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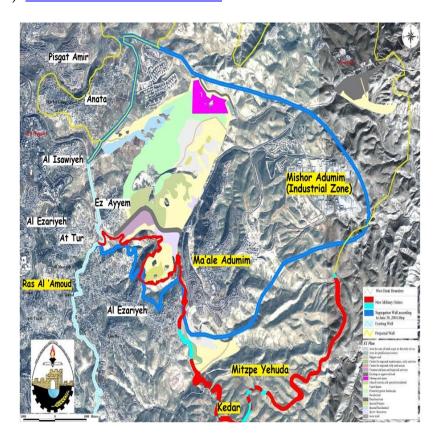
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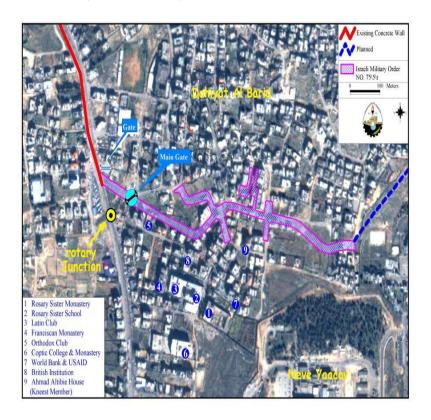
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of Ibrahim Muhammad Saleh Al Faqeh in Kherab Umm Al Lahem village to the northwest of Jerusalem city after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Mar 2, 2006). Click here for related cases
- Jerusalem Municipality Court charged resident Nayfa Rabay'a from Sur Baher town a penalty of NIS 220,000 for not having building permits. Quds (Mar 3, 2006).
- The Israeli Local Natural Authority announced a new plan to build a garden on the eastern slopes of Scopus and Olive Mountains in the area between Al 'Isawiya and At Tur villages on 750 dunums of lands. Quds (Mar 5, 2006).
- The IOF handed Abu Dis Municipality an order to stop building a garden in the town claiming that the area is under the Israeli control. Quds (Mar 6, 2006).

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of Wajeh 'Abed El 'Aziz Dhaher in Al Jib town north of Jerusalem city for not being licensed. Quds (Mar 7, 2006).
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued a restraining order to stop the construction of the Wall in Abu Dis town due to the appeal handed by the residents. Quds (Mar 8, 2006).
- Jerusalem Municipality Court agreed on demolishing the house of Al Haj Amen Al Hosany in Jerusalem city known as the 'Shepherd Hotel' in order to construct a new Israeli neighborhood which contains housing units, synagogue and a kinder Garden. Quds (Mar 11, 2006).
- The Israeli governorate started constructing a police station as a preparation to the E1 plan which Israel plans to implement in the area between Ma'ale Adumim settlement and Jerusalem city. Arabs48 (Mar 14, 2006). Click here for related cases



Israeli Excavation activities are taking place in the main road opposite to
<u>Al Barid outskirt</u> entrance north of Jerusalem city for the construction of
the Segregation Wall. The Israelis intend to connect it with the part
already constructed inside the outskirt; whereby, construction activities

also took place in the part of the wall extending from Al Arna'ot house to the main road passing through the lands of Al Qasrawy and Al Sha'rawy families. Wafa (Mar 14, 2006).



- The Israeli Reconciliation Court issued an order to cancel the part of the Segregation Wall which was planned to be constructed near Al Sheikh Sa'ed neighborhood as a response to the appeal handed by the residents to the court. Quds (Mar 20, 2006). Click here for related cases
- The IOF confiscated seven diesel tanks in Kasarat Al Baja between Al Ram and Jaba' areas which belong to Musa Salameh Mlehat. The IOF claim that the diesel tanks were located in illegal area. The total losses are estimated at NIS 80,000. Quds (Mar 21, 2006).
- The Israeli Ministry of Defense handed out residents of Ras Khamis and Ras Shehada neighborhoods in Shu'fat camp military orders to confiscate 20 dunums of lands located in Blocks 30541 and 30545. As a result several houses are threatened to be demolished. Quds (Mar 23, 2006).
- Jerusalem Municipality is willing to establish "Telepherique" in order to transport people from the modern part of Jerusalem city to the Wailing

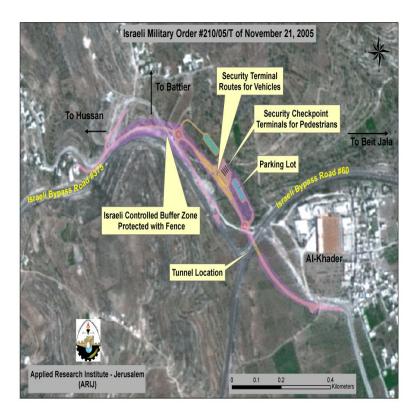
Wall. This project will cost \$ 8 millions and shall be completed by the end of 2008. Quds (Mar 23, 2006).

