



## Report on the Israeli Colonization Activities in the West Bank & the Gaza Strip

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### Gaza Strip

- ❏ The Israeli Occupation Army shelled on agricultural lands in Al Zaytoun neighborhood east of Gaza city and caused damages to the lands and the nearby houses which belong to the families of 'Ashour, Karim, Khalifa and Higy. Quds (Feb 2, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli Occupation Army shelled on an agricultural area in Beit Lahya town north of the Strip, causing loses to the lands. Wafa (Feb 6, 2008).
- ❏ The IOF destroyed a lethal workshop in Al Nusairat refugee camp in the middle of Gaza city which belongs to Abu Mhadi family and caused severe damages to the nearby houses. Wafa & Quds (Feb 6, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli Forces shelled on the house of Zaki Al Dardeesy east of Khan Yunis governorate and caused severe damages to the house. Quds & PNN (Feb 7, 2008)
- ❏ The Israeli Occupation authorities closed Al Mintar (Karni) crossing point at the easter border side of the Gaza Strip. Al Mintar (Karni) crossing is considered the main passage for goods (in and out of Gaza to/from the west Bank and Israel. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ❏ The IOF shelled on Palestinian houses east of Al Bureij refugee camp in the middle of the Strip and caused loses and damages to the properties. Wafa (Feb 8, 2008).
- ❏ Israeli Occupation Forces manning military towers situated at the eastern borders of Rafah city south of the Strip opened fire at Palestinian houses in Al Nahda neighborhood in Shweika town northeast of Rafah and caused panic to residents. Wafa (Feb 8, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli Occupation Army destroyed a lethal workshop in Shanyoura residential building in Al Zaytoun neighborhood and caused damages to the nearby buildings. Quds (Feb 11, 2008)

- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Al Jaradat area near Gaza International Airport east of Rafah city, took over residential buildings and caused damages and loses to the properties; in addition, the Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural lands in the area that belongs to Abu Jarad family. Quds (Feb 12, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army constructed new military camp near Wadi Al Salqa village in the middle governorate; as a result, vast areas of lands were razed. Wafa (Feb 12, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces took over the residential buildings owned by Abu Sha'r family in Tal Al Kurd area northeast of Khan Yunis and turned them into military posts. Quds (Feb 13, 2008)
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces manning the eastern borders of Rafah city south of the Strip hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their agricultural lands in the area. Among the farmers, the following were known: Othman Hussein, Yousef Abu Snameh and Abu Hisham Al Hisy. Wafa (Feb 13, 2008)
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Al Jaradat area west of Gaza International Airport east of Rafah governorate, searched Palestinian houses and turned some into military posts. Quds (Feb 16, 2008)
- ✚ The IOF demolished the three-storey house of Ayman Fayed along with 7 others in block (7) east of Al Bureij refugee camp, causing severe loses. In addition, the IOF shelled on the house of Hassan Abu Kaloub in Beit Hanun town north of the Strip. Quds (Feb 16, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands in Al Shuka town south of the Strip and destroyed electricity, water and sewage networks. Quds (Feb 18, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers invaded east of Al Qarara town and razed agricultural lands near KEsufim military base. Quds (Feb 20, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Army invaded Al Jaradat area west of Gaza International Airports and east of Rafah governorate and razed agricultural lands. Wafa (Feb 21, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation boats shelled on Palestinian houses and properties in Al Sudaniya beach and the northern refugee camp northwest of Gaza city and caused severe damages. Wafa (Feb 22, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army at Nahal Oz military base shelled on agricultural lands east of Al Shaga'ya neighborhood and caused loses and damages to the properties. Wafa (Feb 22, 2008)
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces shelled on the four-storey building located opposite to Burj Al Shifa' west of Gaza city, completely demolished it and caused severe damages to the nearby houses. Wafa (Feb 27, 2008).

