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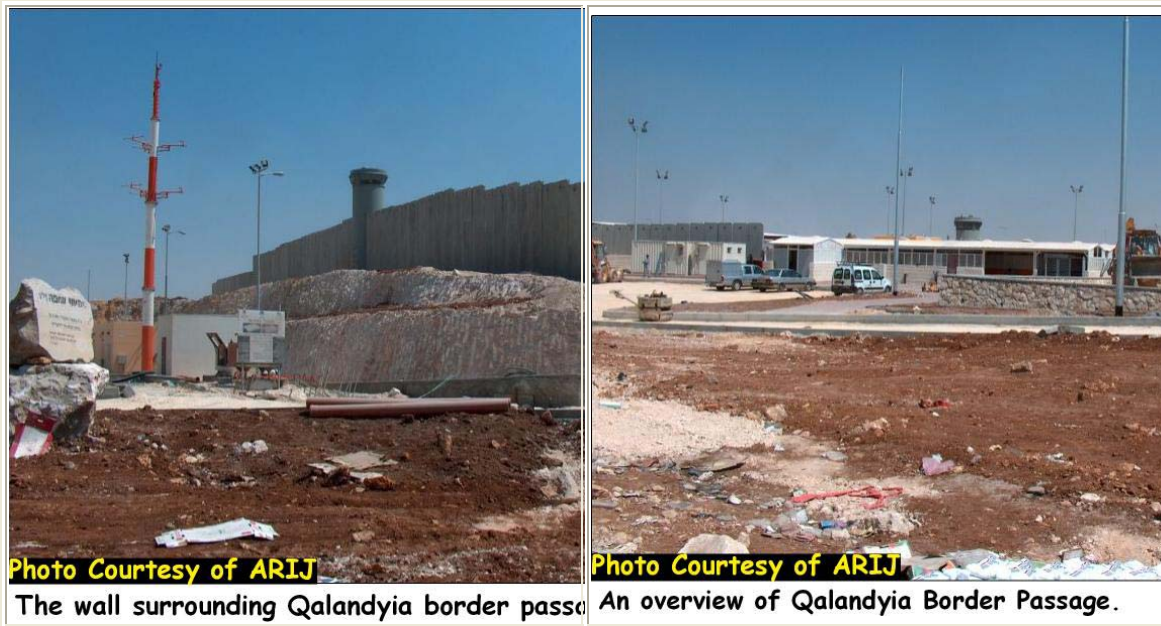
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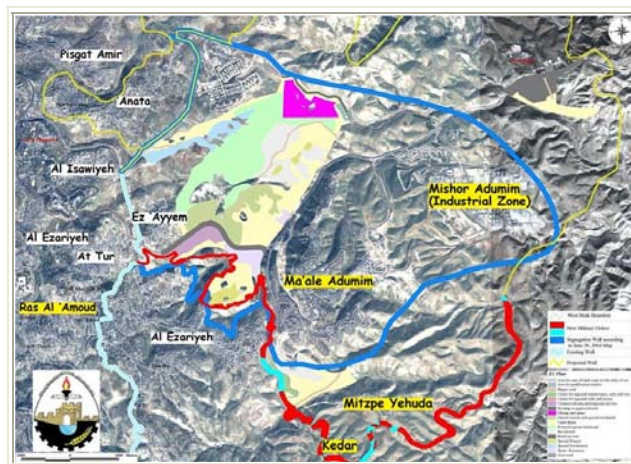


Jerusalem

- The IOF demolished the three-storey house of Muhammad Shqerat in Jabal Al Mukabbir neighborhood southeast of Jerusalem city conducted under the pretext of not having building permits. Not forgetting to mention that the area of the demolished house is (350m²). Wafa (Aug 1, 2005).
- The Israeli entrepreneurs finished the construction of a huge military camp and erected several numbers of roads around Qalandyia checkpoint between Ramallah and Jerusalem. The site also contains 14m high military tower, parking, Sewage & Electronic networks. Wafa (Aug 2, 2005).



- The Israeli minister of Health Dani Nave suggested that Israel must construct a new neighborhood in the area between [Ma'ale Adumim settlement and East Jerusalem as part of the E-1 plan](#). It is worth mentioning that the Israeli government has decided lately to construct 3500 housing units in the area west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement as part of the plan. The plan of implemented, will cause separation of the West Bank northern areas from the southern areas and will also separate Jerusalem from the West Bank areas. Arabs48 (Aug 4, 2005). See Map below

