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- The Jerusalem development company is planning to establish a recreational center, a park and a restaurants on 35 dunums of land near Al Canyon mall in Jerusalem. Quds (May 1, 2004).
- The IOF handed residents Jamal Ibrahim 'Ali Abu 'Eid, Kamil Ahmad Shabab Shamaneh in [\*Qatanna and Biddu villages\*](#), northwest Jerusalem city, three military orders to demolish their houses and Barracks for the Segregation Wall process. Wafa (May 2, 2004)
- More than 150 colonists from "Atarat Kohanym" committee backed by the Israeli Forces took over two houses constructed on 80 dunums land in Abu Dis city which belong to Hamudeh and Wahesh families, claiming their ownership of the houses. Wafa+ Arabynet (May 3, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The Israeli Ministry of Defence issued orders to confiscate 51 dunums of land from Ras Khamis neighbourhood in Shu'fat camp to construct the last part of the Jerusalem Envelop. According to the orders, the neighbourhood will be separated into two parts in addition to 35 houses threatened to be demolished. Quds (May 4, 2004)

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- The IOF partially demolished the gas station of Jum'a El Reshq in Shu'fat camp under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (May 4, 2004).
- The IOF informed more than 18 Bedouin families in 'Anata town east of Jerusalem to evacuate their tents and properties for the Segregation Wall process. Al Ayam (May 4, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The IOF took over "Cliff" Hotel (four-storey building) located west of the Segregation Wall in Abu Dis city and owned by 'Ayyad family under the pretext of "Absentee property". Quds (May 5, 2004). [For more information, click here](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers demolished two houses in Al Ashqariya neighborhood in Beit Hanina city owned by Osama and Munther El Razem under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (May 6, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers started supplying the area around Qalandiya airport to the north of Jerusalem city with cement blocks for the construction of the Segregation Wall which will separate the airport from Qalandiya checkpoint. The IOF also replaced the barbed wires with 9 meter cement blocks in the area extending from Al Kasarat area to the village of Jaba' north of Jerusalem city Quds+ Wafa (May 6, 2004)
- The IOF handed residents Jamal, Yousef, Ja'far, 'Abed El Fatah, Musa and Ahmad El Faqeh military orders to demolish their houses under the pretext of their location close to the Segregation Wall path in Qatanna village. Wafa (May 6, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- Jerusalem municipality notified resident Kamal Kamil Abu Qwaydir its intention to demolish one room of his house in Khan El Zayt market in the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of being unlicensed. Quds (May 8, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Walid Khalil El Ragabi in Beit Hanina neighborhood to the north of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being unlicensed. This demolition process increased the number of demolished houses in Jerusalem city since the beginning of this year to 37. In addition, more than 20 houses are threatened to be demolished in the area under the same pretext. Furthermore, the Israeli government announced lately its intention to demolish at least 400 houses in Beit Hania, Shu'fat and Et Tur areas. Wafa (May 12, 2004).
- The IOF finished constructing part of the Segregation Wall in Qalandiya airport north of Jerusalem city and are preparing to construct another part of it starting from [Qalandiya checkpoint](#) to reach El Barid outskirt in the

