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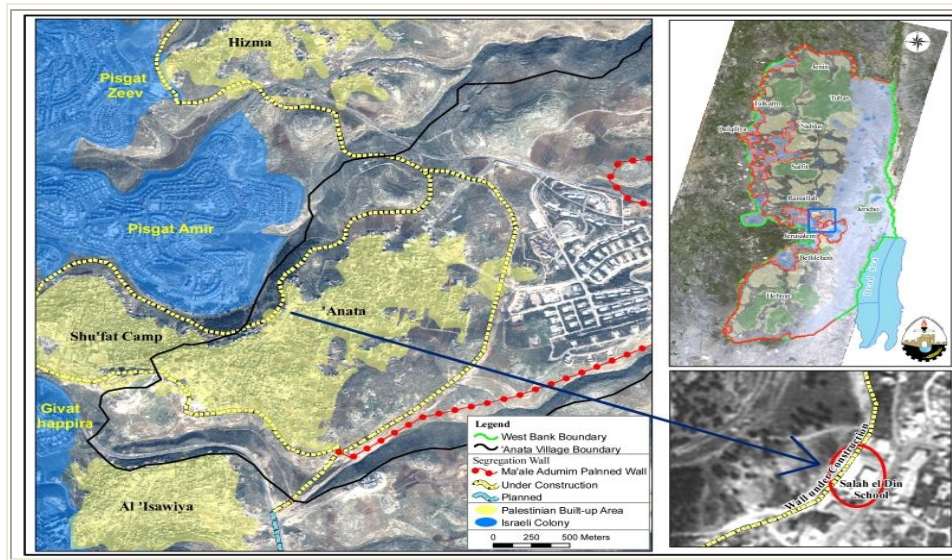
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Jerusalem

- The IOF started constructing a 4 meters height cement blocks for the wall in Ras Khamis area and Shu'fat camp which will extend about 300 meters long. In addition, the IOF constructed cement blocks on the main road reaching Az Z'ayem neighborhood with Shu'fat camp. Quds (May 2, 2006).
- The Israeli committee "Al 'Ad" continued the excavation activities near a Kinder Garden in Wadi Al Helwa in Silwan village east of Jerusalem city despite the Jerusalem Municipality Court's order to stop the Israeli constructions at the site. The excavation activities threaten the existence of Kinder Garden which is a house to 120 kids. Wafa (May 7, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents Saleh Muhammad Yunis Fhedat, Rasmiya Fhedat, Maher Fhedat and Riyadh Sari Fhedat military warnings to demolish their four houses in ['Anata village](#) for the

construction of the Segregation Wall and for the erection of Road # 70. In addition, the Jerusalem Municipality court charged residents Mahmud Omar Abu Hussein, Fatma Najeeb Abu Hussein, Intesar Mahmud Omar Abu Hussein and Amna Naser Abu Hussein in Jabal Al Mukabbir with penalties for not having building licenses. Quds (May 9, 2006). See **Map of 'Anata**



- The IOF demolished the two-storey house of Al Ja'bary family in Beit Hanina neighborhood under the pretext of not having building licenses. The IOF forced all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons and did not give them any chance to salvage any of their belongings. Wafa (May 9, 2006).
- The Israeli troops demolished the 90 m² house of Barakat Abu Sarhan in Jabal Al Mukabbir for not having building permits. Quds (May 10, 2006).
- The Jerusalem Municipality Court charged resident Samiya Hdidoun NIS 25,000 as a penalty for not having building permits in Jabal Al Mukabbir in Jerusalem. Quds (May 11, 2006).
- The Israeli forces constructed an iron gate on the Wall's path separating residents of Al Sawahira Al Sharqiya and Al Sawahira Al Gharbiya from each other, allowing only Palestinians holding Jerusalem ID's from accessing it and others were forced to pass through Al Zaytoun terminal. Quds (May 11, 2006).
- An Israeli report assured that Jerusalem Municipality demolished 76 Palestinian houses out of 80 in the old city of Jerusalem during the year of 2005; while 28 houses were demolished in Western part of Jerusalem out

