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Jerusalem

- An Israeli plan to close Jerusalem- Jericho road and prevent Palestinians from accessing it in a way to erect three kilometers alternative road cutting through Al 'Ezzariya lands to 'Anata through Al Z'ayem village on 273 dunums of lands. Wafa (Apr 3, 2007).
- More than 40 Palestinian houses in Al Qarmy neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem are threatened of demolition by the Israeli authorities under the pretext of being constructed on Israeli properties. Quds (Apr 3, 2007)
- The Israeli authorities handed out military warnings to demolish 150 houses in Ras Shehda neighborhood south of Shu'fat under the pretext of being built illegally and owned by the Israeli extremist of 'Ataret Kohanim. Among the owners known were: Rania Abu 'Ayash, Mahmud Sarandah, Fathiya Al Mughraby and Tariq Al Mughraby. Quds (Apr 3, 2007)

- Excavation Activities are taking place in Soq Nsabeh (4 dunums) south of the old city of Jerusalem by the Israeli settlers of Ghalasya school which belong to Nsabeh family. Quds (Apr 7, 2007)
- The first section of a major new bridge at the entrance to Jerusalem , part of the city's long-planned light rail system, was erected on Thursday morning. Construction on the Bridge of Strings is expected to take another seven months and will cost NIS 135 million. A span will soar above the perpetual traffic jam at the intersection of Jaffa Road and Shazar and Herzl boulevards, rising from near the future train station - which is slated to begin carrying passengers to Modi'in, Ben-Gurion Airport and Tel Aviv in 2009. Jpost (Apr 12, 2007)
- Jerusalem Municipality Court postponed the demolition of Fared Jaber house (100 meters) in Wad El Joz neighborhood for four days and charged him NIS 30 thousands as a penalty. Quds (Apr 12, 2007)
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of Hani Salim Al Sayad in Khalet Al 'Ein in At Tur neighborhood, claiming that it was built without licenses. Quds (Apr 13, 2007)
- Jerusalem Municipality handed Fahmi Al Ansary military warning to demolish his library in Jerusalem city, claiming that it is being an obstacle for the erection of a new road in the area. Quds (Apr 15, 2007)
- The IOF broke into the cultural clubhouse and Al Zaka committee in Sur Baher town and caused severe loses to properties. Quds (Apr 17, 2007)
- The Israeli Army restricted the Palestinian movement in the northwestern villages of Jerusalem city and near Ramot checkpoint on the northern entrance of the city. Wafa (Apr 21, 2007)
- The Israeli bulldozers partially demolished the building of the high Islamic council in Mamela neighborhood in Jerusalem city in order to construct apartments and housing units and sell them to Israeli settlers. Each unit will cost at least \$ 5 millions. Wafa (Apr 24, 2007)
- The Ring road which is constructing in the Palestinian Territory is almost done especially the part near Al 'Esawiya which means Jerusalem city will be strangulated from the eastern part. Quds (Apr 24, 2007)

- The IOF demolished the 70 meters house owned by Nawaf Muhammad Al Shalalda in At Tur neighborhood in Jerusalem city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (Apr 25, 2007)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed piece of land in Al 'Esawiya village near Jerusalem in order to expand the existing military base east of the road leading to Ma'ale Adumim settlement. This military base was constructed over 45 dunums of lands before 5 years in an attempt to protect the eastern ring road. Quds (Apr 27, 2007).

