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Jerusalem

- The IOF continued razing the land of resident 'Awad Samarin from Silwan town in Jerusalem. The land is cultivated with Figs and Pomegranate. Moreover; the Israeli society (**Al 'Ad**) razed lands in the western part of Al Hamra field claiming their ownership of the lands, in time where residents of Silwan have papers that approve their ownership of the lands. Quds (Mar 2, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed the village council of Ar Ram town two new military orders numbered (5/36/T) and (5/34/T) to confiscate 6 dunums of land from Ar Ram town, 6 dunums of land from Jaba' and 9.2 dunums from lands of Hizma for the Segregation Wall. The latter military orders will lead to the complete isolation of Ar Ram town from Jerusalem city. Quds (Mar 4, 2005). [For more information, click here](#)

- The IOF demolished the two-storey house of Subhi Al Turi in Samer-Amis area north of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being close to the Segregation Wall path. The IOF gave Subhi no time to salvage any of their belongings. Wafa (Mar 14, 2005).
- A plan approved by the Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and by the National Security Council to encompass [Ma'ale Adumim](#) settlement within the Segregation Wall plan; whereby Bethlehem city will be divided so that Rachel's Tomb area to be annexed to Jerusalem Municipality borders. BBC+ Quds (Mar 15, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities announced that a total of 20,000 Palestinian residential houses in the city of Jerusalem and its outskirts which they allege were built without licenses. The announcement came as preparation to demolish these houses; Moreover, 6,000 Palestinian homes were handed demolition notices. Palestinians living in the Jerusalem city accused the Israeli Jerusalem municipality of imposing high taxes against them and allocating about 2 million dollars to demolish their homes. Al Jazeera (Mar 15, 2005).
- The Israeli court ordered Isma'il Rasim Al Tamemi to evacuate his house located near the walling wall near Al Aqsa Mosque conducted under the pretext of being located on a land owned by the state. Quds (Mar 15, 2005).
- The Israeli Forces continued for the third week in a row constructing part of the Segregation Wall in Ar Ram town north of Jerusalem city. Wafa (Mar 15, 2005).
- An Israeli plan to construct 3,500 housing units in Ma'ale Adumim settlement at favor of connecting it with Jerusalem city as part of the "[E 1](#)" plan; Whereby, the residency of the police major general will be transferred from Abu Dis to the new neighborhood center. Arabynet (Mar 21, 2005) . [For more information, click here.](#)
- The IOF staged into Al Barid outskirts north of Jerusalem city and set some benchmarks for the Segregation Wall to confiscate 26.2 dunums from the lands of Beit Hanina- Al Barid outskirts, mainly **4,10,11,15,17,19-21-22-27-47-56-54-115-119-136-137-138-140-144-172 blocks** as stated in the military order number 05/57/T. which, at the end, will separate the houses from the lands. Moreover, the IOF finished constructing the part of the Wall in Al Kasarat area in Wadi 'Ayad northeast of Ar Ram and are preparing to pave the bypass road which will connect Nave Yaccov settlement near Al

- Barid outskirts with those settlements established on Hizma, 'Anata and northeast of Jerusalem city lands. Wafa+ Quds (Mar 22, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme court canceled the military order to confiscate Al Nabi Samuel lands north of Jerusalem city as a response to the appeal handed by the residents. Quds (Mar 22, 2005).
 - The IOF demolished without pre-notification the house of Lutfi Ahmad Siyam in Silwan neighborhood, conducted under the pretext of not having building permits. Moreover, the IOF handed 12 families in the area military warnings to demolish their houses under the same pretext. In addition, the IOF demolished the house of Ibrahim Sarhan in Al Bustan area in the same neighborhood. Quds (Mar 23, 2005).
 - The IOF started constructing the Segregation Wall in the Monasteries area west of Al 'Ezzariya town, extending from the Franciscan monastery to the Martyr cemetery in the town for the so called "Jerusalem envelope". The Wall, when completed, will isolate Al 'Ezzariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira towns and cities from Jerusalem. Quds (Mar 25, 2005).
 - The IOF handed Palestinian landowners of Al Jib and Al Nabi Samuel northwest of Jerusalem city military order # 05/54/T to confiscate 170.7 dunums of land. Wafa (Mar 29, 2005)