- ✚ The IOF destroyed a lethal workshop owned by Al Maqadmeh family in Al Katiba area west of Khan Younis governorate and caused loses to the nearby buildings. Wafa (Feb 27, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army demolished a four-storey building near Al Sha'biya junction which connects Omar Al Mukhtar and Al Wihda Streets with Al Nafaq Street. In addition, the IOF destroyed a lethal workshop in Al Zaytoun neighborhood southeast of Gaza city which belong to Filfil family. Wafa & Quds (Feb 27, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army opened fire at some Palestinian houses in Rafah and Khan Younis Governorates south of the Strip causing panic to the residents and loses to the properties. Wafa (Quds (Feb 29, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF destroyed a lethal workshop owned by Al Jabry family to the west of Khan Yunis city and caused severe loses to the nearby houses. Wafa & Quds (Feb 29, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Army demolished a house owned by Abu Odeh family in Beit Hanoun town north of the Gaza Strip and caused damages to the nearby buildings. Wafa (Feb 29, 2008).

## **Nablus Governorate**

- ✚ The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert gave the Israeli Army the green light to start rebuilding Yousef Tomb east of Nablus city. Quds (Feb 4, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli settlers of Gilad settlement uprooted tens of Olive trees in Jet village in Nablus governorate. Quds (Feb 4, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Forces closed Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city for hours and prevented people from heading to their destinations. Quds (Feb 7, 2008)
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army staged into the eastern part of Nablus city and took over Naseef residential building turning it into a military post after detaining all residents in one room. Wafa (Feb 11, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation troops invaded Huwwara town south of Nablus city, imposed curfew on the city and forced owners to close their commercial stores in the town. Quds (Feb 12, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli settlers aggressed on Farhud Zaghlul Farhus in Al Taweel hamlet near 'Aqruba town and confiscated his bull while he was working in his land. Wafa (Feb 12, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF reconstructed Yizhar checkpoint in Huwwara town south of Nablus city and hindered Palestinian access. Quds (Feb 13, 2008).

- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into Sabastiya town north of Nablus city, searched a number of houses and forced dwellers to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Quds (Feb 15, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army re-erected Al Bathan checkpoint northeast of Nablus city and hindered Palestinian access in and out of the city. Quds (Feb 18, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Forces staged into the eastern neighborhoods of Nablus city, Huwwara and Beita towns south of the city, took over residential buildings and turned them into military posts. Wafa (Feb 20, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation forces continued hindering Palestinian residents from Tulkarm, Ramallah and Jenin governorates from accessing Nablus city through Huwwara checkpoint south of the city. Wafa & Quds (Feb 24, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli settlers aggressed on resident Osama Abu Katab in 'Aqruba town southeast of Nablus city and tried to confiscate his car; in addition, the Israeli authorities continued notifying residents of Al Taweel Hamlet east of the town to demolish their animal pens and school. Wafa (Feb28, 2008).

## **Ramallah Governorate**

- ✚ A new neighborhood comprising of 27 trailers is currently under construction at the settlement of Eli, near Al Luban Al-Sharqiyah village north of Ramallah. Haaretz (Feb 20, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Al Jalazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah city and aggressed on the house of Mahmoud 'Abed El 'Aziz Zeid, causing damages to the properties. Wafa (Feb 27, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army demolished a poultry farm in Beit 'Ur Al Fouqa town near Ramallah under the pretext of being unlicensed. The farm belongs to Husny Hassan Samara. Quds (Feb 28, 2008)

## **Tubas Governorate**

- ✚ 12 vehicles carrying Israeli settlers staged into Al Hamamat area in Wadi El Maleh area east of Tubas city to camp in the area. Wafa (Feb 1, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces closed all entrances to the Jordan Valley area and hindered Palestinian farmers not living in the valleys to access agricultural lands in the areas. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers staged into Al Hadidiya hamlet east of Tubas city and demolished houses and animal sheds owned by Omar

'Aref Bsharat and Muhammad Sa'ed Bani Odeh without giving residents any chance to salvage any of their belongings. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).

- ✚ The IOF staged into Tubas city and closed the northern and eastern entrances and prevented Palestinian access in and out of the city; In addition, the Israeli Occupation Army closed the road connecting Tubas city with Jenin near 'Aqaba town with earth mounds and erected temporary checkpoints. Wafa (Feb 8, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli troops invaded Tubas city and Tayseer village and carried out a house to house search in the two communities. Quds (Feb 11, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli settlers of Maskiyot in the northern valleys constructed ten new homes in the settlement in an attempt to relocate some of Gaza evacuated settlers the area. Maan news & Wafa (Feb 15, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces hindered Palestinian farmers from grazing their sheeps in Al Sueida and Al Farisya hamlets in Wadi Al Maleh area in the northern valleys and threatened them of paying penalties if they ever try to access the area again. Wafa (Feb 18, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation forces manning Al Hamra checkpoint southeast of Tubas city hindered Palestinian access through the checkpoint and detained people for hours. Wafa (Feb 20, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces manning Tayaseer checkpoint hindered Palestinians from accessing the northern valleys under the pretext of being less than 35 years old. Wafa (Feb 28, 2008)