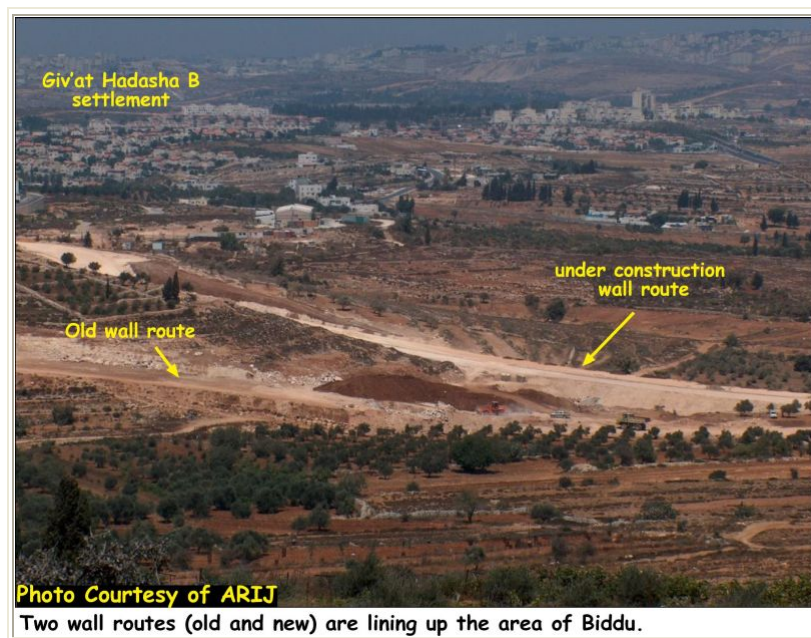


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- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the stone factory of Mahmoud Suleiman Muhammad Abu Shelbana located in Ramallah-Jerusalem Street in Ar Ram area under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (Auh 4, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed lands in Al 'Isawiya town east of Jerusalem city to expand the military base in the area. Quds (Aug 12, 2005).
- An Israeli plan under the name of "The Holy Basin" in Jerusalem city to construct a theme park in the southern slope of mount Zion, to develop Wad Qidron area and to build a tourist center on 3000 m² (3 km²) on Mount of Olives. According to Israeli resources, this plan will cost the Government NIS 60 million. Quds (Aug 13, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing vast areas of lands extending between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages northwest of Jerusalem city. The razing process came at favor of constructing new parts of the Segregation Wall and caused the uprooting of Vine trees owned by Rayik Isma'il Ad Dhaher, Zuhdi Zayed, Daoud El 'Abed Khalil, Muhammad Nasser Zayed and Musa Habada. Wafa (Aug 15, 2005). See photo of the wall in Biddu Village



- The IOF started razing the preparatory school of Salah El Din in 'Anata town without any pre-notification. The school was razed at favor of

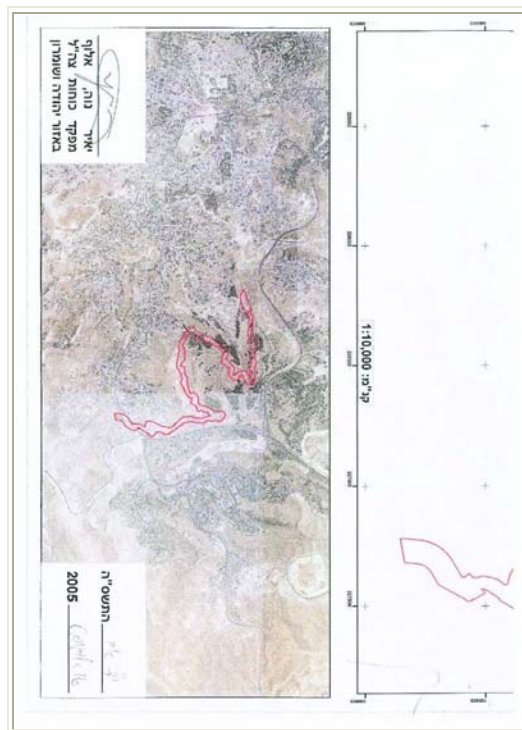
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constructing new parts of the wall in 'Anata town; Moreover, the Israeli authorities completed the erection of a new colonial road extending from Al Kassarat area to Wadi 'Ayad in Al Barid outskirts and then to Hizma and 'Anata at favor of connecting all Israeli settlements located in the area together. Quds+ Wafa (Aug 16, 2005).

- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands in Sahl Biddu area northwest of Jerusalem city for the Segregation Wall process; the IOF also hindered Palestinian landowners from accessing their lands under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Aug 16, 2005).
- The Israeli local committee for planning and construction agreed on the implementation of a new plan to build 100 housing unit along with a hotel in Jabal Al Mukabbir area southeast of Jerusalem city, on the eastern part of theme park. Quds (Aug 20, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities issued four military orders to confiscate 1585 dunums of Al Sawahreh Ash Sharqiyeh, Al 'Izzariya, Abu Dis and At Tur areas for the Segregation Wall process. Wafa (Aug 21, 2005). [Click here for more details](#)



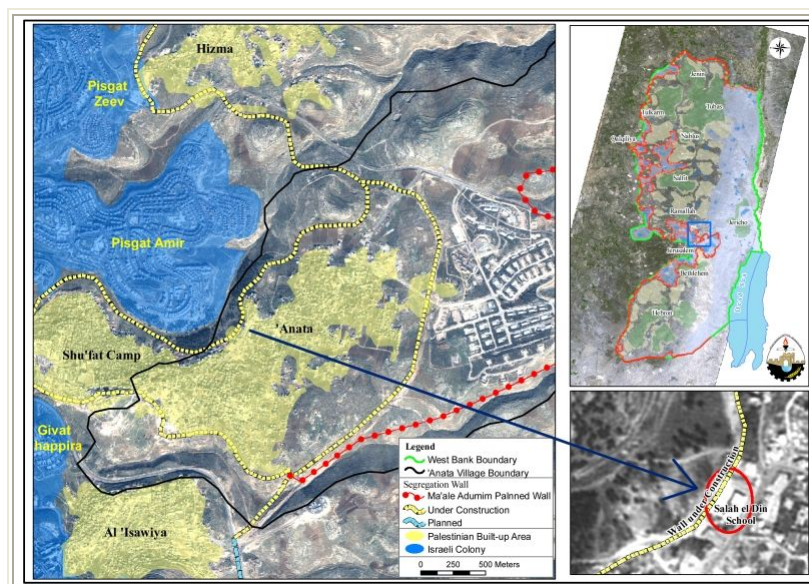
- Intensive works are taking place at Qalandyia checkpoint to continue constructing the Segregation Wall in the area at favor of connecting it with Ar Ram and Al Barid outskirts wall section. The constructions will

