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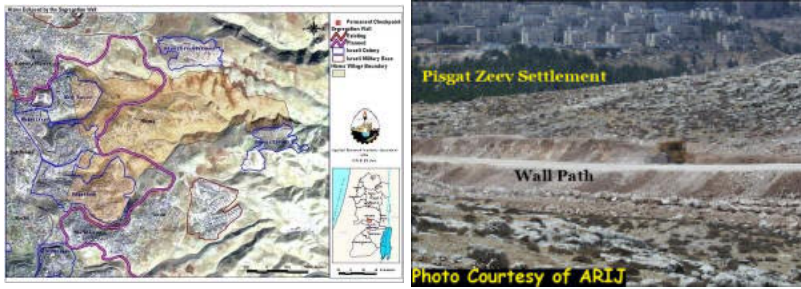
- The Israeli central court issued an order to cancel the demolition order of Khader, Emad and Ziyad Abu Halawa houses in Bab Hatta neighborhood in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (Dec 3, 2004). [Click here for more details.](#)
- The IOF demolished a two-storey residential building along with two commercial stores in Al Sal'a neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukabbir area, owned by Fuad Salameh and Anwar Shqerat. The demolition came under the pretext of being unlicensed, and according to Jerusalem center: the IOF demolished about 50 houses in 'Anata, Beit Hanina and Shu'fat cities since the beginning of this week. Quds (Dec 7, 2004).



- The Israeli troops destroyed five houses along with tens of barracks owned by Yousef Hassan Mlehat, Nayef 'Ali Sleimat, Yunis Muhammad Sleimat, Mir'y and Musa Muhammad Sleimat, displacing 30 dwellers of 'Arab Al Ka'abneh in Beir Nabala to the northwest of Jerusalem city. Wafa+ Quds (Dec 8, 2004).
- The IOF demolished the house of Zahran Al Lauzy in Al Jeeb area "AL Khalayla neighborhood" in Jerusalem city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (Dec 8, 2004).
- The IOF demolished without pre-notification the second floor of the two-storey house of Zuhair 'Atta Mahmoud Nimr in Al Jeeb "AL Khalayla" neighborhood in Jerusalem city under the pretext of being unlicensed. It is worth mentioning that the house is located near three Israeli settlements, Givat Zeev is one of them. Quds (Dec 12, 2004).
- Jerusalem municipality decided to demolish the wall and the road leading to the Dung Gate, one of Al Aqsa Mosque Gates; in the time, the IOF will construct a wooden bridge instead at favor of easing the access of Israeli policemen coming in and out of the Mosque. Qudsnet (Dec 14, 2004).
- An Israeli settler took over a piece of land owned by Muhammad Sader in Beit Ikxa village to the northwest of Jerusalem city and hindered him from accessing his own land. Wafa (Dec 15, 2004). [Click here for more details about Beit Surik.](#)
- The IOF started constructing the Segregation Fence in Ras Khamis neighborhood in Shu'fat camp which opposes the order issued by Tel Aviv court on the 26th of November 2004. The court order also allows the construction of the fence between Pisgat Ze'ev settlement and Shu'fat camp without reaching the neighborhood as it is considered as an open area. Quds (Dec 15, 2004). [Click here for more details about Shu'fat.](#)



- Jerusalem local court issued an order to put resident Omar Al Shalody from Silwan neighborhood south of Jerusalem old city in jail for two months under the pretext of not having building permits and charged him NIS 10,000 as a penalty. Quds (Dec 21, 2004). [Click here for more information about house demolitions.](#)
- The IOF demolished a residential building and a gas station owned by Fadiya Al 'Amory, Hasan Al 'Amory, Khalil Abu Shehada (And his sons) and Sadeq Al Rishq in Shu'fat city under the pretext of not having building permits. In the time, the IOF partially demolished the house of Kamal Hamdan in Al Barid outskirts. Quds (Dec 21, 2004).
- Jerusalem municipality court charged resident Daoud Suleiman Farah from Beit Hanina city NIS 200,000 as a penalty under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (Dec 22, 2004).
- The IOF started constructing cement Wall blocks in Hizma town northeast of Jerusalem city and continued the construction in Wadi 'Ayad in Al Ram town. Wafa (Dec 27, 2004). [For further information about Hizma, click here.](#)



- The Israeli troops demolished the house of Ahmad 'Abd El Hamid Sakakiya in Al Farouq neighborhood in Jabal Al Mukabbir under the pretext of being unlicensed; thus, displacing 7 dwellers. Quds (Dec 29, 2004).
- In a report issued by the Land Research center assured that the IOF demolished 176 houses and took over 33 in Jerusalem city during the year 2004. Al Ayam (Dec 31, 2004).