## **Bethlehem Governorate**

- ✚ The IOF staged into Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city, searched Palestinian houses and forced all inhabitants to leave the houses under the pretext of looking for wanted Palestinians. Quds (Feb 2, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army invaded Al Khader, Beit Fajjar, Al 'Ibediya, Al Duha and Bethlehem city, took over houses and forced residents to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Quds (Feb 14, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF took over the two houses of Ibrahim Muhammad Shakarneh and Saed Hamed Shakarneh in Khalit Al Saras area in Nahhalin village west of Bethlehem city and turned them into military posts. Wafa (Feb 21, 2008).

## **Jenin Governorate**

- ✚ The IOF staged into Al Hadaf neighborhood near Jenin refugee camp and surrounded the house of Sami Hassan 'Ali Al Sous and forced all dwellers to evacuate the house. Quds (Feb 1, 2008).

- ✚ The IOF invaded Al Basatin neighborhood in Jenin city, surrounded a residential building and ordered residents to evacuate it immediately. Wafa (Feb 1, 2008).
- ✚ More than 20 Israeli Occupation bulldozers staged into Jenin city, surrounded Al Nakhil building, closed the entrances of Yahya 'Ayash, Al Madaris and Zayed areas and dynamited the entrances of the commercial stores. In addition, the IOF invaded Qabatiya town southwest of Jenin city and surrounded the houses of Saleh, Amin, Riyadh, Naser, Nabhan, Sultan and Amjad Abu Zayed and destroyed the properties. Quds (Feb 2, 2008).
- ✚ More than 18 Israeli vehicles staged into Al Jabiryat neighborhood in Jenin refugee camp, surrounded residential buildings and took over others turning them into military posts after forcing all residents to stay in one room. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army closed with barbed wires and cement blocks all entrances of Jenin governorate which connect it Tulkarm, Nablus and the Jordan Valley and totally hindered Palestinian access. Quds (Feb 9, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation troops staged into Jenin city, Qabatya and Al Yamoun towns, searched houses and forced families to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Among owners, the following was known: Al Samoudy family. Quds (Feb 10, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF staged Wad Al Shahid 'Eiz El Din in Jenin city and broke into the house of Sam Qa'qour and turned it into military post after forcing all residents to leave the house. Quds (Feb 15, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF staged into Qabatya town under heavy barrage of gunfire and surrounded the house of 'Abed El Latif Zakarneh forcing its inhabitants to stay in the cold weather. Quds (Feb 15, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into the two societies of Al Bara'a and the Emirate Charity in Al Basatin neighborhood in Jenin city and sealed them with oxygen after destroying all properties. Wafa (Feb 19, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF erected temporary checkpoint at the eastern entrance of 'Azun town southwest of Jenin city and detained Palestinians for long time. Wafa (Feb 21, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on the eastern entrance of 'Araba town and detained residents for hours. Quds (Feb 22, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces broke into al Bara' charity committee building in Jenin city, searched the place and sealed the building with Oxygen claiming that the committee threatens the state of Israel. Quds (Feb 22, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army erected several numbers of temporary checkpoints near 'Arraba town, on Jaba' Junction, on the southern



entrance of Qabatyia town and near Al Jarba Hamlet south of Jenin city and hindered Palestinians under the age of 35 from accessing them. Wafa (Feb 24, 2008).