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- disconnect the passage (currently being built) and Qalandyia airport from Qalandyia and Kafr 'Aqab areas. Al Ayam (Aug 24, 2005).
- Israel is starting to build in Area E-1, between Jerusalem and the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. The Civil Administration planning council in the West Bank is expected to approve the relocation of the the headquarters of the Judea and Samaria police district from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Ras Al 'Amoud to Area E-1 (West of Ma'ale Adumim settlement) in the coming days. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has previously asked that the planning stages to be expedited and the police headquarters be built as soon as possible. Haaretz (Aug 25, 2005).
 - An Israeli plan to buy 13 dunums of lands owned by Palestinian residents near Har Adar settlement to expand the settlement's borders and to construct new housing units to increase the number of Israeli settlers already in the settlement by 2000. Not forgetting to mention that the current population of Har Adar settlement is 2500 settlers. Quds (Aug 27, 2005).
 - The Israeli forces constructed more cameras and fences on the roof of Al Aqsa Mosque. Wafa (Aug 28, 2005).
 - The IOF destroyed the eastern iron gate of '[Anata secondary school](#) in 'Anata town and constructed cement blocks on the 800m² playground preparing for confiscating it to construct the Segregation Wall. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli bulldozers continued razing and confiscating the 300 dunums out of 400 which belong to 24 Palestinian families in the town for same purpose. Quds (Aug 30, 2005). **See map of Anata village**



- The Israeli authorities closed the part of the Segregation Wall in Qalandyia area north of Jerusalem city with cement blocks; Moreover, intensive works has been taking place in the areas extending from Jaba' village near Qalandyia to 'Anata village northeast of Jerusalem through Hizma lands to complete the construction of the wall and to connect it with the parts of the wall in Al 'Izzariya, Abu Dis, At Tur and Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Wafa (Aug 31, 2005).

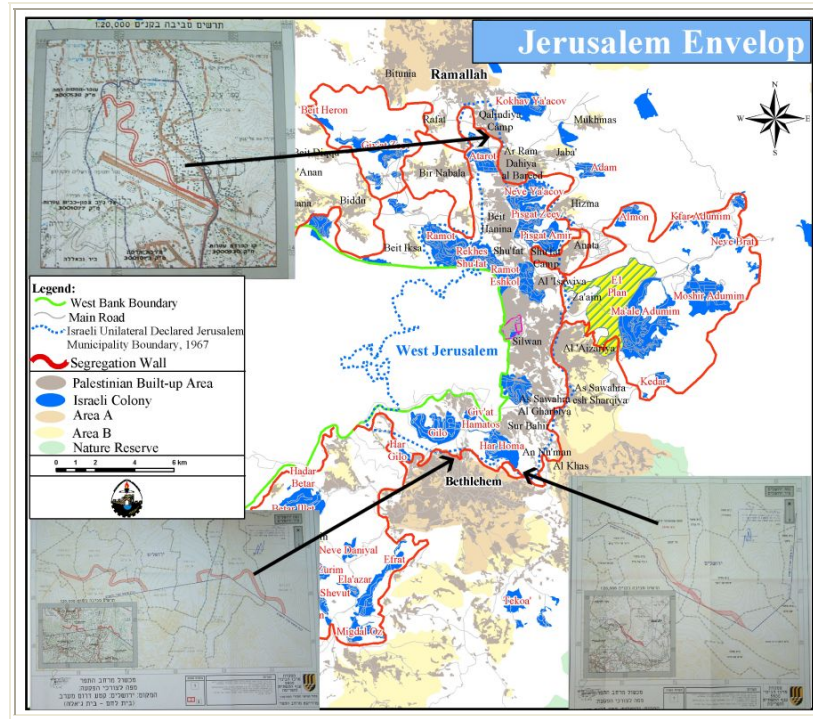
Bethlehem

- The Israeli authorities issued military order to confiscate 162 dunums of lands in Artas village south of Bethlehem city to construct the Segregation Wall around Efrat settlement. Wafa (Aug 3, 2005).
- Settlers of Efrat continued their aggression against lands owned by Jamel Mustafa Da'dou' in Al Khader town and constructed 4 caravans on the lands located in Block 8, Parcel 43. Wafa (Aug 3, 2005).
- The Israeli ministry of Housing issued two tenders for building 72 housing units in the settlement of Betar Illit situated in the Gush Etzion Bloc of settlements in Bethlehem. Haaretz (Aug 4, 2005).
- The Israeli Minister of Finance Benjamin Netanyahu issued military orders to confiscate 96.53 dunums of lands for the wall in Beit Jala, Bethlehem and Beit Sahour towns, **lands are located in:**

Town	Place	Area
Beit Sahour	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daher Deir Ghneim 2. Halet Urber 3. 'Arq El Haya 4. Wad Salah 5. Bethlehem- Beit Sahour 	25.150
Beit Jala	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baten Al Wa'ran 2. Khalet Samin 3. Al 'Adaqa 4. Al Wateh 	
Bethlehem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Areshet Al Nasher 2. Khalet Mar Elias 	71.380

