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#### Jerusalem

- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands in Al Nabi Samuel and Al Jib villages northwest of Jerusalem city to construct new parts of the Wall in the area. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli bulldozers started razing lands near Road # 434 to connect the two settlements of Ramot and Pisgat Zeev. Wafa (Dec 4, 2005).
- The IOF demolished the wall that surrounds the house of Amjad Al Kholes in Dahiyat Al Barid (Al Barid outskirt) north of Jerusalem city to construct parts of the Wall 2 meters away from his house. Wafa (Dec 5, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed and without pre-notification 7 dunums of lands in Silwan neighborhood south of Al Aqsa Mosque to construct a car parking for religious settlers in the neighborhood. Among the owners, the following was known: Khalefa Al 'Abasy. Wafa (Dec 5, 2005).
- Jerusalem Municipality demolished in [Silwan neighborhood](#) in Jerusalem the wall that surrounds the house of Khadija Suleiman 'Abed El Razeq

- along with the house of Muhammad Ghazy Yasin Al Diwayk and another store owned by Muhammad Salman Al Shwayky under the pretext of not having building permits . Quds (Dec 7, 2005).
- The house of Muhsin Omar Al Natsha is threatened of demolition in Shu'fat camp for the Segregation Wall process. Quds (Dec 7, 2005).
  - The Jerusalem Municipality court charged resident Yaqin Mahmoud Tah Abu Isnaneh from 'Ein Al Luza area in Silwan a penalty of NIS 60,000 for not having building permits. Quds (Dec 9, 2005).
  - The Israeli bulldozers demolished the three- storey house (450m<sup>2</sup>) of Ahmad Hussein Abu Idham in Al Sal'a area in Jabal Al Mukabbir neighborhood south of the Old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (Dec 12, 2005).
  - The Israeli Military Court charged resident Marwan Al Kaswany, an owner of a cement factory, a penalty of NIS 50,000 under the pretext of not licensing his construction equipments. Wafa (Dec 12, 2005).
  - The IOF demolished a caravan owned by Ayman Ahmad Al Batsh in Tel Al Foul in Beit Hanina city for not having building permits. Quds (Dec 13, 2005).
  - The Israeli bulldozers demolished the six-storey residential building (600m<sup>2</sup>) owned by Ahmad and Na'ema Ja'abes in Al Sal'a neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukabbir under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (Dec 14, 2005).
  - The Israeli bulldozers started razing the Islamic graves in "Ma'man Allah" or Memela cemetery in Western Jerusalem to construct the " Jerusalem city Forgiveness Museum". Quds (Dec 14, 2005).
  - The IOF demolished the 130 m<sup>2</sup> house of Nabil Al 'Amwasy in Al 'Aqaba neighborhood in Beit Hanina for not being licensed. Wafa (Dec 27, 2005).
  - The Jerusalem Municipality ordered resident Khalil Muhammad Nimr 'Abasy to close some parts and windows of his 80 m<sup>2</sup> house so as not to be demolished due to the military order he received on December 18, 2005. Quds (Dec 27, 2005).
  - The IOF completed the part of the Segregation Wall extending from Qalandyia Crossing to Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Barid by closing the opening between Ar Ram city center and Beir Nabala village, north of Jerusalem city with cement blocks. Wafa (Dec 28, 2005).
  - The Israeli Supreme Court issued a new restraining order to stop the construction of the Wall in Al Ezzariya town due to the appeals presented by residents of the area. Arabs48 (Dec 28, 2005).