- of 40 in the same year. Arabs48 (May 17, 2006). [Click here for related cases](#)
- The Israeli Reconciliation Court issued a restraining order to stop constructing the part of the Segregation wall along Al 'Issawiya- 'Anata- Al Z'ayem bypass road extending to [Ma'ale Adumim settlement](#); The restraining order also included the halt of construction at the nearby road which is planned to be used by Palestinians only and will connect the northern West Bank Governorates with the southern ones. (May 18, 2006).
 - The IOF partially demolished the house of 'Abed El Qader Abu Sneineh in Wadi El Joz neighborhood in Jerusalem for not being licensed. Quds (May 19, 2006).
 - The Israeli Supreme Court rejected an appeal handed by Palestinian residents of Al 'Ezzariya to stop the construction of the Wall around Ma'ale Adumim bloc of settlements. Arabs48 (May 23, 2006).
 - In a report issued by "The Israeli institute for Jerusalem studies" assured that the total number of Israeli settlers in East Jerusalem and the surrounding areas reached to 287,000; out of which, 182,200 settlers live in East Jerusalem, 30,000 settlers live in Ma'ale Adumim settlement bloc, 27,000 settlers live in Bittar Illit settlement, 12,100 in Gush Ezion bloc of settlements, 10,700 in Giv'at Zeev settlement bloc and 18,500 settlers live in Benjamin bloc near East. Jerusalem. Arabs48 (May 25, 2006).
 - The Israeli land authority hedged the [M'aman Allah cemetery](#) in Jerusalem city with barbed wires, closed the main entrance with cement blocks and hindered Palestinians from accessing it. Quds (May 26, 2006).
 - The Israeli committee for planning and construction announced about new plans to construct two new neighborhoods in Ramat Shlomo neighborhood containing 1,960 new housing units on 597 dunums of land of Shu'fat city. Moreover, the committee is planning to construct a road of 10 meters length that will link the two neighborhoods with each other. Quds (May 27, 2006).
 - The Israeli authorities handed four residents of SameerAmis area north of Jerusalem city military warnings to demolish their houses under the pretext of being unlicensed. Houses belong to Jubrail Khadr (Two- storey house), Akram Abu Shalbak, Kamel 'Abed El Qader and 'Abed El Judy. Wafa (May 29, 2006).
 - The Israeli Nature and Parks authority is willing to

- establish a public park over 800 dunums of lands on the slopes of Al Mutala' Mountain- Har Hatzuvim, on the borders of Al 'Issawiya north and At Tur south.
- Develop a touristic road connecting Wadi El Joz north with Silwan area south through the eastern part of the Old city.
- construct a Touristic road that will go through the Palestinian neighborhoods east and south of the Old city in Abu Thuri area, Silwan and Wadi Al Nar. Quds (May 29, 2006).
- The Israeli Central Court of Jerusalem handed seven Palestinian families in Qatanna village northwest of Jerusalem military orders to demolish their houses under the pretext of being constructed on lands owned by the state of Israel. Houses belong to Emad Al Qatanany, Yasir Hamad Tah, Jamal, Ja'far, Musa, 'Abed El Fatah, Muhammad and Yousif Ahmad Al Faqeeh. Quds (May 31, 2006).