Bethlehem

- The IOF agressed on the fruitful trees owned by Suleiman Zawahra in Jabal Al Deik area in the northern part of Beit Sahour city and sprayed them with herbicides. Quds (Apr 14, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers agricultural lands and uprooted several numbers of Olive trees near the tunnel road in Beit Jala city for the sake of the Segregation Wall. Lands belong to the families of Abu 'Amsha, 'Awad, Abu Shayba, Marzuqa, Khamis, Al Hathwa and Ghneim. ARIJ (Apr 18, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities handed military warnings to demolish 6 houses owned by Mahmud Hasan Taqatqa, Muhammad Mahmud Musa Hayan, Akram Isma'il Abu Rahma, Khalid 'Layan and Sami Ibrahim Taqatqa in Umm Salmouna village under the pretext of being built without licenses. Wafa (Apr 21, 2007).
- The IOF handed military warnings to demolish three houses in Al Jab'a village to the west of Bethlehem city. Houses are located in Bloc 2 in Al Bayader Al Sharqiya area (30 dunums) and belong to Khalil Ahmad Musa Masha'la, Yahya Musa Muhammad Abu Luha and Hasan Ahmad 'Abed El Latif Abu Sbeiha. Wafa (Apr 22, 2007).
- Digging activities are taking place in front of Al Waqf directorate in the northern entrance of Bethlehem city near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque. Wafa (Apr 29, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands to construct the Segregation Wall and to erect road connecting Bethlehem city with the western rural areas. Quds (Apr 30, 2007).

Ramallah

- The Israeli settlers added recently 11 new caravans to a new neighborhood in Ofra settlement. Quds (Apr 14, 2007)
- The Israeli bulldozers and without any pre-notification demolished the 350 meters cement factory owned by Issa 'Abed El Rahim Shalash in Shuqba village west of Ramallah city and confiscated properties (estimated NIS 60,000) owned by Hasan Shehada Al Masri. Wafa (Apr 18, 2007)
- The IOF took over the three- storey house of Tha'er Sabah in Umm Safa village northwest of Ramallah city and turned it into military post. Wafa (Apr 24, 2007)
- The Israeli Supreme Court rejected three petitions filed by the local residents of Deir Qeddis village northwest Ramallah protesting on the path of the Israeli Segregation Wall that stretches through their village's land. Quds (Apr 26, 2007).

Qalqilyia

- The Israeli forces and without any pre-notification closed all entrances of Ezbat Al Tayeb village east of Qalqilyia. Wafa (Apr 9, 2007).
- The Israeli troops staged into Ghayada neighborhood in Qalqilyia city and dynamited the house of 'Ali Shoukry Nazal. Wafa (Apr 14, 2007).
- The Israeli troops staged into Al Naqar and Shreem neighborhoods in Qalqilyia city and took over the houses of 'Abed El Raziq Al Khoga, Mo'awiya Al Hurany and 'Atif Sha'ban and turned them into military

posts. Moreover, the IOF partially demolished the house of Ihsan 'Abed El Rahem Halwos. Maan news (Apr 19, 2007).

- The IOF hindered Palestinian landowners from Kafr Laqif from accessing their lands near Genot Shorom settlement established on the village lands. Quds (Apr 28, 2007).

Tubas

- Tens of caravans were added to the Israeli military camp of Al Maleh in the northern valleys. Arabs48 (Apr 2, 2007).
- The IOF closed Tayaseer and Al Hamra checkpoints to the east of Tubas city and obstructed the movement of Palestinian residents. Wafa (Apr 8, 2007) .
- The IOF erected new checkpoint near Al Kfeir junction on the road between Tubas and Jenin and caused delays to Palestinian citizens hidden to heir works. Wafa (Apr 11, 2007).
- The Israeli troops erected temporary checkpoint near 'Aqaba town north of Tubas city and detained Palestinian vehicles for hours. Wafa (Apr 15, 2007)
- The IOF erected new checkpoint near Al Kfeir junction on the road between Tubas and Jenin and detained Palestinian residents. Wafa (Apr 16, 2007).
- The Israeli soldiers manning Tayaseer and Al Hamra checkpoints prevented Palestinian vegetable trucks from passing to the northern valley area claiming that according to a military order it is not allowed to enter vegetables from the West Bank to the valleys. Wafa (Apr 17, 2007)
- The Israeli forces started constructing new military base in Wadi Al Maleh area in the northern valleys. Moreover, the IOF constructed tents and electronic poles in Wahesh area. Wafa (Apr 17, 2007) .