- south. As a result, thousands of Palestinian residents are threatened to be isolated and more than 20 houses will be demolished in the area. Al Ayam (May 13, 2004)
- Jerusalem reconciliation court issued an order to stop constructing the Segregation Wall between [Shu'fat camp](#) and Jerusalem city as a response to the appeal handed by Shu'fat camp residents. Quds (May 14, 2004)
  - The IOF started razing tens of dunums of land in El Barid outskirts, 'Ayad neighborhood and Al Aqbat outskirts in Al Ram town north of Jerusalem city according to the military order issued by the chief commander Moshe Keplenski stating the construction of the second phase of the wall in that area. The military order threatens the confiscation of 75.8 dunums of land belonging to El Qawasmi, El Tamimi, El Hatawi, El Tarefi, El Jwlani, Qaljawi, 'Azawneh, Jarbawi and Mughrabi families. The wall, according to the military order, is 1256m long and 29-75.8m wide and will be constructed on lands of El Ram (Block: 6, Parcels: 18,26,28-35,37,79,81,78,91-97,127-129,131-135 and Block: 12, Parcels: 98,99), Hizma (Block: 7, Parcel: 18), Beit Hanina(Block: 3, Parcels: 43,46,47 and Block: 4, Parcels: 4,7,8,10,11,260,37-44,93,172,205,218,219). The Segregation Wall, if completed, will connect Neve Yaacov and Bizgat Za'ev together. Wafa+ Quds (May 16, 2004).
  - The Local court in Jerusalem issued an order to stop the demolition of 'Atiya Raja'I in El 'Isawiya town north of Jerusalem city for a period of one year according to the appeal handed to the court by the Palestinian center for social and economical rights. The court instead, charged the resident with a penalty of NIS 82800. Al Ayam (May 16, 2004)
  - The IOF handed El Khateeb family military order to demolish their two houses in Hizma village to the northeast of Jerusalem city under the pretext of being unlicensed. Wafa (May 18, 2004)
  - The Israeli ministry of housing and construction plans to construct a new neighborhood of 30 apartments and a synagogue near Herod's Gate in the old city of Jerusalem on two dunums of land claimed by Hemavota Company as part of its property. Quds ( May 20, 2004)
  - The IOF started constructing the Segregation Wall in El Ram, El Barid outskirts, Beit Hanina, El Nabi Yacoub, Hizma and 'Anata towns north of Jerusalem city after handing residents military orders with maps stating the confiscation of their land for the construction of the Wall. Quds (May 25, 2004)

- According to the appeals handed by Palestinians to the Israeli court, the Israeli authorities delayed the construction of the Segregation Wall in Jerusalem (Jerusalem Envelope) for 6 months. Al Ayam (May 25, 2004)
- Jerusalem court charged resident Omar Khalil Abu Diab NIS 300,000 as a penalty under the pretext of not having building permits. Quds (May 28, 2004)
- The Israeli authorities issued new military orders to confiscate hundreds of dunums of lands around Jerusalem city for the construction of the Segregation Wall which, according to the military order, will completely isolate [Shu'fat camp, Anata](#), El Salam outskirts and Hizma towns from the city of Jerusalem. The Segregation Wall, if completed, will close the areas of Shu'fat camp, El Salam outskirts and 'Anata town, at the same time, it will surround Peshgata colony from its northern part and Jerusalem main street from its western part and 'Anata town from its southern part. More than 30,000 Palestinian inhabitants holding Jerusalem ID's are going to be isolated outside the borders of Jerusalem city. The Segregation wall will also enclose more than 180 dunums of Hizma town lands; thus surrounding the town from its western and eastern parts. Quds+ Al Ayam (May 28, 2004)

### Qalqiliya

- The IOF took over an “under construction” house in Jayyus town in Qalqiliya district and transformed it into military watch point. The House belongs to 'Abed El Ra'ouf Mustafa Khalid. Wafa (May 13, 2004)
- The IOF partially dynamited the house of Muhammad Yousef 'Atiya in Qalqiliya city. Wafa (May 22, 2004)

### Gaza

- The IOF erected a 7m depth and 3m width trench alongside Nave Dekalim colony west of Khan Yunis city. Wafa (May 1, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The IOF demolished 14 houses in between completely and partially in the western camp of Khan Yunis to the south of Gaza Strip causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (May 1, 2004).
- Israel is planning to construct a water canal near Philadelphi route, on the Palestinian- Egyptian borders; as a result, a large number of houses are

threatened to be demolished. Al Ayam (May 1, 2004). [\*For more information, click here.\*](#)

- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Qarara town north of Khan Yunis governorate and razed 5 dunums of agricultural land owned by Muhammad El Sheebi and another piece of land which belongs to Al Bram family. Wafa (May 2, 2004)
- The IOF notified families of El Qudra and Al Zar of their intention to demolish their houses located near Kissufim military base south of the town of Al Qarara town. Wafa+ PCHRGAZA (May 2, 2004)
- The IOF demolished 8 houses in Abu Hadaf area in the middle of Gaza Strip. Houses are owned by: Hassan Al Zar, 'Layan Al Zar, 'Ali Al Zar, Suleiman AL Zar and Abu Hajaj family. In addition, 11 other houses belonging to the families of Al-Masalha, Abu Sulaisel, Abu Rezeq and Abu Farraj, are threatened with demolition. Wafa+ PCHRGAZA (May 2, 2004)
- The Israeli helicopter gun-ships launched 3 missiles at offices of the local Al-Aqsa broadcasting station, located at top floor of one apartment building in Gaza City center. PCHRGAZA (May 2, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural land cultivated with Vegetables and fruitful trees in Abu El 'Ajen area in middle of Gaza Strip. In addition, the IOF destroyed several numbers of plastic houses constructed over 4 dunums of land which belong to Salama Abu 'Eid. Wafa (May 3, 2004)
- The IOF took over the house of Salim Faraj in Abu Hadaf area in the middle of Gaza Strip and turned it to a military point. Wafa (May 3, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers, under heavy barrage of gunfire, staged into Abu El 'Ajen area in the middle of Gaza Strip and demolished two houses owned by 'Eid Abu 'Arabyan and Hassan Abu Meghed. Wafa (May 3, 2004)
- The IOF demolished two residential buildings each composed of three stores and belong to Esam Jaber, Sa'ed Barhoum alongwith a house owned by resident Saqer El Sufi. The IOF also razed vast areas of land in El Sha'out and Block (J) camps south of Rafah city. Wafa+ Al Ayam (May 3, 2004)
- The IOF staged into El Mughraga area to the south of Gaza city and demolished the houses of: Sa'di El Helow (Two-storey house), Muhammad 'Abed El Wahab Abu Layla, Reziq Abu Layla, Mahmoud El Helow, Najla Hatem and En'am El Najjar. The IOF also demolished the walls surrounding the houses of Muhammad 'Ikela and Fouad El Helow.

- Not forgetting to mention that the IOF also razed 2 dunums of agricultural land and a water well belonging to Khader Abu Layla, and uprooted a number of olive and Fruitful trees owned by Saqer Abu Layla, Ahmad Abu Wali, Suleiman Abu Wali and Talal Abu Khbayza. Wafa (May 3, 2004)
- The IOF completely demolished more than 15 houses in the “High Dam” area in the western camp of Khan Yunis south of Gaza Strip and other 15 houses were partially damaged; as a result, 40 families became homeless. Moreover the IOF razed 15 dunums of land cultivated with Fruitful trees owned by El Sha’er and El Basheti families. Wafa+ Quds (May 4, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed 25 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with Vegetables in Baten El Samen area south of Khan Yunis city and belong to El Sha’er, Bareka and Zu’rub families. Moreover, the IOF demolished the western wall of Al Shuhada cemetery and another wall surrounding the house of Hani Zu’rub. Quds (May 4, 2004)
  - The IOF took over the house of Salim Islem Salem Abu Faraj and turned it into military barrack in Abu Hadaf neighbourhood in El Qarara town. Quds (May 4, 2004)
  - A group of Israeli colonists started constructing a new colonial neighbourhood of 21 housing units in Neve Dekalim colony. Quds+ Al Ayam (May 4, 2004)
  - The IOF staged and under heavy barrage of gunfire into Abu ‘Uref Street in Deir Al Balah governorate and demolished a house along with a cement workshop owned by Fuad Abu Msabeh. Same time, the IOF erected a colonial road which connects Martyrs Street with Kfar Darom colony and razed 9 plastic houses belonging to Hassan Abu Naser and Kamil Abu Naser. Wafa+ Al Ayam (May 5, 2004). [For more information, click on article 1 & Article 2](#)
  - The IOF demolished 15 houses in the western camp of Khan Yunis, out of which 11 were completely demolished. Houses belong to: Wael Abu Reziq, Farhan Shalula, Mahmoud Hneydek, Mahrous Hneydek, Sa’diya Shaloula, Ahmad Abu Reziq, Yasir Hneydek, Fathi Hneydek, Yusef Hneydek and Ahmad Hneydek. Wafa (May 5, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers staged into Deir Al Balah governorate in the middle of Gaza Strip, demolished a number of houses and razed vast areas of lands. Same time, the IOF threatened to demolish more houses in the same area. Wafa (May 5, 2004). [For more information, click here](#)