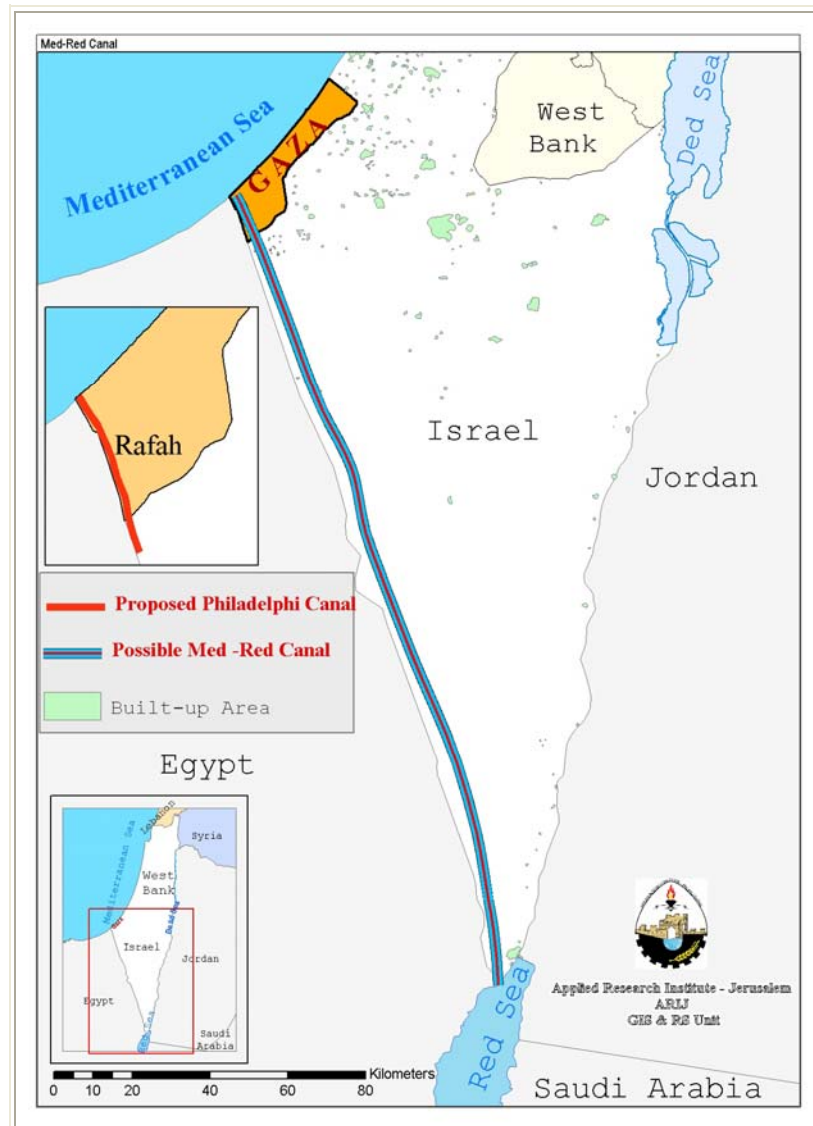
Qalqiliya

- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands and uprooted Olive trees in Kafr Thulth town east of Qalqiliya city which belong to: Ibrahim El 'Alam, Farid Muqbil, Hamed Deeb Odeh and Zahran 'Abed El Latif Jaber. Wafa (Mar 1, 2005).
- The IOF uprooted tens of Olive trees south of [Mas-ha](#) town in Qalqiliya city to construct part of the Segregation Wall in the area. Among the owners, the following were known: Abu Qadus family. Wafa (Mar 1, 2005).
- Israeli settlers of Kedumim settlements hindered Palestinian landowners in Kfar Qadum town northeast of Qalqiliya city from accessing their own lands. Among the owners, the following were known: Salim 'Abed El Karim Ishtewi and Taysser 'Abed El Latif Hasan. Wafa (Mar 8, 2005). [For related information, click here.](#)
- Israeli settlers of Al Mattan outpost uprooted several Olive trees in Kafr Thulth town east of Qalqiliya to expand the borders of the outpost. Trees belong to Hamid Deeb Odeh. Wafa (Mar 9, 2005). [For related information, click here](#)