### Qalqiliya

- The IOF broke into a handicapped committee headquarter in Qalqiliya city, causing severe damages to the properties and handed the general director of the committee an order to close it for two years. Quds (Dec 3, 2004).
- **The Israeli authorities expropriated approximately 350 dunums of arable Palestinian-owned lands from [Izbat Salman](#) and Eezbat Ja'loud villages located south of Qalqailia city at favor of building a new settlement "Nof Hhasharoun". 40 new Caravans (out of 1200 housing units planned to be added to the new settlement ) were added to the new site at favor in addition to expanding the existing Israeli Settlement, 'Oranit'. IPC.**
- Settlers of Zufin settlement (where about 200 families live, is built on 136 hectares (336 acres) of land confiscated by the Israeli occupation from Jayyus in 1986) uprooted 117 olive trees in the Palestinian village of Jayyus near the West Bank city of Qalqiliya. Imemc news (Dec 10, 2004). [Click here for more information about Jayyus village.](#)
- **The Israeli bulldozers accompanied by settlers of Zufin razed 80 dunums of agricultural lands and uprooted 317 Olive trees which belong to Hasan Muhammad Salim in Jayyus town to the northeast of Qalqiliya. Lands were razed either for attaching the land to the**

aforementioned settlement or for the Segregation wall's path. Wafa (Dec 20, 2004).

- Hundreds of Israeli and international peace activists together with Palestinian villagers from Jayyus village planted olive saplings which they had brought with them to the plot of land where the Israeli bulldozers had uprooted hundreds of olive trees last week for the planned new settlement: North Zufin, next to Qalqilya. Gush Shalom (December 31-12-2004).



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Confrontation between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian and International peace activists in Jayyus village trying to replant Olive Saplings.



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Replanting Olive Saplings in Jayyus villages lands.  
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## Gaza

- The IOF shelled on the residential buildings in Al Zahra city to the south of Gaza city, causing the burning of one apartment owned by Basim El Magdalawy. Wafa+ Al Ayam (Dec 3, 2004).
- The IOF staged into Abu Dhaher area to the east of Al Qarara town north of Khan Yunis city, razed vast areas of agricultural lands and uprooted

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- 200 Olive trees. Lands belong to Al Sumairy, Abu Dhaher, Abu Nadeef and Al 'Amawi families. Wafa (Dec 5, 2004).
- For the second time on row, the Israeli bulldozers continued to raze lands and uproot Grapes and Figs trees in Al Sheikh 'Ajlin area near the coastal road east of Nitzarim settlement for military use. Al Ayam+ Quds (Dec 7, 2004).
  - The IOF shelled on the house of Mahmoud Al Madhun in Beit Lahya city in Gaza northern governorate, causing the burning of the house and severe damages to the nearby houses. Wafa (Dec 10, 2004).
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands cultivated with Citrus and Olives in Qizan Al Najjar area near Khan Yunis city to the south of the Strip. Lands belong to Muhammad Tafish Sharab. Quds (Dec 10, 2004).
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands to the south of Rafah city. Wafa (Dec 13, 2004).
  - The IOF demolished at least 10 houses east of Al Shaga'iya area, displacing hundreds of Palestinian dwellers. Wafa+ Arabs 48(Dec 14, 2004).
  - The IOF staged into the western camp of Khan Yunis near Al Namsawi neighborhood and demolished about 12 Palestinian houses after forcing all dwellers to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Among the owners, the following were known: Manar Al 'Ewany and Hussein Abu Zurqa. Wafa(Dec 14, 2004).
  - Israeli settlers of Neve Dekalim took over 6 dunums of lands and hedged them with barbed wires in Al Mawasi area in Khan Yunis city. Lands belong to Yahya Al Fara. Al Ayam (Dec 14, 2004).
  - For the fourth day on row, the IOF divides the Gaza Strip into three parts and closes all main entrances hindering the access to and out of the Strip. Quds (Dec 16, 2004).
  - The IOF forced tens of Palestinian families to evacuate their homes in Al Namsawi complex to the west of Khan Yunis under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Dec 17, 2004).
  - The IOF staged into the new neighborhood west of Khan Yunis under heavy barrage of gunfire, demolished Palestinian houses and razed vast areas of lands in the area. Wafa (Dec 17, 2004).
  - The Israeli bulldozers demolished the western wall of Naser's medical complex which contains Naser's and Mubarak hospitals in Khan Yunis to the south of the Strip. Wafa (Dec 17, 2004).

