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Jerusalem

- Jerusalem municipality charged residents 'Abed El Mu'ti and 'Ali Saleh Al Qadmani from As Suwwana neighborhood in Jerusalem city a penalty of NIS 145,000 under the pretext of not having building licenses. Quds (Feb 1, 2004). <u>Click here for related articles</u>
- The Israeli authorities demolished a two-storey house and four store wares in Ras Khamis neighborhood in <u>Shu'fat camp to the northeast of Jerusalem</u> and belong to Khamis and Husam Musa under the pretext of not having building permits whereby eight houses are also threatened to be demolished. Quds+ Al Ayam (Feb 6, 2004)
- The local committee for housing and construction delayed for the second time the construction of 15 housing units for Palestinians in Jerusalem. The Houses are supposed to be constructed on 16 dunums of lands in <u>Ras</u> <u>El 'Amoud neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem</u> due to their location which obstructs the construction of the Segregation Wall. Quds (Feb 7, 2004)

- The Israeli colonial committee "Al Ad" took over 16 houses in Silwan village forcing dwellers to evacuate them under the threat of weapons claming their ownership of the houses. This provocative act came to connect the Jewish places in Silwan city with David's city and another "under construction "project in the Dung Gate to then reach the Walling Wall. Furthermore, colonists were later forced to evacuate two of the houses (out of the 16) which are owned by Al 'Ajouli family. Quds (Feb 9, 2004). Click here for related articles
- The IOF demolished the house of Ibrahim Muhammad Attiya Baragheth in Al Mu'alemen outskirt in Beit Hanina neighborhood under the pretext of not having building permits. The house of Amal Suleiman 'Abed El Muhsen Kawasbeh was also demolished under the same pretext. Residents of Beit Hanina found demolition orders hanged on walls of their houses on the same day of demolition. Moreover the wall which surrounds the two dunums of land owned by Muhammad Bader Al Natsha was severely damaged by the demolition process. Quds (Feb 10, 2004). Click here for related articles
- The IOF demolished a four-storey building in Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina area under the pretext of being unlicensed. The building belongs to Adnan Salameh Al Shubaki; The IOF also demolished residential building owned by Hussein 'Ali Abu Rmaleh in Al Isawiya town northeast of Jerusalem city under the same pretext. Wafa (Feb 11, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Issa Yacoub Katamesh in 'Ein El Luza neighborhood in the town of Silwan for not being able to the NIS 40,000 penalty. The IOF also demolished the house of Khalid and Jamal Al Faqeh in Al 'Aqaba neighborhood in Beit Hanina and another two two-storey building in Wad El Dam and belongs to Adnan, Nafeth, Wael, Isam and Muhammad El Shubaki under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (Feb 11, 2004)
- The Israeli Supreme court issued an order to stop the construction of <u>the Segregation Wall in Shu'fat and 'Anata areas</u> which is constructed on 110 dunums of land. The two aforementioned areas are located within Jerusalem municipality borders. Quds (Feb 12, 2004)
- Israeli surveyors continued their surveys in the areas of <u>Al Ram and Al Bareed outskirt</u> for the Segregation Wall path in the area. Owners were asked to evacuate their stores located near 'Atarot industrial zone due to

their location close to the Wall path which starts from Dahiyat Al Barid checkpoint to Qalandiya checkpoint in the north. Quds (Feb 13, 2004).

