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Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Beit Fajjar village south of Bethlehem city and stormed the house of Saber Deriyya, messed up with the contents and carried out an intensive house search. Wafa (April 2, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces arrested two brothers from Safa village in Governorate, which has been closed for a couple of days. The IO Troops closed the village and detained 28 individuals during the two days and ransacked homes of Khalil Abu Daya and arrested his 19-year-old son Muhammad, a severely disabled youth who requires near-constant care. Troops also arrested 21-year-old Mahmoud and took both brothers to an unknown destination. Maannews (April 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Army along with the Israeli Civil Administration handed over five Palestinian families' military orders to demolish their houses/structures under the pretext of lacking proper authorization. The houses are owned by: Mr. Omar Ribhi Barhum Ayub, Mohammad Sa'eed Al Barmil, Fadi Jamal Mussallam Bannourah and Mussa 'Assasoua. ARIJ (April 5, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces imposed curfew on Teque Village southeast of Bethlehem city and closed all entrances leading to the village and detained tens of Palestinian cars. Wafa (April 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Al Walajah village southwest of Bethlehem city, closed its only entrance and broke into Al 'Araj neighborhood. The forces broke into a number of houses of Al 'Araj family and carried out an intensive search. Wafa (April 19, 2009).
- The Israeli forces staged into Wadi An Nis village south of Bethlehem city and set up military checkpoints at the village's entrance and raided a number of Palestinian houses and carried out a thorough house search after forcing citizens to evacuate the houses under the threat of weapons. The soldiers also stormed the village's only school and deliberately damaged its entrance. Al Quds (April 19, 2009).
- A number of Israeli settlers from Betar 'Illit settlement threw stone at Palestinian cars in Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem city. Al Quds (April 19, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Soldiers closed all entrances leading to Bethlehem Governorate (DCO in Beit Jala, the southern entrance of Al Khader Checkpoint and the container checkpoint) and hindered Palestinian access. Al Quds (April 20, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed Al Khader village and broke into the house of Marzouq Muhammad Salim Issa and arrested his son. Wafa (April 21, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation troops stormed Aida refugee camp north of Bethlehem city and raided a meeting of the preparatory committee for the Papal visit. Committee members were harassed and questioned then informed that because the camp is in Area C - i.e. under Israeli civil and military control - that organizers must get a special permit to hold celebrations for the pope. Maannews (April 21, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers staged into 'Ayda Refugee Camp and hindered Palestinian citizens from installing a stage next to Segregation Wall in preparation of the Papal Visit. The soldiers handed Palestinian workers who were present in the site a halt of construction order under the pretext

was that the stage is being built in an area close to the Segregation Wall and falls under the full Israeli Control. Al Quds (April 23, 2009).

- A hill just outside the area, southwest of Bethlehem, was reportedly overrun by soldiers and settlers for much of the afternoon. Locals feared the group would destroy the agricultural land, much of which is ready for spring harvest. The village will host a lettuce festival next week to celebrate the crop which is central to the livelihoods of most residents. Maannews (April 29, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed Artas village southwest of Bethlehem city and stationed close to the Greek Orthodox nuns' monastery. Soldiers also stormed a number of Palestinian houses in the village and carried out intensive house searches. Al Quds (April 30, 2009).

Hebron

- Israeli Occupation Forces stormed a number of houses in Halhul city north of Hebron city. Among houses, the following were known: Muhammad Isma'il Melhem and Sa'ad Melhem. Palpress (April 1, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces demolished barracks and animal sheds in the area of Bani Ni'em in Hebron Governorate near road 60 junctions. DWG (April 1, 2009).
- Israeli Settlers in Hebron took over four shops on Ash-Shuhada Street in the Old City market in the area abutting the illegal Israeli settlement of Abraham Avinu. The shops occupied by the settlers belong to Azzam E'wewi, Baha E'wewi, Hussam Bader and Muhammad Qawasmi. The shops have been closed since 1994. Wafa (April 2, 2009).
- In Safa village Israeli troops occupied three homes and declared them military posts. Several bulldozers blocked off entrances to the village, cutting it off totally from its lands and neighboring villages. Safa residents have lived under curfew for 24 hours as troops patrol the streets and raid homes. The residences of Ahmad Ismael Kokas, Ghazi Ahmad Ady, and Isam Ibrahim Ady have been taken over and at least six others suffered damage as troops burst through doors or smashed windows. Maannews (April 3, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation authorities ordered that citizens of Wadi Al Hussein and Wadi An Nasara located east of Hebron city and close to Kiryat Arba' settlement should have permits from the Israeli Civil Administration in order to be able to access a 3 kilometers road that extends from Kiryat Arba' settlement and to the Ibrahimi Mosque area. The IO Authorities also ordered that citizens who are not residents of the aforementioned communities can't use the road. Al Quds (April 3, 2009).
- Israeli occupation forces have plowed large areas of Palestinian agricultural lands to establish a network of high voltage electricity lines to serve Israeli colonies built atop Palestinian lands in the governorates of Hebron and Bethlehem. Affected villages include Nahhalin and Al Khader in Bethlehem Governorates as well as Beit Ummer, Halhul, Sa'ir, Beit 'Einoun, Hebron city as well as Tarqumiya in Hebron Governorate. Israeli occupation forces began the first phase of the project in July 2007 which ended in the first few months of 2008. The phase consisted of installing a 65 kilovolt power lines that would function to provide the colony of Karmi Tzur with electricity. Electrical poles were installed on both sides of By-Pass Road 60 for this purpose. Al Quds (April 4, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation soldiers assaulted Palestinian medics affiliated to the Palestinian Red Crescent. The medics were traveling through the Beit Ummer junction in the southern West Bank while they were heading to retrieve a patient from Jerusalem. Maannews (April 5, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities prevented residents of a neighborhood south of the Hebron-area town of Yatta from reaching their homes and farms for the fourth day on row. The residents, from the Lasfeer neighborhood, have been ordered to apply for special permits to visit their land. Maannews (April 6, 2009).
- More than 150 Israeli settlers attacked a number of Palestinian houses in Jaber, Wadi An Nasara, Wadi Al Hussein and Ar Ras neighborhood located close to the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city north of the West Bank and caused damages to a number of Palestinian vehicles and tried to re-occupy Al Rajabi building which they evacuated during 2008. Paltoday (April 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the Training and rehabilitation center for social issues in Hebron city and carried out an intensive search. Wafa (April 6, 2009).