- Construction activities are taking place on the main road between Al Barid outskirt and the military checkpoint opposite to Nusaibeh Housing complex north of Jerusalem to construct part of the Segregation Wall and connect it with the parts coming from Al Barid outskirt. Wafa (Mar 24, 2006).
- Israeli settlers accompanied by Israeli forces took over the five-storey building owned by Ibrahim Ghazlan in Wadi Hilwa area in <u>Silwan neighborhood</u>, claiming that the lands where the building is, belongs to a Jewish organization since 1923. In addition, the Israeli settlers took over another two buildings in At Tur neighborhood, the first is composed of four floors while the second is composed of three floors. Quds (Mar 30, 2006).

Bethlehem

- Al Hamedy family filed an appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court to remove the part of the Wall which extends between **Abu Ghneim Mountain**_and Beit Sahour city south of Jerusalem due to the difficulties they face. Quds (Mar 1, 2006). Click here for related cases
- The IOF handed out residents of Hmedan family in Al Nu'man village military warnings to demolish 5 houses in order to construct Mazmouriya trade passage. Wafa (Mar 6, 2006). Click here for related cases
- The IOF confiscated 9 dunums of lands owned by Ghanim, Musalam and Al 'Arja families in Al Ras area in Beit Jala city in order to continue the construction of the Wall. In addition, the Israeli forces handed out resident Sa'ed Khader Abu Sadoud military warning to demolish his 150 m² house in 'Ein Jwaza area in Al Walaja village west of Bethlehem city. Wafa (Mar 6, 2006). Click here for related cases
- The Israeli forces handed out residents of Al Khas village east of Beit Sahour city military warnings to demolish five houses owned by 'Abed Muhammad Hmedan, Sami Issa Hmedan, Taleb Muhammad Hmedan and Talal Muhammad Rabi'. Quds (Mar 14, 2006). <u>Click here for related</u> cases
- The Israeli Supreme Court issued a restraining order to stop the construction of Al Khader terminal as a response to the appeal handed out by villages Al Khader, Beit Jala, Nahhalin, Hussan, Battir, Wad Fukin. Al

Walaja and Beit Jala city. Quds (Mar 14, 2006). Click here for related cases



Map of Al Khader Tunnel

- The Israeli authorities handed the residents of the western rural areas of Bethlehem Governorate military warnings to confiscate 766 dunums of lands for the construction of the Segregation Wall. Lands are located within:
- Block 3 in Khalet Al Samak area in Al Walaja village.
- Blocks 6, 7, 8 in Al Jam', al Dour and Jesra areas in Battir village.
- Blocks 2, 3, and 4 in 'Ein El Hawiya, Wad Abu Hamra, Hesena and Al 'Amra areas in Husan village.
- Blocks 5, 6 Al 'Ezrawi and Sha'b El Ras areas in Al Qabu village.
- Blocks 3, 4, and 5 in Al Bas, Al Fur, Dhaher El Ten and Khirbet Safsein areas in Wad Fukin village. Wafa (Mar 15, 2006)
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the two houses of Mustafa Khalil Salem Abu El Teen (100 m²) and Khader Rabah Al A'raj (150 m²) in Al Walaja

- village northwest of Bethlehem city for not being licensed. Wafa (Mar 22, 2006). Click here for related cases
- The Israeli authorities issued military order holding # (T/62/06) to confiscate 80 dunums of lands in Wad Ihmad area in Beir Ouna; It is worth mentioning that this order is an amendment to the military order # (T/36/05) which was issued before. Lands belong to Na'im Abu Sa'ed and his family. Wafa (Mar 26, 2006).

Tubas

• The Israeli bulldozers continued razing the pre-confiscated lands near Rotem settlement east of Tubas city in the northern valleys for military activities. Wafa (Mar 15, 2006). <u>Click here for more details</u>



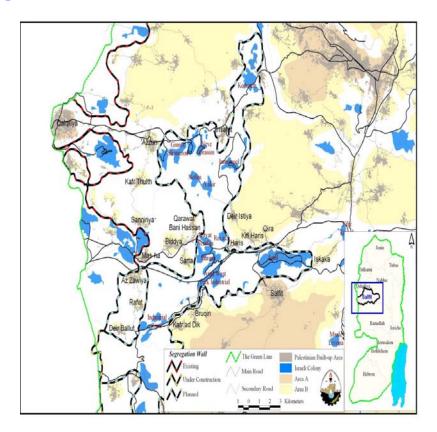
Map of Rotem Settlement

• The IOF notified the resident 'Aref Daraghma of their intention to demolish his agricultural pool in Bardala village in the northern valleys. Wafa (Mar 20, 2006).

• The IOF constructed two iron gates in Al Bukay'a Valley east of Tamun town, which as a result, will hinder Palestinian landowners from accessing their lands. Quds (Mar 23, 2006).