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished without pre-notification two houses owned by Hussein Shehda Abu Ramouz in Ras El 'Amoud neighborhood under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (Feb 18, 2004)
- Jerusalem municipality court delayed the demolition of five houses in Jerusalem city according to the appeal presented by residents to the court in order to get building permits. Houses belong to Jamal Totah, Fatima Id'as, Amena Qara'in, Ilham Zakariya Al 'Akari and Issa Shamasneh. Al Ayam (Feb 18, 2004)
- Israel plans to build a new project in Jerusalem city (Zion Mountain) which includes a Public Park and a restaurant on 10 dunums of land. Lands belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. Quds (Feb 21, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Ahmad Jamel Shqirat in the town of El Sawahra El Sharqiya to the south of Jerusalem city due to its location close to the Segregation Wall. The IOF also handed tens of families military orders to demolish their houses under the same pretext. Among the families, the following were known: Isma'il Shqirat and Jamel El Salhout were known. Quds (Feb 25, 2004)
- Israel started constructing 42 kilometers long part of the Segregation Wall in *Beit Surik village to the northwest of Jerusalem city* which will extend from El Kana colony to Ofar prison in the north the West Bank. The wall, when completed is planned to reach 96 km long. The IOF also razed 40 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with Olive and Almond trees in *Qatanna village to the northwest of Jerusalem city* and belong to Musa 'Abed Allah and Muhammad Tah. Quds (Feb 25, 2004)
- The IOF threatened residents living close to the Segregation Wall in El Sawahra El Sharqiya, Abu Dis and El 'Ezariya villages to the southeast of Jerusalem of denying their Jerusalem IDs in case they refuse to evacuate their houses and live within municipality borders. The IOF also installed several numbers of cement blocks in Ash Shayyah area. Quds (Feb 25, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers uprooted 200 Olive trees and isolated 1200 dunums of agricultural lands cultivated as well with hundreds of Olive trees in <u>Al</u> <u>Khas village to the northeast of Bethlehem</u>. In addition, seven Palestinian houses are going to be isolated due to their location which obstructs the path of the wall that is being built in Al Khas village to reach Sur Bahir city and El Sheikh Sa'd village. Lands located in Al Jof, Al Rowaq, Shab El

Hunoud, Sha'b Al Ber, Al 'Ishe, Al Jenab, Al Salalem and Khirbet Yerekot are also threatened by the construction of the Wall. Moreover the IOF continued erecting a 2km bypass road in Jabal El Mukkabir to connect it with the Segregation Wall. As a result, 150 Olive trees were uprooted. The IOF also installed a row of barbed wires on the entrance of El Sheikh Sa'd village, Wad El Humus and El Mentara areas. Al Ayam+ Quds (Feb 26, 2004).

• The IOF demolished without pre-notification the house of Muhammad 'Ezat 'Abed El Qader Al Kiswani in Tel El Ful area in Beit Hanina city to the north of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being un-licensed. Al Ayam (Feb 26, 2004)

Qalqiliya

- Colonists of Karne Shomron prevented the IOF from dismantling several numbers of caravans in the nearby outpost of Allon Shilo to the east of Qalqiliya district to construct a synagogue in the area. Quds (Feb 21, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands in 'Isla town to construct a new Israeli neighborhood that connects with the nearby Alfei Menashe colony. Moreover, the IOF erected 2km length and 8m width bypass road to connect the neighborhood with the aforementioned colony. It is worth mentioning that the IOF razed 80 dunums of lands in the town during the last two weeks. Quds (Feb 25, 2004)

Bethlehem

- The IOF demolished a three-storey house of Muhammad Odeh from Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem, displacing 25 dwellers. Wafa (Feb 2, 2004)
- Colonists of <u>Tekoa</u> and Rumman took over 10 dunums of land from Tathura area to the east of Tequ' town to expand colonies borders. Wafa (Feb 8, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished three houses in <u>Al Khadr village to the</u> <u>southwest of Bethlehem district</u>. Houses belong to 'Ali Salim Musa and composed of two floors, Muhammad Musa and Muhammad Musa Judeh Sbeih. Quds (Feb 13, 2004)
- The Israeli troops invaded the village of Husan near Bethlehem city and dynamited the house of Martyr Muhammad Issa Za'oul after planting it with heavy explosive devices; thus displacing 13 dwellers. Another three

houses were severely damaged by the process and belong to Muhammad Jamal Za'oul, Mazen Hani Za'oul and Khalil Isma'il Hamamreh. Quds+Arab y net (Feb 23, 2004)