- More than 15 armed Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn settlement attacked Palestinian houses in Safa village which are located about 1 kilometer away from the settlement. Among house owners, the following were known: Mahmoud Thalji 'Adi, Salah Thalji 'Adi and Osama 'Adi. The Israeli occupation forces also took over the house of Jameel Mahoud Qasem Abu Dayyah which is located close to Beit 'Ayn fence and transferred it into a military post. Wafa (April 7, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed over citizens of Deir Sa'ida hamlet in Adh Dahriya town 5 military warning to demolish their structure conducted under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. Demolition warnings also targeted barracks and plastic houses in the hamlet. Among owners, the following were known: Hajja Al Hawwareen, Isma'il Al Hawwareen and Nidal Al Hawwareen. Wafa (April 7, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers backed up by Israeli Occupation soldiers stormed Safa village north of Beit Ummer Town, north of Hebron Governorate and assaulted on Palestinian citizens. The IO soldiers also took over a number of Palestinian houses and transferred them into military posts. The houses are owned by: Sameer Hasan Qasem 'Adi, Jameel Qasem Abu Dayyah and Tawfeeq Muhammad Abu Dayyah. Wafa (April 8, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation authorities decided to close the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron to Muslim worshippers on Sunday and Monday to allow Jewish Israeli settlers to celebrate Passover at the site. Wafa (April 8, 2009).
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance in the old city of Hebron, causing damage to the vehicle. The ambulance was moving a patient from the Hebron governmental hospital to her home in Ash-Shuhada Street when the attack occurred. Maannews (April 11, 2009).
- Three women were attacked by masked Israeli settlers near their Bedouin village of Umm Al Kheir, south of Yatta. The women were tending their sheep, grazing in a nearby valley, when masked men attacked them with wooden sticks. When the women began to flee, the men threw rocks at them until they were out of reach. Maannews (April 11, 2009).
- The Israeli settlers along with Israeli Occupation forces set up two mobile caravans in addition to two electrical generators in the vicinity of Al Rajabi