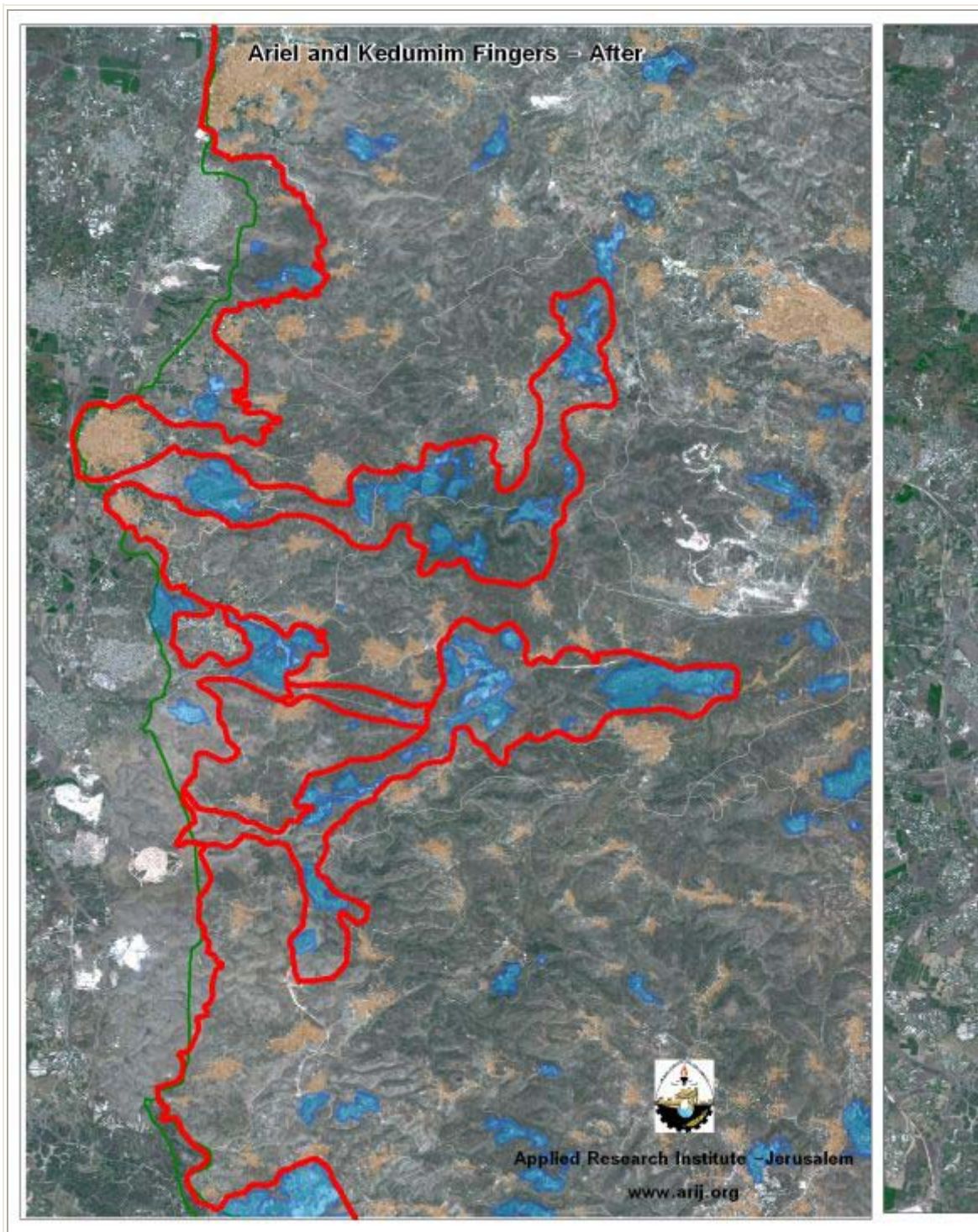
Bethlehem

- The Israeli troops staged into Beit Sahour city and aggressed on Beit Sahour Clinic Center, causing severe damages to the entrance and properties. Quds (May 3, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers relocated [Al Khader checkpoint](#) on the southern entrance of the village near Bypass Road # 60, 100 meters close to the village in order to commence the construction of the tunnel for the western rural areas (Battir, Husan, Nahhalin and Wadi Fukin). Wafa (May 9, 2006).
- The IOF closed the northwestern entrance of [Al Khadr village](#) south of Bethlehem city with huge cement blocks. Wafa (May 15, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural lands in the northwestern entrance of Al Khader village and hindered resident Ahmad Muhammad Salah from accessing his agricultural land in the area. Wafa (May 21, 2006).
- The IOF staged into Al Bad historical museum in Bethlehem city and caused severe damages to the properties. Wafa (May 25, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural lands planted with Vine trees in Dhahr El Deir area in Al Khader village for the Segregation Wall; whereby the IOF hedged the agricultural road leading to the agricultural lands west of the village with barbed wires and hindered landowners from accessing their thousands of dunums of lands. Wafa (May 29, 2006).

- The IOF demolished two poultry farms in [Al Walajah village](#) west of Bethlehem city which belong to Haytham Al 'Araj and Sharef Abu 'Ali. Wafa (May 30, 2006).

Salfit

- The Israeli Ministry of Defense issued an updated wall map which will include a change in the wall's path around Ariel bloc of settlements. The updated route will divide the Ariel Finger into two, Ariel and Kedumim and will include the settlements of Emmanuel, Karne Shomron, Kiddumim, Beit Arya and Ofraim in addition to the existed ones; Same time, the updated wall route will ignore the existence of 16 Palestinian villages located between the two fingers as they will be surrounded from all directions with fences in addition to the creation of 2 new Ghettos which will include the villages of Rafat, deir Ballut, Az Zawiya and Azzun Al 'Atmeh. The updated wall map showed that Bypass road # 505 which connects the settlements of Ariel bloc with Israel will be hedged from both sides along 250 meters with barbed wires as to provide protection to Israeli settlers accessing the road. Moreover, changes in wall route included the villages of Beit Iksa village northwest of Jerusalem city, Al Jab'a south of Bethlehem city, and Al Walajeh northwest of Bethlehem City. Quds (May 3, 2006).