- The <u>Segregation Wall in Bethlehem district</u> will isolate 70,000 dunums of land which constitute 11.5% of Bethlehem total area. Al Ayam (Feb 25, 2004)
- The IOF dynamited the house of Martyr Hassan Abu Sh'era in El 'Aza refugee camp and another two-storey house in Aida camp which belongs to Ibrahim 'Abed El Rahman Abu Jondiya in Bethlehem city. Wafa+ Quds (Feb 27, 2004)
- The IOF handed Omar, Musa and Hussam Salah, residents of El Balao' area in the old city of Bethlehem military warnings notifying them to stop construction of their houses. Quds (Feb 28, 2004)

Jenin

The IOF closed vast areas of land in Al Jalama village and constructed several numbers of checkpoints with earth mounds and cement blocks. Quds (Feb 7, 2004)

- The IOF demolished the house of Ahmad Lutfi Khalaf in <u>Burqin village to</u> <u>the west of Jenin</u> district and razed several numbers of Olive trees in the area. Al Ayam (Feb 7, 2004)
- The IOF took over a four-storey building in Silat Adh Dhahr to the south of Jenin district and turned it into military barrack. The building belongs to Mazen, Majed, Naser and Hussein Fahmi Taher. Quds (Feb 10, 2004)
- The IOF handed a resident from <u>Al Mugheir village to the east of Jenin city</u> notification to confiscate his 141 agricultural dunums of land cultivated with Olive and Almond trees for the Segregation Wall process. Quds (Feb 13, 2004)
- The IOF dynamited the house of Martyr Gazal Muhammad Frehat in El Yamun town to the northwest of Jenin district after planting it with explosive devices. Quds+ Al Ayam (Feb 16, 2004)
- The IOF took over five dunums of agricultural land located in the southern entrance of Al Jalama village north of Jenin district and constructed a military watch tower in the area. Not forgetting to mention that the IOF razed more than 100 dunums of land in the last few days near Kaddim colony and uprooted tens of Olive trees and Grapes. Wafa (Feb 22, 2004)

- The IOF dynamited the house of Muhammad Tahayna from <u>Silat El</u> <u>Harithiya village</u> to the northwest of Jenin district. Quds (Feb 20, 2004)
- The IOF confiscated 90 dunums of agricultural land owned by Muhammad Saleh Sawafta and another 67 dunums owned by Yahia Jamel Magle in Bardala village in the northern valleys due to their location close to the Segregation Wall path. Quds (Feb 24, 2004)

Tulkarm

- The Israeli bulldozers started razing 150 dunums of agricultural land in Kafr El Labad village east of Tulkarm district near Deiraban outpost constructed in 1999. Lands are mostly cultivated with Olive trees and belong to Abu Jabara and Abu Bakir families. Quds (Feb 8, 2004)
- The IOF handed ten families military orders to evacuate their houses under the pretext of being unlicensed and due to their location close to the Segregation Wall path. Houses belong to Husam and Basam Salem 'Asi, Farid 'Abed El Jabar Karakh, Mahmoud 'Abed Allah Karakh, Othman Zaki 'Arafat, Reyad 'Abed El Karim Isma'il Omar, Shakir Mahmoud Bdar and Imad Salman Hazhaza. Al Ayam (Feb 10, 2004)
- The IOF escalated their provocative actions at Irtah checkpoint to the west of Tulkarm district by adding 6 new caravans and barber wires to the area. Al Ayam (Feb 13, 2004)
- The IOF started removing 8km from the Segregation Wall near Zita and <u>Baqa El Sharqiya villages in Tulkarm district</u>. Quds (Feb 22, 2004)
- In a report issued by the financial department in Tulkarm district assured that the Segregation Wall process devoured more than 39860 dunums of lands, of which 35047 dunums were cultivated with Olive, Citrus, Almond and Field crops. Quds (Feb 24, 2004).