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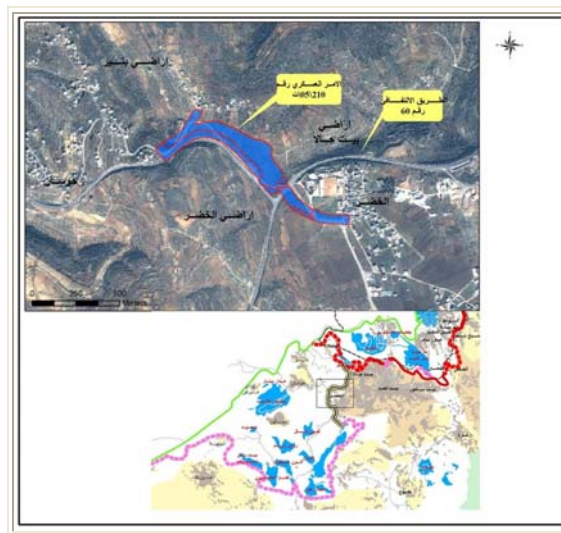
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- The IOF demolished two houses in Beit Hanina neighborhood north of Jerusalem city which belong to Mazen 'Abed El 'Adhem Abu Sbeih and Muhammad Bader El Shubaky under the pretext of not being licensed. Quds (Dec 28, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to completely stop the construction of the Segregation Wall in Ras Al E'asra area east of El 'Ezzariya town which was supposed to isolate 2000 dunums of lands. Quds (Dec 29, 2005).
- The Israeli committee for planning and construction agreed on constructing a Public park on the eastern slopes of Mount Scopus, on lands of Al 'Isawiya and At Tur. The park will spread over 853 dunums of lands and will eliminate any possible future expansion in the two cities. Quds (Dec 31, 2005).

### Bethlehem

- The Israeli chief commander Ya'er Nave Alof issued a new military order # (T/210/05) to confiscate 85 dunums of lands in Al Khadr, Battir and Beit Jala to construct a tunnel that goes under road # 60 and links villages of Battir, Husan, Nahhalin and Wadi Fukin in the western rural areas together. Lands located in Battir are within Block 2 in Al Batma and Sahl Al Deir, lands of Al Khadr are located within Block 2, Block 12 in Khirbet Abu Harth and Khalet al Shuk; whereby the lands of Beit Jala are located within Block 13 in Al Humr area. Wafa+ ARIJ (Dec 6, 2005). **See Map of military order**

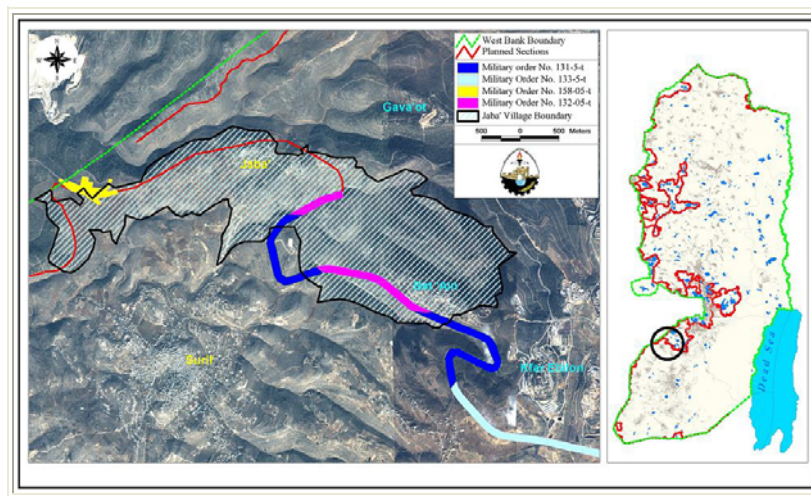


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- The Israeli chief commander Ya'ar Nave Aloff issued a new military order # (T/95/1) to confiscate 10 dunums of lands in Block 4 in Al Ta'amreh area east of Bethlehem city to construct the "Herodian" military camp. Maan (Dec 8, 2005).
- The Israeli Ministry of Tourism opened a new office at Gilo 300 terminal north of Bethlehem city which is scheduled to open daily from 8:30 am till 5:30 am at favor of easing tourists' movement. Quds (Dec 15, 2005). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing 345 dunums of lands planted with Olive trees near road # 60 in Beit Jala for the Segregation Wall. Lands belong to the families of Al Mukarker, Khaliliya and Salman. Wafa (Dec 16, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing vast areas of lands and uprooted 200 Olive trees in Al Jab'a and Surif villages to construct an iron gate. Lands belong to families of Abu Luha, Abu Latifam Hamdan and Al Masha'leh. Wafa (Dec 22, 2005). [Click here for related cases](#)

