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Bethlehem

- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished 2 residential structures and a water collection system owned by resident Laila Jabra Atallah Khalilieh in Al Makhroun area west Beit Jala city. The IO bulldozers also razed 52 electric poles planted in the road leading to Al Makhroun and a paved road. DWG (April 3, 2012).
- A group of Israeli settlers have planted saplings on 2,000 square meters of land in the Ein al-Qassis area of al-Khader village west of Bethlehem city. The land belongs to Hasan Mousa Hasan, who had planted wheat on the fields. Settlers planted the saplings in an attempt to confiscate more land. Maannews (April 4, 2012)
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied by the Israeli Civil Administration uprooted more than 90 Olive trees owned by Al Jbour family in Yatta town under the pretext that the Olive trees are planted on lands owned by the State of Israel. Al Ayyam (April 4, 2012).
- Israel's Housing Ministry published tenders for the construction of hundreds of new housing units in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Har Homa, located beyond the Green Line. The five tenders published by the ministry include 827 new housing units, most of which, 632, are to be part of a new section of the neighborhood called Har Homa Gimel, which is slated to be built on an empty hill. The new construction will significantly expand Har Homa to the south and east,

bringing it closer to Palestinian towns Beit Sahour and Nuaman. Har Homa Gimel is actually a new neighborhood being presented as part of an existing neighborhood, adding that its construction would make the existing disconnect between Bethlehem and Jerusalem permanent. Another tender to build 180 housing units in Giv'at Ze'ev settlement north of Jerusalem city [Haaretz \(April 5, 2012\)](#)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Al Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem against the construction of the wall and the confiscation of lands for that purpose. No injuries were reported. (Wafa (April 6, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed Husan Village northwest of Bethlehem city and raided three stores for auto repair and construction materials in Al Shahed area in the village which belong to resident Muhammad Issa Sabateen. During the raid, the IOA confiscated many equipments including water pumps and forklift trucks under the pretext that the store were built in the area classified as "C", which falls under the full Israeli control. The IOA handed resident Sabateen a notification to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police at the Israeli Liaison Office in Etzion. Wafa (April 18, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the entrance of Al Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem city and hindered citizens and vehicles from coming close to the Wall area. Palestinian citizens clashed with Israeli soldiers. Wafa (April 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the container checkpoint, linking the West Bank northern Governorates with its southern, for hours and obstructed the movement of Palestinian vehicles. Al Quds (April 23, 2012).
- Tens of Israeli settlers in Roman settlement outpost east of Tequ' village fenced off 60 dunums of Palestinian owned lands located near the outpost. The lands are owned by the families of Jibrin, Abu Mfareh and Qa'qura and are planted with Olive trees. Wafa (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers raided Um Rukba area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city and demolished an animal shed (150 square meters area) owned by citizen Mahmoud Mustafa Imran Salah under the pretext of being built without license. The IO bulldozers also

demolished a retaining wall and razed the lands surrounding the animal shed. Wafa (April 24, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked Palestinian citizens and International activists with batons and rifles to prevent them from reaching their lands that were confiscated by the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall in Al Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem city. The IOA tried to close all village entrances to hinder Palestinians from coming nearby the Israeli Segregation wall. Wafa (April 27, 2012).
- A Palestinian worker (Fayeq Kaheel Salah, 43 years) from Al Khader village was injured in his leg (suffered from a broken foot) as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) chased him while on his way to his work in Jerusalem. Mr. Salah is a father of 6 people. Wafa (April 27, 2012).
- More than 200 Israeli settlers staged at dawn into Solomon's Pools west of Bethlehem city escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The Settlers toured the area and carried out provocative action before leaving the area at 8:00 am. PNN (April 27, 2012).

Jenin

- The Israeli occupation army raided a number of stores and a barber shop in Kufeirat village, interrogated their owners and checked in their ID cards. The IOA also set up at the entrance of the village, stopped Palestinian cards and check the ID cards of the drivers. Owners of the raided stores are: Sa'id Fares, Muhammad Baker Ghazzawi and Nizar Hussein Ighbariya. Wafa (April 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of Ziad 'Awad Tawfeek 'Alawna and Naser Abdel Karim 'Alawna in Jba' village in Jenin Governorate. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation army prevented crews of the Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture from opening an agricultural roads east of Raba village east of Jenin, confiscated two bulldozers and some other equipments owned by the Ministry under the pretext that the area is classified as "Nature Reserve" and is located in Area "C". The IOA also detained the drivers of the bulldozers and took the equipments to the Jordan Valley. Al Quds (April 4, 2012)

- Tens of Israeli Settlers raided Al Hafeera area south of Jenin city, between Qabatyia and Marka villages, carried out provocative actions in the agricultural lands and insulted Palestinian land owners. Wafa (April 8, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided agricultural lands in Al Yamun village west of Jenin city and carried out a wide search campaign for artesian water wells in the area and questioned a number of Palestinian farmers. Wafa (April 10, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided several Palestinian houses in Qabatyia town south of Jenin city. The raided houses are owned by Abdel Rahman Nazzal, Rami Abdel Rahman Nazzal and Hassan Abdel Rahman Nazzal, searched them and messed with their contents. The IOA took Abdel Rahman and his son Rami to Jabal Al Zakarneh (Al Zakarneh Mountain area) under the pretext of searching for his wanted son, Sayf. Wafa (April 11, 2012).
- The Israeli Civil Administration along with Israel Antiquities Authority protected by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Kufeirat village southwest of Jenin city and photographed some of the village's houses and historical areas. The IOA checked citizens' ID cards and questioned some of them. The house of Ahmad Abdel Haj Hammad was photographed. Wafa (April 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Zababda village southwest of Jenin city, spread its forces in the Olive groves of the village near At Tarem village. Wafa (April 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Fahma village south of Jenin city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses. The IOA fired Gas Bombs inside the houses; as a result, many suffered Gas inhalation. The house of Burham Mara'ba was among the raided houses in Fahma village. Wafa (April 22, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided 'Arraba and Kafr Ra'I villages in Jenin Governorate and toured its jeeps and patrols in the streets and alleys in a provocative way. Wafa (April 22, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at Zahret Al Fenjan landfill south of Jenin city stopped Palestinians cars

and check citizens' ID cards. No arrests were reported. Wafa (April 22, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Silat Al Harthiya village in Jenin Governorate and carried out provocative actions in the village and clashed with Palestinians. Safa (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Ti'innik village in Jenin Governorate, carried out a thorough search and fired sound bombs, no arrests were reported. Safa (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Zabuba village in Jenin Governorate, closed its entrance and set up a watch point on the roof of one of the Palestinian houses in the village until dawn. Safa (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Rummana village and stationed in the Girl's school and carried out thorough search in the village. Safa (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Rami Muhammad Qalalwa in Al Jadeeda village in Jenin Governorate, searched it and messed with its contents. Wafa (April 24, 2012).
- Tens of Israeli settlers stationed at Homesh evacuated site and set up a checkpoint nearby. The settlers destroyed the front glass of a number of Palestinian cars driving on Jenin Nablus road by hurling stones at them. The cars of Nizar Abu Baker (33 years) from Ya'bad village south of Jenin city and the car of Muhammad Abdul Rahman from Jenin city were among the attacked cars. Wafa (April 26, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated a Palestinian owned car at Al Jalameh checkpoint north of Jenin city after chasing its owner and failing to arrest him. Wafa (April 27, 2012).
- The IOA also raided Abu Sirriya building in Al Zahra neighborhood in Jenin city and stormed the house of the released Prisoner, Sahreef Tahayna, searched it and messed with its contents. Wafa (April 30, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Beir Al Basha village south of Jenin city, toured its military jeeps in the streets and alleys, no arrests were reported. Wafa (April 30, 2012).

Jerusalem

- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the Jerusalem office of a university media institute, shutting down the launch of an online media network and detaining employees. Plainclothes police shut down the launch of the Hona al-Quds news site in the al-Khalidiya neighborhood of Jerusalem's Old City, and confiscated equipment and files. Two employees -- Adel Ruished and Mohannad Izheman -- were detained, and guests attending the launch were blocked from entering. Employees were presented with an order signed by the Israeli minister of internal security forbidding the event as a banned initiative of the Palestinian National Authority. The launch was intended to take place simultaneously with the institute's Ramallah office by Skype. Israeli police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said the facility was "closed until further notice," on suspicions of use for Palestinian official activity in Jerusalem. Maannews (April 3, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stopped Governor of Jerusalem 'Adnan Al Hussein and Ahmad Al Ruweidi, advisor to President Abbas in the old city of Jerusalem during their raid to the Social work center affiliated to Al Quds University. The IOA detained the ID cards of both the Governor and the advisor without giving a justification and also detained the ID cards of some other people who were present at the site. Wafa (April 3, 2012).
- Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat announced that he intends to promote the establishment of a new Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem. About 200 new homes are being planned for the new neighborhood, known as Kidmat Zion, on a plot of land claimed to be purchased by U.S. millionaire Irving Moskowitz, a longtime patron of Jewish settlers in East Jerusalem. That step is expected to come if and when the planning budget for the new neighborhood is approved during one of the next meetings of the Knesset Finance Committee. Kidmat Zion lies between the East Jerusalem Palestinian towns of Abu Dis and Jabal Mukkaber, close to the separation wall. The location is considered one of the most sensitive in East Jerusalem, due to its proximity to the building designated as the future home of the Palestinian parliament and its

distance from other Jewish neighborhoods. The land is claimed to be purchased by ultra-Orthodox Jews from Mea She'arim around the turn of the 20th century, and by Moskowitz over the past few decades for the Ateret Cohanim association, an organization which brought in a number of Jewish families, who live alongside Palestinian families. [Haaretz \(April 3, 2012\)](#).