building next to Kiryat Arba' settlement northeast of Hebron city and attacked Qurtab's elementary school for females in Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city. Wafa (April 12, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces declared its intention to erect an Israeli Military watch point in Bab Al Zawiya area in Hebron city to provide security to settlers celebrating Passover. Al Quds (April 13, 2009).
- In the nearby city of Hebron, 14 Israeli military vehicles invaded Safa village. Soldiers also conducted house-to-house searches. Maannews (April 14, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces raided Hebron city and stormed the house of Hasan an Natsheh, detained family members in one room and messed with its contents. Paltoday (April 14, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers stormed Safa village north of Hebron city and broke into Safa Kinder Garden and inflicted the Palestinian flag from the roof. Wafa (April 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed 4 dunums of lands in Wad Sha'ar area north of Beit Ummer town and uprooted tens of Olive Trees, all owned by Mahmoud Jadei' Abu Sara Al 'Allama. The Israeli bulldozers also razed 5 dunums of lands planted with Olive trees and demolished walls and constructed a road (500 meters long and 6 meters wide) in Wardan area southeast of Beit Ummer town for the sake of the new Israeli Electricity network that will provide Israeli settlers living in Hebron and Bethlehem areas with electricity. Among targeted land owners, the following were known: Shihada Abdel Fattah Sabarnah, Hussein Hasan Sabarna and a number of Palestinian farmers. Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn uprooted hundreds of Olive and grape trees planted in 4 dunums of lands owned by Thalji and Quqas families on the northern terrains of Safa hamlet. Wafa (April 20, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation authorities commenced the construction of a new section of the Israeli segregation wall east of Eshkolot settlement on lands of Ar Ramadeen village south of Hebron city. The bulldozers set fences and walls around 20 meters away from the nearest Palestinian houses. The new wall section will extend a length of 20 kilometers from Ar Ramadeen village and Adhahriya town and will deprive Palestinians hundreds of dunums of lands once completed. Wafa (April 19, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation forces stormed Adhdahriya town south of Hebron city and broke into a number of Palestinian houses, among which the following was known: Jihad Ahmad Issa Mansiya. The IOF also stormed the house of Abdel 'Aziz Khilaf in Abu Al 'Asja area southwest of Hebron city. In addition, the IOF also took over the house of Anis Mousa Abu Maria in Safa village north of Beit Ummer town and transformed it into a military post after detaining family members. Wafa (April 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities declared about 4 thousand dunums of lands as closed military areas in southern Hebron Governorate. Tens of Palestinian farmers from Dura, Adhahriya and Ar Ramadin village were denied access to their lands located in the southern part of Hebron Governorate and in the vicinity of Eshkolot settlement. The Israeli decision came in parallel with the wall activities that are taking place in Ar Ramadin area in an attempt to annex Eshkolot settlement to Israel. Lands are owned by the families of 'Amre, Hijja, Al Tal, Rabba', Al Zagharnah and many others. Wafa (April 23, 2009).
- Around 20 Israeli settlers from Etzion settlement in Hebron Governorate attacked Palestinian farmers in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and hindered them from accessing their lands in Thahr Fatima area located northeast of Safa village. Al Quds (April 24, 2009).
- B'TSELEM - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories revealed that the Israeli intention to demolish the homes of Um Al Kheir Hamlet southeast of Yatta town southeast of Hebron city by Sunday Morning under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. Wafa (April 25, 2009).
- Israeli soldiers took a young Palestinian shepherd from the village of At-Twani and ransacked the home of a second Yatta man, ordering him to appear in front of the Israeli intelligence later in the week. The shepherd was identified as 23-year-old Kamel Salameh Makhmrah, who was herding his sheep near the Ma'un settlement when he was taken. In Yatta, Israeli armored vehicles invaded then troops searched, and ransacked the contents of the home of Hassan Abdallah Shawahin. His family was handed an order for him to present himself in front of Israeli intelligence in the coming days. Maannews (April 25, 2009).

- Palestinian activists staged a sit-in against the construction of a new Israeli settlement outpost near the West Bank city of Hebron. The organization Youth against Settlements demonstrated in the in Al-Buweirah area, north of Hebron, where settlers from the Kiryat Arba settlement had recently built a new wooden structure with the intention of seizing the land for a new outpost. Upon arriving on the land, which is owned by the Palestinian family of Issa Jaber Abu Karsh, settlers attempted to intimidate the protesters into leaving. Israeli soldiers and police officers then arrived, declaring the area a “closed military zone.” Maannews (April 26, 2009).
- Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement south of Hebron Governorate herd their sheep in a four dunums land planted with rained crops (Barley and Wheat) in At Tuwani village south of Hebron city and owned by citizen Jamal Rib'i. The settlers completely destroyed the crops and caused losses to Farmer Rib'i. Maannews (April 28, 2009).
- Six new Israeli trailers were found inside the bus station that was occupied by Israeli Occupation Soldiers in the city of Hebron under the pretext of security measures during the eighties. Al Quds (April 28, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged Hebron Old city and stormed a number of houses and caused damages to the properties; of the houses, the following were known: Hasan Al Muhtaseb, Abdel Ra'ouf Al Muhtasib. A group of Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' settlement also took over four dunums of lands of Wadi An Nasara neighborhood owned by Jaber Family to celebrate Israel Independence day. Maannews (April 28, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers detained tens residents of Wad Ash Shajina south of Dura town and field workers for Al Haq and Btselem societies. Al Quds (April 30, 2009).

Jenin

- Israeli Occupation Forces staged into Qabatyia city south of Jenin city and stormed the house of Makhzoum Muhammad Suleiman Khuzaimiyah, forced its citizens to leave the house under the threat of fire and messed up with house contents. Wafa (April 1, 2009).
- Israeli forces detained two civilians from the Al-Far'a Refugee Camp, two from Tubas and another from Qabatiya in the northern West Bank under

heavy gunfire. The troops raided homes in all three areas. Maannews (April 7, 2009).