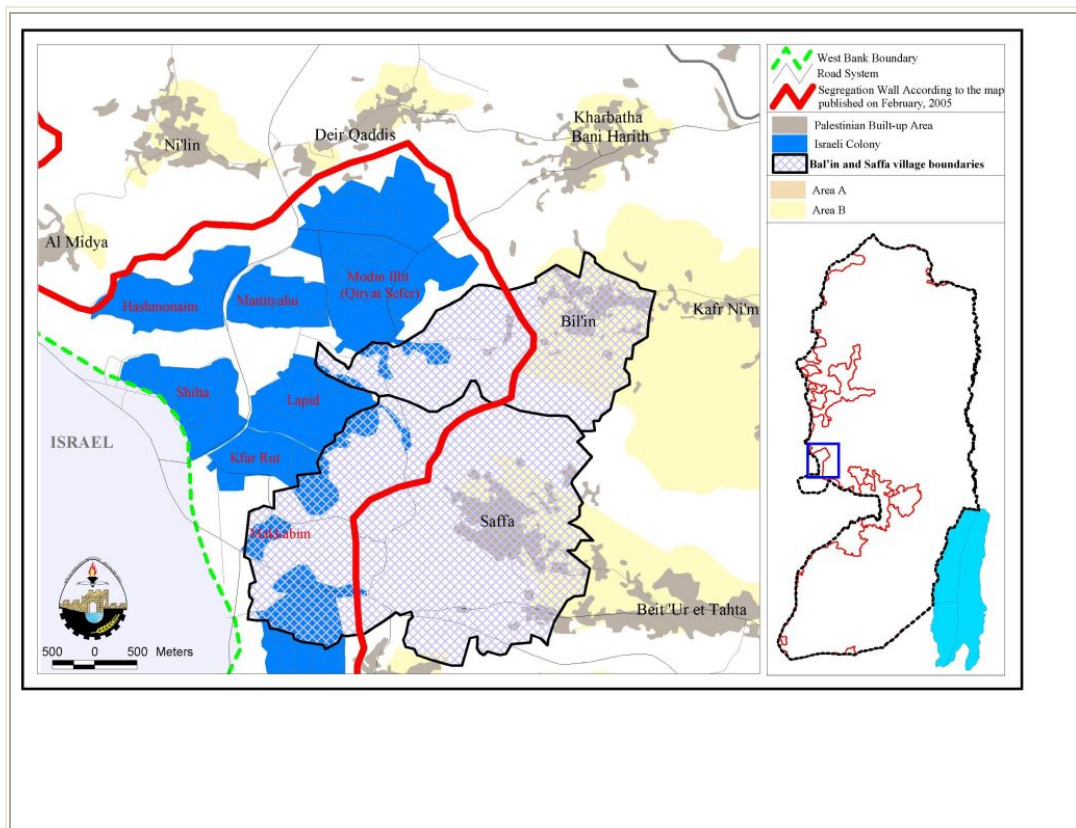
- The Israeli forces continued the construction of the Segregation Wall north of Salfit city which will surround Ariel settlement from its four directions.

As a result, thousands of dunums of lands planted with Olive trees will be isolated behind the Wall's path. Wafa (May 9, 2006).

- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Burqin village west of Salfit and demolished two houses owned by Mwafaq Tawfiq 'Abed El Rahman and 'Abed El 'Aziz 'Ezat Khater uner the pretext that the houses were built without licenses. Maan news (May 29, 2006).

Ramallah

- The IOF hindered residents from Jenin, Tulkarm and Nablus Governorates north of the West Bank from accessing Al Nabi Elias checkpoint south of Salfit in a way to separate the northern part of the West Bank from its southern one. Wafa (May 5, 2006).
- The IOF dynamited a two-storey building and several numbers of commercial stores in Al Bhalou' area in Ramallah city, causing severe damages. Ma'an news & Wafa (May 23, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers set fire into a Palestinian house in [Bal'in village](#) in Ramallah governorate, causing severe losses to the house. Wafa (May 28, 2006). See Map of Bal'in



Jericho

- The Israeli bulldozers razed the stalls in Marj Na'ja and Marj Ghazal villages to the north of Jericho. Stalls belong to Nader Mahmud Khalil, Wael Mahmud Khalil, 'Ayed Jamil, Muhammad Ahmad Rashed and Yousif Hassan. Wafa (May 15, 2006).