- The Head of the Committee for the Defense of Silwan, Fakhri Abu Diab revealed about a new settlement outpost located below the seven arches hotel at the foot of the Mount of Olives / Al-Tur overlooking the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Old City of Jerusalem. Abu Diab indicated that the security of the occupation was running a limited number of offices in this region, but turned in complete secrecy and by night work to a complete outpost located in the most sensitive areas in Jerusalem. Al Quds Media (April 4, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities will celebrate the opening of a new Police station in the Mount of Olives area near Al Aqsa Mosque in the presence of the Israeli minister of internal security affairs. ARN (April 5, 2012).
- More than 90 Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque and tried to perform religious rituals on the occasion of the Jewish Passover festival which lasts for one week. The settlers toured inside Al Aqsa Mosque and organized a provocative dancing and singing ceremony on their way out of Al Aqsa Mosque. Al Ayyam (April 9, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Police closed all entrances leading to the Old City of Jerusalem and only allowed pedestrian movement as to secure the passage of Israelis to the Wailing Wall area for prayers. Wafa (April 9, 2012).
- The Israel occupation Army is not allowing vehicles in or out of A-Ram, a Palestinian city of 60,000 northeast of Jerusalem, under the pretext of increase in stone and firebomb throwing at Israeli army patrols by local youth, the Israeli army claimed. The Israeli Army placed large boulders across all four lanes of the road at the city's main entrance to block incoming and outgoing vehicular traffic. City residents have another road at their disposal, but it is a narrow dirt road some four kilometers from the main entrance. Because of the distance and difficulty driving on that road, many residents have to improvise ways to get in and out of town. [Haaretz \(April 9, 2012\)](#).

- The Israeli Occupation Police brought four Palestinian minors from At Tur area to the reconciliation Court west of Jerusalem in order to either extend their detention or release them with conditions. The Israeli occupation authorities accuse the four children of hurling stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli cars driving the road on the 18 of March 2012. The Israeli police tend to advance to the Court a request to release three of the children on conditions while keep on detaining the fourth child until the 'completion of all legal proceedings against him'. Wafa (April 16, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed lands in Wadi Ar Rababa area near Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city, and put Jewish graves and fake monuments. Wafa (April 18, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities hindered, grand mufti of Jerusalem Akrama Sabri banned from entering Al Aqsa Mosque for a period of Two months. Wafa (April 18, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation Authorities demolished residential tents and other facilities belonging to Bedouin families in al-Khalayleh area. The demolition resulted in 45 people displaced, including more than 30 children. The five Bedouin households saw their homes demolished, as well as five external kitchens and five animal shelters. The community has suffered repeated demolitions in the past year. DWG & Wafa (April 18, 2012).
- A Palestinian refugee family (Khaled An Natsha family) residing in Beit Hanina in East Jerusalem was forcibly evicted by Israeli authorities, where at least 14 people have been displaced, including a pregnant woman and a number of children. The eviction was authorized by Israeli courts, following a court case brought against the family by an Israeli settler association, which plans to build around 60 housing units for settlers in the area. The home has been sealed, while the family's personal belongings have been removed to an unknown location. Since 2001, the An Natsha family has suffered repeated settler violence and harassment at the hands of settler groups insisting that they leave their homes. These attacks have intensified in recent months. DWG (April 18, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers started razing agricultural owned lands in Qalandyia area northwest of Jerusalem city. The Israeli took

over 400 dunums of land of Qalandyia village for the construction of the Segregation Wall to isolate the village from Jerusalem. The razed lands are owned by Shareef Awadallah and his brothers. Wafa (April 22, 2012).

- The Israeli government decided to expand the illegal Nof Zion settlement outpost in Jabal Al-Mukabber, in occupied East Jerusalem, buy approving the construction of additional 217 new housing units. The project falls under a plan, known as Project 8815; 100 units were built in the first stage of the project (plan number 4558), while the second phase will lead to the construction of 217 new units. On March, 29, Israel published details of the plan for appeals purposes, and also announced bids for the construction of 645 units for Jewish settlers in Jabal Al-Mukabber (plan number 12825), both residential and commercial units, and another bid for the construction of a commercial area (plan number 7509). Israel also announced bids for the construction of 180 units in Gan Ayalon neighborhood, in Givat Zeev illegal settlement (plan number 10/220. Israel also announced that structural plan of a number of hotels that will be built on lands that belong to Beit Safa Palestinian town, in East Jerusalem, adding that most of the lands in question belong to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in the city. Israel also intends to build stone factories on lands that belong to the residents of Doura and Ath-Thahiriyya, near the southern West Bank city of Hebron, in addition to construction projects in resource-rich areas located on 12 square/meters near Rammoun, Anata, Ath-Thahiriyya and Doura. IMEMC (April 22, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Awadallah Family, owners of the targeted lands in Qalandyia village northwest of Jerusalem city. The IOA tried to evacuate the family of Shareef Awadallah and his brothers from their houses which are built on 2 dunums land in order to take over the land they're living on and a nearby garden (6.5 dunums) owned by the family for the construction of the Israeli Segregation Wall. The targeted lands are estimated at 400 dunums area. Wafa (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation army along with Jewish groups and organizations continue their attacks at Al Aqsa Mosque, the latest of which was organizing a march under the name "March of the doors" to mark the beginning of the Hebrew month. The Jewish groups toured a number of alleyways of Jerusalem's Old City near the gates of Al Aqsa Mosque, during which chanting slogans against Arabs, Muslims, and

calls to speed up the construction of temple. The "Al-Aqsa Foundation" for Waqf and Heritage stated that an organization under the name of "El Har Hamur", which is part of Jewish organizations coalition and is active in promoting the construction of the temple at the expense of Al Aqsa Mosque - with the participation of some 200 members of the organization, males and females, mostly young people, organized a night march, entitled "return to the Temple Mount, to build the temple and sacrificial slaughter" began at seven in the evening from the plaza (Al Buraq Square) towards Al Wad neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem and moved along the gates of Al Aqsa Mosque from the west, then north. Participants carried flags with the picture of the temple on them. The march also witnessed Jewish dancing and Talmudic anthem which include a call to speed up the construction of the temple and chanting slogans against Arabs and Muslims. Maannews (April 23, 2012).

- The Israeli Police raided the house of Ahmad Sarhan in Al Abbassiya neighborhood in Silwan city, arrested him along with his two sons (Tamer and Muhammad) after attacking and beating them and took them to Al Maskobiyeh detention center. The Israeli Police also arrested two Palestinians, Ishaq and Nael Jalajel. It is worth mentioning that members of Sarhan Family went to check on Ahmad Sarhan in Al Maskobiyeh detention center in west Jerusalem, the Police clashed with them and caused serious injury to Yacoub Sarhan, arrested Mahmoud, Musa, Ameen and Amer Sarhan. Al Quds (April 29, 2012).

Hebron

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) hindered Palestinian citizens from reaching their lands in Al Kotla Hamlet (Khallet Al Kotla) near Karmeit Zsur settlement south of Beit Ummer town and arrested resident Hussein Ramzi Khader 'Allamah (14 years) and took him to unknown destination. Wafa (April 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at Beit Kahel's village entrance north of Hebron city, detained Palestinians and checked in their ID cards. ARN (April 1, 2012)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up sudden checkpoints at Al Fawwar road junction south of Hebron city and Halhul Bridge. ARN (April 2, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Karmeit Tzur settlement razed agricultural lands and uprooted tens of fruit trees (Grapes and plum) in lands located adjacent to the settlement and are owned by Sabarna, Awad and Abu Maria in Beit Ummer town. The razing process comes in preparation for opening a 300 meters long road that will link between the housing units that have been built last year northwest of the settlement and Palestinian lands which are threatened of confiscation east of the settlement. It is worth mentioning that the threatened lands to the east of the settlement are off access to Palestinians since 6 years and are estimated at tens of dunums. Wafa (April 2, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement north of At Tuwani village are working for the third day on row to construct a 100 meters long road on lands owned by Al Hreini and Shawaheen families in the area. The targeted lands are estimated at 25 dunums. Al Ayyam (April 2, 2012).
- "Jewish settlers who took over a house in Hebron's Arab area should be allowed to stay", comments, made by Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz, adding that similar actions, as long as they are done through the proper legal channels, should be encouraged. The comments came amid a debate within Israel's leadership as to the way in which the state should respond to Sunday's takeover. The Israel Defense Forces issued an eviction order on Monday for the settlers, according to which they had until Tuesday at 3:00 PM to evacuate the house on their own will, after which "the authorities will act to restore the building to its previous state." However, later in the day Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly asked Defense Minister Ehud Barak to postpone the evacuation, with officials in [Netanyahu's office](#) saying the premier asked Barak "to allow the settlers to pursue action through legal channels." [Haaretz \(April 3, 2012\)](#).
- The Israeli Occupation army bulldozers accompanied by officers of the Israeli Civil Administration raided Kherbit Um An Nir east of Yatta town and razed 50 dunums of lands planted with Olive and Alomnd trees. The bulldozers also destroyed the walls and barbed wires surrounding the land which is owned by Al Jbour and Abu Sweleh Families. The IO bulldozers also demolished two water wells owned

by Issa and Muhammad Hussein Muhammad Al Jbour. Wafa (April 3, 2012).

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Bani Na'im village east of Hebron, fired Gas Bombs at Palestinian citizens and their houses without reason, causing a state of fear among. PNN (April 3, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army jeeps (IOA) raided a communication shop in Al Haras area in Hebron city owned by Zaheda family, surrounded the shop and inspected the ID cards of all the people who were present in the shop. ARN (April 4, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Avigel outpost established on lands of Um Al 'Arayes area east of Yatta town are carrying out expansion activities in the outpost on five dunums of lands to add new housing units despite a court's order to evacuate the site and give the land back to its original owners, Jabarin, Muhammad and Abu 'Arram families. Wafa (April 4, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Ramat Yeshai settlement and other settlers from Kiryat Arba' settlement attacked Palestinian houses in Tel Ar Rumeida area, chased residents with Molotov cocktails and hurled stones at them. Settlers' attacks caused the burning of a house owned by Seder Family and a car owned by Qfeisha family. Settlers also beat a child from Al Taweel family. These attacks came to prevent the evacuation of Abu Rajab house which was taken over by settlers two days ago. Wafa (April 5, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Peni Hever fired live bullets at Palestinian farmers while they working in their lands in Al Hamra area near the settlement and made holes to the wheels of the cars and the tractor at the site. Maannews (April 5, 2012).
- The settlers who were evicted from the Rajab's Family House (known by the Israelis as Machpelah house) in Hebron pitched a tent near the property and expressed intention to remain there until they are permitted to reenter the home. The group intends to hold a Passover seder and other activities at the tent in order to step up pressure on Barak. [Ynetnews \(April 6, 2012\)](#).
- The Israeli occupation Authorities (IOA) arrested two International activists (an Israeli and an American) and the Palestinian resident