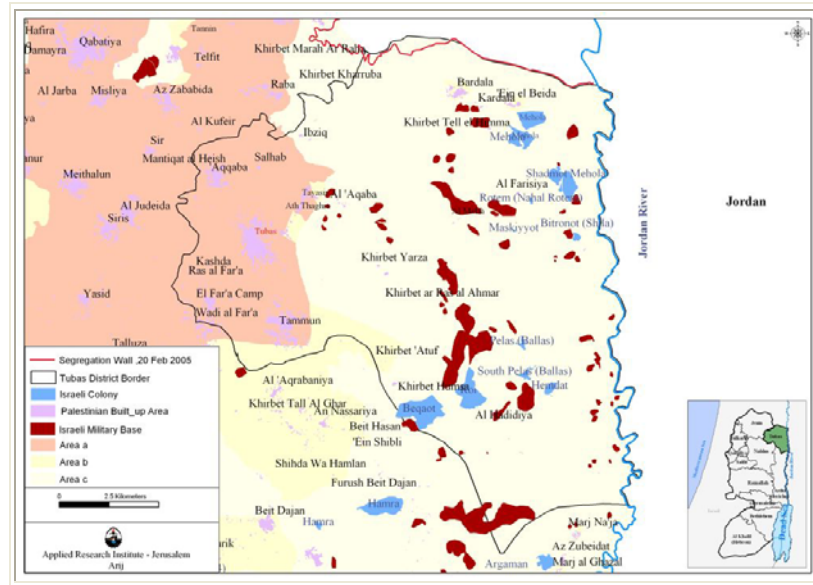


- The Israeli Ministry of Housing issued new tenders to construct 150 new housing units in Bittar 'Illit settlement and another 78 housing units in Efrat settlement. Wafa (Dec 26, 2005). [click here for related cases](#)

## Tubas

- More than 150 families are threatened of being evacuated from their lands and houses in Tammun town north of the West Bank due to the threats

they receive from the Israeli forces. It is worth mentioning that the IOF surveyed the area from 'Atuf village to Al Ras Al Ahmar Mountain in the northern part of the valley. Wafa (Dec 2, 2005). **See Map of Tubas**



- The IOF took over 48 dunums of lands owned by Fa'iq Sbeih in Wadi El Maleh area east of Tubas city for military use and hindered the owner from accessing his land. Wafa (Dec 20, 2005).
- An Israeli settler who is responsible for the Shwa'ir theme parks announced that he lately attached 5000 dunums of lands for the theme parks and the nearby Gas station east of Tubas city near the Jordan River. Wafa (Dec 24, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers of Rotem settlement hindered Palestinian farmers from accessing their grazing lands under the threat of weapons in Wadi El Maleh area east of Tubas city. Wafa (Dec 29, 2005). [Click here for related cases](#)

## Salfit

- The IOF continues the construction of the 9 Km length and 2 meters high fence which starts from Haris town northwest of Ariel settlement to Za'tara junction near Tafuh settlement – north of Salfit. Wafa (Dec 2, 2005).

## **Ramallah**

- The Israeli forces broke into Jehud association in Beir Zeit city in Ramallah, causing severe damages to the properties. Quds (Dec 14, 2005).
- Illegal constructions are currently taking place in more than 750 housing units in the settlement of upper Modi'in. Some of the housing units are being built outside the jurisdiction of the upper Modi'in local council and about 520 of them were already sold. Arabs48+ Haaretz (Dec 14, 2005).
- The Israeli settlers took over a Palestinian house in Al Lubban Al Gharbi town near Ramallah city and settled in it. Quds (Dec 29, 2005).

## **Jenin**

- The IOF without pre-notification demolished 15 commercial stores along with four houses in Barta'a Al Sharqiya town southwest of Jenin city under the pretext of not having building permits. Among the owners, the following was known was Ramzi Kabaha. Wafa+ Quds (Dec 8, 2005).
- The IOF took over the two-storey house of Misbah Nazal in Qabatiya town south of Jenin city and transferred it into military post. Wafa (Dec 22, 2005).
- The IOF took over a building in Jenin city north of the West Bank along with several numbers of houses in Jenin camp and turned them into military barracks. Wafa (Dec 31, 2005).