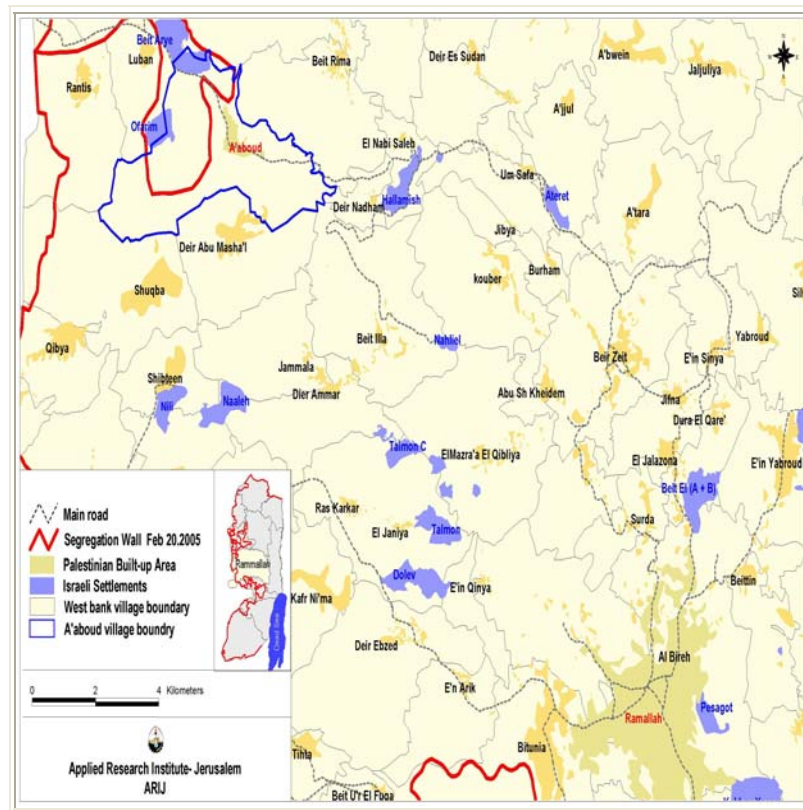
Tubas

- The IOF notified Palestinian farmers of Tammun and Tubas north of the West Bank of their intention to confiscate their vehicles behind the two erected trenches in Sahl Al Beqa'a if they try to move them. It is worth mentioning that more than 20,000 dunums of agricultural lands are isolated behind the trenches. Wafa (May 3, 2006). **Click here for related reports ([R1](#) & [R2](#))**
- The Israeli authorities continued constructing the Israeli religious University in Wadi El Maleh area in the northern valleys. Wafa (May 6, 2006).
- The IOF finished the construction of an electronic fence around Mechola settlement in the northern valleys in order to provide security to Israeli settlers. Wafa (May 7, 2006). **Click here for related reports ([R1](#) & [R2](#))**
- The Israeli forces demolished more than 13 agricultural stalls in Bardala and Kardala towns in the northern valleys east of Tubas and announced road 90 as a closed military area, hindering the Palestinian access to it. Among the owners, the following were known: Saleh Fuqaha, Mu'taz Sawafta, 'Awad Muhammad 'Awad, Jihad Daraghma, 'Akef Sawafta, Muntaser Fuqaha, Samir Sawafta and Hamuda Sawafta. Wafa (May 14, 2006). **Click here for related reports ([R1](#) & [R2](#))**
- The IOF hindered Palestinians residents from reaching the area around Tayseer checkpoint east of Tubas city. Quds (May 19, 2006).
- The IOF staged into Al Bikai'a area east of Tubas and aggressed on the house of Jamel Bani Odeh, causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (May 21, 2006).
- The Israeli forces hindered Palestinian landowners to harvest their Wheat Harvest in Al Bikai'a plain north of the West Bank under the pretext of its location close to the military area. Wafa (May 21, 2006).
- The Israeli forces put electronic cameras on Tayseer and Al Hamra checkpoints in the northern valleys. Wafa (May 22, 2006).

- Settlers of Rotem settlement continued hedging a pre-confiscated lands in Wadi El Maleh area with barbed wires in order to attach it to the settlement borders. Wafa (May 25, 2006). **Click here for related reports (R1 & R2)**
- Expansion colonial activities are taking place in Bega'ot settlement east of Tubas city north of the West Bank. Wafa (May 27, 2006).