Hamza Abu Hshem in Beit Ummer north of Hebron city as the IOA suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration that took place in Al Talla area near Karmeizur settlement. Wafa (April 7, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city for two days and opened it entirely for Israeli settlers for Jewish Passover Holiday. Wafa (April 8, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided Al 'Arroub Refugee camp and Idhna town and searched a number of Palestinian houses and messed with their contents. The houses of Shaher Mahmoud Jawabra and Mahmoud Abu Jheisha were among the attacked houses. ARN (April 8, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) forced Palestinian store owners along Bir Al Sabe' road in Hebron city to close their stores and asked residents to evacuate the streets to allow for the passage of Israeli settlers to an old Archeological site entitled "Otniel, son of Kenaz" to practice religious rituals. Settlers attacked international activists who were present at the site. Wafa (April 8, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closes the Ibrahimi Mosque in the face of Muslim prayers for the second day on row to allow settlers celebrating Jewish Passover to perform religious rituals. Wafa (April 9, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked the houses of Mufeed Al Sharabati and Zeidan Al Sharabati Al Shuhada Street in Hebron city using sniffer dogs and carried out thorough search to the houses. The IOA forced residents of the two houses including women and children to leave their houses which caused a state of fear among them. The IOA broke the surveillance cameras installed on the house to monitor the Israeli violations. Wafa (April 9, 2012).
- Thousands of Israeli settlers arrived in Hebron to celebrate the Passover holiday and pray at the Ibrahimi Mosque area (Cave of the Patriarchs as named by Israel). Numerous artists and musicians came to pray and pay their respects to the historic city – and put on a concert for the masses. ARN (April 10, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained seven Palestinians and four internationals in the southern West Bank during Bil'in's

conference on popular struggle. Three people were injured in the incident outside the Ibrahimi Mosque following an altercation between the participants after a nearby conference and Israeli settlers. IOA attacked Abdullah Abu Rahmah, the popular resistance coordinator who was hosting the conference, before detaining him. An unidentified French activist and Nariman Tamimi from Nabi Saleh were also hurt. IOA also detained Hussam Khatib from Bilin, Kifah Mansour from Bilin, Abdullah Yassin and Mahmoud Zawahreh from al-Maasara, Issa Amro from Hebron, Tamer al-Atrash from Hebron, and four foreigners whose identifies were not disclosed. Maannews (April 11, 2012)

- Seven Israeli settlers from susiya settlement established on lands of yatta town attacked and beat resident Sameeha Ismae'il Salamah An Nawaj'a (40 years) near her house in Susiya valley south of Hebron city. Mrs An Nawaj'a suffered bruises in all her body. Wfa (April 11, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) attacked Palestinian citizens, volunteers and staff working in a field hospital that was set up in Tel Rumeida neighborhood in Hebron, in the olive groves, near the Al Arba'een Mosque, which was closed by the IOA some years ago. The IOA surrounded the field hospital, detained a number of Palestinian citizens and staff working in it, and conducted inspections to them after detaining them for long hours. Wafa (April 13, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Kiryat Arba' settlement established on lands of Hebron city attacked citizen Shaker Al Tamimi (63 years) and his son Muhannad (19 years) while they were working in their land in Jabal Jales (Jales Mountain) near the settlement. The settlers also uprooted tens of Olive trees and destroyed field crops planted in Al Tamimi's land and other neighboring Palestinian lands. Wafa (April 13, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Avigal outpost uprooted and destroyed 24 Olive trees in Al Kharouba area east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. The trees belong to Jibril Musa Khalil Rubi'. Israeli settlers also chased Palestinian Shepherds and International activists who were documenting the incident and hurled stones at Palestinian houses. Wafa (April 13, 2012).
- Israeli settlers residing in Ma'on settlement fired live bullets at Palestinian citizens and shepherds in At Tuwani area east of Yatta town south of Hebron city in an attempt to hinder Palestinian land

owners from coming again to their lands located near the aforementioned settlement. Wafa (April 15, 2012)

- Israeli settlers attacked Younis Shareef (21 Years) from Beit Ula village in Hebron Governorate. Mr. Younis suffered bruises in all his body parts. Wafa (April 15, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at As Samu' village entrance south of Hebron city, stopped Palestinian cars and checked Palestinians' ID cards. PalPress (April 15, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished a water cistern with a capacity of 600 cubic meters and owned by Abdel Hameed Hussein Al Jamal in Al Harayeq area in Wadi Al Mughayyaer south of Hebron city and destroyed field crops in 3 dunums of lands. The IOA also gave notifications to demolish agricultural water pools in the same area under the pretext of being built in area "C", which falls under the full Israeli control, according TO Oslo Accords of 1995. Wafa (April 16, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation army bulldozers demolished irrigation pools and terracing walls and leveled a field of 2 dunums planted with broad beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and cauliflowers. The land belongs to Talab Abdul-Majid Amr and his brothers Abdul-Aziz, Hasan and Hussein. The Israeli civil administration officer accompanying troops said the irrigation pools were built without an Israeli permit. Agricultural equipment and irrigation networks were also damaged in the demolition in the Al-Majnouna area south of Dura village in Hebron Governorate. In addition, the IO bulldozers filled three rehabilitated water wells with earth mound so that Palestinians won't make use of them again. Maannews & Wafa (April 16, 2012).
- Israeli Settlers erected a tent near Ma'on settlement, in Umm Al Zaytouna area east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. The targeted land belongs to Abu Sabha family. Residents fear that this is the first step to a new outpost in the area. Maannews & Wafa (April 16, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement let go more than 200 sheep into the Palestinian fields which are planted with Wheat and Barley in Al Kharrouba area east of Yatta town and caused destruction to it. Wafa (April 17, 2012).

- Te Israeli Civil Administration handed resident Muhammad Musa Mughnam from Kherbit Susiya south of Hebron city military orders to demolish his two residential tents. Wafa (April 17, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a number of sudden checkpoints at several entrances in Hebron Governorates. The checkpoints were set at Yatta town entrance, Ar Reiheye, South of Dura, North of Halhul, Idhna and Tarqumia communities. The IOA stopped Palestinian cars and search in Palestinians' ID cards and caused obstruction to the movement. Wafa (April 18, 2012).
- A group of Israeli settlers escorted by soldiers violently attacked a young Palestinian man, Marwan Farahat Burqan, near Kiryat Arba, in Khallet Hadour causing injury in most body parts. The incident led to clashes as locals protested the man's beating. Wafa (April 18, 2012)
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) ransacked several Palestinian homes in the al-Ja'bari neighborhood in Hebron city and fired stun grenades and tear gas. The Israeli Army assaulted the son of Abdul-Aleem al-Jaabari and the sons of his neighbor Zeidan al-Jaabari. Wafa (April 18, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian citizens in Al 'Aseeda area in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The IOA fired Gas bombs at Palestinian citizens and students. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Yatta town south of Hebron city and stormed a number of Palestinian houses using sniffer dogs and carried out a thorough search. The houses of Mahmoud and Tawfeeq Mustafa Abu Fnar were the targeted during the Israeli raid. The IOA forced residents of the two targeted houses to leave, detained them for about 5 hours and transferred their homes to military posts. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) clashed with Palestinian citizens at the entrance of Al 'Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city and fired Gas bombs at Palestinian citizens and students. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) closed the northern entrance of Yatta town south of Hebron city, "Zeef Junction", and hindered

Palestinian vehicles from going into and out of the town, which caused obstruction to the movement. Wafa (April 19, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Ahmad Khader Abu Maria searching for his "wanted" son Qassam, messed with its contents and threatened Mr. Ahmad to hand his son to the Israeli Authorities at Etzion Detention center. Wafa (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed residents of Um Sedra south of Ar Ramadeen village in Hebron Governorate orders to remove the Electricity network in the village within a week. It is worth mentioning that residents of Um Sedra received in March 2012 orders from the Israeli Civil administration stating the halt of work at the electricity network which provides 25 houses (200 people) in the village with electricity since 2006 along with a house, a water well and some other agricultural facilities. Al Quds (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers attacked resident 'Ali Muhammad Hasan Hreizat from Yatta town south of Hebron, causing bruises in all his body parts. Wafa (April 20, 2012).
- Israeli settlers attacked local and international law professors participating in a conference regarding Palestine's membership at the United Nations, organized by the Hebron University, in Hebron city, in the southern part of the West Bank. The professors were touring in Ash-Shallalah Street, next to the illegal settlement outpost of Beit Hadassah. IMEMC (April 21, 2012).
- The Palestinian citizen Hijazi Rateb Samamra (47 years) and his son Odai (21 years) were injured as 15 Israeli settlers of Shim'a settlement east of Ad Dahriya town attacked and beat them. Wafa (April 22, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of Muhammad Abd Al Haymuni and his Brother Muhannad in Hebron city. Al Quds (April 23, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of Muhammad Hasan Abu Zuhra and Musa Khaled Musa Nassar from Yatta town south of Hebron city. Al Quds (April 23, 2012)

- A Palestinian car driving along the Israeli Segregation Wall near Ar Ramadeen village south of Hebron city was set into fire as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired live bullets at it. Safa (April 23, 2012).
- Steel bars surround the home; not only sliding down the windows, but all over the place, covering it from every side and corner, covering its doors, covering its external yard and topping its walls, making it look like a box. The house of Mohammad Hamed Abu Asiha (15 family members) was transformed into a prisoner due to illegal settlement activities, and Israeli settlers. The house is surrounded by illegal Israeli settlements in the heart of the Old City of Hebron, surrounded by Beit Hadassah settlement, Beit Romano and above that by an Israeli military base, wall-to-wall with their home. Heading home or leaving it requires a permit from the Israeli Occupation Army. The owner, Hajj Abu Aisha, said that he owns the land, since fifty years now, but now, he is imprisoned in his own home. The attacks at the family and the house have different types, ranging from beating, hurling stones, eggs and trash, to spraying them with waste-water, and ongoing death threats. The family cannot even open its windows, cannot communicate with Palestinian neighbors; their home became their prison. In addition, nobody is able to visit them. IMEMC (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Al 'Arroub refugee camp north of Hebron city and handed a number of Palestinian citizens' orders to stop the construction at their houses. Owners of the targeted houses are: Hssein Abu Ghazi, Jaber Shihda, Senior Aziz Rushdi, Ahmad Abdel Qader Al Badawi, Iyad Muhammad Al Badawi and Hussein Zayed Husneih. The IOA also photographed other Palestinian houses in the camp, the house of Yaser Awad Al Badawi was known. Al Quds (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished Two water wells in Wad Qabun (Qabun Valley) in Halhul city north of Hebron city allegedly for building the two wells in the area classified as "C" area, which falls under the full Israeli control. The IO bulldozers also razed lands and uprooted seedlings. The two wells are owned by Hamdan Al Atrash and Bassam Hijazi Jahshan and each has a capacity of 100 cubic meters. Wafa (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Khaled Muhammad Ali Nassar in Taphuh neighborhood in Yatta town south

of Hebron city after destroying the main entrance and the house's properties. The IOA forced family members to leave the house under threat and detained them for about five hours. Safa (April 24, 2012).