Nablus

- Colonists of Yizhar constructed caravans on lands of 'Urif, 'Einabus, Madama, Burin, Huwwara and 'Asira El Qibliya to the south of Nablus district and aggressed on Palestinian houses in the area and tried to burn the house of Samir Sawalmeh. Quds (Feb 5, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers continued razing vast areas of lands and uprooting hundreds of trees alongside the road leading to Haris town to the southwest of Nablus city reaching to Deir Istiya town. Al Ayam (Feb 5, 2004)

- The IOF took over the house of Muhammad El Hatab south of Nablus city and turned it into a military barrack. Al Ayam (Feb 9, 2004)
- The IOF handed Muhammad Salim Ishtiya military order to confiscate his two dunums land in Tel town to construct a watch tower on the land. Al Ayam (Feb 16, 2004)
- The IOF handed landlords of Majdal Bani Fadil village near Nablus military orders to demolish 10 water wells under the pretext of not having building permits. The wells are 5km away from the Segregation Wall path and belong to Ibrahim Ahmad and Ahmad Fayiz. Quds (Feb 16, 2004)
- The IOF razed vast areas of agricultural lands near the Israeli checkpoint located at Beit Furik village entrance, in Nablus city. The IOF declared their intent to construct a secondary road that connects with the new military watch point that is going to be constructed in the area. Quds (Feb 20, 2004)

Jericho

- The IOF demolished two houses each composed of four floors in Al 'Aroub neighborhood in Jericho district after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the houses under the threat of weapons. Houses belong to Mustafa Jalayta and Muhammad Issa. Wafa (Feb 1, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 37 dunums of agricultural lands mostly cultivated with eggplants and Tomatos at the eastern entrance of Jericho near Elisha colony. Lands belong to Khalid Al Namri, Khader Al Namri, Marwan Sa'id and Khalid D'abes. &nbSp;Lands are located in area (C) under the full Israeli control. Quds (Feb 25, 2004). *Click here for related articles*.

Hebron

- The IOF handed resident Musa Yousef Gabriel military order to evacuate their land southeast of Yatta city in a maximum duration of 48 hours claiming its location in a security zone. Al Ayam (Feb 5, 2004). Click here for related articles
- The IOF demolished two houses in Imneizil village to the south of Yatta town under the pretext of not having building permits. Houses belong to Ahmad and Nader Musa Ibhes. Al Ayam (Feb 7, 2004)
- The Israeli colonists completed the erection of 0.5km bypass road which connects Negohot colony west of Dura town, south of Hebron city with a

- new outpost being erected in the town. Lands belong to Kayed Shakir El Sewayti. Al Ayam (Feb 8, 2004)
- Colonists of Kharisena hedged 30 dunums of lands which belong to Omar El Agrab on the eastern side of the colony and cultivated it with fruitful trees. Same time, colonists of Karmil east of Yatta town cultivated tens of Dunums of Palestinians agricultural lands in Shumara area with Fruitful trees to make sure land is no longer used by Palestinians. Lands belong to Al Ka'abneh and Al Basayta tribes. Wafa (Feb 10, 2004)
- A group of Jewish colonists guarded by IOF tried to evacuate more than 36 families from Kherbit Genba to the east of Yatta town at favor of taking over 37 dunums of land. These provocative actins aimed at constructing part of the Segregation wall in the area. Quds (Feb 10, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed tens of dunums of lands in Khallet 'Abouda near Qiryat Arba' colony and belong to Da'na, Idres and Jaber families. Quds (Feb 10, 2004)
- Colonists of Negohot constructed a new caravan on a pre-confiscated land 100m away from Mizpe Lakhesh outpost to expand borders of the aforementioned outpost. Wafa (Feb 11, 2004)
- The IOF broke into Al Qasemi building composed of 30 apartments and belong to the Islamic welfare society in Namra area in Hebron city. They also took over an apartment and dynamited the door entrances of the building causing severe damages to the properties. Quds (Feb 11, 2004)
- Hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands in Hebron city, Dura, Sa'ir Halhul and Al Fuwar camp are threatened to be confiscated at favor of constructing three detailed master plans and erecting new military roads. The plans will include areas of Al Higra valley, Sha'b El Khataf, Al Dalba, Beit 'Anoun, Kherbit Zita in Sa'ir town, Qizoun and Wadi El Nasara to the east of Hebron city. Wafa+ Al Ayam (Feb 11, 2004)
- The IOF handed resident Shakir El Sewayti from <u>Beit 'Awa town to the southwest of Hebron</u> city military order (T/2/04) to confiscate his ½ dunum of land to the west of Negohot colony. Al Ayam+ Quds (Feb 13, 2004)
- Colonists of Karmel started razing the pre-confiscated 50 dunums of lands east of Yatta town to the south of Hebron city and installed cement blocks and caravans to expand the colony's borders. Lands belong to 'Eid Yasin Al Hathalin and Salim Al Hathalin. Wafa (Feb 18, 2004)
- The IOF handed three families in Al Beqa'a area east of Hebron city military orders to demolish their houses located near *Kharesina and*