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- The IOF shelled on a residential building and put fire into a carpentry located within the building in Tel Al Sultan neighborhood west of Rafah district. Al Ayam (Dec 17, 2004).
- The IOF destroyed a garage and a workshop in Al Nasr and Al Sahaba neighborhoods east of Gaza city owned by Nael Al Ramly Khalaf and Hisham Al Masry. Quds (Dec 18, 2004).
- The IOF demolished the two-storey house of Muhammad Sa'ed Abu 'Tbayed in Block (O) on the Palestinian-Egyptian borders after shelling it with a rocket. 5 Palestinian houses and 12 commercial stores were partially damages due to the shelling the area received. Quds+ Al Ayam (Dec 18, 2004).
- The IOF staged into the western camp of Khan Yunis and Al Namsawi neighborhood and demolished 40 Palestinian houses turning them into a heap of rubble and displacing more than 300 Palestinian dwellers. Quds+ Qudsnet (Dec 18, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the wall that surrounds Tariq Bin Ziyad School in Al Haoz area to the west of Khan Yunis city. Moreover the IOF demolished the western wall of Mubarak medical center located to the west of the city. Wafa (Dec 22, 2004).
- The IOF surrounded the Palestinian houses in Abraj Al Nada area in Al Namsawi neighborhood in Khan Yunis city and threatened to demolish them on the heads of the residents if not evacuating their houses. Wafa (Dec 22, 2004).
- The IOF started erecting a deep trench around Sufa passage to the northwest of Rafah district. Al Ayam (Dec 22, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands near the Martyr Street which leads to the Bedouin village to the north of Beit Lahya city. Wafa (Dec 23, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands in Al Zaytun neighborhood to the east of Gaza city. In the time, the IOF took over the house of Abu Jarad and turned it into a military post. Wafa (Dec 23, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers started to erect a road at favor of connecting Netzarim settlement south of Gaza city with the coastal road in Al Sheikh 'Ajlin area. As a result, 69 dunums of agricultural lands planted with Grapes, Figs and Olive Trees were razed and the houses of Shamlakh and Al Dani families along with a poultry farm were demolished. Al Ayam (Dec 23, 2004).

- The IOF razed 5 dunums of lands cultivated with Olives and Citrus Trees in Al Qrays area to the east of Moraj settlement. Lands belong to Daher and Abu Jazar families. Al Ayam (Dec 24, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Zaytun neighborhood south of Gaza city and razed lands cultivated with Olives and belong to 'Ilewa family. Al Ayam (Dec 24, 2004).
- The IOF razed some lands near Erez Industrial zone to the north of Beit Hanun city. Wafa (Dec 29, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Hakr area in Deir El Balah and razed about 20 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olives, Citrus and Palms owned by Basher, Al Luh, Abu Salim and Al Qudra families. Quds+ Al Ayam (Dec 29, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed a Palestinian military point in Al Amal neighborhood west of Khan Yunis city, and turned it into a heap of rubble. Wafa (Dec 30, 2004).
- The IOF threatened to demolish a number of Palestinian houses in Al 'Araysha area to the north of Al Amal neighborhood west of Khan Yunis city if they don't evacuate them. Wafa (Dec 31, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers continued to raze lands near the Industrial zone of Erez and Beit Hanun. Lands belong to Al Basyoni family. Al Ayam 9Dec 31, 2004).

## **Bethlehem**

- The IOF dynamited the three-storey house of Muhammad Musa Hamash in Al Salam area in Ad Duheisha refugee camp to the south of Bethlehem city after planting it with heavy explosive devices. Dwellers weren't given any chance to salvage any of their belongings. Wafa (Dec 1, 2004).
- The IOF took over the three-storey house of Muhammad Al Mahseri in Al Khader old city south of Bethlehem city and transformed it into military barrack after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the building under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Dec 2, 2004).
- The IOF aggressed on residents of Battir village to the west of Bethlehem city while harvesting their Olive trees and hindered them from accessing their own lands. The IOF claimed that lands are located within the borders of Jerusalem municipality and therefore shouldn't be accessed by Palestinians. Further to mention that Palestinian land owners have legal documents (Tabu) proving their ownership of the land. Quds (Dec 2, 2004).