- An Israeli commander threatened to shut down a primary school south of Hebron. The officer phoned the principal of Zif School, north of Yatta, to warn him forces would shut down the school if one rock is thrown at an Israeli car in the area. He said students were hurling stones at the cars of Israelis living in nearby settlements. Maannews (April 24, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished an agricultural room owned by resident Faysal Al Karaki in Qezon area in Hebron city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wattan TV (April 24, 2012).
- Israeli settlers accosted members of a Chilean Senate delegation and Hebron governor Kamel Hamid near Ibrahimi mosque. Settlers shouted obscenities at the delegation and told them they were in a "Jewish area" during a tour of the Old City. Israeli forces moved in to keep the two sides apart. The head of the delegation, Andre Salvador, said the incident was "worse than they expected." Maannews (April 25, 2012).

Israeli Settlers raised the Israeli flag on top of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron, in the first incident of its kind since 1967. The Ibrahimi Mosque is considered the fourth holiest site in Islam. Wafa & Maannews (April 27, 2012).

- A group of Israeli settlers sprayed poisonous gas at two Palestinians near the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city south of the West Bank. The two Palestinian citizens were identified as Muhammad Al Muhtaseb (23 years) and Ghassan Al Ja'bari (16 years). PNN (April 27, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked and beat a ten years old child, Mahran Abu Hayya (10 Years) and Shadi Seder (28 years) in Al Shuhada street in the city of Hebron. Wafa (April 30, 2012).

Qalqilyah

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Murad Shtewi, coordinator of peaceful demonstrations in Kafr Qaddum village east of

- Qalqilyah and chased his children under the pretext of throwing stones at Israeli soldiers during the demonstrations that are held every week in the village. Wafa (April 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) surrounded Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city and declared it a closed military zone. The IOA banned Palestinians from going into or out of the village. Wafa (April 6, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah against the closure of the main road of the village for more than 10 years. No injuries were reported. (Wafa (April 6, 2012)
 - Palestinians from Qaddum reported that jewelry was stolen during Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raid to the village. The IOA stole valuable jewelry items during a search of Atta Shtewei home in the village. The troops also caused severe damage to the house. Owners of the stolen Jewelry filed a complaint with the Israeli Civil Administration. Al Quds (April 6, 2012).
 - Tens of Israeli military jeeps raided Azzun village east of Qalqilyah, harassed Palestinian citizens and raided houses under the pretext that citizens of the village hurled stones at the Israeli military Jeeps. Wafa (April 10, 2012).
 - Four Palestinians people were injured and many others suffered Gas Inhalation during the weekly peaceful demonstration that took place in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city demanding the opening of the main road of the village that has been closed for years by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). The IOA also sprayed Palestinian houses with contaminated chemical water. Wafa (April 13, 2012).
 - Israeli occupation Army (IOA) raided the headquarters of the Palestinian civil defense forces in the northern West Bank village of Azzun and questioned two officers in the headquarter over stone-throwing at Israeli vehicles near the village's main road. Maanews (April 16, 2012).
 - Israeli settlers of Ramat Gil'ad settlement outpost kidnapped Two Palestinians from Immatin village east of Qalqilyah city while grazing their sheep in lands located close to the outpost. The settlers tied the kidnapped Palestinians and handed them over to the Israeli

Occupation Army (IOA). The kidnapped Palestinians are: Issam Hasan Khaleel (28 years) and Muhammad Mahmoud Birri (13 years). Wafa (April 27, 2012).

- A Palestinian man was seriously injured after being attacked by a pack of boars that belong to Israeli settlers near Kafr Thuluth Palestinian village, near the northern West Bank city of Qalqilyah. The resident was moved to a local hospital suffering serious injuries to various parts of his body; he was in his land, located south of the village. IMEMC (April 29, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) obstructed the entry and exit of Palestinian citizens into and out of Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city by setting up a sudden checkpoint at the village's western and only entrance. This procedure led to long queues of Palestinian cars in both ways where in the meantime, the road witnesses traffic jams as the IAO deliberately stop Palestinian cars and Pedestrians under the pretext of 'security check'. Wafa (April 30, 2012).
- The Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) handed over a number Of Palestinians in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city orders to halt the construction at their properties located in the southwestern part of the village. The notified owners are: Shaker Radwan, Basem Barham, Musa Barham, Ahmad Barham and Subhi Barham. The ICA also gave an order to resident Omar Barham to demolish and agricultural brux. Wafa (April 30, 2012).

Tubas

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the houses of Fawzi and Khaled Illian Daraghmeh, Khaled Adel Daraghmeh and Fayege Ahmad Sbeih from Tayaseer village in Tubas Governorate, searched the houses and messed with their contents after forcing their owners to leave the house and questioned them. Wafa (April 10, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers destroyed 2 main roads and a number of retaining walls in Al 'Aqaba village east of Tubas city. The destroyed roads, one links Al Aqaba village with Tubas city while the second links the village with the Jordan Valley. DWG (April 18, 2012).

- A group of Israeli settlers completely destroyed two Farms for vegetables and carried out provocative actions and insulted Palestinian farmers in Bardala village east of Tubas city under the pretext of drawing a Palestinian flag near a Jewish tomb. The two destroyed farms are owned by Haitham and Basem Hayel Sawafta. Al Quds (April 19, 2012).
- A Palestinian shepherd, Yasser Kaabneh (18 years), has been seriously wounded by Israeli gunfire while tending to his flock north of the city of Tubas in the northern part of the Jordan Valley. IMEMC(April 20, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) forcibly deported the family of Adel Zamel from its place of residence in Ein Al Hilweh area in the northern valleys to an area beyond Tayaseer checkpoint without prior notification. Wafa (April 27, 2012).

Ramallah

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) stormed many students' houses in Bir Zeit city and Bir Zeit University Students' Dormitories north of Ramallah. The IOA arrested Ayman Abu 'Arram, the former head of Students' union in the university and raided the house of Hamdan As Sayyed and took him to unknown destination. ARN (April 2, 2012).
- Tens of Palestinians and International activities suffered Gas Inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration against the construction of the wall on lands of Bil'in village west of Ramallah city. Wafa (April 6, 2012).
- One Palestinian was injured and tens suffered Gas Inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration against the construction of the wall in Ni'lin village west of Ramallah city. Wafa (April 6, 2012).
- The Mateh Binyamin Regional Council has begun developing the site designated to house settlers from the West Bank outpost of Migron. Bulldozers have been brought to the area, located near the Pesagot settlement, in order to level the ground. In late March the Israeli High Court ordered the State to evacuate Migron by August 1 because it was built on private Palestinian land. In its ruling, the court rejected a

compromise agreement between the State and the settlers, according to which the outpost's destruction would be delayed until 2015. The court's decision drew harsh criticism from right-wing Knesset members. [Ynetnews \(April 6, 2012\)](#)

- Several dozen Jewish teenagers took advantage of the Jewish Passover holiday to erect a new outpost near the Hashmonaim settlement in the West Bank. The teens, who called the outpost "Or Hadash (new light)," clashed with security forces at the scene. The security forces confiscated tools that were used to build the outpost. Former Kedumim Council head Daniella Weiss, was also involved in the construction of the outpost. Addressing the teenagers, she said, "It is the people of Israel who will decide the fate of the Land of Israel in the face of all the appeasers - in the face of (US President Barack) Obama and the regime in the US. Ynetnews (April 10, 2012).
- Israeli settlers residing in Nahla'iel settlement in Ramallah Governorate uprooted 130 Olive trees in Beit Illu village west of Ramallah city. The settlers destroyed and broke the trees which are owned by Fawzi Bazzar. Wafa (April 16, 2012).
- Four Young Palestinians were injured and many suffered Gas inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the demonstration held in solidarity with the Palestinian Prisoners near Ofer Military camp established illegally on lands of Ramallah Governorate. The IOA declared the area as closed military zone and fired Gas bombs, rubber bullets and wastewater at demonstrators. Wafa (April 17, 2012).
- Some 20 homes that have been built in the Mitzpeh Cramim outpost during the past year could spark a similar coalition crisis to the one recently created by the Ulpana neighborhood in the settlement of Beit El, according to sources in the defense establishment. The prefabricated and permanent homes, in the outpost northeast of Ramallah, were all built on land that the state officially recognizes as being privately owned by Palestinians. Meanwhile, settlers have moved into the buildings at Mitzpeh Cramim. Construction in the outpost has continued unhindered, despite the Defense Ministry's Civil Administration's orders to stop the work. The orders were issued in 2011. Israeli Defense sources said that the construction in Mitzpeh Cramim was illegal but admitted that no real steps had been taken to stop it. Mitzpeh Cramim is located some 700 meters away from the

settlement of Kochav Hashahar. The outpost was set up in 1999 and almost all the buildings in it are on private land belonging to Palestinians from the nearby villages of Dir Jarir and Kafr Malik. It is defined as an illegal outpost in an influential report that was prepared by attorney Talia Sasson for the state in 2005. The new structures were set up by Amana, the settlement arm of the Gush Emunim movement. [Haaretz \(April 19, 2012\).](#)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in An Nabi Saleh village against the wall and settlements. The IOA fired gas bombs and sprayed houses with wastewater. In addition, the IOA attacked women and children participating in the demonstration; as a result, resident Muhammad Al Tamimi and the photographer Hilmi Al Tamimi were injured. Wafa (April 20, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed a peaceful demonstration held near Ofer military camp in solidarity with the Palestinian prisoners. A number of Palestinians suffered Gas Inhalations as the IOA fired gas bombs at Demonstrators. Wafa (April 26, 2012).