## **Jericho**

- The Israeli chief commander in Jericho forced owners of commercial stores and Stalls located on roads #60 and road #90 to close their shops under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Dec 14, 2005).

## **Hebron**

- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Arab El Hathalin and Al Jarfan areas east of Yatta town south of Hebron, demolished three houses and five barracks under the pretext of being unlicensed. The houses are owned by Ramadan Al Taymen. On the other hand, the IOF notified Al Taymen family to evacuate their lands under the pretext of being a military area. In addition, settlers of Kharesina settlement started razing lands east of Hebron city to erect a new road in the areas of Khalet El Dabe', Khalet Al

Nsinas and Al Buareh. Lands belong to the families of Sultan, Al Ash-hab, Al Ledawy and Jaber. Quds (Dec 2, 2005).

- In a report issued by the Ministry of Agricultural in Hebron Governorate assured that the total losses of the agricultural sector in the governorate during the month of November reached to \$ 17,000. Wafa (Dec 4, 2005).
- The Israeli authorities issued a new military order to confiscate 610 dunums of lands east of Yatta town to construct a new part of the wall extending from Khirbet Imnazel to Tawel El Sheikh Areas. **This part of the Wall will isolate lands from the following villages:**
  - Hameta lands (3000 dunums)
  - Wadi El Najjar (700 dunums),
  - Umm El Khus (2500 dunums),
  - Harab Al Fadul (5000 dunums)
  - Al Markez (3000 dunums). Wafa (Dec 6, 2005).
- The IOF closed the windows of the houses overlooking the "[Prayers road](#)" used by Israeli settlers which connects Qiryat Arba' settlement with the Ibrahim Mosque. Wafa + Quds (Dec 6, 2005).
- The IOF handed residents of Dura town military order # (T/194/05) to construct 5 military towers around Nihal Nagahot west of Dura town south of Hebron city. Lands belong to the families of Abu Sharar and Al Sewaity. Wafa (Dec 10, 2005).
- The IOF handed residents of Arab Al Hathalin southeast of Hebron city military order # (T/196/05) to confiscate 1365 dunums of lands for the Segregation Wall; as a result, 18 water wells will be isolated along with thousands of dunums of grazing lands. Wafa (Dec 12, 2005).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 500m<sup>2</sup> of lands, demolished the wall that surrounds the land and another room in Wad Al Basatin area west of Qiryat Arba' settlement under the pretext of being unlicensed. The properties are owned by Zeid Rubin Al Ja'bary. Wafa (Dec 15, 2005).
- Settlers of Susiya settlement east of Yatta town south of Hebron city planted about 330 dunums of lands owned by the families of Al Nawa'ja and Al Hales with Wheat and Olives. Wafa (Dec 17, 2005).
- The IOF closed the main entrance to Bab Al Khan area in the old city of Hebron with an iron gate. Wafa (Dec 22, 2005).
- The IOF took over the two- storey house of 'Abed El Khaliq Al Natsha in Umm El Dalia area south of Hebron city and transferred it into military post. Wafa (Dec 23, 2005).

- The IOF issued new military orders # (T/185-186-187/05) to confiscate 231 dunums of lands in As Samu', Ad Dhahiriya till Karmi'l settlement south of the governorate to construct part of the Wall near road # 60 and road # 317. Wafa+ Quds (Dec 26, 2005).