- Hundreds of Palestinian families are threatened of evacuation in Al Hadediya area in the valleys according to Israeli military order in an attempt to take over the lands. Among the owners know were: Omar 'Aref, Muhammad Al Fahed, Abu Saqr, Abu Ahmad and Burhan Hussein Al Asmar. Wafa (Apr 23, 2007).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on the main road between Tubas and Jenin near Al Kafriat junction. Wafa (Apr 24, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities issued military warning to confiscate 238 dunums of agricultural lands in Bardala village north of the valleys. As a result Qa'un plain (5000 dunums) will be isolated, it is worth mentioning that hundreds of Palestinian families own this agricultural plain. Wafa (Apr 28, 2007)
- The IOF erected military checkpoint north of Tubas city on Al Kfeir junction. Wafa (Apr 28, 2007).
- The Israeli Army started their military activities in Tubas eastern slopes until Wadi El Maleh area. Wafa (Apr 30, 2007).

Hebron

- The Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz decided that Jewish settlers must leave a disputed four- storey building in Hebron city, but gave no deadline for their evacuation. The Israeli settlers moved into the house in an Arab neighborhood of Hebron on March 19, claiming to have purchased it from its Palestinian owners. Haaretz (Apr 10, 2007).
- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian farmers from accessing their agricultural lands near Avagay settlement. Wafa (Apr 11, 2007).
- Israeli settlers in Hebron claim that they discovered an Israeli grave yard under the Ibrahim Mosque due to the excavation activities took place in the area. Arabs48 (Apr 11, 2007).

- Israeli settlers will be given 30 days to voluntarily leave a disputed four-storey building now called Beit Hashalom in Hebron city that they occupied weeks ago. Haaretz (Apr 12, 2007).
- The Israeli troops broke into the nabob office in 'Ein Sara Street in Hebron city, causing severe losses. Wafa (Apr 12, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Ma'on tried to construct new outpost "Havat Ma'on" on a hilltop east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. Wafa (Apr 14, 2007).
- Settlers have plans to purchase additional homes in Hebron with the monetary backing of right-wing Jewish Americans, to expand the size and property holdings of the Jewish community in the city. Haaretz (Apr 14, 2007).
- The IOF razed two dunums of agricultural lands planted with Almond and Vine trees in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city which belong to Mahmud and Ahmad Yunis Abu 'Ayash. Wafa (Apr 15, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Ma'on and under the protection of the Israeli forces took over Palestinian lands in Khalet Kharuba in Yatta town. Maan news (Apr 19, 2007).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished seven houses in Quyoyoys and Imnazil villages east of Yatta town south of Hebron city for not having building permits. Houses belong to Mahmud, Ibrahim, Khalil Nu'man Abu 'Aram and Muhammad Khalil Abu Qbeita, displacing more than 75 dwellers. Wafa (Apr 19, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers and under the protection of the Israeli soldiers hindered Palestinian landowners of Beit Ummar and Halhul north of Hebron city from planting Olive trees in their lands. Among owners known were: Samir 'Abed Allah Sleiby, Mayef Sleiby, Issa 'Ali Sleiby and Odeh 'Awad. Wafa (Apr 21, 2007).
- The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on Dura- Hebron road in 'Oqbat Kanar area to the south of the West Bank. Wafa (Apr 21, 2007).

- The Israeli forces demolished four commercial stores in Bab Al Khan area in the old city of Hebron which belong to Musa Jwales, 'Atta Fanoun and 'Abed El Salam Al Qasrawy. Wafa (Apr 23, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Karme Zur aggressed on the Palestinian landowners in Halhul town north of Hebron city and hindered them from accessing their lands. Among owners known were: Hasan Muhammad Nuh 'Akel and Ahmad Muhammad Khalil 'Akel. Wafa (Apr 23, 2007).
- The IOF recently constructed three iron gates with barbed wires in the roads and entrances leading to the old city of Hebron and the Ibrahime Mosque, whereby another two gates to be constructed on Al Muraba'a and Suq A Laban areas. Quds (Apr 24, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers are trying to take over another two Palestinian residential buildings near Al Rajaby building which they took over month ago. Arabs48 (Apr 25, 2007).
- The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint in Halhul bridge area to the north of Hebron city. Wafa (Apr 30, 2007).