Jericho

- Israeli occupation army assaulted a group of cyclists who were participating in a West Bank tour. An Israeli commander hit an international participant with the butt of his rifle, in an unprovoked attack. Soldiers stopped a group of around 250 participants near the Jericho village of al-Auja and refused to let them start a cycling tour, which was organized by youth group Sharek and officials from the al-Auja environmental center. The tour planned to take participants on a 25 km journey through the Jordan Valley. When participants protested against orders to stop cycling, soldiers used force against them, injuring several people. The officer involved in the assault was identified as Shalom Eisner, the deputy commander of the Jordan Valley brigade. Maannews (April 16, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army forced owners of billboard set up at Jericho's southern entrance to demolish it under the pretext of being set up in an area classified as "C" area. Al Quds (April 21, 2012).

Salfit

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished two animal pens in Thahr Soboh area in Rafat village west of Salfit city. The demolished animal pens are owned by Aziz Ayyash and Yousif Ayyash. Wafa (April 16, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished three agricultural facilities and three water wells in Thar Sboh area northwest of Kafr Ad Dik village in Salfit Governorate under the pretext of being built in the area classified as "C". It is worth mentioning that the building of the targeted structures was funded by the Italian Government and in cooperation with the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee (PARC). Pal Times (April 16, 2012).
- Thousands of Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli soldiers entered the village of Kifl Haris. The soldiers erected checkpoints and occupied the roofs of several Palestinian homes in the village to provide security to Israeli settlers who were visiting Ben Nun shrine to perform Talmudic rituals, thinking that Ben Nuns Shrine has some Jewish connections. Israeli Soldiers detained Jalal Mahmoud Abu Ya'coub, 34 years, from his shop near the religious sites. Maannews & Al Quds (April 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers razed 20 dunums of lands and uprooted 500 Olive trees in Athaher area north of Salfit City owned by Ahmad Theib 'Alqam and Sameer Al Masri. The IOA also destroyed supporting Stone Wall and metal corners in the site. Wafa (April 21, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army closed Za'tara checkpoint (Taphuh Junction) for two hours and hindered Palestinians cars and pedestrians from accessing it on suspicion that two Palestinian teens possessed five pipe bombs, a gun and munitions.. Wafa (April 22, 2012).
- The Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) notified ten Palestinian farmers in Wadi Qana Valley (in Kaffet Al 'Amour area) in Deir Istya village, Salfit Governorate to evacuate their lands planted with Olive trees under the pretext that the area is a "Nature Reserve". The Palestinian Farmer Abdel Kareem Ahmad Mansour was notified to evacuate his land which is planted with 1402 Olive saplings; In addition, the Palestinian farmer Qasem Mansour was notified to evacuate his land which is planted with 50 Olive saplings and finally the Palestinian

farmer Muqbel Muhammad Awwad was notified to evacuate his land which is planted with 20 Olive saplings. Wafa (April 26, 2012).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied by sniffer dogs checked Palestinian citizens and their luggage at Jubara checkpoint (Gate number 753). The IOA stopped Palestinian cars and passengers and searched them using sniffer dogs, which raised a state of resentment and anger among the citizens of these provocative actions. Wafa (April 10, 2012)
- Israeli settlers of Avnei Hefetz Settlement cut 20 Olive trees in Al Mudahdal area, located between Shufa and Kafa village south of Tulkarem city. The trees belong to Abdel Haleem Muhamad Isma'eil. Wafa (April 23, 2012).
- Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) invaded the villages of Deir Al-Ghsoun, Bal'a and Shewika, near the northern West Bank city of Tulkarem, installed several roadblocks and inspected the ID cards of dozens of residents. Five armored Israeli military vehicles invaded Shewika area and installed a roadblock on its main road before stopping dozens of vehicles, and inspecting the ID cards of the drivers and passengers. In addition, four armored military vehicles invaded Bal'a town, east of Tulkarem, and installed a roadblock at its main junction that leads to Nablus and Tulkarem, before stopping vehicles and inspecting the ID cards of the residents. The army also invaded Dir Al-Ghsoun town, and drove around in its streets, before stopping and searching a number of vehicles. The army is still heavily deployed around the invaded villages, and around several nearby villages. IMEMC (April 30, 2012).

Nablus

- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished ten residential tents and animal shelters in Al Jaw'ana area east of Beit Furik village in Nablus Governorate and confiscated two water tanks owned by Shaher Fayege Taher Abu Heet and Muhamamd Adel Tawfeeq Manasra who are also owners of the some of the demolished residential tents. The demolished tents are owned by 'Atef Hussein Ahmad Hanani, As'ad

Muhammad As'ad Hanani and Muhye Muhammad Adel Nasasra.
DWG (April 2, 2012).

- The Israeli settlers and under the protection of Israeli occupation army attacked a number of Palestinian farmers in Wadi Yanun near Aqraba town southeast of Nablus city. The IOA arrested one of the farmers who were present at the site and confiscated the keys of one of the tractors. Wafa (April 5, 2012)
- Tens of Israeli settlers stormed Sebastiya village north of Nablus city under the protection of the Israeli occupation army (IOA) to practice religious rituals celebrating Jewish Passover. ARN (April 9, 2012).
- Expansion activities are taking place for the second day on row near Yetzhar settlement south of Nablus city, on lands of Burin village and few meters away from Palestinians' houses. ARN (April 9, 2012).
- Thousands of settlers came to visit the evacuated site of Homesh in Nablus city. The tour was organized by Shomron Regional Council, Likud Anglos and other groups. Settlers have been attempting to return to rebuild the settlements since. Students from the Bnei Akiva Jewish youth movement, and several Israeli Knesset Members took party in the tour as well. Wafa (April 10, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers tried to assault Palestinian citizens whose houses are located on the outskirts of Jaba' and Silat Al Harthiya, in the vicinity of the evacuated Homesh site, cut off the main road (Jenin-Nablus road), under the protection of the Israeli occupation army, and threatened citizens who use the road with their vehicles and blocked traffic. ARN (April 10, 2012)
- Acting without a court order, the Israeli army has barred Palestinian villagers from freely accessing their farmland for two years. The admission was made in the state's response to a High Court petition filed last year by Beit Furik residents. The plots farmed by the residents of Beit Furik, which is southeast of Nablus, border several unauthorized outposts that were built near the Itamar settlement over the past decade and are known as the Gidonim outposts. In 2010, the Israeli Forces began preventing villagers from accessing their fields freely. As a result they must coordinate their farm work with the Israeli army, in accordance with deployment levels. [Haaretz \(April 11, 2012\)](#)

- A number of Palestinian farmers from Yanun village southeast of Nablus city were injured as a number of Israeli settlers attacked them under the eyesight of the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA). Wafa (April 12, 2012).
- Expansion activities are taking place near Eli settlement south of Nablus city. The activities include foundations for the infrastructure in the eastern part of the settlement. Al Ayyam (April 18, 2012)
- Eight Palestinian school children were injured when a group of Israeli settlers of Yitzhar settlement, attacked them in Oreef village, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Israeli soldiers arrived at the scene, and instead of removing the invading settlers, fired gas bombs and concussion grenades at the students. Maannews (April 23, 2012)
- Group of Israeli settlers tried to kidnap two Palestinian teens in Iraq Burin Village near Nablus city. The settlers took the two teens (Ahmad and Mahmoud Qadoos, 13 & 12 years respectively) to the nearby settlement where they live. The settlers also confiscated two horses that were with the two teens. Wafa (April 24, 2012).
- More than 1200 Israeli settlers raided Joseph tomb east of Nablus city under the security of the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) and practiced religious rituals. Safa (April 24, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Yetzhar settlement closed the road linking Huwwara village with Qalqilyah and Tulkarem Governorates (Huwwara village main road and hindered Palestinian vehicles from using the road. The road has also access to the settlement of Yetzhar. Wafa (April 26, 2012).
- 12 Israeli settlers raided Ureef Village south of Nablus city and clashed with school students for the second time in a week. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) who were in the site fired Gas bombs at the school and a number of students suffered Gas Inhalation. Wafa (April 26, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers started razing lands near Qusra village southeast of Nablus city. The razing area is far from any Israeli settlement located in the area and previously witnessed scenes of clash between Palestinian citizens and Israeli settlers. Wafa (April 29, 2012).

Gaza

- The Israeli occupation tanks shelled at the eastern and northern parts of Ash Shuja'iya area and at the eastern part of Jabalyi and Beit Lahia towns. Wafa (April 5, 2012).
- Several Israeli tanks staged 250 meters into the east of Khuza'a town east of Khan Younis city and razed Palestinian agricultural lands. ARN (April 9, 2012).
- A Palestinian woman (Renad Qdeih, 20 years) was injured in the head while she was working in her field in Al Senati area in Khuza'a town south of Gaza Strip. The IOA stationed at the eastern borders of the Strip opened fire at Palestinian people working in their field in the town, which caused the injury of Mrs. Qdeih. Wafa (April 18, 2012).
- Four Israeli tanks and two bulldozers entered Gaza east of Beit Hanoun, and dug up lands in the border area. Maannews (April 24, 2012).
- Israeli forces detained fishermen working off the coast of the Gaza Strip. Israeli naval forces detained Nader Yousef Abu Simaan, 22 years, and his brother Hasan at sea and confiscated their equipment. The brothers, from al-Shati refugee camp, were fishing within the area designated by Israel. An Israeli military spokeswoman said forces detained fishermen from Gaza because they deviated from the designated fishing area. They were transferred to the custody of security forces. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators agreed on a 20-nautical-mile fishing zone off Gaza's coast under the Oslo Accords, but Israel unilaterally imposes a 3-mile limit. Israeli warships frequently open fire at boats that allegedly stray from the permitted area. Maannews (April 25, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Tanks fired at agricultural lands northeast of Beit Lahya north of the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. Wafa (April 27, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation tanks fired against fishing boats in Gaza city. No injuries were reported. Wafa (April 27, 2012).

- Israeli warships fired at Palestinian fishing boats in Rafah city south of the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. PNN (April 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Navy (ION) kidnapped Five Palestinian fishermen near Gaza Sea, beat them, took control of their fishing boats and took them to Ashdod area. The kidnapped Palestinians are Amjad Asharafi, Ashraf Asharafi, Bilal Asharafi, Ahmad Asharafi and Yaser Jamal Asharafi. Wafa (April 29, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Navy fired at Palestinian fishing boats in As Sudaniya area near Gaza Shores. No injuries were reported. Wafa (April 30, 2012).
- Eight Israeli military tanks and four Israeli bulldozers invaded east of Al Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip and razed agricultural lands. The Israeli bulldozers also razed agricultural lands east and north of Beit Hanoun city north of the Gaza trip. Wafa (April 30, 2012).