- The Israeli Occupation Forces staged into al Matallah village east of Jenin city and raided a number of Palestinian houses and caused damages to the properties. Among owners, the following were known: Muhammad Rajeh Mahmoud Bazour, 'Awad Yousif Bazour,, 'Ammar Lutfi, Raed Lutfi and Nizar Lutfi. Wafa (April 14, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers took over the house of Hasan Mahmoud Khader in Tura Al Gharbiya village south of Jenin city and transformed it into a military post. The house is located close to the Israeli Segregation Wall. Wafa (April 16, 2009).
- Tens of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian vehicles from Silat Adhahriyah village driving on Jenin Nablus road next to Homesh settlement which was evacuated in 2005. The window of citizen Fadi Abul At Tin's car was broken. Wafa (April 19, 2009).
- Dozens of Israelis on foot and 300 vehicles from the illegal Mevo Dotan settlement in the northern West Bank paraded from the settlement to the main road leading to the Palestinian village of Ya'bad and then to a second settlement. The settlers, marking the anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel, walked in the streets of the West Bank with heavily armed soldiers flanking the group. They walked base Barta'a crossing near the Hermesh settlement. Israeli soldiers prevented Palestinians from travelling on the road as well as from getting close to the marching group and the area it was in. The restrictions continued until 7pm. Maannews (April 22, 2009).

Jerusalem

- The Israeli Magistrate court in Jerusalem city rejected a Palestinian petition to confirm their ownership of land in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of Jerusalem that is also claimed by Israeli settlers. The land belongs to Darwish Hijazi. The court rejected Hijazi's request to stop settler activity on his property, including the eviction of two families (Al-Ghawi and Hannoun) who live in the area. Maannews (April 1, 2009).

- A number of extremist Israeli settlers affiliated to 'Ateret Kohanim organization took over the house of Naser Jaber in As Sa'diya neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem. Paltoday (April 2, 2009).
- The Israeli-controlled Jerusalem Municipality demolished a small shop near the Shmidt School, on Nablus road, just outside of the Old City. The shop is 16 meters square area and is owned by citizen Musa Ash Shweiki. The municipality claimed that the shop was built without permits. Maannews (April 2, 2009)
- Israeli Personnel from the Jerusalem Municipality went to the Jerusalem-area village of Al-Issawiya, and handed out several demolition warnings. The men surveyed the area in preparation for the demolitions. Wafa (April 2, 2009).
- Dozens of Israeli settlers backed by police took over a Palestinian house owned by Naser Jaber in the As-Sa'diyeh neighborhood of the Old City of Jerusalem city inhabited by 8 members. Israeli police then imposed a neighborhood lockdown, prohibiting residents from entering or leaving their homes. Maannews (April 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem ratifies the construction of 20 new housing units on 5 dunums of lands of Ash Shiekh Jarrah neighborhood claiming that the land is an owned property of the Jewish Millionaire Irwin Moskovitch. Al Quds (April 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem will fine whoever lives in or leases a non licensed house in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (April 2, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem gave four families living close to the Electricity company demolition order to a building composed of six floors owned by Hilmi Hussein Ghaban. The Municipality also gave three buildings composed of 18 apartments in At Tur Area building warnings (infractions) claiming that they violated building regulations. The Municipality also gave citizen 'Ali Hasan Al Ju'ba in Al Sahla area in At Tur neighborhood an order to remove the trailer that he lives in after his house was demolished two days ago. Al Quds (April 4, 2009).
- The Israeli Supreme Court rejected a petition by two Palestinian families challenging their eviction from their houses in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem. The Hanoun and Al-Ghawi families had

appealed a decision by the Israeli Central Court which also denied their right to remain in their homes. The families' lawyer, Husni Abu Hussein presented Ottoman-era documents proving the family's ownership of the land. The court rejected the Palestinians' claims, siding with Israeli settlers who also claim the land. Maannews (April 5, 2009).

- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over citizen Samir 'Illian Abu 'Arrar in Jabal Al Mukkabir south of Jerusalem city a military order to demolish his two storey house. The first floor occupies a total land area of 135 square meters and was built in 1979, while the second floor was built in 1993 and occupies a total land area of 135 square meters. Both are inhabited by 10 members, among which 6 are children. Paltoday (April 5, 2009)
- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem demolished a stone block house (two apartments) owned by 'Amran and 'ammar Abd Ar-Rahman Al-Fakhouri in the Burj Al-Laqlaq area in the Old City of Jerusalem. The 120-square-meter house, which was an addition to his 150-square-meter home, was hope to 14 people. Maannews (April 6, 2009).
- Nine Palestinian families living in Burj Al Laqlaq were handed over military orders to demolish their houses by the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. Al Quds (April 7, 2009).
- Seven Palestinian families in Bab Hatta in Jerusalem city received military orders to demolish their house under the pretext of lacking valid building permits. The Israeli Municipality plans to build 150 new housing units in the place. Al Quds (April 7, 2009).
- Israel Occupation Forces implemented on Monday night a general closure in the West Bank cities, prior to the traditional Jewish holiday of Passover. The closure will begin on Monday night and will be lifted at the night of April 18. China View (April 6, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces evacuated the House of Martyr Husam Tayseer Duweiyat in Sur Bahir city south of Jerusalem preparing it for demolition. The Israeli bulldozers demolished one apartment of the 300 meters square area building that houses 14 people. Maannews (April 6, 2009).