- The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order to stop the demolishing of 15 Palestinian houses south of [Kissufim corridor](#). Quds (May 5, 2004).
- The Israeli troops invaded Al Brazil neighbourhood under heavy barrage of gunfire and demolished the four-storey house of 'Ayed El Basheti. In addition, the IOF demolished the door entrance of Nu'man Qishta house and destroyed the wall surrounding his house. Wafa+ Quds (May 6, 2004).
- The IOF began constructing a Segregation Fence of 7km length along Kissufim corridor in the Gaza Strip. As a result, hundreds of dunums of lands are threatened to be confiscated. Quds+ Haaretz+ Arabynet (May 6, 2004). [For further details, click here.](#)
- The Israeli bulldozers invaded east of Salahedin gate south of Rafah city and demolished several numbers of houses causing severe damages to the nearby ones. Wafa (May 6, 2004).
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al Brazil neighbourhood southeast of Rafah city and completely demolished the three-story house of 'Abed El Qader El Bashiti and the house of 'Abed El Qader El Sha'er and partially demolished 7 others. Wafa (May 6, 2004). [For further details, click here.](#)
- The IOF staged into El Sater El Gharbi area west of Khan Yunis city under heavy barrage of gunfire and demolished five Palestinian houses. Wafa (May 7, 2004) .
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural land near Al Matahen area to the north of Khan Yunis governorate and partially demolished the house of Fayeze El Najili. Wafa (May 7, 2004).
- The IOF demolished the house of Sa'ed Dahlez in El 'Arayba area north of Rafah after forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Wafa (May 7, 2004)
- The IOF constructed a new military base north of Khan Yunis, on the borders of Gane Tal colony west of the city. At the same time, a group of Israeli colonists constructed several numbers of plastic houses on the confiscated land. Wafa+ Al Ayam (May 7, 2004)
- Governor of Khan Yunis city assured that during the last three days (4th, 5th and 6th of June), the IOF completely demolished more than 40 houses and displaced 200 inhabitants in the western and eastern camps of Khan Yunis. Quds (May 7, 2004)
- The IOF burned the house of 'Abed El Qader Abu 'Eid in Abu Hadaf area to the east of Al Qarara. Wafa (May 9, 2004)

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- The IOF demolished the house of Suleiman Abu Hajaj in Al Qarara area to the south of Kissufim colony. Wafa (May 9, 2004)
- In a report declared by the Governor of Rafah city, more than 1700 houses were demolished in the governorate since the beginning of the second Intifada in 2000. The report shows that 1000 were completely demolished and other 700 were partially damaged, displacing 10,000 inhabitants mostly at favor of constructing the Segregation Wall. The aforementioned houses were located on the Palestinian- Egyptian borders. Quds (May 9, 2004). [For further details, click here.](#)
- More than 340,000 Citrus trees were uprooted since the beginning of the second Intifada in 2000, in Rafah governorate. Al Ayam (May 9, 2004).
- More than 30 houses are threatened to be demolished by the IOF in Abu Hadaf and Abu Hajaj neighborhoods in Al Qarara area to the south of Kissufim colony. Quds (May 10, 2004). [For further details, click here.](#)
- The IOF demolished 14 houses in Al Qarara area to the north of Khan Yunis city which belong to: Nahed Muhammad Abu Hadaf, Khalaf Abu Hajaj, Salman Abu Hajaj, Sami Abu Hajaj, Saleh Abu Hadah, Ayman Abu Hadaf, Saber Abu Dayer and Feda El Sumari. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers razed 30 dunums of land along with several numbers of plastic houses owned by 'Abed El Rahem El Sumairi, 'Abed Allah El Sumairi, Khalaf Abu Hajaj and a Water well owned by El Sumairi family. Wafa+ Quds (May 10, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers staged into Abu Hadaf area east of El Qarara area to the north of Khan Yunis city and razed vast areas of agricultural land which belong to: Abu Hajaj, Abu Hadaf and El Zar family. Wafa (May 10, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Hatim Abu Hadaf in Abu Hadaf area to the northeast of Al Qarara. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF dynamited the door entrance of the four-storey house of Jaber Khwater in El Zaytoun neighborhood south of Gaza city and transformed it into military watch point. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The Israeli troops took over 4 houses in El Zaytoun neighborhood and transferred them into military barracks. Houses belong to: Daloul, 'Ashour, Ed Dahdouh and Khwater families. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF dynamited several numbers of workshops and stores in Salaheldin Street in El Zaytoun neighborhood, causing severe damages and losses. Wafa (May 11, 2004)



- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of land cultivated with fruitful trees in El Zaytoun neighborhood south of Gaza city. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the four-storey house of Suleiman Breka and another two-storey house of Khaled Zu'rub in Tel Zu'rub area in Rafah governorate south of Gaza Strip. Wafa (May 11, 2004).
- In a report issued by the United Nations Relief and works Agency (UNRWA) assured that 131 houses were demolished in the south of Gaza Strip during the last ten days; as a result, more than 1155 inhabitants became homeless. Quds (May 11, 2004). [Click here for further details.](#)
- Colonists of Gosh Qatif started constructing the new neighborhood "Moshav Qatuf" to the north of Gush Qatuf block of colonies. The new neighborhood will contain 30 housing units. Quds (May 11,2004).
- The IOF started constructing the Segregation Fence alongside Kisuffim road in the northwestern area of Abu El 'Ajin junction east of Deir El Balah city. Wafa (May 11, 2004).
- The IOF dynamited a factory owned by Hasab Allah family and a Lethal workshop belonging to Ayman Fadel Allah Hussein south of El Zaytoun neighborhood after planting them with heavy explosive devices. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF razed the front yard of El Rahman Mosque south of El Zaytoun neighborhood to construct a military base; in addition the IOF demolished the Lethal of Doula family in the area. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF shelled on the three-story building of El Za'noun family containing 6 apartments in El Zaytoun neighborhood, causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The house of 'Abed El Qader was completely demolished and turned into a heap of rubble by the Israeli troops in Al Brazil neighborhood south of Rafah city. Wafa (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF forced more than 30 families from El Qudra, Al Zar, Abu Hajaj, El Masalha and Abu Faraj to evacuate their tents after the demolition of their houses in Abu Hajaj area east of El Qarara last week. Quds (May 12, 2004)
- The IOF burned the second floor of Rushdi Mustafa Shtewi house located near Hassan El Bana Mosque in El Zaytoun neighborhood in Gaza city, causing severe damages to the nearby houses. Wafa (May 12, 2004)
- The IOF continued razing thousands of dunums of agricultural land cultivated with Citrus, Olives and Grapes in El Zaytoun neighborhood.

- Lands belong to: El Za'bout, Hamouda, Tafesh, Haji and other families. Wafa (May 12, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the four-storey house of 'Ashour family, the five-storey house of Higo family and the three-storey house of Saq Allah family in El Zaytoun neighborhood southeast of Gaza city; thus displacing 50 inhabitants (8 families). Wafa+ Al Ayam (May 12, 2004)
  - The IOF took over the houses of Abu El Zur and Abu Marahel families in El Zaytoun neighborhood southeast of Gaza city and turned them into military barracks. Quds (May 12, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers staged into Al-Brazil neighborhood near the Palestinian-Egyptian border and completely demolished several numbers of houses turning them into a heap of rubble after being partially damaged in previous invasions. Among the demolished house, the house of El Sha'er family was known. Al Ayam (May 12, 2004). [Click here for more related articles.](#)
  - The IOF staged into block (O) camp and demolished several numbers of houses causing severe damages to the properties. The house of Hassan El Dam and another house owned by Sha'th family were known among the houses. Wafa (May 13, 2004)
  - The IOF continued constructing the new Segregation Fence on a 100 dunums of land located east of Salaheldin road to the north of El Qarara town. The Wall will connect Gush Qatef block of colonies and Kissufim road with the Armistice line (Green line). Lands belong to: Abu Holy, Abu 'Abe din, El Qudra, Abu Salim, Abu Hajaj and Abu Hadah families. More than 2000 dunums of lands are expected to be devoured for the Wall construction. Wafa+ Quds (May 13, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed several numbers of houses in Block (O) south of Rafah city under the pretext of "searching for weapons smuggling tunnels" in the area, while the Israeli intention is to erect a 200-300m width segregation zone in Philadelphi corridor which threatens hundreds of houses in the area. Wafa+ Quds (May 14, 2004).
  - The IOF demolished the house of Ashraf Abu Qeshta over the head of its residents who refused to evacuate the house. The house is located in Abu Qeshta neighbourhood in Rafah city. Wafa (May 14, 2004)
  - In a report issued by the United Nations Relief and works Agency (UNRWA) assured that the IOF demolished 1000 houses and displaced more than 11,000 inhabitants in Rafah governorate since the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada in 2000, under the pretext of looking for weapons

smuggling tunnels. Quds (May 14, 2004). [Click here for more related articles.](#)