Others

- Israeli planes dropped pamphlets in the southern Gaza Strip warning Palestinians not to enter a no-go zone on its southern border. The leaflet, signed by Israeli forces general command, included a map of the zone. An Israeli army spokeswoman said the leaflets were dropped in several locations, and "reiterated to the citizens of the Gaza Strip to keep a 300-meter distance," from the border area. Israeli soldiers "will operate in accordance with the rules of engagement, and will use live fire if they need when the security fence is approached," the leaflet warned. It also warned against "cooperation with terror organizations, involvement in violent riots, and approaching the security fence". Maannews (April 2, 2012).
- The Israeli Supreme Court rejected the petition filed by one of the heirs of the late Grand Mufti Haj Amin al Husseini on the issue of seizing Karm Al Mufti "Haj Amin al-Husseini" and the "Shepherd" hotel in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. The petition was filed against (1) the illegitimate application of the Custodian of Absentee Property law on Palestinians living in East Jerusalem and (2) against the illegal actions that led to the transfer of ownership of Karm Al Mufti to the US Company (C & M Brobbertz) which belongs to the Jewish American

businessman Irvin Moskowitz through the Custodian of Absentee. Wafa (April 2, 2012).

- An Israeli right-wing activist published an ad last week, calling for the aid of fellow activists in securing a court-ordered evacuation of a Palestinian family from its East Jerusalem home, following the police's refusal to do so. Israel Land Fund founder and director Aryeh King, is claiming that the 18-member Palestinian family illegally entered a housing compound in 2002, despite the fact that it was purchased by a British Jew about years 30 ago. Ruling on the case, a Jerusalem magistrate's court ordered the house be evacuated by March 1, saying the Palestinian family had to pay NIS 125,000 in damages. According to King, the evacuation was set to take place on the date issued by the court, and in coordination with the police, until he received a call from the police's legal advisor, who indicated that the operation was canceled following the order of Jerusalem District Commander Niso Shaham. King intimated that the police advisor said that the order to cancel was given since the evacuation was to take part a day prior to a meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Barack Obama, which could bring about "unfavorable headlines. An Israeli right-wing activist published an ad last week, calling for the aid of fellow activists in securing a court-ordered evacuation of a Palestinian family (Suleiman family) from its East Jerusalem home, following the police's refusal to do so. Israel Land Fund founder and director Aryeh King, is claiming that the 18-member Palestinian family illegally entered a housing compound in 2002, despite the fact that it was purchased by a British Jew about years 30 ago. Ruling on the case, a Jerusalem magistrate's court ordered the house be evacuated by March 1, saying the Palestinian family had to pay NIS 125,000 in damages. According to King, the evacuation was set to take place on the date issued by the court, and in coordination with the police, until he received a call from the police's legal advisor, who indicated that the operation was canceled following the order of Jerusalem District Commander Niso Shaham. King intimated that the police advisor said that the order to cancel was given since the evacuation was to take part a day prior to a meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Barack Obama, which could bring about "unfavorable headlines." Following that cancellation, King appealed the state for an alternative date, with March 30 surfacing as the evacuations new timeslot. However, despite what King describes as repeated requests, the police has not responded to his demand to secure the evacuation. In response, King published an

ad last week, stating: "Strong men are wanted to legally evacuate Arab squatters, after Niso Shaham announced he won't allow for the evacuation to take place – the Jews will do it without the police's aid." [Haaretz \(April 3, 2012\).](#)

- The Israeli Defense Forces has issued an eviction order for settlers who took over a house in the Arab part of Hebron last week. According to the order, the settlers have until Tuesday at 3:00 PM to evacuate the house on their own will, after which "the authorities will act to restore the building to its previous state." The security establishment has called the takeover a provocation, and says that the settlers' presence in the house constitutes a public disturbance. However, the move has won the support of some politicians. The settlers said they purchased the property legally. Their representatives showed records of the deal, including money transfers, to Military Advocate General staff. The house is located in a closed military zone, but Jewish community activists come and go freely through the area. [Haaretz \(April 3, 2012\).](#)
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet that he is working to legalize the Ulpana neighborhood in the settlement of Beit El in the West Bank, along with three other illegal outposts in the territory. Netanyahu's comments come against the backdrop of a fierce government rift surrounding the evacuation order of settlers from a house in a Palestinian neighborhood in Hebron. The state had previously committed to evacuate the Ulpana outpost by May, but Netanyahu informed the cabinet that he had asked the Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein to find a solution that would legalize the outpost and prevent its demolition. Netanyahu said that in the near future, following the recommendations of Defense Minister Ehud Barak, he will ask the government to legalize the status of three other settlements in the West Bank – Bruchin, Sansana, and Rachalim. [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\).](#)
- Shortly after the High Court of Justice rebuked the government for contempt of court for failing to evacuate the illegal outpost of Migron, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is back to his old habits since he told Defense Minister Ehud Barak not to carry out an evacuation order for a new settlement that was set up in the heartland of the Palestinian population in Hebron. Netanyahu is ignoring the West Bank military prosecutor's opinion, which stipulates that the settlers' presence threatens to disrupt the delicate status quo between the Israeli and Palestinian communities. In addition to warning of violence, the

opinion stresses that the law in Judea and Samaria prohibits seizing real estate without the authorities' approval. The law states that even if the settlers bought the property, they may not use it without a permit from the Civil Administration. Netanyahu's inappropriate intervention shows he does not understand that the law in Hebron is not the law in Tel Aviv. [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\)](#).

- The High Court recently denied the Hussein family's petition against building a Jewish neighborhood in the Shepherd Hotel compound in East Jerusalem, on land which they claim to own, thus paving the way for the extremist Moskowitz to establish yet another disputed neighborhood. Fifteen years ago, in Netanyahu's previous term as prime minister, (under pressure from the American administration) he ordered the settlers to evacuate Ras al Amud, a neighborhood Moskowitz had started building in East Jerusalem. Netanyahu maintained the evacuation "serves the unity of the holy city, the nation's unity and the continuation of the peace process." Alarming, the settlers' influence on the government has overpowered these interests. If Barak gives in yet again to the thugs and their political patrons, he will be accomplice to trampling peace and prostituting the rule of law. [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\)](#).
- The Israeli Housing Ministry official allegedly behind state funding and assistance given to the Migron outpost in 2002-3 will not face criminal charges, after the State Prosecutor closed the case in January. Yair Rafaeli headed the Housing and Construction Ministry's Jerusalem district in 2002-2003. In those years, the illegal outpost Migron received massive government support, consisting of a plan to construct 500 housing units, pave a road, build sewage and electricity infrastructures, among other things. Haaretz obtained documents showing that Rafaeli had spurred and urged his office staff to assist the outpost. Following attorney Talia Sasson's report of March 2005, which detailed the state's involvement in setting up illegal outposts, police launched an investigation into the procedure leading to Migron's establishment. Rafaeli was the primary suspect in the case. In 2007 the case was passed to the State Prosecutor's Office, where it gathered dust for several years. In recent years police opened several criminal inquiries into illegal construction in the outposts, involving forged documents and illegal building permits and money transfers. All the inquiries were closed without pressing charges. An investigation into the construction of 50 buildings without permits in the Shiloh settlement is now taking place. The Justice Ministry commented on

Monday, "The case was closed in January 2012. It took a long time to deal with the case due to its complexity. Finally it was decided to scrap it due to lack of evidence against some of the suspects, and due to lack of public interest regarding others." [Haaretz \(April 4, 2012\)](#).

- The Prosecutor for the International Criminal Court in The Hague announced Tuesday that he rejected a complaint filed by the PNA against Israel for alleged war crimes during "Operation Cast Lead" in Gaza in 2009. The prosecutor explained that only states can file a complaint with the International Criminal Court. "The Palestinian Authority is only an observer at the United Nations and not a member state. The prosecutor's office noted that, for its purposes, the recognition of "Palestine" by 130 countries and several international organizations, including UN organizations, was immaterial. The [decision brings](#) an end to a PNA bid launched on 22 January 2009 to gain defacto recognition by the ICC by granting the Hague jurisdiction over "the territory of Palestine." INN (April 4, 2012).
- Israel's Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz said in an interview with religious daily Makor Rishon that during his term, assistance to settlement in the West Bank and in the Golan rose significantly. Steinitz said that the assistance came because of his deep feeling "that in recent years settlements were discriminated against due to considerations stemming from international pressure and the fact that certain organizations were not investing in settlements in the territories out of fear that such a step would damage their fund-raising ability." Steinitz said that "we had to compensate the settlements for the damage done by the (construction) freeze and the slower pace of building – I am very proud of this." He added that he also "had the privilege to contribute much to the Ariel cultural center which was stuck for years because of budgetary problems, and to the Kiryat Arba cultural center." According to Steinitz, the ministry is now assisting the construction of a cultural center in Ma'aleh Adumim. [Haaretz \(April 5, 2012\)](#)
- The Israeli occupation army closed the West Bank border and put its troops on alert for the first two days of the Passover holiday, which began Friday at sundown. Under the ban, no Palestinians are allowed to cross into Israel except those needing medical care. The ban will be lifted on Saturday at midnight. Timesofisrael (April 6, 2012).
- Members of the Israeli Knesset on the right are seeking to remove the Civil Administration, the body responsible for administering [Jewish](#)

[communities](#) in the West Bank, out of the realm of the Defense Ministry's authority. A proposal by Member of Knesset Danny Danon would move the CA into the Home Front Security Ministry, away from the direct control of Defense Minister Ehud Barak, under whose control, Danon said, the CA had become “an enemy of Jewish settlement.” Danon is proposing the change after the order this week to expel Jews from the Machpela House (Rajab's family house) in Hebron. Although Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu backed the expulsion, Danon and other MKs and activists on the right said that the action was clearly the doing of Barak, who, Danon said, was using Hebron residents as pawns in his bid to get elected to the Knesset. “Since he realized that he will not be given a guaranteed spot on the Likud list, Barak is trying to gather votes from supporters of the extreme Left,” Danon said. Danon filed a request with the Prime Minister and other government ministers formally asking that the Civil Administration be removed from Barak's purview. [INN \(April 6, 2012\)](#)

- The Israeli ministry of Defense and the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem agreed to commence the building of an Israeli army base that will house military colleges in East Jerusalem. The college will be located on Mount Scopus, between the Mormon University and the Augusta Victoria Hospital, both well into Palestinian territories. The base will encompass 8 acres of land and will include a command and staff school, a school for national security, military academy learning institutes, a swimming pool, a gym and more. Al Quds (April 8, 2012).
- The Israeli local committee for planning and building at the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem will discuss following the Passover Jewish Holiday the renewal of the building license at Al Mughrabi gate as the current license has expired. The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem plans to demolish Al Mughrabi Gate passage to al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City and builds a bigger bridge that allows military vehicles and trucks into the al-Aqsa Mosque area, which will expand the area where Jewish worshippers pray at the Western Wall (al-Buraq Wall). Al Quds (April 8, 2012).
- Israelis in the southern city of Asqalan turned 3 dunums of the local Muslim cemetery into a makeshift parking lot. The municipality recently set up a market adjacent to the cemetery, which resulted in shopkeepers and customers parking their cars in the cemetery in complete disregard to the Muslim sacred place. Municipality park employees planted trees around the cemetery perimeter to prevent

market attendants from parking in the cemetery, but no avail. Al Ayyam (April 10, 2012).