- ✚ The Israeli Occupation troops invaded Qabatyia town south of Jenin city and searched Palestinian houses in the old city. Quds (Feb 25, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation authorities handed out residents of Umm Al Rihan village southwest of Jenin city five military warnings to demolish five houses under the pretext of being unlicensed. Among the owners, the following were known: Saleh Zaid, Mirweh Zaid and Muhammad Zaid. Wafa (Feb 26, 2008)
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces invaded Qabatyia town south of Jenin city and surrounded the house of Saleh Abu Zeid. Maan news (Feb 26, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF erected temporary checkpoint on the southern entrance of Jenin city that connects the city with Qabatyia town and detained residents for long hours. Wafa (Feb 27, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation troops invaded Deir Abu D'aif village and Al Yamoun town east of Jenin city, searched a number of houses and internet cafés causing damages to properties. Among the owners, the following were known: Mahmoud Samoudi and Hamed Yasin. Wafa & Quds (Feb 28, 2008)

## **Jerusalem Governorate**

- ✚ The Israel Antiques Authority started erecting a new tunnel underneath the Islamic Quarter in the old city of Jerusalem city in a way to connect the tunnel with the Wailing Wall and Isaac tent located 150 meters from Al Aqsa Mosque. Quds (Feb 1, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Higher Education and Jerusalem Development Authority are planning to build a new academic complex over 40 dunums of lands near the train station which will be constructed in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city. Quds (Feb 2, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Reconciliation Court in Jerusalem City agreed on evacuating the family of 'Abed El Mu'ti Abu Qtesh from his house near Al Sheikh Jarrah Mosque in Jerusalem city claiming its ownership to two Jewish families and charged him with a penalty of NIS 100,000. Quds (Feb 3, 2008)
- ✚ The two Mosques of Al Omry and Deir Al Amoud in Umm Tuba city and in Sur Baher town south of Jerusalem city are threatened of demolition under the pretext of being built without licenses. Quds (Feb 4, 2008).

- ✚ Several numbers of colonial projects such as tunnels and synagogues are being built in Jerusalem city particularly in Silwan town in the old city of Jerusalem and are being funded by rich Israeli People from Russia and Ukraine. Quds (Feb 5, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Supreme Court plans to rebuild military checkpoints throughout Jerusalem city in an attempt to collect taxes from residents. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF erected barbed wires and cement blocks near the residential buildings located opposite to Al Dahiya checkpoint closing the main road in the face of Beit Hanina residents. IOF claimed that the road was closed for security reasons. In addition, the IOF removed the Iron Gate which was constructed one and a half year ago on the other side of the building in an attempt to let families with special IDs from accessing Qalandyia crossing border. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the house of Isma'il Al Masry (46 m<sup>2</sup>) in the old city of Jerusalem city near Al Aqsa Mosque for not having building permits. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ✚ New Israeli plan to take control over Eastern Jerusalem city (the Old city, Al Aqsa Mosque and the holy places) and keep it under the Israeli Administration control and under the supervision of what is called "Holy Basin". Quds (Feb 9, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli government agreed on completing the ring road project around East Jerusalem by constructing the remaining part of it which includes three tunnels, five bridges and the confiscation of 1237 dunums of Palestinian lands. The construction of this part will ease the establishment of Kidmat Zion neighborhood (400 housing units) in Abu Dis area west of the Segregation Wall. Quds (Feb 10, 2008).
- ✚ Jerusalem Municipality notified resident Raefat Tariq Al 'Sawiy of their intention to demolish his house near the Elementary Girls School in Al 'Isawiya town during the coming 30 days under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (Feb 10, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the house of Sa'di Al 'Aramin in Wadi El Joz neighborhood near the old city of Jerusalem without pre-notification under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa & Quds (Feb 11, 2008).
- ✚ According to the Israeli Radio, the Israeli Minister of Housing and Construction Ze'ev Boim announced that bids to go out soon for 1,100 new housing units in East Jerusalem, out of which, 350 units will be constructed in Har Homa settlement south of Jerusalem city, while the remaining 750 units will be constructed in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city. Haaretz (Feb 12, 2008).