- The Israeli occupation authorities seized a huge stone from the stones of the Umayyad palace in the area known as Al Khatunia southeast Al-Aqsa Mosque, and took it to an unknown destination. Wafa (April 7, 2009).
- The huge stone that was seized by the Israeli Occupation Authorities was moved into the Knesset Square in Jerusalem city. Wafa (April 7, 2009).
- The Israeli committee for planning and construction at the Jerusalem Municipality gave an order to demolish the house of Samitr Abu 'Illian Abu 'Arrar in Jabal Al Mukkabir neighborhood in Jerusalem city. The house is composed of two floors (300 meters square area) and is inhabited by 11 people. Al Quds (April 8, 2009).
- Hundreds of Palestinian Muslims and Christians were prevented from reaching Jerusalem Friday as Israeli border guards continue to impose a strict "security closure" of the West Bank during Passover. Muslims heading to the Al-Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers and Christians wishing to worship at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem were turned away from Israeli checkpoints. Maannews (April 10, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities warned Al Hnaoun and Al Ghawi families in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem city to evacuate their houses within 30 minutes of time under the pretext that the houses are owned by Jewish groups. Wafa (April 14, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Police hindered Christian worshipers celebrating Easter from accessing the Holy sepulcher church in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (April 10, 2009)
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over demolition orders to 15 Palestinian houses south of Jerusalem city. In addition, the Jerusalem Municipality had also given 6 house demolition orders to citizens from As Sawahrah, Sur Baher and Beit Safafa. Al Quds (April 10, 2009).
- Israel is in the process of floating tenders for major settlement projects in Jerusalem and the West Bank at a cost of USD 1.5 billion over five years. The projects affect areas from the eastern part of Jerusalem all the way to Bethlehem, and include infrastructure construction, laying out a railroad, and a number of plants. Wafa (April 19, 2009).

- The Israeli court issued restraining orders to not evacuate Al Ka'abna tribe houses located close to Geva' Binyamin settlement (Adam) north east of Jerusalem city. Wafa (April 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem imposed new unfeasible conditions on Palestinian citizens living in Jerusalem and demanding an approval for construction plans as Palestinians will have to partially waiver a construction as a requirement for approval of their proposed projects. Al Quds (April 21, 2009).
- The Israeli-controlled Jerusalem Municipality demolished a Palestinian house in Jabal Mukabbir neighborhood of East Jerusalem on the pretext that it was built without a permit. The house, in the As-Sal'a area, was owned by of Ammar Hdedon and was home to seven people. Not forgetting to mention that the house' total area is 70 meters square. Wafa (April 22, 2009).
- Israeli Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barakat stated that the demolition of Palestinian houses in East Jerusalem do not violate the Road Map. Al Quds (April 24, 2009)
- The Israeli Occupation soldiers stormed Al Quds club in Jerusalem city and confiscated the computer device and two notepads. Al Quds (April 24, 2009).
- The Israeli regional committee for planning and construction has ratified the construction of two buildings (3 floors each) in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood that will be used by "Amnah movement for construction and development in Israeli settlements". The two buildings are located next to Saint Joseph hospital. The Israeli Municipality is also considering the construction of a new neighborhood of 20 new housing units in place off the Shepherds hotel in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (April 25, 2009).
- A special committee in the Israeli Housing Ministry approved a plan to expand the illegal West Bank settlement of Ma'ale Adumim by 12,000 dunums (12 million square meters) in spite of objections from the United States. The plan has yet to be given the green light by Housing Minister Eli Yishai and it would link Ma'ale Adumim, the largest Israeli settlement in the West Bank, with the nearby settlement of Kedar, seizing the land in between. This expansion, in addition to another planned expansion to the north of the settlement will further isolate the north of the occupied West

Bank from the south. The proposed expansion would include 6,000 new housing units in between Ma'ale Adumim and Qedar, which is now home to 800 settlers. Some 30,000 people live in Ma'ale Adumim, according to the Israeli government. Maannews (April 26, 2009).

- Construction has begun on a new Jewish housing near Arab Al Sawahrah with permission from Jerusalem city hall, which is one of the owners of the property. The area is surrounded to the north, south and west with homes in the Palestinian neighborhood and to the east is bordered by the main road of the neighborhood. This will be the sole access road for the new settlement to the southeast of Jerusalem. The area covers 3.5 dunums and the contractor, Bemuna, plans to build three 7-8 story buildings, comprising 63 apartments. Construction began two months ago. Planning authorities approved the plans in 2000. A spokesman for the municipality said that the new venture is part of a plan for the East Talpiot neighborhood, and noted that the building permits and the entire process are legal and in line with the authorized city plans. Haaretz (April 27, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces stormed the house of Abu Bader Salah in Ras Al 'Amoud neighborhood under the pretext of searching for weapons. The IO forces also destroyed the laptop device of his daughter. Al Quds (April 27, 2009).
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem handed over more than 30 house demolition orders to 30 Palestinian houses in east Jerusalem. The orders included a building of 16 apartments in Beit Hanina town housing more than 100 people; In addition to 14 other demolition orders in Shu'fat, Al Isawiya and Jabal Al Mukabber. Arabs48 (April 27, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces handed over Al Mughrabi family in Al Farouq neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukkabir a house demolition order for their 3 storey house which is inhabited by 21 people and occupies a total land area of 600 square meters. Wafa (April 27, 2009).
- Jerusalem land activist Aryeh King, Chairman of the National Lands Fund and the representative of the Jewish owners of the Shaar HaMizrach lands, petitioned the court demanding the Israeli Government to update the route of the Israeli Segregation Wall to include the French Hill settlement within its path and annex it to Israel. The French hill settlement is located north of east Jerusalem and overlooks the Palestinian communities such as