3. Wad Ishmy

Quds (Aug 5, 2005) . See Map of military orders



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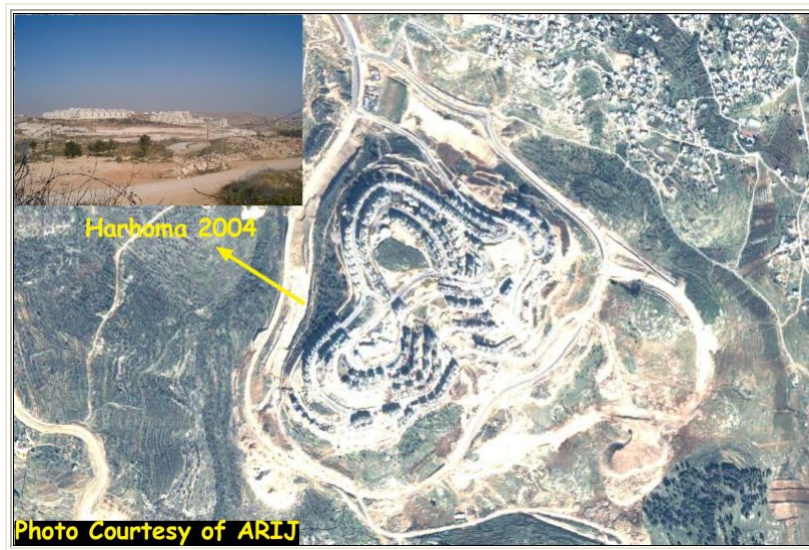
- The IOF aggressed on the house of Muhammad Issa in the old town of Al Khader, west of Bethlehem city and caused severe damages to the properties. Al Ayam (Aug 10, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed out 20 residents from Al Rashaida village southeast of Bethlehem city military warnings to evacuate their lands and demolish 5 barracks in the village. The orders came at favor of taking over the lands for the Segregation Wall. Wafa (Aug 17, 2005).
- The IOF demolished 9 sheep barracks and 9 tents in Al Rashaida village southeast of Bethlehem city which belong to: 'Ali Muhammad Odeh Rashaida, 'Ali Rashaida, Daoud Rashaida, Yousef Muhammad Rashaida, 'Abed Allah M'atem Rashaida, Muhammad Salim Rashaida, Jihad Rashaida, Suleiman Rashaida and 'Awad Rashaida. Moreover the IOF handed out resident Yousef Rashaida military warning to demolish his water well in the village which serves 100 residents. Wafa (Aug 23, 2005).

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- The Israeli forces handed out residents Muhammad 'Ali Thwab and Talal Mahmoud Danun in Za'tara town military warnings to stop constructions in their houses due to their location close to the nearby bypass road. Quds (Aug 26, 2005).
- The Israeli Land Authority and the Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction decided to market 9 pieces of lands to construct 500 housing units in Har Homa settlement (Abu Ghneim) south of Jerusalem city. Quds (Aug 27, 2005). [Click here to read full report](#)



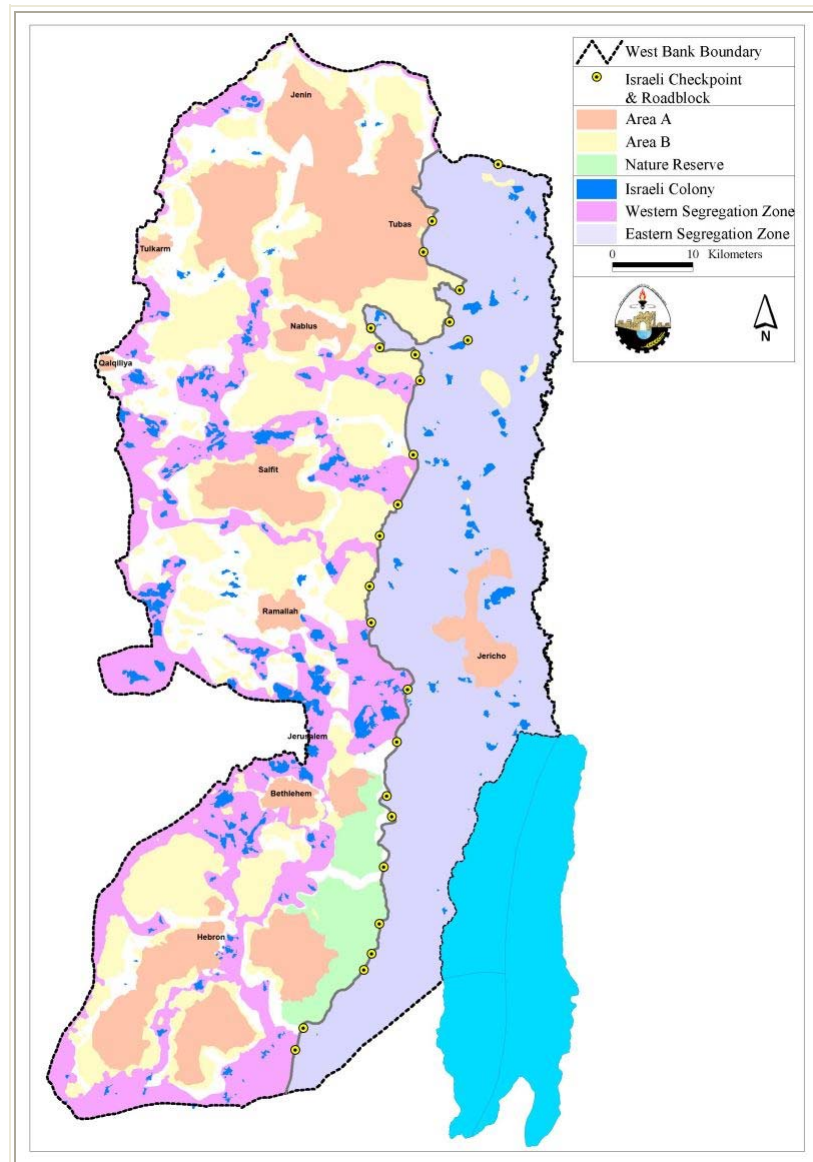
Qalqiliya

- The Israeli bulldozers started razing 241 dunums of lands in the areas of Kafet El Shamleh, Khalet Abu Zaina and Al Salma between Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun towns east of Qalqiliya. Lands belong to 'Abed El 'Aziz Judeh, Shaker Shbaita, Rashed Mustafa 'Abed El Jawad, 'Abed El Fatah Judeh, Ahmad QAsim Judeh, Ahmad Rashed 'Abed El Jawad, Rashed Muhammad Hewwary and Mustafa Mansour. Wafa (Aug 3, 2005).
- The IOF handed out residents Nidal and Amjad Ibrahim Nufal in Khalet Nufal southeast of Qalqiliya city military warnings to demolish their houses conducted under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (Aug 9, 2005).
- The IOF constructed several numbers of military towers on the road connecting between Al Jet town east of Qalqiliya with Beit Iba checkpoint west of Nablus city. Al Ayam (Aug 20, 2005).