Salfit

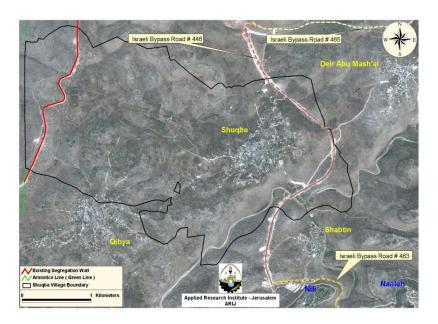
• The IOF continued Razing lands near the southern part of Ariel settlement north of Salfit for the Segregation Wall. Quds (Mar 13, 2006). <u>Click here for previous cases</u>



Map of Wall in Salfit Governorate

Ramallah

- The Israeli forces demolished a two- storey house (260 m²) and a farm in Beit Iksa village in Ramallah Governorate which belong to Amjad Shehada and Rabah Zayed. Wafa+ Quds (Mar 7, 2006).
- The Israeli Supreme Court agreed on resuming wall constructions on the lands of Shuqba and Budrus villages. Arabs (Mar 16, 2006). Click here for related cases



Map of Shuqba Village

• The Israeli authorities announced that <u>Qalandyia checkpoint</u> will be transformed into a border crossing of Jerusalem crossing separating occupied east Jerusalem and the West Bank. Only holders of Jerusalem ID's and permits will be allowed to cut through such crossing. As for the West Bankers they can use one of the two ways either goes to Al Ram or Hizma with no checkpoints intercepted them. The new crossing will take two directions, first Ramallah- Jerusalem direction, as the second to head to 'Atarot. IPC (Mar 26, 2006).

Jenin

- The IOF staged into Jenin city and Jenin camp and took over two Palestinian houses which belong to Walid Mahmoud Abu Al Hayja and Nidal Saleh Abu Ghalyoun and turned them into military barracks. Wafa (Mar 15, 2006).
- The Israeli forces partially demolished the four-storey house of Hassan Merwih Zayed in Al Yamun town after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Quds (Mar 19, 2006).

Qalqilyia

- The IOF hindered Palestinian landowners in Kafr Qadum village from accessing their agricultural lands near Kidumim settlement. Quds (Mar 13, 2006).
- The IOF demolished the house of Jamal Hassan Naser Hamad in Higa town east of Qalqilyia city turning it into a heap of rubble under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (Mar 21, 2006).

Hebron

- The Israeli authorities started constructing several numbers of cement blocks along 32 Kilometers of land, starting from Karmel settlement east of Yatta town reaching to Wadi Al Khalil south of Al Samu' town. Wafa (Mar 2, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement destroyed 50 Olive trees in Yatta town south of Hebron city. Among the owners, the following were known: Nasr Al Nawaj'a, Muhammad Ahmad Nasr, Muhammad Jaber Al Nawaj'a and Hamad 'Abed El Hamid Al Nawaj'a. Wafa (Mar 9, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers started erecting new 800 m long road in Hebron. This road will connect Ramat Yashai outpost with Abraham Aveno in the old city of Hebron. Wafa (Mar 13, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ayn Ein northwest of Beit Ummar town razed vast areas of lands planted with Wheat and Barley. Among the owners, the following were known: Fathi Ahmad Al Selaiby, Muhammad, Ahmad, 'Abed Allah and Mahmoud 'Abed Al Hamid Al Selaiby. Quds (Mar 13, 2006).
- The IOF took over three Palestinian houses owned by Trad Abu 'Aram, Yasir Abu 'Aram and Ribhi Muhammad Al Najjar (Two-storey house) and turned them into military posts. Quds (Mar 13, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Tel Al Rumeida aggressed on the Palestinian lands and destroyed three vine trees. Quds (Mar 17, 2006).
- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian residents of Beit Ummar north of Hebron from accessing their lands in Khirbet Safa and announced it as a closed military area. The threatened lands are estimated at 250 dunums. Quds (Mar 19, 2006).
- The IOF aggressed on the Palestinian commercial stores in Ad Dhahiriya town, causing severe damages to the properties. Among the owners, the following were known: Muhammad 'Abed Rabu Abu Sharikh and 'Ali Hamed Makharzeh. Wafa (Mar 22, 2006).