## Nablus

- The IOF issued a new military order to confiscate vast areas of lands in block 16 from three Palestinian villages, Burin, Madma and Tel near Nablus. Wafa (Dec 3, 2005).
- The IOF confiscated tens of dunums of lands planted with Olive trees in Yatma village in Nablus to construct a new military base. Wafa (Dec 5, 2005).
- The IOF handed residents of Majdal Bani Fadel south of Nablus city military warnings to confiscate 5 dunums of lands in areas of Al Jabeel, Al Mareqba and Al Laten which belong to Yousef Saleh, Jamal Mustafa and Turkey Al Farah. Quds (Dec 6, 2005).
- The IOF closed Nablus-Al Bathan road with earth mounds. It is worth mentioning that this road is considered the only entrance to Nablus from the towns north of the West Bank. Wafa (Dec 10, 2005).
- The IOF staged into Balata refugee camp east of Nablus city and surrounded the house of 'Ezat Abu El 'Adas. Wafa (Dec 18, 2005).
- The IOF installed several numbers of Caravans on vast areas of lands near Za'tara checkpoint south of Nablus city which will be transferred into a terminal. It is worth mentioning that this terminal will connect the middle and southern governorates of the West Bank together. Al Hayat Al Jadeda (Dec 19, 2005).
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing issued tenders to construct 117 new housing units in Ariel settlement and another 20 in Karni Shomron near Nablus. Wafa+ Peace Now (Dec 19, 2005).
- Israeli settlers of Yizhar settlement mowed 150 Olive trees in Burin village south of Nablus city and belong to Ahmad 'Abed El Fatah Abu Basam, Taher Al Batoni, Qasem Daoud, Hasan Issa and Mahmoud Raja 'Eid. Quds+ Al Hayat Al Jadeda (Dec 20, 2005).
- The Israeli Civil Administration issued new orders to stop the construction in 7 houses and water wells in Duma village south of Nablus city to erect a colonial road. Houses belong to: Suleiman Hasan Dawabsheh, Hussein Hasan Dawabsheh, Muhammad 'Abed El Raziq Dawabsheh, Jawdat Hamad Shreda, Ma'rouf Hussein Salawdah, Rasm



Taleb Dawabsheh, Nadhen Taleb Dawabsheh and Adeeb 'Abed El Raziq Dawabsheh. Quds (Dec 20, 2005).

### **Tulkarm**

- The IOF partially demolished the two-storey house of Samir Hasan Darwish in 'Alar town north of Tulkarm city after forcing all dwellers to evacuate it under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Dec 14, 2005).
- The Israeli forces staged into Tulkarm city under heavy barrage of gun fire and surrounded a building owned by Al 'Aredy family. Wafa (Dec 18, 2005).
- The Israeli troops hindered Palestinian landowners in the southern villages of Tulkarm city from accessing their lands behind the Segregation Wall; it is worth mentioning that the owners have special permits allowing them to access their lands. Wafa (Dec 21, 2005).
- The IOF took over the house of Saleh Muhammad Hamad in Sayda village north of Tulkarm city and turned it into military barrack. Wafa (Dec 27, 2005).
- The Israeli troops guarding the eastern gate of Jubara village in Tulkarm hindered residents from accessing the gate to reach their houses in the village; whereby, the IOF closed the Jubara road with cement blocks. Wafa (Dec 31, 2005).

### **Qalqiliya**

- Israeli settlers of Mitani ploughed 110 dunums of land and planted them with Wheat and Barley in Kafr Thulth and Sinariya villages east of Qalqiliya city. Lands belong to Mufed Othman Odeh, Hamed Deeb Odeh and Daoud 'Ali Hussein. Wafa (Dec 18, 2005)

### **Gaza**

- The IOF constructed a military watch tower near Al Farahin area in 'Abasan Al Kabira east of Khan Younis governorate which lies 700m away from the house of Muhammad Abu Regela. Wafa (Dec 5, 2005).
- The Israeli forces shelled on the Benevolent community in Al Shaboura area in Rafah city, causing sever damages to the properties; whereby, the IOF also shelled on a house in Beit Lahiya town north of the Strip. Wafa (Dec 15, 2005).

- The Israeli troops destroyed the main road which connects Abraj Al Nada with Abraj Al 'Awda north of the Gaza Strip. Wafa (Dec 19, 2005).
- The IOF hindered landowners from accessing their lands in Khan Yunis governorate south of the Gaza Strip near the eastern borders of the Strip. Wafa (Dec 21, 2005).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon agreed on constructing a 10 Km long and 3 Km width Buffer Zone north of the Gaza Strip on the remains of the evacuated Israeli settlements of Dugit, Nisanit and Eli Sinai. Quds (Dec 25, 2005).
- The IOF shelled on buildings north of Gaza Strip and partially demolished two houses causing severe damages to the properties. Quds (Dec 28, 2005).