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- The IOF handed Al Jab'a village council south of Bethlehem city military order to confiscate 270 dunums of lands in Al Hamur, Wad Al Jard, Dhaher 'Alin, Dhaher Ader, Al Hel, Ras Hasan, Qatat Al Zar'ora and Qarnet Al Balut areas for the Segregation Wall process. Quds (Dec 10, 2004).
- The IOF notified Muhammad Hussein Issa from Al Khader town of their intention to demolish his agricultural house in Al Qaramy land due to its location opposite to Efrat settlement. Quds (Dec 10, 2004).
- The IOF took over the house of Isma'il Ahmad Sabatin in Husan village to the west of Bethlehem city and transformed it into military barrack for military reasons. Quds (Dec 11, 2004). [Click here for more details.](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed the "2 km length and 20m width" agricultural land cultivated with Olives in Sha'ab Hamad, Sha'ab Mansour, Al Manazel and Al Qirna areas in Husan village to the west of Bethlehem city for the Segregation Wall process. Wafa (Dec 12, 2004).
- The IOF broke into the Islamic committee in Beit Sahour city after destroying all door entrances causing severe damages to the properties. This is the first time the IOF breaks into the committee's residency. Quds (Dec 16, 2004).
- The Israeli troops took over Al Shobaky residential building facing Al 'Aza refugee camp in Bethlehem city and turned it into military post. Al Ayam (Dec 18, 2004).

## **Jenin**

- The IOF dynamited the houses of Muhammad Fathi Deeb 'Ayoush and Basam Mustafa 'Ibayed in 'Araba village to the south of Jenin district after planting them with heavy explosive devices and causing severe damages to the nearby houses of Ahmad and 'Abed El Rahman 'Ayoush. Wafa (Dec 20, 2004).
- The IOF demolished four-storey residential building in Jenin city owned by Suleiman 'Arkawy; thus, displacing 20 dwellers. Wafa (Dec 25, 2004).

## **Hebron**

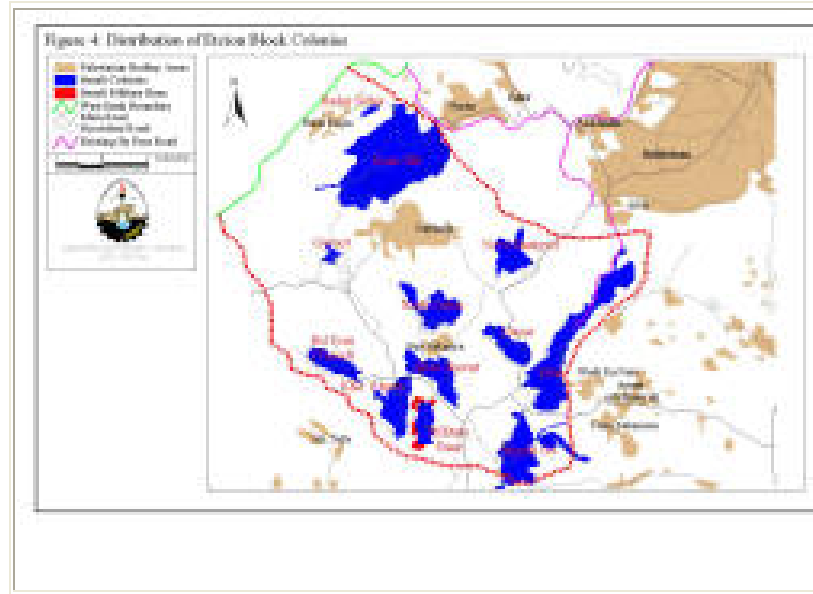
- In a report issued by the agricultural department in Hebron district assured that the total loses of the agricultural sector in the district during the month of November reached to \$ 61 thousands particularly in Beit Ula,

- Beit 'Awa, Deir El 'Asal, Surif and Beit Mirsim towns where the Segregation Wall is being constructed, Quds (Dec 5, 2004).
- **The Israeli authorities are apparently planning to divide the city of Hebron as new bypass roads have been already dug under the pretext of ensuring safe passage to armed Israeli settlers. The new Israeli constructions would cut through the southern (Hebron) and northern parts of Palestine, including roads and tunnels that would swallow vast areas of Palestinian-owned lands. Whereby, the aforementioned scheme would divide Hebron district into 12 separate cantons, connected by three new streets. IPC (Dec 9, 2004).**
  - A group of Israeli settlers aggressed on houses of Sheref, Raed and Hani Al Salaymeh in Jaber neighborhood east of Al Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron causing severe damages to the properties. Quds (Dec 10, 2004). [Click here for more details](#)