Nablus

- The Israeli settlers of the dismantled settlement Homesh aggressed on the Palestinian lands of Burqa village, destroyed 850 Almond & Olive trees and agricultural rooms owned by Hasan Al Ashqar, Sameh Far'onya, and Muhammad 'Abed El Halem Salah. 'Amed Nimr, Tawfiq and Ziyad Daglas. Quds (Apr 2, 2007).
- The Israeli forces staged into Deir Al Hatab village east of Nablus city, aggressed on a house owned by Ahmad Tayel Msha'ty and caused severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Apr 2, 2007).
- The Israeli forces closed Beit Iba checkpoint on the western part of Nablus city and also closed the Israeli checkpoint on Nablus- Al Bathan road limiting the Palestinian access to and from Nablus city. Wafa (Apr 8, 2007).

- The IOF staged into Al Ma'agen neighborhood and Bet El Ma' refugee camp took over several number of houses and turned them into barracks. Among the owners know was Osama Abu Odeh. Wafa (April 8, 2007).
- Israel has constructed new dumping sites around Jama'in and 'Ein Yabus villages southwest of Nablus city. Wafa (Apr 9, 2007).
- The Israeli troops closed without any pre-notification Al Bathan checkpoint northeast of Nablus city in both directions and hindered Palestinian citizens from accessing to and from the city. Wafa (Apr 10, 2007).
- The IOF partially demolished a wall and a three- storey house owned by 'Abed Zaqt in Al Sheikh Mu'nes east of Nablus city. Wafa & Quds (Apr 11, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Shilo celebrated the inauguration of a new house in Giv'at Har'il outpost. Quds (Apr 13, 2007).
- The Israeli troops agressed on a cultural clubhouse in Nablus city and caused severe loses to the properties. Wafa (Apr 14, 2007).
- The Israeli forces detained hundreds of Palestinian residents on the alternative Jenin- Nablus road for hours. Wafa (Apr 14, 2007).
- The IOF handed out the residents Seham Odeh Hasan Al Deik and 'Abed El Hamed 'Ali Al Shinar military warnings to demolish their houses in Kafr Al Deik town under the pretext of being unlicensed and close to the Segregation Wall path going to be built in the area in the near future. Quds (Apr 16, 2007).
- The Israeli forces manning the checkpoint between Beit Dajan and Beit Furik villages prevented Palestinian residents from accessing it to and out of the villages. Wafa (Apr 21, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers of Allon Moreh cut the water supply to the nearby village of Deir Hatab after they took over the spring. Quds (Apr 21, 2007).
- The IOF obstructed the Palestinian movement between Jenin- Nablus governorates north of the West Bank. Wafa (Apr 23, 2007).

- The Israeli settlers returned to the dismantled settlement of Homesh northwest of Nablus city and closed the main roads between Burqa- Selit Al Harethya and Nablus- Jenin. Wafa (Apr 24, 2007).

Salfit

- The IOF constructed a temporary checkpoint on the main entrance of Yasuf town in Salfit, causing delays to Palestinian citizens hidden to heir works. Wafa (Apr 4, 2007)
- The Israeli forces erected a temporary checkpoint on the main entrance of Burqin village north of the West Bank and obstructed the movement of Palestinian residents. Wafa (Apr 9, 2007).
- The IOF erected military checkpoint on the southern entrance of Kafr Al Deik town in the West Bank . Wafa (Apr 12, 2007).