Shu'fat Refugee Camp and Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. Paltimes (April 28, 2009).

- The Israeli Municipality completed all the necessary preparations and procedures for the implementation of the Israeli court's decision to demolish 50 Palestinian homes in Bustan neighborhood of Silwan city south of Jerusalem, on the pretext of lacking valid licensing and legal requirements. Paltimes (April 29, 2009).
- Palestinian sources revealed that the Israeli Occupation Authorities built more than 50 new synagogues very close to the Aqsa Mosque. Most of the synagogues are concentrated in the Western side of Aqsa Mosque, among which, the following were known: Isaac Tent Synagogue, about 50 meters away from the walling wall, Zion Synagogue and Votenburg Synagogue. The Israeli Authorities are also working on building Hahor Synagogue and Nour Al 'Ayn synagogue next to Omar Mosque in Jerusalem city and Natifot Yesrael synagogue in An Nasara neighborhood and three new synagogues in Al Magharba neighborhood (Torat Yousif, Torat Fire and Al Haykal School. Maannews (April 29, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities announces about a plan to build a synongue over the Tankaziya School next to Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city. Al Quds (April 29, 2009).
- Israeli Orders have been made to demolish a two-floor addition to a monastery and church in the Old City of Jerusalem. The orders were made by the Israeli municipal government of Jerusalem, and target structures such as a two story addition to the Armenian Catholic Church. The addition was built to house religious figures visiting Jerusalem from Vatican City. The 150-year-old structure is built on land owned by Belgium's monarchy. Maannews (April 30, 2009).

Ramallah

- The State of Israel has submitted a new proposal to the High Court to change the original route of the fence in the area of Modi'in Illit, which was proposed by the Defense Ministry and rejected by the court on September 4, 2007. The ministry has come up with a new route that gives Bil'in villagers back 700 of the 1,700 dunums, or 170 hectares, that were set to be located on the "Israeli side" of the barrier in the original proposal.

Israel has said the route of the barrier was determined by security considerations only. But in the case of Bil'in, the route was originally determined to allow for the construction of a new neighborhood, called East Matityahu, in the urban haredi settlement of Modi'in Illit. According to the original plan, 3,000 housing units were to be built in East Matityahu in two stages. As a result of the state's proposal to return 700 dunums of land to Bil'in, fewer than 2,000 units will be built. JPost (April 26, 2009).

Nablus

- Israeli occupation authorities issued orders to confiscate more than one thousand dunums of Palestinian lands of the village of Qaryut south of Nablus. The order aims at constructing a three kilometer road to link the Israeli illegal settlement of Shilo, and the illegal settlement outposts of Hayovel and a second known locally as the “Qaryut” outpost. Israeli bulldozers had been surveying the area for days, and that there seemed to be a coordinated effort between soldiers and settlers, who constructed a road barrier near the village of Der Sharaf, while military crews expanded the Yitzhar road after confiscating Palestinian lands adjacent to it. The IO authorities will also construct an additional bypass road that will connect Eli settlement with Hiyuval settlement of 1600 meters length. Maannews (April 2, 2009).
- Armed Israeli settlers prevented a delegation from the US Consulate from approaching a settlement near Nablus. Officials were near the Hioval settlement, close to the Nablus-area village of Qaryut, when armed settler guards stopped the delegation. Maannews (April 6, 2009).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers are razing lands of Burin village in Nablus Governorate for the sake of Bracha settlement established illegally on lands of the village. Wafa (April 7, 2009).
- A masked Israeli settler armed with a knife, from the Eli settlement south of Nablus punctured the tires of a tractor owned by a Palestinian farmer Muhammad Azim while the farmer was plowing his land. Maannews (April 18, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation Forces handed over evacuation orders to 8 Palestinian families from Aqraba village southeast of Nablus city. The families are to leave the houses within 48 hours time period. Wafa (April 20, 2009).