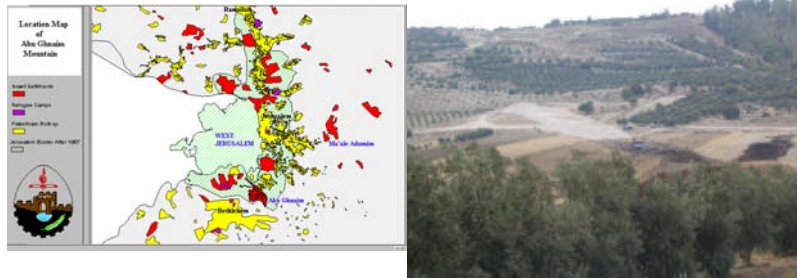


- The Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is willing to approve the changes to the Segregation Wall Route in Gush Etzion Block to "a single package", at the same time delaying the approval of the already amended and completed plan of Hebron Hills area until the completion of the "single package plan". Israel is also willing to make the wall path in Hebron Hills area closer to the Green Line, and to include all Gush Etzion bloc of settlements within the wall borders. The original route of Gush Etzion Wall was approved by the Israeli cabinet in October 2003 and encompassed four Palestinian villages with a total population of 17,000

residents in an enclave. Haaretz (Dec 14, 2004). [Click here for more details about Gush Etzion Bloc.](#)