Qiryat Arba' colonies under the pretext of not having building permits. Houses belong to Fadal Salim Jaber, Kayed Fadal Jaber and Fahmi Badir Jaber. The IOF also handed 6 military orders to families in Yatta town such as Bade' 'Ali Al Shamesti, Isaac 'Ali El Sha'aben for the same reason. Quds (Feb 20, 2004)

- The Segregation Wall planned to be constructed on lands of Hebron district will devour more than 49% of Hebron total land area and isolate 60,000 inhabitants. Wafa (Feb 22, 2004)
- Israel is planning to add 20 new housing units to Kharesina colony located
 to the northeast of Hebron district whereby the Land defense committee
 assured that the Segregation Wall being built around the colonies of
 Kharesina and Qiryat Arba' will devour 1500 dunums of agricultural
 lands located between the two aforementioned colonies. Al Ayam (Feb 23,
 2004).
- The IOF uprooted 70 Pine trees located close to an agricultural station in Hebron city under the pretext of providing security for Israeli's using the nearby road. Quds+ Al Ayam (Feb 25, 2004)
- The IOF uprooted 50 Olive trees in Al Liya area in the northern entrance of Idhna town to construct a military watch tower. Trees belong to Fadil, Mahmoud and Muhammad Musa Jaber Noufal. Not forgetting to mention that the IOF uprooted 100 Olive trees in the same area two months ago and belong to 'Abed El Azem El Qaysi and Issa Mahasneh. Wafa (Feb 25, 2004)
- The IOF uprooted 35 Olive trees in Idhna city under the pretext of providing security for Israelis using road 35. Al Ayam (Feb 26, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed 15 dunums of agricultural lands which belong to Khalefa Da'na near Kharesina colony to construct a new security fence in the southwestern part of the colony. Al Ayam (Feb 27, 2004)

Gaza

- The IOF partially demolished two houses owned by Yasir 'Abed El Hamid Abu Al 'Aysh and 'Abed El 'Aziz Shahin in Tel El Sultan neighborhood in Rafah city. Wafa (Feb 2, 2004). *Click here for related articles*
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of land near the coastal road in southern Gaza on the way to *Netzarim colony*. Wafa (Feb 3, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed three plastic houses cultivated with Vegetables and belong to 'Abed El Karim Al Astal, Mahmoud Al Astal and Sami Al Astal located in Al Sater El Gharbi area north of Khan Yunis