- Settlers of Kedumim settlement east of Qalqilya city uprooted at least 45 Olive trees and erected new road around the settlement in Kafr Qaddum village. Trees belong to Ahmad Daoud 'Akel. Wafa (Mar 15, 2005). [For related information, click here.](#)
- The Israeli authorities handed the two village councils of Kafr Thulth and ['Azzun](#) military orders to confiscate 224 dunums of lands at favor of constructing 2.140km long and 100m width Segregation Wall extending from the north to the south. Lands are located within blocks: 6 (Al Jarabat & Laura), 8 (Khallet Al Shamiya, 2 (Al Shifa, Umm Al Khawf, Khallet Abu Zaneh, Al Tarbi'iyah, Al Hadiqa and Al Kafan park.). Wafa (Mar 24, 2005).
- The IOF continued working on the infrastructure of the new neighborhood (Giv'at) which is being constructed on lands of 'Isla village and built a water tank on 30 dunums land cultivated with Olive Trees. Lands belong to Muhammad Ahmad 'Abed El Karim. Quds (Mar 28, 2005).

Gaza

- The Israeli authorities are planning to erect a smaller canal instead of that ["Philadelphia corridor"](#) Israel announced to construct in January 2005 in Rafah city. This canal will have 8 meters concrete wall, barbed wires and military road. The canal at ["Philadelphia corridor"](#) was supposed to stretch along Philadelphia corridor with electrical devices that enables the detection of tunnels constructions. Besides, the canal's specifications were about to form the shape of a triangle, about 15 kilometers long, more than 10 meters deep with an opening of tens of meters wide. Israeli, to implement this old plan, was about to raze the "3000 + " Palestinian houses located along the path of the Corridor. Israel's decision to erect a smaller canal came at favor of not demolishing the Palestinian houses along the corridor. Quds (Mar 3, 2005). **See map below.**



- The IOF staged into Jabalya town in northern Gaza, razed some lands and constructed a settler's road in the area. PLO Negotiation Affairs Department- Nad (Mar 8, 2005).
- The IOF partially dismantled the military base near Al Sayfa checkpoint north of Beit Lahya city. Al Ayam (Mar 11, 2005).
- The Judicial council for the land of Israel is preparing a scheme to transfer Gush Qatif block of settlements to Ramal Nitzanim area located between 'Askalan and Ashdod cities. Quds (Mar 11, 2005).
- The Israeli Defense Ministry is about to construct a 70 meters wide fence parallel to the one already constructed on Gaza Strip borders. This fence is to be completed before Israel begins its planned "three-to-four-week"

- evacuation of the 8693 settlers ([as provided by Haarezt daily newspaper](#)) from occupied Gaza Strip by July 20. The Wall will be provided by high-tech equipments including surveillance cameras and sensitive detection devices. Wafa & Al Jazeera (Mar 13, 2005). [For related information about the evacuation plan \(Disengagement plan\), click here](#)
- The Israeli Land authorities demand that southern kibbutz Nirim give up 700 dunums in fields for the IOF base due to [Gaza pullout](#). Haaretz (Mar 16, 2005). [Click here for related information, provided by PEACENOW movement.](#)
 - The general director of the Israeli ministry of security, Amos Yaron agreed on the plan to reinforce security on 46 towns located near Gaza Strip following the [withdrawal from Gaza Strip](#). Moreover the Israeli land Administration agreed on specializing 12,000 dunums of lands in the south for the Israeli forces to relocate their equipments after the withdrawal. Arabs48 (Mar 16, 2005).
 - The IOF started constructing an electronic fence north of Kisufim road north of Wadi Al Salqa village. The fence is planned to have a distance of 200 to 400 meters, 4 m height and 4km long extending from Salah El Din road till the checkpoint located near Kisufim military base. Consequently, Palestinians families living between Kisufim road and the new electronic fence will be completely circulated. Moreover, the IOF warned 18 Palestinian families living near Kisufim road of their intention to construct an electronic gate in the area after finishing the construction of the Wall. This Gate will be opened at specific hours during the day, mainly from: 6:30 am - 8:00 am, 10:30 am - 13:00 pm, and from 15:00 pm - 17:00 pm. Al Watan voice (Mar 20, 2005).
 - The IOF dynamited the three-storey building of Salah El Din "Termit" located along the Palestinian- Egyptian borders south of Rafah city. Al Ayam (Mar 25, 2005).