- The Israeli settlers put fire into several numbers of plastic houses near Al Nabi Elias town in Qalqiliya, causing severe damages to the houses. Al Ayam (Aug 22, 2005).
- The IOF constructed new military base on the road linking between Qalqiliya and Nablus governorates near Jinsafut town east of Qalqiliya city and surrounded it with cement blocks and earth mounds. Wafa (Aug 23, 2005).
- The IOF demolished the house of Ahmad 'Abed El Karem with agricultural structures, a water well and uprooted fruitful Olive trees in Al Funduq town east of Qalqiliya city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (Aug 30, 2005).

Tubas

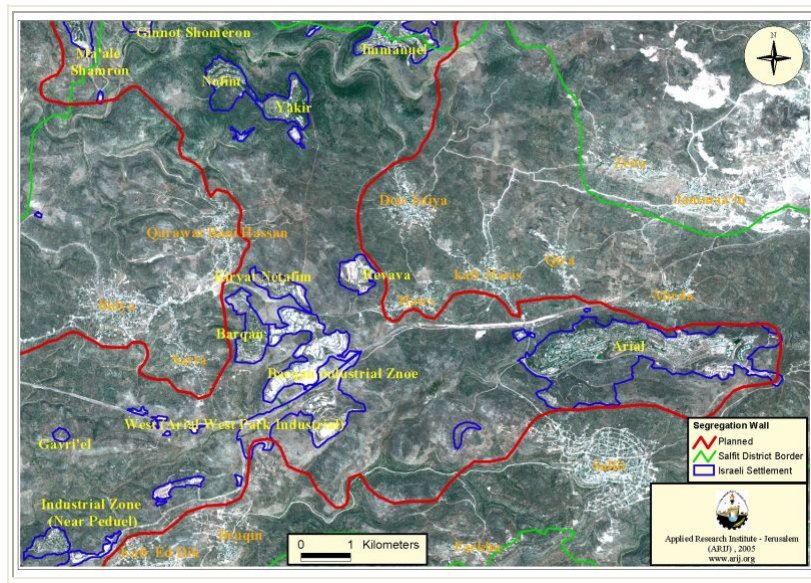
- The IOF notified residents of Wad El Maleh area in the northern valleys to evacuate their houses and properties within 24 hours or else the houses will be demolished. Wafa (Aug 9, 2005).
- Huge numbers of Caravans were added to the area of the northern valleys by a number of Israeli trucks. Quds (Aug 12, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed lands in the eastern slopes area to the east of Tubas city for military purposes. Wafa (Aug 17, 2005).
- The IOF constructed new military outpost in the northern valleys on a hilltop near 'Ein Al Helwa in the area of Maktal Abu Samer. Wafa (Aug 23, 2005). [Click here for more details](#)



- Intensive works are taking place at Al Hamra checkpoint southeast of Tubas city to expand the checkpoint and the nearby military base. Wafa (Aug 24, 2005).

Salfit

- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands and uprooting Olive trees in Salfit city to resume the construction of the Segregation Wall. Quds (Aug 15, 2005). [Click here for related reports.](#)



Ramallah

- The Israeli Minister of Finance Benjamin Netanyahu issued military orders to confiscate 115.200 dunums of lands for the wall in Al Bireh, Ar Ram, Qalandyia and Rafat, lands are located in the following blocks:

Town	Block	# of Parcels	Area
Al Beriah	31072	251-246, 303, 306, 313, 314	115.200
Ar Ram	3 irregular	59, 61, 62-63, 140-142, 144-146	
Qalandyia	29511	11-14, 17-21, 28-30, 99, 116, 117, 135, 145, 146	
Rafat	3010	4, 16, 20, 21, 25	
Qalandyia	1054	35, 105, 106, 156	

Quds (Aug 5, 2005)

- The Israeli bulldozers razed lands around 'Atara military checkpoint near 'Atara Bridge north of Beir Zeit city. Al Ayam (Aug 11, 2005)

Jenin

- The IOF took over the two residential buildings owned by Hamdan El Gamal and Jenin municipality in Silat El Dhaher town south of Jenin city along with another house in Al Fandaqumiya village owned by Jihad Mahmoud 'Ar'arawy and transferred them into military watch points. Wafa (Aug 15, 2005).
- The IOF razed agricultural lands around the military checkpoint located at the entrance of 'Araba town and constructed electronic Poles in the area; whereby, the Israeli bulldozers razed lands alongside the road near Dotan military base south of Jenin city. Wafa (Aug 15, 2005).
- The IOF took over the two-storey house of Ibrahim Fouzat Abu 'Ali in Silat El Dhaher town to the south of Jenin city and turned it into military watch point after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Aug 17, 2005).
- The IOF took over two houses in 'Arraba and 'Ajja villages south of Jenin city which belong to Anwar Saleh Hamdan and Bilal 'Abed El Qader and turned them into military posts. Wafa (Aug 22, 2005).