- The three-storey house of Akram El Hitto near Gaza port west of Gaza city was burned due to the shelling in the area, causing severe damages to the properties and the nearby commercial stores. Wafa (May 15, 2004)
- The IOF demolished more than 150 Palestinian houses as well as “thee Al Noreen” mosque during the three days incursion into Rafah refugee camp in which 70 houses were completely demolished and another 25 were partially damaged. Wafa+ IPC+ Quds (May 15, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Muhammad El Sheikh Khalil in the middle of Rafah city south of Gaza Strip, causing severe damages to the nearby houses. Wafa (May 15, 2004)
- In a report issued by BtSelem movement assured that the IOF demolished more than 116 houses and displaced 1,160 inhabitants (198 families) in Rafah during the last week. BtSelem also assured that since the beginning of 2004, the IOF demolished 284 houses and displaced 2,185 inhabitants in the governorate especially in Block (O) refugee camp where 1,800 houses were reported demolished since the beginning of the second Intifada in 2000. Wafa (May 16, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of Muhammad El ‘Attar located near El ‘Attatra area between Rafah and Khan Yunis cities. Moreover, the Israeli bulldozers razed several numbers of Plastic houses in the area. Wafa (May 17, 2004)
- The Israeli government decided to erect a 15km length, 20m depth and 60-80m width trench in Rafah city south of Gaza Strip to providing security for Israeli troops passing through the area. The erection of the trench will cause the demolition of hundreds of Palestinian houses in the area. Al Ayam (May 17, 2007)
- The IOF continued constructing the Segregation fence on the two sides of Kissufim colonial road with an electronic gate for colonists and Israeli troops. This process will isolate dozens of Palestinian families inside the fence borders and on both sides of the road. The families of Abu Sanjar, Abu Musleh, Abu Reziq, El Sawarka, Abu Hadaf and El Sameri were known. Al Ayam (May 17, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural land cultivated with Olives and Citrus in Qishta neighbourhood and Block (O) in Rafah south of Gaza Strip belonging to Qishta family. Wafa (May 18, 2004)

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- The IOF demolished a residential building in Tel Sultan neighbourhood to the west of Rafah governorate south of Gaza Strip which belongs to El Turaben family. The house was demolished without pre-notification and the family was given no chance to salvage any of its belongings. Wafa (May 18, 2004)
- The IOF razed vast areas of agricultural land along with several numbers of plastic houses owned by Abu 'Eida family in south of Rafah city. Wafa (May 18, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the three-storey house of Jum'a El Akhras in Tel El Sultan neighbourhood south of Rafah governorate. Wafa (May 18, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers staged 150m into Qizan El Najjar area south of Khan Yunis city and razed vast areas of agricultural land owned by El Saqa and El Najjar families. On the other hand, the IOF razed agricultural land in El Qarara area to the north of Khan Yunis city which belongs to Abu Hadaf family. Wafa (May 18, 2004)
- The Israeli helicopters shelled on a five-storey house in Canada camp near Sa'ad Mosque in Rafah causing severe damages to the properties. Wafa (May 18, 2004)
- The IOF staged into Al Salam neighbourhood east of Khan Yunis governorate and uprooted 50 Olive trees which belong to Suleiman Kawari'; In addition, the IOF razed several numbers of plastic houses along with a water well owned by Shihda Kawari' and Othman El 'Akad. Al Ayam (May 18, 2004).
- The IOF demolished the house of Ibrahim Muhammad in Tel El Sultan neighbourhood south of Rafah governorate. Arabynet (May 19, 2004)
- In a report issued by Amnesty international assured that the IOF demolished more than 3000 Palestinian houses mostly in the Gaza Strip since the beginning of the second Intifada in 2000. The report also assured that more than 10% from Gaza Strip lands were razed and 226,000 trees were uprooted in the years of 2002 and 2003. Quds (May 19, 2004)
- The IOF staged into Block (O) camp in Rafah governorate and dynamited three houses after planting them with heavy explosive devices, forcing all dwellers to evacuate them under the threat of weapons. Quds (May 19, 2004)
- The IOF erected a new 18m width road in Tel El Sultan neighbourhood on tens of dunums of lands owned by Hejazi family and demolished the house of Jum'a El 'Attar and Martyr Ramadan 'Azam. Quds (May 19, 2004)

