declaring the area a "closed military zone." More than 70 Palestinians would be made homeless and deprived of their livelihoods. Both the Civil Administration and the army said the orders were given because the homes were built without a permit and inside a fire zone. Those targeted by the orders were identified as: Jum'ah Kahder Fayyad Bani Audah, Iyad Mustafa Abed Ar-Razeq, Mohammad Khader Fayyad Bani Audah, Mustafa Abed Ar-Razeq Saleh and Abdallah Husein Abdallah Bisharat. Maannews (June 8, 2010).

- Construction work continues in Masskiyot settlement in the northern valleys. Al Quds (June 18, 2010).

- Two villages in the Jordan Valley were targeted by Israeli military planners, when six residents from Al Hadidiya and Humsa were handed home demolition orders. The families in both communities were given ten days to evacuate their lands after declaring the area a "closed military zone." The latest orders targeted the following families: **Al-Hadidiya:** Abdel Rahim Hussein Bsharat, Muhammad Ali Bani Odeh, Abdel Mahdi Salamin, **Khirbet Humsa:** Harb Abul Qabbash, Ismael Abul Qabbash, Ibrahim Abul Qabbash. Maannews (June 22, 2010).

- Ten Palestinian families in Al-Farsieyah village in the Jordan Valley were handed home demolition orders and given 24 hours to evacuate their lands under the pretext of building without proper building authorization in area C. Most of the homes to be demolished belong to the Daraghmah and Al-Makahmreh families, who say they have documents proving their ownership of the land filed with Israel's Land Registry. The families said they had been issued demolition orders before, however this was the first time they had been given a 24-hour notice. Maannews (June 30, 2010).

- The Israeli occupation forces handed resident Ahmad Nawaj'a in Al Maleh area in Tubas Governorate a military order notifying him to leave his house within 24 hours. Al Quds (June 26, 2010).

Others

- Israeli extremists vandalized a mosque in northern Israel. Vandals defaced the Omar Bin Khattab Mosque in the village of Ibtin with graffiti calling for the holy site's destruction, a depiction of the Star of David, and slogans declaring war on "the Arabs and Muslims". Maannews (June 10, 2010)

Monthly Violations Statistics – June 2010

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	**40**	**0**	**120**	**1**	**0**
Jerusalem	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**11 (in addition to 8 other structures)**
Jenin	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Tulkarm	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ramallah	**0**	**0**	**130**	**0**	**0**
Nablus	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16**
Salfit	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**
Jericho	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Gaza	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Qalqilyah	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**
Hebron	**0**	**10**	**90**	**0**	**16**
Tubas	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**26**
Total	**40**	**10**	**340**	**5**	**85**

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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