Jenin

- The Israeli forces erected a temporary checkpoint on the main entrance of Maythalon town southeast of Jenin governorate. Wafa (Apr 3, 2007).
- The IOF hindered Palestinians from Jenin governorate from accessing Nablus city and erected military checkpoint on Jenin- Al Zababda road. Wafa (Apr 8, 2007).
- The Israeli forces erected military checkpoint on the southern entrance of Qabatiya town southeast of Jenin governorate and obstructed the movement of Palestinians heading to their destinations. Wafa (Apr 10, 2007).
- The Israeli forces and without any pre-notification erected new checkpoint on Jenin- Al Zababda road north of the West Bank . Wafa (Apr 11, 2007).
- The IOF agressed on the house (5 apartments) of Fared Ahmad Al Saydaly in Jenin refugee camp and caused severe damages and losses to

the properties. It is worth mentioning that the IOF took over a neighboring house and turned it into military barrack. Quds (Apr 14, 2007).

- The Israeli bulldozers partially demolished the house of Hussein Muhammad Haza' in Muthalath Al Shuhda village south of Jenin city. Wafa (Apr 15, 2007).
- The Israeli forces erected temporary checkpoint near Jaba' town southeast of Jenin city. Wafa (Apr 24, 2007).
- The Israeli settlers closed Ya'bud- Jenin road north of the West Bank and hindered the Palestinian access under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Apr 24, 2007).
- The Israeli forces erected military checkpoint on the southern entrance of Qabatiya town south of Jenin governorate. Wafa (Apr 26, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities handed out residents of Jalbun, Faqu'a, 'Arabouna, 'Anin, At Taybeh and Romana military warnings to confiscate 400 dunums of lands to reroute the Segregation Wall path. Wafa (Apr 29, 2007).

Tulkarem

- The IOF demolished six Palestinian houses in Fir'un village south of Tulkarm city under the pretext of being close to the Segregation Wall path. It is worth mentioning that another houses are threatened of demolition in the same area under the same pretext. Quds (Apr 5, 2007).
- New military orders to take over lands, extend and amend borders for the Palestinian villages and towns in Tulkarm governorate along the Segregation Wall path. Wafa (Apr 23, 2007).
- The IOF closed Enav gate east of Tulkarm city and hindered the Palestinian access, closed Ramin plain with earth mounds, closed Beit Lid junction and erected temporary checkpoint on Bezariya- Ramin junction. Wafa (Apr 24, 2007).

Gaza

- The Israeli bulldozers staged 200 meters in Sufa area southeast of Khan Yunis city and razed agricultural lands. Wafa (Apr 25, 2007).

Others

- The Israeli authority agreed on constructing a complex containing eleven military bases with a railway, hospitals, mall and restaurants on 125 hectares in Ramat Hovev in the Negev . Quds (Apr 2, 2007).
- According to a report issued by High Information Committee about 72437 houses were demolished by the IOF since the beginning of the second Intifada until February 2007, 80712 dunums of agricultural lands were razed and about 1257296 trees were uprooted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Quds (Apr 3, 2007).
- The Defense Establishment is currently considering to abandon the plan to include bulges in the separation fence, aimed at keeping major settlements blocks such as Ariel, Immanuel and Kedumin within the Israeli side. In addition to sealing the gap between Ofarim and Elkana. Other plan to form three "special security areas": the first around Ariel, a second around Immanuel and Karmeit Shomron and the third near Beit Aryeh and Ofarim. According to the plan, this would seal the problematic gap while maintaining the security needs of the settlers in case of a future conflagration of hostilities in the West Bank. Haaretz & Quds (Apr 5, 2007).
- The Israeli authorities agreed on establishing new Israeli settlement (Kasev) in the Negev . Arabs48 (Apr 15, 2007)

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	9
Jerusalem	4	273	0	2	190
Jenin	400	0	0	0	0
Tulkarem	0	0	0	6	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	850	0	2
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyia	0	0	0	1	0
Hebron	2	0	85	7	0
Tubas	238	0	0	0	0
Total	644	273	935	16	201

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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