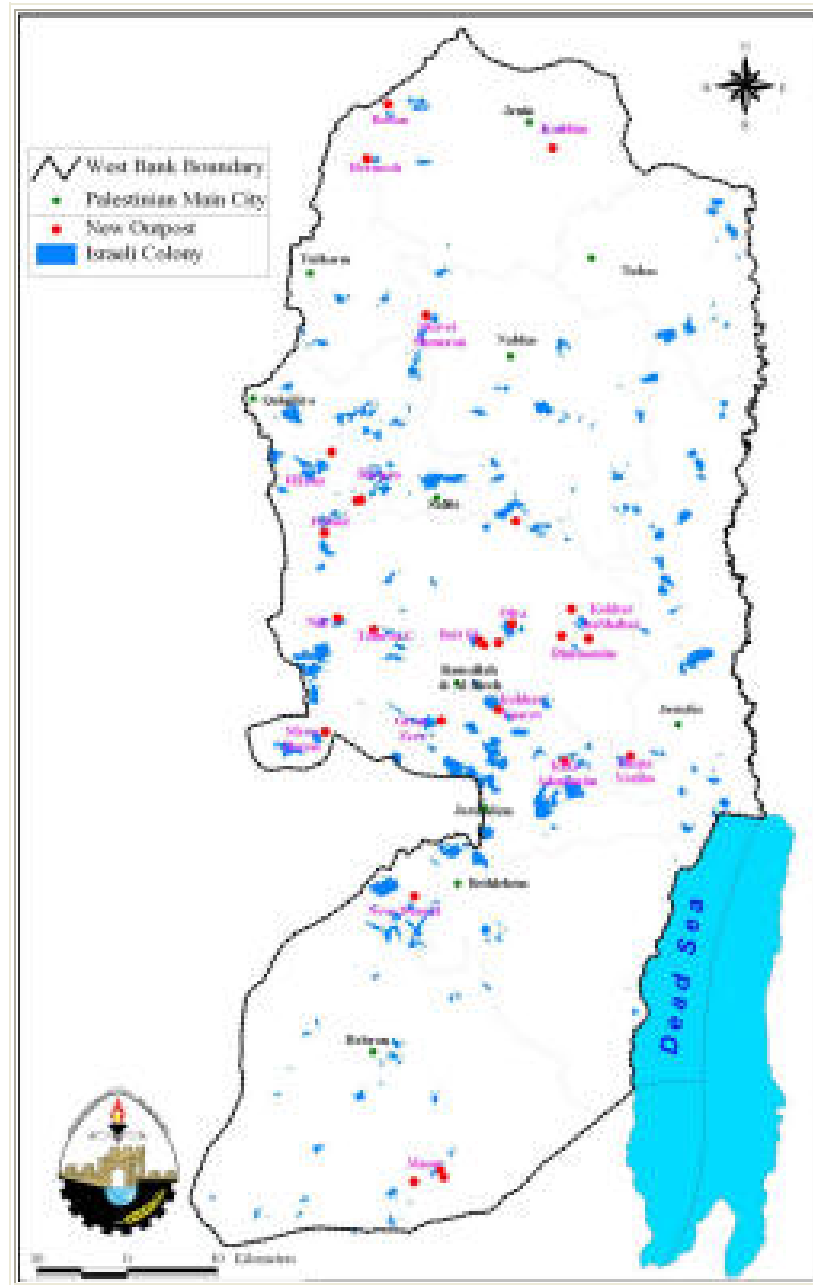


- The IOF dynamited the second floor of the three-storey house of Rajeh 'Abed Al Muhsein Tah Abu Senaineh in Talet Abu Senaineh south of Hebron city, in addition to another two-storey house in Wad Al Hariya south of the city and belongs to Yousef Hamed Abu Daoud Abu Senaineh. Wafa (Dec 14, 2004).
- The IOF demolished the first floor of the two-storey house of Iyad 'Abed El Mu'ty Rajad Shkhadim in Wad Abu Kteleh neighborhood to the west of Hebron city, after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Arabynet+ Wafa (Dec 15, 2004).
- Moshe Keplenski, Chief Commander of The Israel Defense Forces in Judea & Samaria issued new military order number (04/74 T) to confiscate 600 dunums of [lands in Surif and Jab'a villages to the north of Hebron city for the Segregation Wall process](#), out of which, 270 dunums were seized immediately and are no longer accessed by their land owners. The confiscated lands are located within
  1. Parcel 2 and 3 in Wad Al Jerd, Dhaher 'Alon, Dhaher Al Deir, Al Hayl, Ras Hasan Al Za'rura and Qarnet Balut areas in Surif town
  2. Parcel 4 in Al Howar area in Al Jab'a village.



It is worth mentioning that the length of Segregation Wall path in Hebron district is 40km starting from Al Jab'a village in the northwest reaching to Umm Baghla and Al Burj villages located to the southwest of Hebron. Wafa (Dec 15, 2004).

- The IOF and Israeli settlers of Maon and Susiya settlements hindered 'Abed El Salam Muhammad AL Hamamdeh, 'Abed El Hamid Al Hamamdeh, Jabur family, Khalil Musalam Al Khalayla, 'Ali Muhammad Shihada Al Khalayla, Musa Diyab Al Khalayla and Ibrahim Al Khalayla from accessing their own lands in Yatta and Al Samu' towns. At the same time, settlers of Tene settlement near Khalet Al 'Ajom and 'Arab Al Ramadin in Ad Dhahiriya town hindered Nawaf Bages Al Badarin, Muhammad and Ahmad 'Awad al She'ur, Suleiman Ramadan Al She'ur and Musa Salameh Al She'ur from accessing their lands under the threat of weapons. Wafa (Dec 15, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers razed about 20 dunums lands in Twal Muhammad area near road # 60, 600m north of Shani settlement to the south of Al Samu' town and started supplying the area with Caravans. Lands belong to 'Atta Allah 'Ali Odeh Dahdulan. Wafa (Dec 16, 2004).
- The IOF took over the two-storey house of Riyadh Ibrahim Al Nawaj'a in Tel Al Sumod neighborhood to the east of Yatta town and transferred it into military barrack. Wafa (Dec 18, 2004).
- The Israeli settlers of Qiryat Arba' tried to construct a new outpost by adding wooden caravans to a pre-confiscated land owned by Muhammad Jaber in Wad Al Nasara neighborhood. Moreover settlers of Abraham Aveno outpost put fire into three commercial stores in Al Hisba market in the old city of Hebron which belong to: 'Azam Baha Al 'Awaywi and As'ad Hasan Bader. Wafa (Dec 18, 2004). [Click here for more information about outposts.](#)



- The Israeli authorities issued new military order number (4-64/T) under the name of "Changing borders" to confiscate 50 dunums of lands from Nuba town to the northwest of Hebron district for the Segregation Wall. Al Ayam (Dec 18, 2004).
- The Israeli settlers of Abraham Abeno put fire into two commercial stores in the old city of Hebron owned by Muhammad Taysser Al 'Ewaywi, causing severe damages to the properties. Al Ayam (Dec 30, 2004).

- The Israeli settlers of Asfar and Mitzad Shimon east of Sa'ir town to the northeast of Hebron city hindered Al Shalalda family from accessing their lands and planted vast areas of lands with trees at favor of attaching the lands to the aforementioned settlements with Kisan settlement in Bethlehem; thus, creating geographical contiguity between the two settlements . Lands are located within Al Qanub, Khalet Al Nasrani, Harayik Salman, Tur Al Batm and Sha'b Al Hamam areas. Moreover the Israeli authorities marked vast areas of lands in Halhul town north of Hebron city at favor of constructing an electricity network for the benefit of Karmeil Zur settlement in the north with 'Ein Al Shinar area located on road # 60 in the east. Lands belong to Melhem, 'Akel and Abu Rayan families. Wafa (Dec 31, 2004).

## **Nablus**

- Settlers of Bracha aggressed on 100 dunums piece of land owned by As'ad Qasem 'Abed El Hadi Qadous and started razing 40 dunums of of the 100 to attach them to the aforementioned settlement. Not forgetting to mention that the lands are cultivated with Olive trees and are considered the main source of income to Qadous family. Quds (Dec 4, 2004).
- The IOF constructed more 4-meters height earth mounds on the road leading to Tel village from Nablus city. Quds (Dec 12, 2004).
- Israeli settlers of Yizhar aggressed on 40-50 dunums piece of land at favor of attaching them to the aforementioned settlement in 'Asira Al Qibliya village to the south of Nablus city. Landowners will have no access to their lands located between the villages of 'Asira Al Qibliya and 'Uref . Quds (Dec 13, 2004).
- The IOF took over the two-storey house of Nasef family in Tel 'Ezat Street in Nablus city and transformed it into military post. Wafa (Dec 14, 2004).