Bethlehem

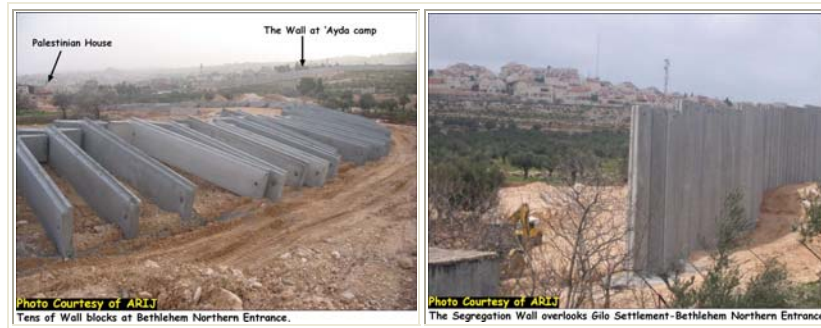
- The IOF handed resident Muwfaq Khalil Mahmoud in Wadi Fukin military order to demolish his house along with three other military orders to other residents to demolish their three water wells in the village. The wells are owned by residents Ibrahim Muhammad Sukar, Othman Manasra and Isaac Manasra. Wafa (Mar 1, 2005). [For related information, click here.](#)

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- The IOF continued constructing the Wall north of Bethlehem city to 'Aida refugee camp along the tunnel road (Gilo) and west of the village of Husan. PLO Negotiation Affairs Department- Nad (Mar 8, 2005).



- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands and uprooting trees in Khallet Hamama and Beir 'Ouna areas north of Beit Jala city for the Segregation Wall. The path of the wall will extend from Bilal Bin Rabah area (in the north) through [Khallet Hamama](#), Beir 'Ouna and Cremizan to reach Beit Jala from the south, Kfar Etzion and finally to Beit Iskaka. Moreover, the IOF charged some residents a penalty of NIS 14,000 to force them to leave their houses so they can attach their lands to the nearby settlement (Gilo). Wafa (Mar 20, 2005).

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- The Israeli bulldozers started razing lands around Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in the northern entrance of Bethlehem city near the Islamic directorate. Wafa (Mar 21, 2005).



- The Israeli authorities handed Palestinian landowners in Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem evacuation warnings to take over more than 40,000 dunums of lands cultivated with Olive, Almonds and Vine trees. Wafa (Mar 27, 2005).
- The IOF handed the Palestinian residents of Umm Rukba area in Al Khader village military warnings to demolish their houses. The houses belong to: Hasan Jacob Da'dou', Jamel Salim Al Balbul, Muhammad Mahmoud Musa, Muhammad Saleh 'Abed El Salam & the two brothers 'Abed and Mahmoud Ahmad 'Abed El Salam, Ibrahim Saleh 'Abed El Salam; In addition, the IOF demolished the barracks of Osama Ahmad Salah. Wafa (Mar 30, 2005).
- The IOF staged into Wad Rahhal village to the west of Bethlehem city and demolished six houses under the pretext of not having building licenses. Houses belong to: As'ad Muhammad Isma'il Fawaghreh (Two- storey house), Walid Muhammad Judeh, Ghaleb 'Abed Ziyada, 'Abed Allah Khader Ziyada, Ahmad 'Ali Ziyada and Issa 'Ali Isma'il, the last three houses are under construction. Arabs48+ Quds+ Wafa (Mar 31, 2005).



Tubas

- Israeli settlers accompanied with the Israeli forces destroyed tens of vegetable caravans in the farmers market east of Tubas city in the northern valleys and stole a huge quantity of agricultural products. Wafa (Mar 1, 2005).
- The IOF hindered Palestinian farmers from accessing their lands to harvest their Beans crops in Wadi El Maleh and Al Farisiya areas in the northern valleys. Wafa (Mar 19, 2005). [Related Cases, click here.](#)

Jenin

- Land leveling for the Segregation Wall continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala, ['Ein El Beida](#) and towards the Jordan River. PLO Negotiation Affairs Department- Nad (Mar 8, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed the village council of Tura Al Gharbiya in Jenin military orders to confiscate 170 dunums of lands for military reasons. (Mar 16, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed residents: Muhammad Hashim Zeid, Yahya Yasin Zeid and Bilal Mustafa Zeid in Tura Ash Sharqiya near the Armistice line (Green line) military orders to demolish their four houses under the pretext of being unlicensed. Al Ayam (Mar 19, 2005).