Qalqilyia

- The IOF hindered Palestinian landowners in Kfar Qadum village east of Qalqilyia from accessing their lands planted with Wheat and Barely under the pretext of not having permits. Wafa (May 2, 2006).
- The Israeli Supreme Court endorsed the constructing of part of the Segregation Wall in south of Qalqilyia city which contains the two settlements of Beit Arye and Ofarim and isolating 3900 dunums of lands owned by residents of ['Aboud village](#). As a result, 1100 Olive trees will be uprooted due to this violation. Arabs48 (May 22, 2006). **See Map of 'Aboud**



- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a 150 m² building owned by Salem 'Abed Allah 'Abbas, a 150m wall owned by Hakam Abu Tabakh and a 75 m² barrack which belong to Muhammad Mehasin in Al Fandaq village east of Qalqiliya. Wafa (May 24, 2006).

Hebron

- The Israeli authorities issued three military orders in Hebron Governorate to demolish 2 houses under the pretext of being unlicensed and confiscate lands; the first house has an area of 150 m² and belongs to Issa Hassan 'Abed Al Hamid Al Jabarin in Sa'er town ; while the second house has an area of 240 m² (agricultural barracks) and is owned by Isma'il Jamal Hamed Al Rajaby; whereby, the last military order states the confiscation of 7 dunums of lands from Al Samu' town in order to establish a new military base in Ghwan Al Fawqa area. Lands belong to Muhammad 'Atta Allah Dahdulan, Muhammad Ahmad Abu 'Awad, Othman Odeh Al Mahariq, 'Abed El Fatah Musa Al Mahariq and Bajes 'Ayesh Al Badarin. Wafa (May 3, 2006).
- The IOF took over several numbers of commercial stores in Hebron city which belong to 'Ali Al Qawasmy after forcing the owner and the workers to evacuate the stores under the threat of weapons. The stores were turned into military posts. Wafa (May 4, 2005).
- The Israeli Supreme Court agreed on evacuating 20 Israeli settlers from a pre-occupied house (consists of three floors) in Hebron city after claiming their ownership of the house. Quds (May 5, 2006).
- The IOF issued an order to close the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city and hindered Palestinian residents from accessing it after announcing the area as closed military area. Wafa (May 7, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers uprooted 70 Olive seedlings owned by Khalil Hlahleh in Al Samu' village south of Hebron, causing severe damages. Quds (May 9, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities handed resident Rateb Muhammad Ibrahim Badawy in Halhul town north of Hebron city military warning to demolish his two-storey house (300 m²) under the pretext of not having building permits. Wafa (May 9, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Ramat Yesha' in Hebron transferred the pre-confiscated three dunums of lands of Abu Haykal to a theme park after being used as a military base. Quds (May 12, 2006).

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- The Israeli forces handed resident Musa 'Abed El Hamid Abu Sbeih from Yatta town south of Hebron city military order to stop constructing his 100 m² house preparing it for demolition. Wafa (May 13, 2006).
- The Israeli Civil Administration posted demolition orders to 18 buildings in the Mo'an Farm outpost south of Hebron Mountain. Haaretz (May 31, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities handed residents Mu'tasim Hassan Ibrahim Abu 'Ayash, Essam Abu 'Ayash, Marwan Musa Hussein 'Alkam and Khaled Muhammad Al 'Alama military warnings to stop the construction in their houses in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city, preparing them for demolition under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (May 14, 2006).
- The Israeli Chief Commander of the West Bank issued military order number (5766- 2006) to construct iron bridges and ant-bullet sheets inside the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city for security reasons. Quds (May 17, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Beit 'Ain aggressed on the agricultural lands in Beit Ummar town and destroyed the agricultural crops which belong to Muhammad 'Abed El Hamed Al Selaiby. Wafa (May 20, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of La Sefer east of Yatta town south of Hebron city destroyed the tents and barracks owned by Ibrahim Abu Qbeita, causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (May 21, 2006).
- A report issued by Hebron's Governorate agricultural department showed that the total number of dunums confiscated to construct the Segregation Wall in Hebron governorate reached to 6191 excluding Dura town and the nearby villages; whereby, the uprooted trees reached to 23354 trees mostly Olives, Almonds and field crops. Wafa (May 23, 2006).
- The Israeli troops took over the house of Maher 'Abed Ghannam in Dura town and turned it into military post. Wafa (May 24, 2006).
- The IOF demolished the 600 m² barracks and some commercial buildings in Beit Ummar town north of Hebron city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Properties belong to Habes Shehda 'Abed El 'Aziz Al 'Alama and Ayman Muhammad Mafdy Al 'Alama with estimated losses of NIS 100,000. Wafa (May 25, 2006).
- Israel will enlarge the Israeli settlement enclaves in Hebron city and include them within Israel's Final borders. The Israeli neighborhoods in Hebron will be connected to the nearby settlement of Qiryat Arba' while the the two remaining communities will be included in Israel. Haaretz (May 26, 2006).