### **Others**

- The Israeli Regional committee for planning and construction in Al Ramla agreed on demolishing tens of houses in Al Tayba town for not being licensed. Among the owners, the following was known: Samer Al Tity. Arabs48 (Dec 5, 2005).
- The Israeli commander Moshe Keplenski announced that Israel has finished the construction of 275 Km wall out of 759 Km of the Segregation Wall in the West Bank. Arabs48 (Dec 7, 2005).
- The Regional committee for planning and construction announced that tens of houses are threatened of demolition in Al Ramla city inside the 1948 lands under the pretext of not having building permits. Wafa (Dec 13, 2005).
- An Israeli plan prepared by the Israeli Transportation Minister Ma'er Shetret to construct a new railway that connects Haifa city in the north with Irbid city in Jordan through Jenin and Al Lenby Bridge in the West Bank. Quds (Dec 13,2005).
- An Israeli plan to erect "Al Marj" railway (60 Km) which connects Haifa city with Bisan area and will cause the confiscation of thousands of dunums of lands from the two villages of 'Isfiya and Daliet El Karmel. Moreover, part of the Trans Samarian road will be constructed alongside the railway. Quds (Dec 14, 2005).
- The Israeli Defense Minister, Shaul Mofaz has approved the construction of 200 new housing units in Ma'ale Adumim settlement, dozens of units in the settlements of Bracha and Nokdim and 40 caravans in Ariel settlement. In addition, Mofaz agreed to advance construction plans in

- Giv'at Zeev and Bitar Illit, two large settlements near Jerusalem. Haaretz (Dec 14, 2005).
- The Israeli movement "Na'emni Eretz Yisrael" is willing to construct 15 new outposts in the West Bank to intensify the Israeli colonization. Arabs48 (Dec 19, 2005).
  - The Israeli bulldozers demolished three houses in Al Waha Al Khadra and Al Mahata neighborhoods in Al Lud city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Houses belong to Amen Al Sani', Yasin Al Sani' and Zuhair Khawaja. Wafa (Dec 20, 2005).
  - The Israeli Regional committee for planning and construction in Beir Sheva' issued new orders to demolish Palestinian houses in Khirbet Al Batel south Rahat city in the Negev. Wafa+ Arabs48 (Dec 21, 2005).
  - The United States of America will provide Israel with \$ 60 millions to ease the movement of huge trucks entering to and getting out of the West Bank. Moreover, another passage is being constructed in Al Muntar area which will cost 6-10 \$ million. Quds (Dec 24, 2005).
  - The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is planning to evacuate 11 settlements following the Israeli elections. The settlements of Mevo Dotan, Harmish, Alon Moreh, 'Enav and 'Otniel are among the settlements to be evacuated. Quds (Dec 26, 2005).
  - According to a report issued by the Arab Association for Human Rights, a trend of building separation fences to cut off the Israeli neighborhood from the Arab ones in mixed towns to separate the Jewish quarters from the Palestinians quarters, prevent physical and eye contact and protect the Jewish majority from the Arab minority. The barriers have been erected between Caesarea and Jisr E-Zarka, Jouarish and the Geneh Dan neighborhood in Ramle and the Pardes Shanir neighborhood in Lod and Nor Tzvi. Ynetnews (Dec 28, 2005).
  - The Israeli settlers constructed 14 new outposts in the West Bank in the area between Elazer and Alon Shevut settlements and in areas near the settlements of Beit 'Ill, Talmun, Yitzhar, Kokab Shaher, 'Adi 'Ad, Beit 'Ein, 'Elli, Ma'ale Liuna, Karni Shomron and Fadwal. Quds (Dec 29, 2005).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	440	0	200	0	0

Jerusalem	7	853	0	13	1
Jenin	0	0	0	4	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	5	0	150	0	7
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqiliya	110	0	0	0	0
Hebron	2206	330	0	3	0
Tubas	48	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>1293</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>

*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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