Hebron

- The Israeli chief commander in the West Bank Ya'ir Aloh issued three military orders # 5/3/T, 5/4/T and 5/28/T to confiscate 10.677 dunums from the towns of As Samu', Yatta and Adh Dhahiriya south and southeast of Hebron for the Segregation Wall. Out of the total, 10.104 dunums of land

will be taken from As Samu' and Adh Dhahiriya lands, extending in the area at a length of 10.0020 meters and 113 meters width. Meanwhile, the wall in Yatta town will extend at 2.227 meters long and 100 meters width, confiscating 573 dunums. Wafa (Mar 2, 2005). [For more information, click here.](#)



- settlers of Susiya settlement took over 40 dunums of land and hedged it with barbed wires in the eastern entrance of the settlement east of Yatta town to the south of Hebron city. Lands belong to the families of Al Jabour and D'abies. Wafa Mar 5, 2005).
- Land leveling for wall constructions continues west of Idna and Beit 'Awwa towns, extending from the villages of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa and towards the village of Al Burj. PLO Negotiation Affairs Department- Nad (Mar 8, 2005).
- Settlers of Abraham Aveno settlement in the old city of Hebron partially demolished the house of Abu Najeeb Al Sharabati near the outpost. It is worth mentioning that the family had to evacuate the house in year 2002 due to the violations committed by settlers. Al Ayam (Mar 10, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers put fire into a Palestinian school in Feqaqes village located between Adorim military base and Negohim settlement in Hebron city causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (Mar 11, 2005).
- Settlers of Qiryat Arba' settlement aggressed on lands belonging to Palestinian farmers and destroyed the crops in Wad Al Hussein near the settlement. Lands belong to Fathi Al Razim, Muhammad 'Ali Al Ja'bari, Muhammad Rabe' Al Ja'bari, Rasim & Khalawi Al Ja'bari. In addition, the settlers stole sheep's owned by Musa and 'Ayesh Al Ja'bari. Quds (Mar 15, 2005).
- Settlers of Ramat Yashai settlement aggressed on Palestinian houses in the area of Tel Al Rumeida in Hebron city, causing severe damages to the

- houses. Among the owners, Taysser Abu 'Aysha was known. Wafa (Mar 16, 2005).
- Israeli settlers backed by the Israeli forces demolished the roof of Al Sharabaty house in the old city of Hebron. Arabs48 (Mar 17, 2005).
 - Settlers of Susiya settlement hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their 70 dunums of land located on the eastern and southern parts of the settlement. Lands belong to Al Jabour and Al Khalyala families from As Samu' and Yatta towns. Wafa (Mar 17, 2005).
 - A group of Israeli settlers uprooted more than 30 Olives, Vines and Figs trees owned by 'Abla Khalil 'Awad Al Ragabi north of Yatta town. It is worth mentioning that this is the second time that settler aggressed on the land; Moreover, the IOF uprooted hundreds of Olive tress west of Surif town to the northwest of Hebron. Lands belong to Sami Nagi Barath'iya, 'Abed El 'Aziz Sbeih Barath'iya, 'Amir Hadoush and Muhammad 'Abed El Rahman Ghnemat. Wafa+ Quds (Mar 21, 2005).
 - The IOF razed 4 dunums of pre-confiscated lands owned by Muhammad Abu Rajab in Jabal Jawhar east of Hebron district to construct a new military base in the area. Wafa (Mar 21, 2005).
 - The IOF constructed two gates in Jamal El Din Al Afaghani Street 20 m away from the Ibrahimi Mosque and hedged the area with barbed wires. Wafa (Mar 21, 2005).
 - The IOF took over a residential building owned by Barakat Al Jamal in Qub Al Janeb area south of Hebron city and turned it into a military post after forcing all families to evacuate the building under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Mar 24, 2005).
 - The Israeli forces took over the house of Walid Al Shubaky in Tel El Rumeida neighborhood and turned it into military barrack. Quds (Mar 28, 2005).
 - The Israeli authorities are planning to construct 43 km part of Segregation Wall south of Yatta town between Shumreya and Matsvot Yahuda. Arabs48 (Mar 29, 2005).