- city; furthermore, the IOF erected 30m length and 7m width trench near the house of Al Astal family. Al Ayam (Feb 5, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers invaded Yibna and Rafah- Block (O) camps and razed vast areas of land to continue the construction of an Iron Wall alongside the Palestinian- Egyptian borders; on the other hand, the IOF erected new watch towers and constructed new roads within the Israeli military base of Tel Zu'rub to the west of Rafah governorate. Al Ayam (Feb 6, 2004)
- The IOF handed families of Abu Samra, At Twashi, Abu Bashir, Al Agha and Al Qudra living near <u>Kfar Darom colony to the east of Deir El Balah city</u> notifications stating the confiscation of 200 dunums of lands for the construction of a security fence around the colony. Quds (Feb 8, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands near <u>Kfar Darom colony to</u> <u>the east of Deir El Balah city</u> and belong to Sa'id Natat. Wafa (Feb 10, 2004)
- More than 20 Israeli families received tenders to construct new housing units in *Neve Dekalim colony*. Quds (Feb 10, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands cultivated with Olive and Fruitful trees east of Gaza city and owned by Hasanein family. Wafa (Feb 11, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers and under a heavy barrage of gunfire staged into Al Sha'out area to the southwest of Rafah and dynamited a five-storey building belongs to Sha'th family after planting it with heavy explosive devices; As a result, 20 dwellers were displayed. Wafa (Feb 11, 2004)
- The IOF incurred Al Shaga'iya neighborhood to the east of Gaza city and dynamited the two-storey house of Ashraf Hasanien along with another Laboratory owned by Ahmad Mudalal. Quds (Feb 12, 2004)
- Israel intends to construct another Security fence around <u>Moraj colony in</u>
 <u>Gaza Strip</u>, same like the one being constructed near Netzarim colony. Al
 Ayam (Feb 12, 2004)
- The IOF completely demolished 6 houses and another 13 houses were partially damaged in Zu'rub area and Al Sha'out camp. The IOF also demolished the walls of three schools and a cement factory in the area. Quds (Feb 13, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Anees Abu Maghaseb and razed 15 dunums of lands in Wadi El Salqa area to the east of Deir El Balah city cultivated with Olive, Palm and Vegetables which belong to Abu Mughaseb and Al Sumari families. Al Ayam+ Quds (Feb 13, 2004)

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished the western wall of Haifa cemetery south of Al Namsawi neighborhood in Khan Younis city. Quds (Feb 16, 2004)
- A Jewish council is planning to construct three new colonies in Gaza Strip, the first to be established between <u>Netzer Hazani</u> and <u>Ganei Tal</u> colonies, while the second in the southern part of Gaza between Atzmona and Rafih Yam colonies whereby the last one will be established in the northern part of the Strip between <u>Elei Sinai</u> and <u>Dugit</u> colonies. According to the Peace now movement intensive colonial activities are taking place in 49 colonies and outposts in Gaza Strip, such as constructing 48 new housing units in Qatif colony. Quds (Feb 16, 2004)
- In a report issued by the State information service in Gaza assured that the area of Gaza Strip is 365,000 dunums in which 46000 dunums (12, 6%) of the area are for designated for colonies and inhabited by more than 7000 colonists. Moreover 9 religious colonies exist in the Strip. Quds (Feb 18, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers and under heavy barrage of gunfire staged into Al 'Araba area in Rafah city to the south of the Strip and razed more than 20 dunums of lands along with 16 plastic houses which belong to families of Abu Zayed, Daher, Al Satri and Abu Hameda to create a separation area around the nearby colony of Moraj. Wafa (Feb 18, 2004)
- The IOF staged into Al Khuza'a and Al Satr El Gharbi areas east and north of Khan Yunis city and constructed two watch towers southeast Khuza'a area. Al Ayam (Feb 18, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Baraka area to the south of Deir El Balah city and razed three dunums of lands cultivated with Guava and other four plastic houses which belong to Al Reyati family. The IOF also razed three dunums land cultivated with Palm trees and owned by Abu Shamas family. Wafa (Feb 20, 2004)
- Khan Yunis Governor assured that the IOF uprooted more than 7800 Palm trees since the beginning of the second Intifada in September 2000. Al Ayam (Feb 21, 2004)
- The IOF razed vast areas of agricultural lands which belong to Walid Abu Zahra and partially demolished the house of Odeh Al Malalha in Al 'Areiba area near Morag colony to the north of Rafah city to expand the area between the Palestinian houses and the aforementioned colony. Wafa (Feb 22, 2004)