- Israel's government is scrambling to find ways to save some of the unauthorized West Bank settlements it once promised to dismantle, including some that are built partly on private Palestinian land. The new strategy seeks to retroactively legalize some outposts and, in other cases, relocate Jewish settlers to nearby land that is not privately owned, in effect creating what would be the first new West Bank settlements in years. The approach by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing coalition government appears designed to avoid the need to carry out high-profile military evictions of settlers in order to appease conservative lawmakers, who have accused Netanyahu of betraying the settlers' cause. [Al Ouds \(April 12, 2012\)](#)
- Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said that 41 people had been refused entry at Ben Gurion airport and they would be deported. Four Israeli supporters, two holding "Welcome to Palestine" signs, were also arrested as they waited to greet the arrivals. More than 60 percent of the expected 1,500 had their flights canceled by airlines, after Israel circulated a blacklist of passengers and warned it would fine carriers. An Israeli Interior Ministry spokeswoman said the Israeli Immigration Authority had given airlines the names of some 1,200 activists whose entrance to Israel has been barred. Maannews (April 15, 2012).
- Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu informed Likud ministers that he had approved plans to legalize three West Bank settlement outposts. Following the recommendations of Defense Minister Ehud Barak, Netanyahu told a meeting of Likud ministers that he will ask the cabinet to approve the status of the Bruchin, Sansana and Rachalim, respectively. Several of the ministers also asked Netanyahu for updates regarding the Ulpana neighborhood of Beit El, which was slated for evacuation by May. [Haaretz \(April 17, 2012\)](#)
- The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem renews its demand to demolish the Mughrabi Gate Bridge in Jerusalem's Old City. Both the Municipality of Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall legacy fund advanced to the Israeli sub-committee for planning and building at the municipality to obtain a preliminary approval for the demolition of the bridge and build a new bridge. The Office of Netanyahu was also informed of the demand in order to obtain his consent to demolish the bridge. Wafa (April 17, 2012).

- Israel Police is establishing a new unit to enforce demolition and evacuation orders served to scattered Bedouin villages in southern Israel, in order to deal with “trespassing into state lands.” The unit, which will be made up of 200 police officers, will be established in cooperation with the Prime Minister’s Office to enforce Israeli land laws in the Negev. The unit’s establishment follows a government decision reached last August (2011), in which Minister of Internal Security Yitzhak Aharonovich was granted permission to begin deploying the officers beginning August 1, 2012. Israel Police’s Southern District has yet to announce an official plan of operation, which will be charged with evacuations and demolitions. The unit will operate alongside the Interior Ministry, the Israel Land Administration, the Ministry of the Environment, and the Prime Minister’s Office among others. [Haaretz \(April 17, 2012\)](#)
- Israeli Coalition Chairman MK Ze’ev Elkin reminded the Israeli Knesset of past outpost political support. “The Ulpana neighborhood was promoted during the previous Netanyahu administration. Ehud Barak, as PM, provided residents with financial encouragement to purchase homes there, and Opposition Chairman Shaul Mofaz, as IDF CoS signed all the approvals. This government was elected for its policies, and we must support the residents who settled the land based on those policies.” . [INN \(April 19, 2012\)](#).
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked the State Prosecutor’s Office to examine whether a request can be lodged with the High Court to further delay the evacuation order of the Ulpana neighborhood in the settlement of Beit El, scheduled for May 1. The Ulpana neighborhood is comprised of multi-story buildings housing dozens of families. [Haaretz \(April 19, 2012\)](#).
- "Jewish settlers in Hebron have a right to live wherever they want," Israeli Knesset Member Miri Regev said during a visit to "Machpelah house" in the West Bank city on Thursday. The MK, who was accompanied by leaders of the Jewish community in Hebron and Kiryat Arba Council head Malachi Levinger, urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to implement the Hebron agreement. Settlers who set up a protest tent near the "Machpelah house" presented the lawmaker with documents they claim prove it was purchased legally. They asked Regev to act toward expediting the examination of the documents by the relevant authorities [Ynetnews \(April 19, 2012\)](#)

- The Israeli Jerusalem District Court ordered the eviction of six settler families from a Palestinian house they invaded in Hebron by May 15, after ruling that the purchase documents presented by the settlers were in fact forged. The house in question belongs to Zechariah Bakri, a Palestinian man, and is adjacent to a Jewish settlement in the Hebron neighborhood Tel Rumeida. It was deserted in 2001, when the Israeli defense Forces (IDF) restricted the movement of Palestinians in the area. The settlers took possession of the house in 2005, claiming that the construction company Tal Lebniya, owned by Moshe Zar, had lawfully purchased the property. [Haaretz \(April 22, 2012\)](#).
- Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked his cabinet to lower the media profile of a debate on the future of the West Bank outpost of Ulpana, just as a chief minister pledged to find a solution that would leave its residents in place. Aides to Defense Minister Ehud Barak released a statement accusing two Israeli cabinet members, Israel's Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz and Vice Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon of adopting the rhetoric of the extreme right in their objection to a possible move to evacuate Ulpana. Speaking during the weekly meeting of Likud ministers in Jerusalem, Netanyahu, ostensibly referring to the heated media debate, instructed cabinet ministers to lower their media profile, saying that a solution to the issue will be reached. However, immediately following the meeting, chief minister and Vice Prime Minister Silvan Shalom released a statement on his Facebook page, saying that "the settlement flag is the central flag of the Likud movement, and the evacuation of settlements is simply out of the question." "Solutions should be found like compensating land owners, if that is required, or legislation. We will continue to act in a manner which leaves the neighborhood in place and the settlers in their homes," the statement added. [Haaretz \(April 22, 2012\)](#)
- Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet that he would submit the issue of sanctioning three West Bank outposts to a specially formed panel, despite the fact that he was expected to bring their recognition to the approval of the cabinet (Bruchin, Sansana and Rechalim.) Netanyahu added that he intended to regulate the status of Bruchin, Sansana and Rechalim through a panel that would work to recognize settlements built on state land or through aid of any kind from the state. The panel will be comprised of Netanyahu himself, Barak, Vice Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon, and Minister Benny Begin,

and will be authorized to reach a decision on the matter. [Haaretz \(April 22, 2012\)](#).

- Evacuating the Ulpana neighborhood in the West Bank settlement of Beit El could lead to the dissolution of the coalition, Vice Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon said at a meeting in Be'er Sheva. "We have said that we must not remove the neighborhood," said Ya'alon, who is also Israel's strategic affairs minister. "This is a neighborhood of 15 buildings with six apartments in each building, of completely normative people, and all of a sudden they are being told off because a Palestinian claimed the land belongs to him." "We have said we would not remove this neighborhood. If that happens, the government will fall apart," continued Ya'alon. [Haaretz \(April 22, 2012\)](#)
- Residents of Givat Ha'Ulpana slammed Defense Minister Barak for suggesting they move into 'alternative housing'. Speaking at cabinet's meeting, Israel's Defense Minister Ehud Barak said that there was enough land in Beit El to allow residents of Givat Ha'ulpana to move into homes that had no legal questions surrounding them, as opposed to attempting to remain in homes that the High Court has declared do not belong to them. Barak said that the High Court's ruling was not a technical matter, but an important principle of the rule of law, which the state must uphold if it is to call itself a modern democracy. With that, Barak said that "the question of ownership of the land is still being adjudicated. If it turns out that the land is indeed private, there will be no choice but to evict the residents or to buy the land." Several ministers and MKs, including Science Minister Daniel Hershkowitz, have said that any attempt by the government to remove residents of the neighborhood forcefully would mean the end of the Netanyahu government. "We found 22 dunams of land in the town which could, under certain circumstances and after plans are approved, be used to build alternative homes for residents of the neighborhood," Barak said. "If it turns out that the land is owned by Palestinians, we would have no choice other than to abandon it or purchase it," he added. The Defense Ministry and Civil Administration are working on the issue, along with the Attorney General and Justice Ministry." Givat Ha'Ulpana residents slammed Barak for suggesting that they move to "alternate homes" in Beit El. "Residents of the neighborhood recognized Ehud Barak for the good that he did as Prime Minister, when he provided benefits for residents of Beit El, paved roads in the town, and connected residents to infrastructure." With that, they said, "We are not chess pieces for Ehud Barak to play with, where he builds

a house in one location and demolishes one in another. Nowhere in Israel, or in the world, do they tear down thriving neighborhoods, even if it turns out an error was made,” had the residents said. Barak should do likewise and acknowledge the residents' rights to remain in their homes. [INN \(April 22, 2012\)](#).