Nablus

- The Israeli chief commander Ya'er Nave handed the village council of Deir El Hatab east of Nablus city military order # (29-02-T) to confiscate 160 dunums of land located near Alon Moreh settlement. Lands are located within Block (10), Parcels: (4, 5,6,15, 74,75) and belong to: Muhammad Hussein 'Awad, 'Ali 'Abed Allah 'Awad, Suleiman Yousef Omran,

- Mustafa Salim Muhammad Hasan, Mustafa & 'Abed El Badi Shehada 'Abed El Rahman, Sakena Muhammad 'Abed El Hadi, Sameh Nasoh 'Abed El Hadi, Maria Muhammad 'Abed El Hadi, 'A'isha Muhammad 'Abed El Hadi, Mefleh & Faleh Hussein 'Abed Abu Hasan. Wafa (Mar 12, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Mus'ab 'Abed El Khaliq in Salim village near Nablus, turning it into military post, whereby the IOF told the owner that they will stay in the house for a month. Al Ayam (Mar 28, 2005).
[Click here for more information about the village](#)

Tulkarm

- The IOF demolished the house of 'Abed El Latif Abu Khalil in Al Nazla Al Wosta village near [Baqa Ash Sharqiya](#). Arabs48 (Mar 10, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities decided to take over 603 dunums of land in [Shufa village](#) to the southeast of Tulkarm district for military reasons. Quds (Mar 11, 2005).
- The IOF took over 8 houses in 'Allar and Saida towns north of Tulkarm city and turned them into military barracks. Among the house-owners, the following known were: Hefzi Rushdi 'Abed El Ghani, Fahmi 'Abed El Halem Al Ashqar, Ma'moun Sheded, Fahmi Series Abu Higa and Rushdi Shukri Dabouriya. In addition to another house owned by Muhammad Kitana in Al Nazla Al Gharbiya village. Wafa+ Quds (Mar 13, 2005).
- The IOF staged into 'Atil town north of Tulkarm city and took over the houses of Mustafa Na'emi, Muhammad Abu Sa'da and Subhi Ahmad Balah and turned them into military barracks. Al Ayam (Mar 24, 2005).

Ramallah

- The Israeli Supreme court issued an order to start constructing the Segregation Wall in Bal'in and Safa villages west of Ramallah city. Quds (Mar 5, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers started constructing the Segregation Wall around Bil'in village west of Ramallah city in Qala' Al Namil, Ad Daher and Wa'rit Al Masjed areas. Wafa (Mar 7, 2005).
- The IOF continued closing the entrance of Al Mughayyir village with dirt barricades. PLO Negotiation Affairs Department - Nad (Mar 8, 2005).
- The Israeli troops continued constructing part of the Segregation Wall in Beit Liqya, Saffa, Betuniya, [Budrus](#), Deir Qides, Bi'lin, Na'lin and [Al Midya](#) villages. PLO Negotiation Affairs Department- Nad (Mar 8, 2005).

- For the third time settlers of Halmesh settlement aggressed on water springs and 350 dunums of lands in the spring's area (Al Yanabi'), an area located between Al Nabi Saleh and Deir Nizam villages north of Ramallah. Wafa (Mar 18, 2005).
- The two-storey house of Marzouq Dar Yasin in Bal'in village west of Ramallah city were severely damaged due to the heavy shelling the area received. Wafa (Mar 21, 2005).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is planning to erect a new bypass road connecting Ramallah Governorate with Bethlehem Governorate at favor of preventing Palestinians from entering Jerusalem city. Al Ayam (Mar 22, 2005).
- The IOF started constructing the second part of the Segregation Wall on lands of Safa village to the west of Ramallah district. Wafa (Mar 29, 2005).

Jericho

- The Israeli settlers hindered Palestinian landowners in Al 'Auja town north of Jericho city from accessing their 650 dunums cultivated with wheat and Barley. Quds (Mar 28, 2005).

Others

- The Israeli Civil Administration is issuing electronic cards to ease the movement of Palestinians accessing wall gates and checkpoints. The cards, as provided by the Israeli Civil Administration, will be valid for two years and will be used for identifying Palestinians through hands and finger prints. Quds (Mar 12, 2005).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon intends to dismantle 24 illegal outposts in the West Bank established since March 2001. Arabs48 (Mar 14, 2005). For more information click [1](#) & [2](#). See also example of an Israeli outpost.



- The Israeli Government is working on a Strategic plan "Developing the Negev and the Galilee" aiming at decreasing the unemployment rate, at the same time increasing the number of Israeli settlers in the Negev area by the year 2010 to (1.100.000) and in the Galilee to one million and a half. Arabs48 (Mar 14, 2005).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	40000	0	6	10
Jerusalem	312.6	0	826	4	13
Jenin	170	0	0	0	4
Tulkarm	603	0	0	1	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	160	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	3	0
Qalqiliya	254	0	645	0	0

Hebron	54.6	0	30	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1554.2	40000	1501	14	27

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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