## **Tulkarm**

- The IOF constructed an iron gate on the southern entrance of Tulkarm city and Al Kafriyat checkpoint; as a result the city will be isolated from its southern villages. Wafa (Dec 3, 2004).
- The Israeli troops constructed military checkpoint at Baqa Ash Sharqiya-'Illar junction to the north of Tulkarm city. Quds (Dec 7, 2004).

- Israeli bulldozers razed huge numbers of Olive trees in Wadi Bedair in Far'un village near Al Kafriyat checkpoint owned by 'Ater, Bedair and Omar families. Wafa (Dec 20, 2004).
- The IOF continued to raze agricultural lands in Far'un village and uprooted about 200 Olive trees at favor of erecting a road in Al Bawaten area which belongs to Bedair family. Wafa (Dec 26, 2004).
- The Israeli chief commander Moshe Keplenski issued an order to confiscate more than 550 dunums of lands from Al Ras and Far'un villages south of Tulkarm city for security reasons. The lands in Al Ras village are located within Block (2) in Al M'atma, Al 'Umor, Zaytun Al Harayik, Al Shakara, Khalayil Al Kharoub, Al Wa'ra Al Gharbiya and Zaytun Al 'Amayer areas while lands in Far'un village are located within:
  1. Block (8474), Parcels (8,9)
  2. Block (8472), Parcels (29,27,25,16,23,17,13,8,7,4,3)
  3. Block (8471), Parcels (36,28,32) Wafa (Dec 31, 2004)

## **Ramallah**

- The Israeli settlers of the indiscriminate outpost "Givat Asaf" in Ramallah district refused the order of the Israeli chief commander to evacuate three mobile homes that were constructed earlier in the outpost. Quds (Dec 7, 2004).
- The IOF evacuated "Sivan Sameramis" military base in Qalandyia area to the north of Jerusalem city (on the way to Ramallah- Al Bireh) and relocated it to the Police border administration office of Beit El. Quds (Dec 7, 2004).
- The IOF razed vast areas of lands without pre-notification in Ba'lin village to the west of Ramallah city for the Segregation Wall. Al Ayam (Dec 15, 2004).
- The IOF caused severe damages to the houses of Dr. 'Abed El Rahman Al Tamemi and 'Abed El Razaq Al Tamemi in Al Nabi Saleh village to the west of Ramallah city as they attacked the houses. Wafa (Dec 26, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers started razing lands and uprooting Olive and Almond trees in Beit 'Anan town to the northwest of Jerusalem city for the Segregation Wall process. Quds (Dec 28, 2004).

## Salfit

- The Israeli bulldozers started razing vast areas of lands in Wad T'amar area to the west of Deir Balut town in Salfit District for the Segregation Wall process, opposing the Israeli Supreme court order to stop the wall constructions in the area. Quds (Dec 15, 2004).

## Others

- A recent Spot Image Analysis conducted by the Applied Research Institute-Jerusalem (ARIJ) clearly shows that 27 new outpost settlements are under currently construction and expanding into additional tracts of Palestinian land. The 27 new outposts were all erected during the period of January 2004 to August 2004 and are scattered throughout the West Bank. The report also showed that most of the newly constructed outposts are situated in Ramallah governorate with total of 12 outposts and 60 caravans. ARIJ (Dec 3, 2004).
- In a report issued by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) assured that the total number of Palestinian families displaced from their homes due to the construction of the Segregation Wall is 2.173 containing 11.461 people. It is worth mentioning that out of the 2.173 families, 1.150 (5.920 inhabitants) lived in Jerusalem. Quds (Dec 5, 2004)
- Ten Israeli families from Nisanit settlement north of the Gaza Strip agreed to evacuate their houses in return of one dunum of land in the Galilee heights to establish new houses of 30m<sup>2</sup> areas and a cost of \$ 205000. Quds (Dec 5, 2004).
- **The Israeli authorities have completed the construction of part of a road extending from the Israeli City of Tel-Aviv through the Jordanian capital of Amman, under the title of Greater Middle East project. IPC (Dec 9, 2004).**
- In a report issued by the high information committee in Gaza city showed that 7149 Palestinian houses were completely demolished during the period of September 2000 and October 2004. Out of the total, 4414 Palestinian houses were demolished in the Gaza Strip, whereby 61971 Palestinian houses were partially demolished, 71914 dunums of lands were razed and 1229210 fruitful trees were uprooted. Quds (Dec 11, 2004).