Hebron

- The Israeli forces constructed the second gate in the western side of the road leading to the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron old city. Wafa (Aug 1, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities issued military order # (T/133/5) to confiscate 466 dunums of lands in the areas of Jabal Souda and Beit Za'ta areas in Beit Ummar town which belong to the families of Abu 'Ayash, Al 'Alama, Al Slaiby and Bregheth to construct new parts of the wall. The Israeli authorities also issued another order to confiscate 112 dunums of lands in Qarnet El Ghazal, Khaliet Ghneim, Wad Abu El Resh and 'Ein El Beida in Surif town north and northeast of the city to construct a 1156 meters long and 100 meters width wall. Wafa (Aug 3, 2005).
- The IOF closed with iron gates the four entrances of Al Qasabeh neighborhood, Zahid neighborhood, Qantaret El Shebla and Qantaret Dewan El Natshe in the old city of Hebron. Wafa (Aug 3, 2005).
- The IOF took over two Palestinian houses in the old city of Hebron which belong to Al Qawasmy family along with another house in Dura town

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- west of Hebron city owned by Raed Yousef Higa, turning them into military barracks. Wafa (Aug 5, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Refqa Isma'il Al Qawasmy in Al Zahid neighborhood in Hebron city and turned it into military post. Quds (Aug 6, 2005).
 - The IOF took over the house of Ahmad 'Abed El Qader Is'ed in Haret El Sheikh in Hebron city and turned it into military post; Moreover, the IOF took over the house of Ahmad Qfasha in Sinjer area in the southern side of the city. Wafa (Aug 7, 2005).
 - Settlers of Tel Al Rumeida area in Hebron city put fire into 6 dunums of lands cultivated with Olive trees and owned by Jamel Abu Haykal. Al Ayam (Aug 8, 2005).
 - The IOF issued military orders to confiscate 120 dunums of lands in Bani Na'im town east of Hebron city construct the wall around Bani Haver settlement. Lands belong to Muhammad Ibrahim Manasra, Issac Ibrahim Manasra, Muhammad Qasim Hussein Manasra, Isma'il El Basha, 'Ali Qasim Hussein Musa and Muhammad Yunis Manasra. Wafa+ Al Ayam (Aug 9, 2005).
 - The Israeli troops took over the house of 'Abas Abu Rahma in Dura town south of Hebron city and transformed it into military barrack. Quds (Aug 10, 2005).
 - The Israeli troops took over the houses of Hamza Shahin, Yousif Muhammad Omar and 'Adnan Metlak 'Amr in Al Haouz area south of Hebron city and in Knar area east of Dura town and transferred them into military barracks. Wafa (Aug 13, 2005).
 - The IOF took over the house of Ja'far Ahmad Hemidat in Bani Na'im town and turned it into military post. Al Ayam (Aug 15, 2005).
 - The IOF demolished three commercial stores, one farm, one water well and barracks in Idhna town under the pretext of being unlicensed. The properties belong to 'Abed El Rahman 'Abed El Fatah Tmayzi, Jihad 'Abed El Hafez Tmayzi, Yousef 'Abed El Fatah Tmayzi and Zaher Diab Tmayzi. Wafa (Aug 16, 2005).
 - The IOF razed vast areas of lands in Al Buwerekh area northeast of Kharesina settlement east of Hebron city for military purposes. Moreover, the IOF razed lands in Jabal Al Rahma in the middle of Hebron city to construct a military tower in the area. Wafa (Aug 16, 2005).

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- The IOF took over the house of Talal Na'im Abu Ragab in Yatta town south of Hebron city and turned it into military barrack. Al Ayam (Aug 16, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Ahmad Tariw Al Tal in Adh Dhahiriya town south of the district and turned it into military post. Wafa (Aug 17, 2005).
- The IOF razed vast areas of lands in Al Buwreh area near Kharesina settlement northeast of Hebron to erect a new colonial road and to expand the settlement borders on the expense of Palestinian lands owned by families of Jaber, Zaytun and Abu Karsh. In addition, the IOF razed about 200 m² of lands owned by Emad 'Ali Hrezat near the Jewish cemetery in Tel Al Rumeida to construct a military watch point. Al Ayam (Aug 17, 2005).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of 'Abed El Rahman 'Amer Al Regoub in Sinjer area in Dura town south of Hebron city and turned it into military watch point. Wafa (Aug 19, 2005).
- The IOF started razing 50 dunums of lands planted with Vine and Almond trees near the settlements of Qiryat Arba' and Kharesina east of Hebron city. The lands are owned by Muhammad Yousef Jaber, Muhammad Ayoub Jaber, Muhammad Faraj Jaber and 'Abed El Majed Jaber. Wafa (Aug 22, 2005).
- The IOF took over the four-storey house of Taysser 'Abdullah Al Haymoni along with two other houses of Al 'Ewawi and Al Zagher families in Hebron city and turned them into military barracks. Wafa (Aug 23, 2005).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of Raslan Al Seyouri in Hebron city, turning it into a military watch point. Wafa (Aug 24, 2005).
- The IOF started erecting 50 kilometers wall part. The first 32 kilometers section stretches from Moshav Nehusha of Beit Shemesh to Shomriya and is expected to be completed by mid- October 2005; While the remaining 26 kilometer wall part would block the lower part of Hebron hills of the West Bank, where some 420,000 Palestinians live, from the northern Negev. It is expected that the latter wall part will be completed by summer 2006. Components of the wall will include electronic surveillance cameras and sensors like the ones deployed in the northern West Bank. Jpost (Aug 29, 2005).
- An Israeli decision to evacuate the 15 Jewish families which took over the houses and stores in the Palestinian Market in the old city of Hebron. Arabs48+ Quds (Aug 30, 2005).

- Settlers of Ramat Yashai in Tel Al Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron city put fire into Olive, Almond and Vine fields, 50 meters east of the settlement. Lands belong to Muhammad Abu Haykal. The settlers also put fire into lands planted with Olive and Vine trees owned by 'Abed El Khaleq and Omar Sa'ed. Wafa (Aug 30, 2005).
- The IOF constructed two electronic gates in Tel Al Rumeida Street and Midan Al Sahla in the middle of Hebron city; the gates are equipped with Microphones, Speakers and small paths. Wafa (Aug 31, 2005).