- An Israeli military court rejected an appeal filed by lawyer Jamil Al-Khateeb, on behalf of Bilal Thiab and Thaer Halahla, who are holding an open-ended hunger strike demanding to be released as no clear charges were filed against them. Al-Khateeb stated that the court claimed that the strike held by the two detainees “does not change the fact that their secret file includes dangerous information”, and claimed that “the file proves their involvement in activities that endangers Israel’s security”. The court also claimed that, should the two be released, “they will pose danger on Israel’s security”, and added that “the current health condition of the two detainees is due to their hunger strike, and could change if they end their strike”. Al-Khateeb stated that the court claims that the two are members of the Islamic Jihad, and that they are involved in violations that include obtaining automatic weapons, and planned attacks against Israeli targets. No specific and clear charges were filed against them yet due to the claimed “secret file” that even the defense attorney can have access to. IMEMC (April 23, 2012).
- The Israeli TV, Channel 10, reported that Israel will start the construction of a separation Wall along part of the border with Lebanon, north of the country. The construction will commence next week, and the Wall will be built around the border town of Al-Mutallah. The Wall will be more than 2 kilometers (1.24 Miles) long and 10 meters (32.8 Feet) high. Israel claims that the wall also aims at preventing armed clashes between Israeli soldiers and Lebanese soldiers as their posts and towers are often a few meters away from each other. Channel 10 reported that Israel had officially informed the Lebanese government of its intentions, and that the construction will be conducted through the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). IMEMC (April 24, 2012).
- Israeli bulldozers demolished the Bedouin village Al-Araqib village for the 37th time. The Palestinian residents began to immediately rebuild the site, after forces left just a mosque and cemetery standing. Israel considers Al-Araqeb, along with 34 other Bedouin villages in the

Negev, an illegal settlement built on state-owned land. Maannews (April 24, 2012).

- Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a panel of ministers decided to instruct the State Prosecution to ask the High Court of Justice for another extension for the eviction of the [Ulpana neighborhood in Beit El](#), after a previous attempt to delay the evacuation of five buildings in a West Bank settlement failed. The State Prosecution will attempt to set a new schedule for the evacuation of the Beit El buildings, currently slated for May 1, after the court found that they were illegally built on private Palestinian land. "The Prosecution has already started working on the new request and will submit it to the High Court of Justice early next week," a senior official said. If the court grants the state an extension, "a panel of experts will be set up to once again look into the legal status of the buildings." During the meeting, which lasted over four hours, Netanyahu said that the evacuation of the buildings must be averted. Vice Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon called for preventing the evacuation "that is neither fair nor reasonable." Defense Minister Ehud Barak said that the 30 families that reside in the buildings can be offered alternative apartments in the settlement proper. [Haaretz \(April 24, 2012\)](#)
- Israeli Government officials have instructed OC Central Command Maj. Gen. Nitzan Alon to sign an order to allow the placement of temporary structures near Migron in the West Bank, without going through the legally mandated planning procedures. The structures are to serve as temporary housing for the residents of Migron, an outpost built on private Palestinian land which is slated to be evacuated in the summer. In a letter written recently to Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein, Central Command legal adviser Col. Eli Baron wrote that this was a dangerous suggestion that creates "a slippery slope of exemptions and variances" and undermined the foundations of planning and building law. The order would allow the placement of temporary structures there for four years, at points that have regional importance and reasons to justify them. Those erecting the buildings would have to dismantle them within four years or face legal action. [Haaretz \(April 24, 2012\)](#).
- Israel closed checkpoints in the West Bank late Tuesday for 48 hours while the country commemorates national holidays. All entry and exit crossings from the West Bank will be closed until Thursday at

midnight, with the exception of prior-authorized medical emergencies. Maannews (April 25, 2012).

- Israel's Supreme Court rejected an appeal by A Palestinian prisoner who has been on hunger strike for more than seven weeks. Hassan Safdi, 31, was arrested on June 29, 2011 and has been held in administrative detention since then. He has been on hunger strike since March 5. Safdi's lawyer, Osama Maqbul reported that he lodged an appeal against the administrative detention order with an Israeli military court last month but it had been rejected. A second appeal, this time to the Israeli Supreme Court, was also rejected, Maqbul reported, with the court asking Safdi to end his hunger strike. Al Quds (April 26, 2012).
- UN chief Ban Ki-moon said that he was "deeply troubled" by Israel's decision to grant legal status to three settlement outposts in the West Bank, describing the activity as illegal under international law. Referring to three outposts - Bruchin, Sansana and Rechalim, Ban's office said in a statement that the "Secretary-General is deeply troubled by the decision of the Government of Israel to formally approve three outposts in the West Bank." "The Secretary-General reiterates that all settlement activity is illegal under international law. It runs contrary to Israel's obligations under the Road Map and repeated Quartet calls for the parties to refrain from provocations," it said. The United States also said it was "concerned by the reports" of Israel's decision. "We don't think this is helpful to the [peace] process, and we don't accept the legitimacy of continued settlement activity," said State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland. [Haaretz](#) (April 26, 2012)
- A group of Israeli settlers broke into an Israeli military base in the West Bank and wrote graffiti against the army before the soldiers managed to apprehend nine of them who arrived at the base in order to protest against the army. The arrested settlers were moved to an interrogation facility. IMEMC (April 27, 2012).
- The Israeli State filed a High Court appeal asking that the court revisit the petition filed over the pending eviction of the Ulpana neighborhood, located in the West Bank settlement of Beit El. The State wishes to renege on its commitment to evacuate the area by May 1. The petition also asked the court for a three-month extension, which will allow the State to re-file its official position on the matter; and is seeking a stay of the demolition orders issued on the neighborhood's

homes for the duration of that time. The petition said that "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Cabinet wish to reconsider the way the policy – that states that every structure erected on private Palestinian land will be razed – is implemented." According to the petition, "After much deliberation and the examination of various alternatives, and after giving due consideration to the broad social implications the implementation of these policies may have on future construction, the (government) has decided to review the legal priorities in the area." The government wishes "To take into account all the possible zoning, social, political and operational ramifications," the appeal said. Ynetnews (April 27, 2012).

- The Israeli government asked the Supreme Court to delay the eviction of a Jewish neighborhood in the West Bank. Israel had promised the court it would evict the Ulpana neighborhood in Beit El settlement, built on land belonging to Palestinians, by May 1. But the Israeli government appealed to the court to backtrack on the pledge and requested a 3-month delay to the eviction in a petition to the Supreme Court.. "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Cabinet wish to reconsider the way the policy -- that states that every structure erected on private Palestinian land will be razed -- is implemented". [Ynetnews \(April 27, 2012\)](#).
- The Palestinian Center for Human Rights issued its weekly report on the Israeli violations in the occupied Palestinian territories, revealing that Israeli soldiers conducted 81 invasions into the West Bank, and one into the Gaza Strip. Several injuries and arrests were reported in the Israeli attacks. Soldiers carried out 81 invasions into Palestinian communities in the occupied West Bank, and kidnapped 15 Palestinian civilians, including four children and one woman. IMEMC (April 27, 2012).
- The Israeli cabinet unanimously approved a proposal to erect temporary housing for residents of the illegal West Bank outpost of Migron, which would allow for the outpost's evacuation by July 15. The High Court of Justice last month ordered the state to evacuate the illegal West Bank outpost and dismantle it by August 1, after rejecting an agreement between the settlers and state to defer the evacuation by three years. [Haaretz](#) (April 29, 2012)
- Israel is set to spend NIS 25 million to build a temporary housing site for Migron's settlers, who have been ordered to leave the West Bank

outpost by August. Migron residents are due to move into temporary housing in the settlement of Kokhav Ya'akov. The temporary site will consist of public structures, 50 prefabricated homes and minimal infrastructure, at estimated cost of NIS 500,000 per family, totaling NIS 25 million. The state of Israel will probably foot the bill, it was learned. [Haaretz](#) (April 29, 2012).

- Israel's Supreme Court postponed the demolition of [Ulpana outpost](#) in the West Bank, a ruling that gave the government more time to argue against their destruction and placate pro-settler political partners. The court said it would freeze the demolition, originally scheduled for May 1, for 60 days and meet again at the end of that period to hear the government's argument. "No later than 60 days from today the State Attorney's office will present an updated declaration and according to what it says, we will decide how to proceed with this petition," part of the court's ruling. Maannews (April 29, 2012).
- Meir Margalit, a Jerusalem municipal council member, was questioned on Sunday under warning, about his part in rebuilding a house demolished by the municipality in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of A-Tur. This is the first time an Israeli activist has been questioned about helping to rebuild demolished houses. An Interior Ministry spokesperson reported that "following a request by the state prosecutor's Land Laws Enforcement Unit, Mr. Meir Margalit was summoned for questioning on suspicion of building without a permit, **which is a criminal act.** [Haaretz](#) (April 30, 2012).
- The government will fund two temporary housing solutions for the residents of the illegal outpost of Migron, each of which will cost at least NIS 25 million. The unanimous cabinet decision came in the wake of last month's rejection by the High Court of Justice of the state's request that the evacuation of Migron be delayed, and the court's reaffirmation of its order that Migron must be evacuated by August 1, 2012. One of the temporary sites, known as the Yekev compound, is about two kilometers from Migron, next door to the permanent site selected for the Migron settlers. The Yekev site had originally been zoned as a tourist site, but GOC Central Command Nitzan Alon is expected to sign an order expediting the rezoning of the site for housing. According to the cabinet decision, the cost of the NIS 25 million move will be shared by the Finance Ministry, which will immediately give NIS 4.62 million for the planning of infrastructure in the temporary site and for the placement of temporary dwellings there.

If planning is completed by June 17, another NIS 7 million will be paid out for development; NIS 13 million will then be used to purchase prefabricated houses, which will be government property and will be rented to the Migron settlers at market prices. However, due to several complications involving the Yekev site, the state has prepared a backup plan to settle the Migron evacuees at the settlement of Adam - where they were to have moved four years ago. As part of that plan, the cabinet decided to immediately transfer NIS 28.5 million to the Housing and Construction Ministry to develop infrastructure for residential housing. Even if Adam does not become the temporary site for the Migron evacuees, the NIS 28 million will have gone for infrastructure for housing there. Effectively, this means that two new neighborhoods could go up instead of Migron: one in Adam and the other in the Yekev compound. The target date for completion of the temporary site is July 15, 2012. [Haaretz](#) (April 30, 2012)

Monthly Violations Statistics – April 2012

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees	Demolished Houses	Houses threatened of Demolition
Bethlehem	62	0	90	2	0
Jerusalem	0	408.5	0	6	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm	0	0	20	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	130	0	0
Nablus	0	0	0	10	0
Salfit	20	0	500	0	5
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilyah	0	0	0	0	6
Hebron	52	0	24	0	10
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	134	408.5	764	18	21