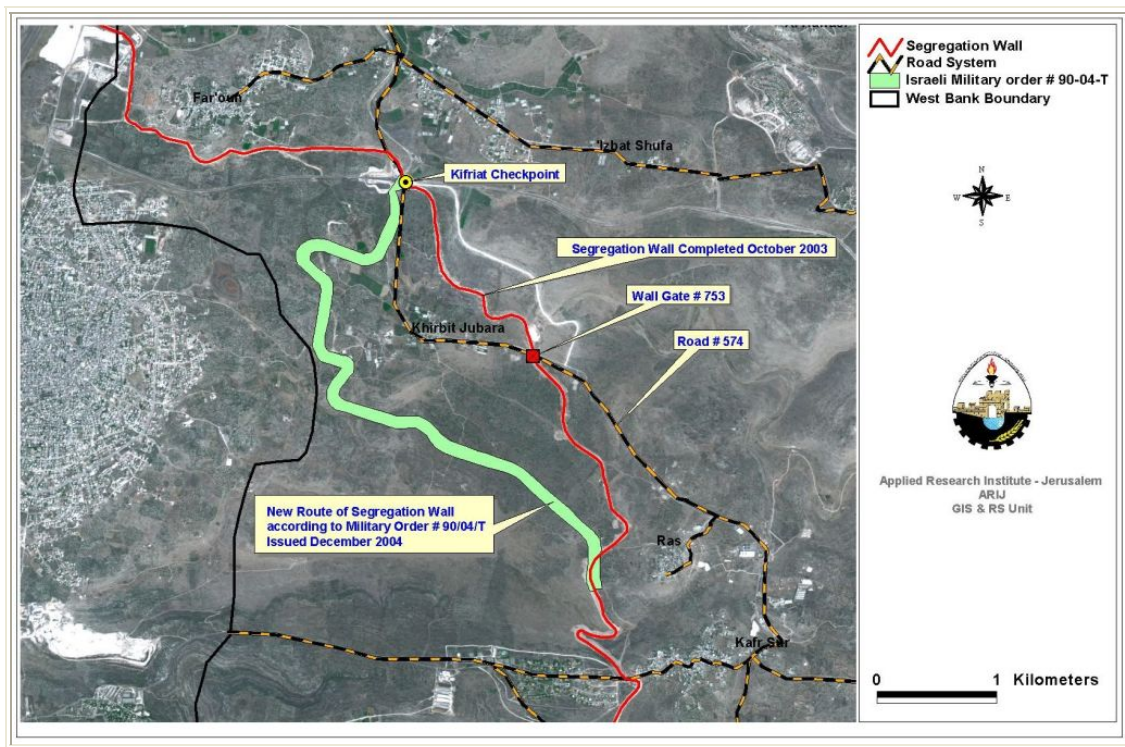
- The Israeli Chief Commander of the West Bank issued Military order # (T/33/06) to confiscate more than 30 dunums of lands planted with Olives in Al Jab'a village northwest of Hebron Governorate for the Wall process along 340 meters of land with a range of 48-100 meters wide. Lands belong to 'Ezat Abu Latifa, Ibrahim Al Tus, 'Ali Hamdan, 'Abed El Hamed Al Tus, the inheritance of 'Attiya Al Tus and Mahmoud Abu Luha. Wafa (May 30, 2006).

Nablus

- The Israeli forces closed the main entrance of Beita village south of Nablus city with earth mounds and hindered residents from accessing it. Quds (May 1, 2006).
- The IOF demolished the wall that surrounds Huwwara secondary School south of Nablus city. Wafa (May 2, 2006).
- The Israeli forces aggressed on tens of commercial stores in Ghernata and Suq Al Basal Streets in the old city of Nablus, causing severe damages. Quds (May 9, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers of Bracha outpost broke into a Palestinian owned quarry in Huwwara village in Nablus and set fire into several numbers of caravans. Arabs48 (May 12, 2006).
- The IOF handed residents of 'Asera Al Shamaliya military orders to confiscate 5 dunums and 400 meters of lands located on blocks 28, 46, 42, 50, 900 and 0 (road) which belong to Amna 'Abed Allah Sawalha, Kamil Yousif Hassan Sawalha, 'Abed El Latif Yousif Hassan Sawalha, Ahmad 'Abed Allah Yousif Jamous and Wafiq Fatouh Hamdan Fatouh. Wafa (May 22, 2006).
- The IOF constructed new Iron Gate at Huwwara checkpoint south of Nablus city. Wafa (May 22, 2006).
- The Israeli forces continued taking over the three houses of Higazi Reziq, Najeeb Khdaire and Maher Sameh 'Abed El Jalil in Beita village south of Nablus city. Wafa (May 28, 2006).
- The Israeli Supreme Court approved the resumption of wall constructions around the settlement of Shavei Shomron despite petitions filed against it by Palestinian residents and land owners. The construction of the Wall would penetrate deep into the Palestinian land and would confiscate 53 dunums of it and uproot 350 olive trees. Arabs48 (May 31, 2006).