- The IOF handed some landowners in Deir El Balah city military orders to confiscate their agricultural lands near <u>Kfar Darom colony</u> to construct a Security Wall around the colony. Quds (Feb 24, 2004)
- The IOF handed notifications to the Abu Madin family and the Islamic Waqf near <u>Netzarim colony</u> confiscate 27 dunums of agricultural lands to construct a security fence around the colony as a result 300 hundreds of dunums of lands are threatened to be confiscated. Wafa+ ARIJ (Feb 25, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed ten dunums of lands located 1500m east of *Kfar Darom colony* in Deir El Balah city at favor of constructing new military base in the area. Lands belong to Abu Gharaba family. Al Ayam (Feb 25, 2004)
- The IOF invaded El Mughraqa area to the south of Gaza city and razed ten dunums of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive trees and Grapes which belong to Abu Kamil family to continue constructing the Wall around *Netzarim colony*. Al Ayam (Feb 26, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers invaded Beit Hanoun city and razed 120 stores near the industrial zone under the pretext of searching for what Israelis refer to as "arms-smuggling tunnels", claiming the existence of one 60m long secret tunnel used by terrorists groups. The IOF also razed vast areas of agricultural lands in the area. Wafa+ Quds+ IPC (Feb 27, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers supplied <u>Netzarim colony</u> located south of Gaza city with constructional equipments necessary to expand the colony's borders and to continue the construction of the 560m length and 15m width security fence around the colony. Quds (Feb 27, 2004)
- In a report issued by The Palestinian center for human rights assured that the IOF Incurred 7 times into Gaza Strip during the last week and razed more than 50 dunums of agricultural lands mostly cultivated with Fruitful trees. Al Ayam (Feb 28, 2004)

Ramallah

- The IOF incurred into the town of Silwad north of Ramallah district and dynamited three houses after planting them with explosive devices, forcing all dwellers to evacuate the houses under the threat of weapons. Houses belong to Mu'ayad 'Abed El Hakim Shoukry, Faraj Isma'il Al Natwor and his father's house. Wafa (Feb 1, 2004)
- The second phase of the Segregation Wall which Israel intends to construct on lands of *Budrus village to the west of Ramallah district* will

devour hundreds of dunums of lands mostly cultivated with Olive trees. The Wall route will cut off Al Sufouf Olive forest located on the eastern and western parts of the village. Quds (Feb 9, 2004)

- The IOF confiscated 12000 dunums of agricultural land in Betunia and Beit 'Ur Al Fuqa cities. About 1550 dunums are to be used for the construction of Segregation Wall while the rest to be considered as security zones surrounding the Wall. Most of the lands are cultivated with Olive trees and field crops. 7 houses are threatened to be isolated in Beit 'Ur El Fuqa village along with one school which houses students from the nearby village of At Tira. Quds (Feb 18, 2004) Quds+ Ramallah municipality (Feb 11, 2004)
- Colonists of Telmud uprooted 30 Olive trees belong to Fahed Ahmad Hussein and Fahed 'Ahed Sam'an in Ras Karkar village to the west of Ramallah district. Quds (Feb 13, 2004)
- The IOF sprayed 300 dunums of agricultural lands in <u>Al Midya village</u> west of Ramallah district with Herbicides. Lands are cultivated with field crops. Al Ayam (Feb 13, 2004)
- The IOF handed Muhammad Ahmad Saber Ed Dik, Hathifa Rashed Ghanim, 'Ala' and Mustafa Haroun, and Bilal Isma'il Zara' military orders to demolish their houses in the village of Kfar Ni'ma located to the west of Ramallah city. Wafa (Feb 18, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural lands cultivated with Olive trees in Beit Sira village to the west of Ramallah district to continue with the Segregation Wall activities. Quds (Feb 25, 2004)

Tubas

- The IOF started constructing 5 parts of the Segregation Wall in the northern valleys. Such parts will extend the length of the Wall in the valleys to reach the complexes. Wafa (Feb 17, 2004). <u>Click here for related articles</u>
- The IOF handed residents in the northern valleys military orders to confiscate their lands for the Segregation Wall process. The threatened lands are located within the following blocks:
- Block 34: Parcel 16, 18, 34, 19, 1
- · Block 80, Parcel 3, 1
- · Block 81, Parcel 7
- · Block 116, Parcel 7, 5, 3
- • Block 119, Parcel 3, 6 Wafa (Feb 18, 2004)