- ✚ New Israeli plan to construct 4,000 new housing units over 3000 dunums of lands in Givat Hamatos settlement in the southern part of Jerusalem city. Haaretz & ARIJ (Feb 12, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli bulldozers demolished a commercial store in Hizma village northeast of Jerusalem city which belongs to Sa'eb Yousef Al Khatib. Quds (Feb 13, 2008).
- ✚ The Israel Land Administration (ILA) named the winners of the tenders to build the 307 housing units in Har Homa settlement. Five Israeli companies won the tenders, they are: Ir David, Dalia Eliasfor, Mei-Tal, Ish Hiram and Shahan - for sums ranging from NIS 17 million to NIS 1.5 million. The ILA is to receive some NIS 42 million for marketing the site, which is to be built on Har Homa's eastern side. Haaretz (Feb 15, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli settlers uprooted more than 30 Olive trees owned by Muhammad Mahmoud Sha'ban Siyam in Silwan neighborhood south of Al Aqsa Mosque. Wafa & Quds (Feb 17, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Authority extended the closure of the Orient House, chamber of Commence, Arab studies office and the Palestinian prisoners' society in Jerusalem city for one more year. Quds (Feb 17, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Minister of Housing and Construction Ze'ev Boim announced about new plan to construct 1000 new housing units in Har Homa settlement east of Jerusalem city; whereas, the expansion and construction works will continue in the settlements of Gilo and Pisgat Zeev located south and north of Jerusalem in order. Al Hayat Al Jaddeda & Quds. (Feb 19, 2008).
- ✚ The Jerusalem Municipality postponed the demolition of the third floor of Zamzam Al Shweiky house in Al Thury neighborhood in Jerusalem for few months. Quds (Feb 21, 2008)
- ✚ The IOF demolished two lethal workshops owned by Jamil 'Amer Al 'Abasy in 'Ein Al Luza neighborhood in Silwan city for not being licensed. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Jamil 'Amer already paid a penalty of NIS 70,000 for the construction of the two workshops since 2001. Quds (Feb 25, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli bulldozers demolished the 30 m<sup>2</sup> roof of Nofal family in Al Sa'diya neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem for not being licensed and charged him with a penalty of NIS 20,000. Quds (Feb 25, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Army staged into Qatanneh village northwest of Jerusalem city, searched houses and dynamited entrances and properties causing damages and loses to owners. Quds (Feb 26, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished three houses in Wadi El Dam in Beit Hanina city and in Al Thuri neighborhood for not being

licensed. Houses belong to Nidal & Shadi Matour and Fayez Hassan Irshed. Quds (Feb 26, 2008).

- ✚ The Israeli Occupation troops broke into the house of Ibrahim Abu Salim in Beir Nabala village northwest of Jerusalem city and caused panic to residents. Wafa (Feb 27, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli bulldozers demolished the 60 meters square house of Ahmad Abu Nab in Al Ashqariya neighborhood north of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (Feb 28, 2008).

## **Tulkarm Governorate**

- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Authorities issued three military warnings to demolish three houses in Fir'un and Khirbet Jubara under the pretext of their location close to the Israeli Segregation Wall path. Among owners, the following were known: Emad Hazahzeh and Basam Al 'Asi. Quds (Feb 4, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF closed the entrances of Wadi Al Sha'er and Al Sha'rawiya areas east and north of Tulkarm city and hindered access in and out of the two areas; whereby, the IOF also closed Bizariya- Ramin and 'Anabta- Bal'a roads with earth mounds and hindered Palestinian farmers from accessing their agricultural lands. In addition, the Israeli Occupation Army erected temporary checkpoint on Bal'a junction east of Tulkarm city and another one at the entrance of Deir El Ghusun town to the north. Quds (Feb 9, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army erected a number of temporary checkpoints at entrances of towns and villages in Tulkarem Governorate which included Shuweika, Far'oun, 'Enab, Jubara and Bal'a villages and hindered Palestinian access. Quds (Feb 15, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation army notified resident Diab 'Abed from Jubara hamlet south of Tulkarm of their intention to demolish his animal pen and house for being located close to the Segregation Wall path. Wafa (Feb 17, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Forces staged into Zeita village north of Tulkarm city and searched Palestinian houses and caused some damages to the properties. Among the owners, the following was known: Nawaf Nimr Al Khateib. Wafa (Feb 25, 2008).

## Salfit Governorate

- ❏ The Israeli Occupation Army notified residents Misbah Mustafa Abu Daya, Iyad Mujed Mir'y and Ahmad Ibrahim Yasin in Qarawet Bani Hassan in Salfit governorate of their intention to demolish their houses (Each composed of two floors). The IO Army also notified resident Hamad Salah Saleh Rayan to demolish his carpentry and wood stores. Quds (Feb 5, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished a commercial store owned by 'Abed Allah Muhammad Daoud in Haris village west of Salfit city for not having building permits. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli Occupation Army destroyed a building and construction store owned by Odeh 'Abed El Qader Shaqour in Kafal Haris village north of Salfit city for its location close to a colonial road being erected near the Trans- Samaritan road near Ariel settlement. Quds (Feb 17, 2008).
- ❏ Israeli settlers of Ariel settlements south of Nablus city let wild pigs out to Palestinians' agricultural lands and caused losses to the trees and field crops. Wafa (Feb 20, 2008).