Nablus

- The IOF aggressed on Taysser Muhammad Ahmad Salah house in Burqa village to the north of Nablus district, causing severe damages to the properties. Al Ayam (Aug 10, 2005).
- settlers of Homesh settlement put fire into vast areas of agricultural lands cultivated with Vine and Almond trees in Burqa village north of Nablus district. Quds (Aug 11, 2005).
- The IOF staged into Bizzariya village northwest of Nablus city and took over the houses of Mofed 'Abed El Razeq Hussein and Husam 'Abed El Wahab Khater near Homesh settlement and turned them into military barracks; whereby, the IOF constructed an iron gate on Jenin-Tulkarm road near Imreha village and hindered Palestinian residents from accessing it. Wafa+ Quds (Aug 15, 2005).
- Settlers of Homesh settlement aggressed on the houses of Khaled Saf and Iyad Saf in Burqa village to the northwest of Nablus city and turned them into military barracks, causing severe damages to the furniture. Wafa+ Arabs48 (Aug 16, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Ghazi Odeh in Huwwara town and turned it into military post; whereby, the Israeli settlers took over two other houses in Burqa village owned by Khalid Seif and Iyad Shafi', and turned them into military barracks. Al Ayam (Aug 17, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities issued military order to take over 1200 dunums of agricultural lands in Jabal Qal'et Al Hamra in Qaryout village southeast of Nablus city in Block "1". Arabs48 (Aug 18, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed Palestinian residents of Deir Hatab and 'Azmut villages east of Nablus city military warnings to take over 1000 dunums of lands owned by the families of Hussein, Hamad, Shehata, Isma'il, Fleh, Faleh Abu Hassan. **lands are located in:**
- Block 2, Parcels 3, 11

- Block 5, Parcel 1
- Block 8, Parcels 1, 9, 11
- Block 10, Parcel 75. Quds (Aug 31, 2005)

Tulkarm

- The IOF handed Palestinian resident Diab 'Abdullah Abu Safiya military warning to demolish his house due to its location close to the Segregation Wall path in Khirbet Jabara in Tulkarm. Wafa (Aug 7, 2005).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of Ahmad Al Sayed Al Mital in the northern neighborhood of Tulkarm city and transferred it into military barrack. Wafa (Aug 8, 2005).
- The IOF constructed a new watch tower on a hilltop near Enav settlement east of Tulkarm city and razed areas around the gate of the settlement. Wafa (Aug 10, 2005).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of Hafzi 'Abed El Ghani in Seida town north of Tulkarm and transferred it into military watch point. Al Ayam (Aug 10, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing the 50 dunums of lands in Khalet El Sheikh in Shufa town south of Tulkarm near Avni Hefetz settlement which belong to Hanun family and hedged it with barbed wires. Moreover, the IOF, continued razing and uprooting trees in Wad El Nimr area east of the aforementioned settlement which belong to the families of Burqawi and Hamdan. Wafa (Aug 14, 2005).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of 'Abed El Hakim Al Waher in Bal'a town east of Tulkarm along with two other houses in Deir El Ghusun town north of the city which belong to Wael Mahmoud Qub and 'Adel Daoud Qub and transferred them into military posts. Quds (Aug 16, 2005).
- The IOF staged into 'Atil town north of Tulkarm city and took over two Palestinian houses owned by 'Ala Mahmoud Salman and Salah Wahid Badran and transformed them into military watch points. Moreover, the IOF also constructed an iron gate on the road between Tulkarm and Nablus districts. Wafa (Aug 17, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing lands in Shufa town near the settlement of Avni Hefetz. Wafa (Aug 20, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities handed out residents of Burqa, Sabastiya, Deir Sharaf and Ramin military orders to confiscate 3000 dunums of lands in Sahel Ramin area east of Ramin village. Al Ayam (Aug 21, 2005).

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- The IOF staged into 'Atil town north of Tulkarm city and demolished a store owned by resident Hisham Al 'Amous. The IOF also took over the house of Muhammad Zreqy in Bal'a town and turned it into military barrack. Al Ayam (Aug 21, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands and uprooted Citrus and Olive trees in Faro'un village south of Tulkarm city for the Segregation Wall. Quds (Aug 30, 2005).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of Bilal Jetawi in Bal'a town and turned it into military watch point. Al Ayam (Aug 30, 2005).

Gaza

- The IOF staged into Al Shouka area east of Rafah district and razed vast areas of lands and trees. Wafa (Aug 2, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers aggressed on two commercial stores owned by Al Shubaky family in Al Mawasi area west of Khan Yunis city, causing severe damages. Quds (Aug 7, 2005).
- An Israeli settler from Neve Dekalim put fire into the first floor of the three-storey house of Abu Hashim Al Agha near the aforementioned settlement, causing severe damages to the properties. Al Ayam (Aug 7, 2005).
- The Israeli cabinet gave the green light to the evacuation of the first group of settlements in the Gaza Strip. Settlements slated for evacuation in the first phase are Netzarim, Kfar Darom and Morag. The Government, and just before the beginning of implementation of the pullout, is expected to approve the evacuation of the Gush Katif bloc of settlements, along with a ratification of the northern Gaza Strip settlements and the four settlements of the West Bank. Quds (Aug 8, 2005).
- The IOF shelled on a Palestinian house in Deir El Balah city, causing severe damages. Wafa (Aug 14, 2005).
- The IOF dynamited the house of Fadl 'Oraby Al Lahham in Al Mawasi area west of Khan Yunis city after planting it with heavy explosive devices and hindered residents from salvaging any of their belongings. Wafa (Aug 17, 2005).
- Settlers of Kfar Darom settlements aggressed on the Palestinian houses south of the settlement and put fire in the house of Hussein Abu Maghsib. Al Ayam (Aug 18, 2005).
- The IOF took over four Palestinian houses near the settlements of Kfar Darom, Nitzarim and Dugit and turned them into military posts after