- Israeli bulldozers escorted by a large number of IOF troops demolished five Palestinian homes in Al-Taweel area near Aqraba village, southeast of Nablus city, while four others were awaiting the same fate. The four homes are inhabited by 40 people. Palestine-info (April 22, 2009).
- Five-hundred Israeli settlers prayed at Joseph's Tomb, in the heart of Nablus' residential Balata neighborhood. The settlers were accompanied by Israeli military patrols. The settlers, and their accompanying security patrol, remained at the tomb until dawn. The area had been vandalized with graffiti images of "a blood-dripping sword over a Star of David" and swastikas sprayed over the walls. Maannews (April 23, 2009).
- Masked Israeli settlers shot at and injured at least six Palestinians standing near a school in the village of Urif south of Nablus. Following the incident Israeli forces imposed a curfew on the village and began firing at Palestinians alongside the settlers. Maannews (April 25, 2009).
- Israeli soldiers manning the Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus stole 4,000 shekels from a young Palestinian man on his way from Nablus to Ramallah. 23 year-old Muhammad Rafiq Abd Ar-Rahaman from Ramallah went to Nablus to sell his family's olive oil, said his brother. He completed the sale with his prospective client and was on his way home when Israeli troops stopped him for inspection at Huwwara checkpoint. Soldiers checked his bags and personal effects, removed the 4,000 shekels of cash from his bags and sent him through the checkpoint. Maannews (April 25, 2009).
- Israeli occupation soldiers invaded Nablus' Old City and raided several homes in half a dozen neighborhoods of the densely-populated ancient area. They harassed residents and arrested three youth. The three young men were taken from their homes and transferred to an unknown location. Maannews (April 25, 2009).
- Israeli border guards held up the car of the Palestinian governor of Nablus in the village of Huwwara. Maannews (April 25, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces subject Palestinians to strict searches at the Beit Furik checkpoint east of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, stopping dozens of vehicles and hundreds of travelers. Maannews (April 27, 2009).

Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation Forces imposed curfew on Kifl Haris village north of Salfit city and closed all entrances leading to the village as a prelude to the entry of thousands of Israeli settlers to visit a number of religious places and shrines located in the village. Al Quds). April 21, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities were bulldozing more than 200 acres of lands before several days in the east of Sarta village in Salfit near the Barkan settlement in the industrial zone. The Israeli forces bulldozed more than 200 acres and uprooted olive trees in Sarta village where settlers were protected by Israeli army. Maannews (April 29, 2009).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities warned three citizens from 'Ein Al Hilweh area in Wadi Al Maleh of evacuating their homes. The homes are owned by Musa Rahel, Muhammad Rahel and Khader Asmar. Wafa (April 16, 2009).
- Israeli parties are carrying out excavations work in Wadi Al Maleh area east Tubas city. Al Quds (April 20, 2009).

Tulkarem

- In the town of Kafr Al-Labad, east of Tulkarem, Israeli military vehicles stormed the Al-Wa'arat neighborhood in the western part of the town and seized a 23-year-old Mujahid Thuthein. Soldiers also confiscated a computer belonging to the arrestee's brother. Maannews (April 1, 2009).
- Israeli soldiers forced Palestinian teenagers to strip naked in full view of other Palestinians waiting at a military checkpoint near the West Bank city of Tulkarem. Maannews (April 6, 2009).
- Israeli Occupation forces took control of a Palestinian house near the separation wall in the West Bank town of Shweika, near the city of Tulkarem. Israeli Occupation soldiers ransacked the two-story house owned by Mazen Abu Aysha, detaining his family in their bedrooms and ordering them to remain silent. Israeli soldiers are stationed on the roof of the house, and are using it as a watchtower. Maannews (April 12, 2009).

- Israeli troops raided the western and southern areas of Tulkarem and stormed several Khaduri University student resident buildings overnight Wednesday. The troops were accompanied with Israeli intelligence officers who searched the Az-Zabadi and Abu Darna and Al-Hamudi buildings in the western neighborhood in Tulkarem and the Nasif building in the southern neighborhood. Students living in these buildings were questioned; Maannews (April 23, 2009).
- Hundreds rallied against Israeli forces as they entered the village of Kfar Qassem intending to demolish a greenhouse owned by Palestinian citizens of Israel. The village, just west of Tulkarem on the Israeli side of the separation wall, was the scene of an estimated 400-strong riot that successfully staved off the demolition of the building, currently under construction. Maannews (April 23, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation forces staged into Tulkarem city and stormed the house of Quteiba 'Ammar Badawi. IOF also staged into Beit Lid village and stormed the house of Naser Abdel Latif Salameh. The IOF carried out thorough house searches and caused damages to the properties. Wafa (April 24, 2009).

Qalqilyah

- Israeli Occupation forces closed a military checkpoint east of the West Bank city of Qalqilyah, stranding hundreds of Palestinians on both sides. The DCO checkpoint has been closed, denying all access into or out of Qalqilyah. No reason has been given for the closure. Maannews (April 6, 2009).
- A half-dozen armed Israeli vehicles invaded southeastern areas of Qalqilyah known as the “At-Tabal” and “Khalet Noufal” neighborhoods. The troops invaded homes and combed the area. The IO forces broke into several homes and areas. Soldiers also installed a military checkpoint on Azun- I'zbat At-Tabeeb Street east of Qalqilyah while the troops were in the area. Cars were prevented from entering the area and the identity cards of each driver and passenger were checked. Maannews (April 10, 2009).
- Responding to rallying settlers, Israeli occupation forces closed the main road linking the northern West Bank cities of Qalqilyah and Nablus, preventing residents from traveling as settlers gathered nearby. The road

also links the illegal Israeli settlements of Qarne Shomoron and Qedumim. Maannews (April 10, 2009).