Salfit

- The IOF dynamited the three- storey house of Husam Al Halabi after planting it with heavy explosive devices, causing severe damages to the nearby houses. Quds+ Al Ayam (Feb 20, 2004)
- The IOF dynamited the two- storey house of Ahmad 'Abed El Qader Islem to the west of Salfit city and turned it to a heap of rubble after planting it with heavy explosive devices. Quds (Feb 24, 2004)
- The IOF warned residents of Abu El Rayat area to the west of Salfit city to evacuate their land and properties including 700 Sheep and 50 cows to construct the Segregation Wall in the area. Among the landlord, the following were known: 'Abed El Wahab Hussein 'Abed Allah, Naji Husni Issa Musa, Jaser Ahmad Daoud 'Abed Allah, 'Azmi Hussein Saleh Musa, 'Abed Allah 'Ali Saleh Hamad and 'Abed Allah 'Ali Mahmoud Musa. Wafa (Feb 28, 2004). Click here for related case studies

Others

- The Israeli Prime Minster Ariel Sharon intends to dismantle 17 colonies out of 21 in Gaza Strip and another three in the West Bank in a maximum duration of one or two years. Quds (Feb 5, 2004)
- Israel intends to reroute the Segregation Wall path towards the Armistice (Line) Green line, a one hundred kilometers less than it was planned before. Quds (Feb 9, 2004)
- The Israeli Helicopters sprayed with Herbicides more than 1500 dunums cultivated with wheat and owned by At Turi family in Rahat city in the Nagav. Wafa (Feb 10, 2004).
- The Israeli Financial committee agreed on transferring \$ 20 million dollars for colonial activities in the Palestinian Territories. Quds (Feb 18, 2004)
- In a report issued by the Israeli movement "Peace now" assured that 16 new outposts were constructed by the IOF during the year 2003 to reach a total of 102. Quds (Feb 19, 2004)
- An Israeli family started building an apartment on part of Ijzim Islamic cemetery near Haifa which was evacuated in 1948. Wafa (Feb 20, 2004).
- Israel intends to change the master plan of the "Double Segregation Wall" which was approved to be constructed in Beit Haron colony three months ago. The path is changed to go along the Armistice line (Green line) and will include colonies of Ma'ale Ha'amesha, Qiryat 'Anabem and Har Adar. Quds (Feb 20, 2004)

- According to the plan declared by the Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon, all colonies of the West Bank will be dismantled and evacuated except five: Ariel, Ma'ale Adumim, Qiryat Arba', Betar 'Elit and Gosh Etzion. Quds (Feb 21, 2004)
- Israel plans to change the Segregation Wall path as follows:
- 1. The Segregation Wall Part east of the Jordan valley won't be constructed.
- 2. The Segregation Wall parts that were supposed to include Ariel and Kedumim colonies won't be constructed.
- 3. The Segregation Wall "double parts" in front of Ben-Gurion airport won't be constructed.
- 4. The Segregation Wall part Israel is constructing between Alkana and Jerusalem will become 95km length instead of 250km. Al Ayam (Feb 23, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Yousef Teti in Al Ba'na village in the Golan Heights and uprooted Olive trees cultivated in the vicinity of the house under the pretext of being built on lands belong to Israel. The IOF also demolished another two "under-construction" houses in the same area. Wafa (Feb 25, 2004)

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunums)	Land Threatened (Dunums)	Uprooted Trees	House Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	10	0	0	14	3
Jerusalem	40	1210	1450	17	10
Jenin	303	0	3850	3	0
Tulkarem	150	0	3000	0	10
Ramallah	12000	0	30	3	4
Nablus	2	0	0	0	0
Salfit	0	0	0	5	0
Jericho	37	0	0	8	0
Gaza	288	300	384	14	0
Qalqilyia	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	95.5	37	155	2	9

Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12925.5	1547	8869	66	36

The Monthly overview report gives a list of the Israeli Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory which are based on reports provided by field workers and or by one or more of the following news sources: Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, Al-Quds daily newspaper, Palestinian National Information Center, Haaretz Daily Newspaper, The Jerusalem Post - English-language daily newspaper, International Press Center, Palestine News Agency-Wafa, Ma'an News Agency, and Yediot Achronot.

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