- forcing their residents to evacuate the houses under the threat of weapons. Houses belong to: 'Atta Sa'ed Mustafa Al Helow, Riyadh Zindah (Two-storey house), Ragi Marzouq 'Eid Al Sumairy (Two-storey house) and Hussein Odeh Al 'Aydi (Two-storey house). Moreover, the IOF surrounded the houses of Muhammad Odeh Al 'Aydi and 'Adnan Odeh Al 'Aydi in the area. Quds (Aug 18, 2005).
- The IOF demolished the house of Muhammad Issa Al Laham in Al Mawasi area west of Khan Yunis city. Wafa (Aug 22, 2005).
 - The Israeli movement "Kern Kemet" announced its intentions to replant the 1000 trees that were planted in the vicinity of the Israeli settlements which were evacuated from the Gaza Strip, in the southern Negev. Wafa (Aug 24, 2005).
 - The Israeli government settled settlers of Nitzarim settlement which was evacuated from the Gaza Strip in the Israeli settlement of Beit Ill in the West Bank. Wafa (Aug 24, 2005).
 - The IOF razed 15 cottages in Al Mawasi area west of Khan Yunis city south of the Gaza Strip which belong to Khan Yunis municipality. Wafa (Aug 24, 2005).
 - The Israeli forces constructed a new military base north of Dugit settlement in Beit Lahya city. Arabs48 (Aug 26, 2005).
 - The IOF took over the house of Mansour Jam'an Al Semary in Al Qarara town and turned it into military watch point along. The IOF also took over two-storey house owned by 'Abed Rabu Al Semary. Quds+ Wafa (Aug 28, 2005).
 - The IOF erected a new road of "15 meters width" three meters away from the segregation fence between the Strip and the 1948 lands inside the Israeli borders. The road was constructed on a pre-confiscated Palestinian lands owned by Al Sumairy, Abu Dhaher and Abu Khashan families in Al Qarara town east of Khan Yunis governorate. Al Ayam (Aug 30, 2005).

Others

- In a report issued by the Israeli movement "Peace now" assured that during the first quarter of year 2005, the number of housing units built in the West Bank reached to 3981 (83%) comparing to the previous year. The report also showed intensive constructions taking place in a number of Israeli settlements, they are: Alfei Menashe, Ma'ale Adumim, Mod'in Illit, Betar 'Illit, Giv'at Benjamin (Adam), Ariel, Giv'at Ze'ev; whereby, tens of housing units are being built in Kokhav Yacov, Efrat Daniel, Ravava,

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- Bedola, Al 'Azra, Oranit, Kedumim, Karne Shomron, Har Adar, Sha'ar Tikva, Neve Brat and Sinsana. Quds (Aug 6, 2005).
- The Israeli Ministry of Defense assured that Israel will construct 45 housing complexes in the area near the Gaza Strip and a total of NIS 70 millions will be specialized for this project. Quds (Aug 9, 2005).
 - Israel is now constructing 38 passages alongside the Segregation Wall path which will be completed by year 2006; Another 60 gates are being constructed to allow Palestinian landowners access their lands behind the wall. It is worth mentioning that three main passages in the West Bank are ready for use; one near Qalqiliya, another in Bethlehem and the last in Jenin in addition to one which was opened lately in Tulkarm. Quds (Aug 14, 2005).
 - The Israeli Defense Minister, Shaoul Mufaz assured that Israel will retain on 6 blocks in the West Bank, which are: Ma'ale Adumim (east Jerusalem), Efrat (near Bethlehem), Gush Etzion (south of Jerusalem), Ariel (north of the West Bank), Kidumim-Karni Shomron (north of the West Bank) and Rihan- Shaked (north of the West Bank). Arabs48 (Aug 15, 2005).
 - The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon encourages the Israeli settlers to settle in the Negev by constructing new settlements in the area. Arabs48 (Aug 18, 2005).
 - The Israeli land authority fenced the doors and windows of Hiten Mosque in Hiten village with iron pieces and hedged the Mosque with barbed wires. Quds (Aug 19, 2005).
 - Almost 1000 housing units are ready to settle Israeli settlers which were evacuated from the Gaza Strip; out of which 100 housing units were constructed in Nitzan near 'Askalan, 60 units in Karima, Miflasim and Ora Hiner villages near the Gaza Strip; In addition, the Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction is willing to leave 800 units for renting purposes. Quds (Aug 22, 2005).
 - In a report issued by the Israeli Ministry of Interior assured that the number of Israeli settlers in the West Bank increased by 18,000 since the Israeli governorate approval of the Disengagement plan one and a half years ago, particularly in the settlements classified as religious, Ma'ale Adumim, Yitzhar (increased by 60 settlers), Tafuh (increased 75 settlers), an outpost in Hebron (increased by 17 settlers), Betar Illit (increased by 2206 settlers) and Qiryat Sefer (increased by 3329 settlers). Arabs48 (Aug 27, 2005).

- The Israeli Government decided to construct houses on 358 dunums of lands in the "Golf playgrounds" north of Ashkelon city to house Israeli settlers evacuating from the Gaza Strip; Moreover, settlers of Nitzar Hazani which were evacuated from the Gaza Strip will be housed in new houses in Shorsh and Beit Ma'er settlements near Jerusalem. Arabs48 (Aug 29, 2005).

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	258.53	0	0	0	2
Jerusalem	1585	13	0	3	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	3000	0	0	0	1
Ramallah	115.200	0	0	0	0
Nablus	2200	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	2	0
Qalqiliya	241	0	0	1	2
Hebron	748	0	2245	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8147.73	13	2245	6	5

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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