## Hebron Governorate

- ❏ The Israeli Occupation Army erected two temporary checkpoints on the main entrances of Al Fawwar refugee camp and Al Burj village south of Hebron city. Quds (Feb 3, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli settlers of Ramat Yesha' aggressed on the house of 'Abed El Karim 'Abed El 'Al Al Hadad in Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood located close to the settlement. Quds (Feb 5, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli Occupation Army closed the entrance of Beit Kahil village with earth mounds and hindered Palestinian access to and from the village; in addition, the IOF erected a temporary checkpoint on the roadway between Yatta town and Al Rihya village southeast of the governorate and detained residents for hours. Wafa (Feb 5, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli settlers of "Shavat Ner" religious school west of Qiryat Arba' settlement aggressed on the houses of Is'efan family in Wadi Al Hasin neighborhood and caused damages to the houses and properties. Quds & Wafa (Feb 6, 2008).
- ❏ The Israeli Forces staged into Dura and Al Dhahhira towns south of Hebron city, searched tens of Palestinian houses and Mosques and erected temporary checkpoints on the main entrances. Among the owners, the following were known: Al Mukhtar Hassan Naji Omar, Khamis Abu

Sneineh, Kamel Fayad Omar, Muhammad Hassan Omar, Hussein Hassan Omar, Jawad Hassan, Jalal Jawad Hassan, Muhammad Yousef Omar, Ratib Omar, Nimr Habis, Yousef Hassan and Muhammad Omar. Wafa (Feb 7, 2008).

- ✚ The Israeli Civil Administration threatens to demolish 11 Palestinian houses and a health clinic in Al Beqa'a valley in Hebron governorate. The ICA gave residents four days to evacuate their houses preparing them for demolition. CPT (Feb 10, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army staged into Tarama village in Hebron, closed all entrances and searched houses after detaining their owners. Among the owners, the following were known: Naser 'Abed El Karim Ghanam, Taher 'Abed Allah Ghanam, Ahmad 'Abed El Karim Ghanam, Nabil Hassan Ghanam and 'Abe El Karim 'Abed Allah Ghanam. In addition, the IOF invaded Al Samu' town south of the governorate and searched the house of Hassan Ahmad Muhammad Al Salmin and caused damages to the properties. Wafa (Feb 11, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli settlers of Bani Hever outpost in Hebron city tried to demolish an under construction Palestinian house in Bani Neim village; instead, the settlers destroyed windows, doors and stones used for the construction. IMEMC (Feb 11, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army took over the six houses of Al Khatib family in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city, detained its dwellers and destroyed its properties; in addition, the IOF dynamited the entrances of commercial stores, destroyed water and Road networks along with a barrack owned by Saber Zamil Abu Maria and razed agricultural lands that belong to Othman 'Amaireh after declaring the area as "closed military zone". Wafa (Feb 13, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces manning the Container checkpoint on the way leading to the Ibrahimi Mosque detained tens of Palestinian students from Al Ibrahimiya Preparatory Male School and Al Fayha' Female School for hours. In addition, the Israeli settlers of Beit Hadasa settlement aggressed on Palestinian residents in Al Shallala Street hurting tens. Wafa (Feb 14, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak agreed on hindering Palestinian residents from accessing Beit 'Awa- Dura road claiming that the Palestinian access threatens settlers of Negahot outpost. Quds (Feb 18, 2008)
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces aggressed on Palestinian workers in Wad Al Khalil area south of Adh Dhahirya town and severely hurt them. Quds (Feb 19, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Authority issued an amendment to previously issued military order # (5/183/T) to confiscate 860 dunums of lands from

Adh Dhahiriya, Dura towns south of Hebron city for military uses, to construct a security fence around Eshkolot settlement. Lands belong to Al Saw'da, Omar and Higa families. Quds & Wafa (Feb 24, 2008).