- The Israeli ministry of interior issued 50 military orders to demolish the houses in the unrecognized village of Al Sader village in addition to 70 others in Tel 'Arad in an attempt to evacuate the Palestinian people and settle Israeli settlers instead. Arabs 48 (Dec 12, 2004).
- The IOF demolished two houses and a farm owned by Muner Subhi Asady and Khaled Tah Asady in Deir Al Asad town in Al Shaghor area in the western Galilee, under the pretext of not having building permits. Wafa (Dec 15, 2004).
- An Israeli railway company will transfer \$ 7.5 millions during the next four years to construct a railway between Tel Aviv-Beer Shiva' and Tel Aviv-Ashkilon, connecting Sederot, Ofekim and Netevot settlements inside the Green Line together. Arabynet (Dec 16, 2004).
- The Israeli Tax Payers are paying huge amounts of money to construct touristic projects in West Bank and the Gaza Strip settlements. Moreover the Israeli Financial committee agreed to transfer NIS 2.000.000 for these projects. The 2 million NIS (New Israeli Shickel) will be divided to cover
  1. Kesufim checkpoint, as 176,000 NIS will be transferred to evacuate the settlement since it is listed to be evacuated according to Sharon's disengagement plan.
  2. 'Ibal Mountain, Rachel Tomb, Wad El Kilt and some other places as NIS 25,000 will be transferred for future plans in these colonial areas. Quds (Dec 16, 2004).
- The Israeli financial committee transferred NIS 90 millions to erect a road between 'Anata and Al 'Ezariya towns, north of Jerusalem city. This amount of money forms 10% of the 2005 Israeli budget estimated at NIS "**one milliard**". Quds (Dec 18, 2004).
- The regional council for planning and construction agreed on expanding Rekavet, Manof, Shkhenya and Qornit settlements in the colonial council "Mesghav" in Al Batof area in the Galilee, to the north of Kawkab Abu Al Hayga village. It is worth mentioning that the number of Israeli families moving to those settlements will witness an increase (from 200 to 350); in addition, a total of 600 new housing units will be added to the council to accommodate the new Families. Al Ayam (Dec 19, 2004)
- Security plans to upgrade and civilianize the crossings between Israel and the West Bank to reduce the friction between the IOF and Palestinian residents and to ease the passage of people and goods. In addition, "between" 40-60 smaller checkpoints will be built along the Segregation

Wall, which will include "Back to back" platforms for conveying cargo between trucks on either side. According to the plan the first checkpoints to be upgraded will be at Jalame, near Jenin, Sha'ar Efraim near Tulkarm and Tarqumia between Hebron and Qiryat Gat and the construction of two terminals in Betunia near Ramallah and Mazmuria near Bethlehem is still being discussed. Each terminal is expected to cost around NIS 160-170 million. Haaretz (Dec 26, 2004).

- In a report issued by the Israeli information center for human rights in the Palestinian Territories "Btselem" assured that the IOF demolished more than 1538 Palestinian houses and displaced 11,500 Palestinians since the beginning of year 2004. Wafa (Dec 29, 2004).
- In a report issued by PEACE NOW movement assured that the Israeli authorities are planning to increase the settlement activities in West Bank Settlements by establishing new Israeli neighborhoods for settlements located near the Segregation Wall. The report highlighted the expansions that already took place in a number of Israeli settlements:
  1. Alfe Menashe settlement on the expanse of the lands of Ras Al Tira and Ras 'Attiya villages.
  2. Adding 2100 housing units to Zufim settlement on the expanse of Jayyus lands.
  3. Adding 2000 apartments in Sal'it settlement on the expanse of Kherbit Jabara lands at favor of creating a geographical contiguity with Zur Natan settlement located near the 1967 borders. Quds+ Wafa (Dec 29, 2004).
- The Israeli Governments announced a revised route of the Segregation Wall in Gush Etzion area. The revised route will penetrate deeply into the West Bank in order to encompass 10 Israeli settlements with some 50,000 residents and 4 Palestinian villages with 18,000 residents (Battir, Husan, Nahalin and Wad Fukin) will be enclosed in a Ghetto. Ha'aretz (Dec 30, 2004).

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	270	0	0	3	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	11	0
Jenin	0	0	0	6	0
Tulkarem	550	0	200	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	90	60	800	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0
Gaza	100	0	2330.5	66	0
Qalqilyia	430	0	434	0	0
Hebron	670	0	0	4	0
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2110	60	3764.5	90	0

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