Tulkarem

- The IOF uprooted 30 Olive and 25 Fig trees owned by Rabah El Din Zeidan in Ramin village east of Tulkarm, causing severe damages. Wafa (May 7, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities handed the village council of [Khirbet Jubara](#) south of Tulkarm military warning to stop the construction of the new elementary school in the area under the pretext of being built in Area C (under the full Israeli control) and being build without permits. Wafa (May 12, 2006). See [Map of Jubara Village](#)



Gaza

- The Israeli bulldozers uprooted hundreds of Olive and Almond trees planted into 10 dunums of lands east of Al Qarara town south of the Gaza Strip. Lands belong to Jum'a and 'Abed Rabou Al Sumary. In addition the IOF constructed several numbers of military towers along the eastern borders. Wafa (May 11, 2006).
- The IOF constructed new military base in 'Abasan Al Kabera town east of Khan Yunis governorate. Wafa (May 27, 2006).

Others

- Hundreds of houses are threatened of demolition in Jesr Al Zarqa village under the pretext of being unlicensed. Arabs48 (May 2, 2006).
- The Israeli settlers aggressed on Al Manshiya Mosque in Akko city, causing severe damages to the properties. Quds (May 3, 2006).
- The Israeli Supreme Court rejected the appeal handed by Palestinian residents to stop the construction of a security zone around Shave Shomron settlement north of the West Bank, which, as a result, will destroy their hundreds of Olive trees in the area. Quds (May 10, 2006).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished three Palestinian houses under the pretext of being unlicensed in the Negev area. The houses belong to Abu Judeh and Al 'Iwedat families. Wafa (May 10, 2006).
- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and the Israeli Minister of Defense are planning to evacuate 6 Israeli outposts in the West Bank and they **are**:
 - Ramat Gil'ad (Giv'at Hadakel) near Karne Shomron settlement
 - Ma'ale Rehbam to the south of Kidummim settlement
 - Giv'at Haro'eh 2 kilometers of 'Eli settlement
 - Giv'at Asaf (Mizpe Asaf) to the southeast of Beit El
 - Mizpe Kalesh to the west of Nigohot settlement
 - Mizpe Yizhar (Giv'at Yizhar) near Yizhar settlement. Quds (May 17, 2006)
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior demolished four houses, two commercial stores and two barracks northeast of Road # 25 in the Negev. Arabs48 (May 17, 2006).
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior handed residents of 'Arab Al Zayada north of Rahat city military warnings to demolish 15 houses under the pretext of not being licensed. Arabs48+ Quds (May 18, 2006).
- The Israeli Ministry of Defense agreed on expanding four Israeli settlements in the West Bank, Pisgat Zeev in Jerusalem, Bittar Illit (to be expanded on 400 dunums of lands) in Bethlehem, Oranit in Qalqilyia and and Maskiyot in the Jordan Valley. Arabs48 (May 21, 2006).
- The Israeli authorities delayed the evacuation of 'Ali Muhammad Shahen in 'Akko city for 10 days. Wafa (May 23, 2006).
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior demolished three houses owned by Al Omrany family in Abu Talul village in the Negev, claiming that they were built without licenses. Arabs48 (May 24, 2006).

- The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is planning to evacuate 24 Israeli outposts in the West Bank. First of the evacuation agenda will be outposts whose settlers have been involved in violent attacks on Palestinians from nearby villages, such as Skali Farm (near Elon Moreh), Arusi Farm (Bracha B) and Hill 725 (near Yitzhar) the three outposts are located in Nablus area. Haaretz (May 30, 2006).

District	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0
Jerusalem	0	1397	0	3	16
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarem	0	0	55	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	2	0
Nablus	5	53	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	2	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	275	0	0
Qalqilyia	0	0	0	1	0
Hebron	37	0	670	0	8
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	42	1450	1000	8	24

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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