- ✚ Israeli settlers of Havat Ma'on outpost accompanied by the IOF aggressed on Palestinian farmers while they were grazing their sheep in Al Tuwani village and threatened them of confiscating their sheep if they continue to access the area. IMEMC (Feb 24, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army took over the houses of Ahmad Younis Abu 'Ayash and Omar Khalil Sabarneh in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city and turned them into military posts after forcing all dwellers to stay in one room. Wafa (Feb 26, 2008).
- ✚ New Israeli military order to confiscate buildings and schools related to the Islamic charity and the Islamic youth community in Al Sheikh Zaiid Bin Sultan Street in Habayel Riyah in Hebron city after breaking into the two communities and causing damages to the properties. The buildings contain 32 Palestinian families. Wafa & Maan news (Feb 26, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli settlers of Karmi Zur settlement razed lands planted with Olive trees near the road adjacent to the settlement in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city. Lands belong to Ahmad Khalil Abu Hashim. Quds (Feb 28, 2008).
- ✚ The IOF erected a temporary checkpoint on the main entrance of 'Arab Al Ramadin village south of Hebron city and hindered Palestinian access into and out of the village. Wafa (Feb 28, 2008).

## Qalqilyah Governorate

- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Forces demolished a barrack and two agricultural rooms owned by Fayeq Hassan 'Ali and Khaled in 'Azun 'Atma town south of Qalqiliya city for being unlicensed. Quds (Feb 7, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation Army closed the main northern entrance of 'Azzun town east of Qalqiliya city with cement blocks and prevented Palestinian access. In addition, the IOF demolished two days ago the only theme park in the town and razed vast areas of lands near the main entrance. Wafa (Feb 10, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli bulldozers razed hundreds of dunums of lands in 'Azzun town east of Qalqiliya city in an attempt to construct a fence separating the town from the main road connecting Qalqilyah with Nablus. In addition, the IOF continued closing the northern entrance of the town and the road connecting the town with 'Isla village. Wafa (Feb 17, 2008).

- ✚ A Playground is threatened to be demolished in 'Azun town east of Qalqilyah city for not being licensed as it is located in Area C. PNGO (Feb 19, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished half of 'Azzun playground and announced about the demolition of the second half of the playground will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup> claiming it was built without a building permit. IMEMC (Feb 24, 2008).

## Others

- ✚ The Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak agreed to construct a fence on the Israeli-Egyptian borders in Al 'Auja and Eliat areas. Quds (Feb 4, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 17 houses with animal pens in Al Taweel Abu Grul village in the Negev, leaving families and children with no shelters. Wafa (Feb 5, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Planning and Construction Committee demolished two rooms and a house owned by Majdi 'Abed Hamded and Sa'ed Mahmoud Hamed without pre-notification in Al 'Ajamy neighborhood in Jaffa city. Arabs48 (Feb 10, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Minister of Interior Shatret announced about new plan to construct a new Arabic city in Galilee area north of the country. Quds (Feb 13, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli Reconciliation Court ordered the demolition of the two storey-house of Ahmad Muhammad Sawa'd in Akko and charged him with a penalty of NIS 72000 for not having building permits; it is worth pointing out that the house was built within the village's master plan. Arabs48 (Feb 13, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli government decided to let off some NIS 350 Million of debts owed by 3500 settlers living in 140 settlements in the occupied West Bank and the Jordan valley. IMEMC (Feb 14, 2008).
- ✚ The house of Fahmi Al Lidawy in Qulonsua city is threatened to be demolished for being unlicensed. Arabs48 (Feb 19, 2008).
- ✚ The Israeli authorities demolished a house in Al Far'a village in the Negev area along with a commercial store owned by Al Jweiny family on the entrance of Umm Mitnan village and another store in Qasr Al Ser village for not being licensed. It is worth pointing out that a resident from Wadi Al Na'm village demolished his own house for the same reason. Wafa (Feb 21, 2008).



- ✚ The Israeli Authorities agreed on reinforcing thousands of housing units in the Israeli towns near the Gaza Strip against the Palestinian rockets which will cost them NIS 327 millions (\$ 61 millions). Quds (Feb 25, 2008)
- ✚ The Israeli Monitoring Committee in the Knesset held a meeting to grant licenses to illegal outposts in the West Bank. IMEMC & Arabs48 (Feb 26, 2008).

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	0	40	30	7	1
Jenin	0	0	0	0	5
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	4
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	6
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	19	0
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	900	0	0	0	12
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>

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