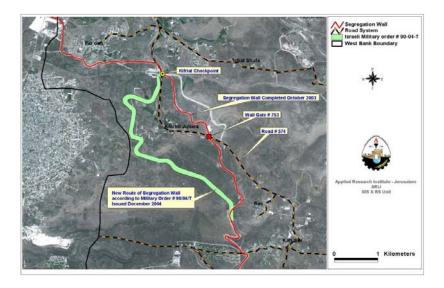
- The Israeli authorities issued an order to confiscate lands from Dura and Yatta towns at favor of constructing 10 military points near Otniel settlement. The military points are to provide security for the Israeli settlers. Wafa (Mar 23, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Susiya east of Yatta town south of Hebron city uprooted more than 420 Olive trees in order to attach lands to the settlement. Wafa (Mar 24, 2006).
- The IOF caused severe damages to several numbers of houses in Yatta and Beit 'Awa towns south and southwest of Hebron city and turned two of them into military posts. Among the owners, the following were known: Jamel Hushiya, Musa Nasar Hushiya, Imad Isma'il Hushiya, Nafeth Sa'ed 'Abed Rabou, Taleb Al Sharawneh and 'Abed Allah Salman Abu Tuhfa. Wafa (Mar 25, 2006).
- The IOF took over the three-storey house of 'Abed El Min'm Latif 'Isaly in Hebron city and turned it into military barrack. Quds (Mar 27, 2006).

Nablus

- An Israeli plan to take over more agricultural Palestinian lands in Nablus Governorate in order to expand the settlement of Sheve Shomron and provide security for the Israeli settlers. Wafa (Mar 1, 2006). <u>Click here for</u> <u>related cases</u>
- The Israeli forces continued closing Jama'in gate for the fourth day on row and hindering Palestinian landowners from accessing their agricultural lands. Quds (Mar 22, 2006).
- The IOF forced owners of the commercial stores located on the main road of Huwwara town south of Nablus city to close their stores under the pretext of providing security for the Israeli settlers accessing the road. Quds (Mar 23, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Sheve Shomron west of Nablus city accompanied with Israeli forces razed areas of lands and added new caravans in order to expand the settlement. Wafa (Mar 30, 2006).
- The Israeli forces erected a 3 meters deep and 5 meters wide trench in Ramin valley between Nablus and Tulkarem governorates. Wafa (Mar 30, 2006).

Tulkarm

- The IOF destroyed the fruitful Olive trees cultivated in the lands of Kafr Al Lubbad and Beit Lid villages around Enav settlement to construct a Wall around the settlement. Lands belong to Sa'ed Hussein Jab'ety and 'Attiya Al Shayeb. Wafa (Mar 2, 2006).
- The Israeli forces hindered residents of Kafr Sur south of Tulkarm city from accessing their agricultural lands behind the Wall's path. Quds (Mar 8, 2006).
- The Israeli forces took over a piece of land planted with field crops in Khirbet Jubara in Tulkarem and set their tents on it, preparing to confiscate the land for the Segregation Wall. The land belongs to Deeb 'Abed Allah Abu Safiya and his brothers. Wafa (Mar 15, 2006). Click here for related cases



Map of Kherbit Jubara

• The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands around Enav settlement from the northeastern part which belong to Palestinian landowners from Kafr Al Lubbad and Beit Lid to erect a 30 meters wide bypass road in the area. Lands belong to Salim Mahmoud Salem, Jamal Shaker, 'Attiya Shayeb, Faleh ibrahim Saleh, 'Abed Taher Saleh, Yousif 'Aref, 'Abed El Rahem Jum'a, Muhammad Ahmad Othman and 'Abed El Fatah Yousif Rushdy Daredy. Wafa (Mar 25, 2006).

Others

- The Israeli Governorate handed out 100 military orders to two villages in the Negev area, Al Sir and Abu Talul, to demolish Palestinian houses. The Government claims that the houses were built without licenses. Arabs48 (Mar 2, 2006).
- The IOF demolished four houses in Dahmash neighborhood between Al Lud and Al Ramleh cities under the pretext of being unlicensed. Houses were constructed on lands owned by 'Abed El 'Aziz Abu Ghnaim sons. Wafa (Mar 15, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities demolished two houses in Al Lud city under the pretext of being unlicensed. The houses belong to Talal Al Wehady and Salman Al Zabarga. Arabs48 (Mar 19, 2006).
- An Israeli plan to start a colonial project in the Golan Heights in Katsern settlements in order to bring more Israeli settlers into the area. Arabs48 (Mar 23, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities are willing to confiscate about 1000 dunums of lands in 'Ein Qniya in the Golan Heights under the slogan of "Lands under the protection of "authority of environmental protection". Arabs48 (Mar 27, 2006).
- During the five past years the Israeli Ministry of Housing and constructions sold 5785 housing units in the Israeli settlements of Ma'ale Adumim, Bittar and Har Homa. Quds (Mar 29, 2006).

District	Land	Land	Uprooted	Houses	Houses
	Confiscated	Threatened	Trees		threatened to
	(Dunum)	(Dunum)		Demolished	be
					demolished
Bethlehem	855	0	0	2	11
Jerusalem	20	750	0	2	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	2	0
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0

Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	1	0
Hebron	0	250	473	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	875	1000	473	7	11

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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