Gaza

- A Palestinian fisherman was injured and three boats were damaged after Israeli warships opened fire on the coastal areas near Rafah and As-Sudaniyah. Israeli warships stationed along the Gaza coast have continually attacked fishermen earning their livelihoods in the north, south and central areas. Maannews (April 4, 2009).
- Israel's navy seized eight Palestinian fishermen and four boats just off the shore of the northern Gaza Strip. The men were taken aboard warships some 100 meters from shore in the Salateen area of Gaza. Maannews (April 6, 2009).
- The Israeli military decided to close three key crossing points into the Gaza Strip, blocking deliveries of food, fuel, and other vital goods. Maannews (April 15, 2009)
- Israeli jetfighters shelled and destroyed a deserted house owned by Salim Abu Saffiya in the central Gaza Strip. Israeli jetfighters shelled and destroyed a deserted house in the central Gaza Strip. Maannews (April 16, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers backed by Israeli forces staged into the east of Al Bureij Refugee camp and razed vast areas of agricultural lands planted with fruitful trees. The Israeli bulldozers also staged into the northeast of Beit Hanoun city and razed more agricultural lands and caused damages to Palestinian properties. Wafa (April 24, 2009).

Others

- Newly sworn-in Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman made waves Wednesday during his first speech as Foreign Minister when he announced that Israel is not obligated by agreements reached at the Annapolis Conference. Israel is only obligated to abide by the Road Map. Israel National News (April 1, 2009).
- For the second consecutive day, the Israeli Lands Department and police forces continued to plough and demolish groves owned by residents of

unrecognized Arab villages in the Negev. On April 5, 2009, demolition was concentrated on lands owned by the Turi family in the Al-Araqib area, and on April 6, 2009, demolition was concentrated in different parts of Ar'ara in the Negev. Parts of the lands demolished on Monday are owned by Abu Mqeirih family in eastern Ar'ara. Maannews (April 4, 2009).

- An Israeli Military Court ordered that settlers can't evacuate a structure that has been occupied for more than three years. This in turn will facilitate settlers' actions of taking over more Palestinian lands and structures. Al Quds (April 5, 2009).
- From just before midnight on 6 April to the evening of 18 April the West Bank will be under a general closure, announced the office of the Minister of Defense. The closure is being imposed for the duration of the Jewish Passover. Maannews (April 7, 2009).
- An Israeli plan to build an international airport on lands of Majido and Marj Ebn 'Amer inside the 1948 Green Line which will cause the confiscation of thousands of dunums of lands of the two towns. The airport will also include a huge landing board along with factories, wells, fuel storage and observation towers, industrial zones, and warehouses. Not forgetting to mention that the airport is part of the **Trans Samaria bypass road plan**. Wafa (April 21, 2009).
- Israel will computerize the permit system governing the entrance of West Bank Palestinians entry to areas on the west side of the separation wall including Jerusalem as of 1 May 2009. A computer system will be installed at military controlled crossings including gates separating villages from their agricultural land. Already Israeli authorities warned that those who fail to register in the new system could face the loss of their permits for a day, week or even month. The first crossings to be outfitted with the computer equipment will be: Jalameh (Gilboa), Rihan (Barta'a) Sha'ar Efraim, Eyal, Macabeem (Bet Seera), Ni'lin, Atarot (Qalandia) Zaitoun (Hazeiteim), Ras Abu Sbitan, Rahel (Checkpoint 300), Tarqoumia and Mitar. Maannews (April 24, 2009).
- The Israeli Occupation army will impose a comprehensive closure on the West Bank and Gaza from midnight Monday to midnight on Wednesday for Israel's Independence Day. The closure means that Palestinians from these territories will be barred from entering East Jerusalem and Israel,

except for in emergency cases which must be coordinated with Israeli authorities. Maannews (April 26, 2009).

- The population of Israel on the eve of the Jewish State's 61st Independence Day is more than nine times greater than what it was at the birth of the state in 1948, according to statistics released by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Approximately 7,411,000 citizens live in Israel today, up from 7,282,000 in 2008 and 806,000 in 1948. More than 75.5 percent of Israel's citizens are Jewish (5,593,000), and 20.2 percent are Arab (1,498,000). INN (April 28, 2009).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	8
Jerusalem	12003.5	0	0	4	100
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	1000	0	0	5	8
Salfit	809	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	1	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	4009	0	260	0	5
Tubas	0	0	0	0	3
Total	17821.5	0	260	6	124

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