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- The Israeli Supreme Court rejected for the second time the appeal handed by 46 families from Rafah governorate to stop the demolishing of their houses. Quds ( May 19, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the three-storey house of 'Ali El Sha'er located on the Palestinian-Egyptian borders to the south of Rafah after forcing all dwellers to evacuate it without giving them any chance to salvage any of their belongings. Wafa (May 19, 2004)
- The IOF staged into Tel El Sultan camp in Rafah city under heavy barrage of gunfire and demolished at least four houses over the head of their dwellers. Among the demolished houses, the house of Emad El 'Attar and Emad Mansour were known. Wafa (May 20, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed the houses of Nafeth 'Azam, Yaser Abu Zayed and the Rafah Jama'I club in El Brazil camp south of Rafah, causing severe damages. Wafa (May 20, 2004)
- The IOF burned the house of Hisham Abu Tah in Tel El Sultan neighbourhood in Rafah after receiving heavy shelling by the IOF. Wafa (May 20, 2004)
- The three-storey house of Nihad El Khateeb in Tel El Sultan neighbourhood was burned after receiving heavy shelling by the IOF. Wafa (May 21, 2004)
- The IOF razed hundreds of dunums of agricultural land and constructed a new military base in western Rafah near Tel El Sultan neighbourhood on the Palestinian-Egyptian borders. Lands belong to Hijazi family. Wafa (May 21, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed two houses owned by 'Abed El Karim Dahlez and Yousef Abu Zahri along with a cement factory, three water wells and razed hundreds of dunums of agricultural land in the western Rafah near Tel El Sultan neighbourhood. The IOF also constructed a new road to facilitate their movement between the Sea Street and Beer El Nashl area and razed several numbers of plastic houses owned Hijazi and Fugo families. Wafa (May 22, 2004)
- In a report issued by B'tselem centre assured that the IOF demolished 62 houses during the last two days of invasion, out of which, 44 were in El Brazil neighbourhood and 18 in El Salam neighbourhood in Rafah city; thus, displacing 741 inhabitants. Wafa (May 22, 2004)
- The IOF completely demolished more than 40 houses in El Brazil, El Salam and El Jenaneh neighbourhoods in Rafah city through one of its

- massive military operations in the city at favor of expanding Philadelphia Route. Quds (May 22, 2004)
- The IOF threatened resident Yousef El Namleh to demolish his three-storey house under the head of its residents in El Brazil neighbourhood in Rafah. Wafa (May 23, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of lands cultivated with Fruitful trees and plastic houses in Rafah city south of Gaza Strip. Wafa (May 23, 2004)
  - 700 to 2000 Palestinian houses are threatened to be demolished if the IOF decided to expand Philadelphia Route to 300m. The Israeli authorities claim that they will compensate the owners with money in case the plan is implemented. Quds (May 24, 2004)
  - The IOF continued razing the 300 dunums of agricultural land in 'Ireba area north of Rafah, in the northern entrance of Tel El Sultan neighbourhood and in the western Rafah. Quds (May 25, 2004)
  - In a report issued by UNRWA assured that the IOF completely demolished 45 houses during the period of May 18- 23, 2004, displacing 98 families (575 inhabitants) in Tel El Sultan, El Brazil and El Salam neighbourhoods in Rafah governorate. The report also assured that since the beginning of May 2004, the IOF demolished 155 houses inhabited by 360 families (1960 inhabitants). Quds (May 26, 2004)
  - The municipality of El Qarara in Khan Yunis governorate assured that the IOF demolished more than 62 houses and razed 27 dunums of agricultural land during its last incursion into the governorate. Al Ayam (May 26, 2004)
  - The IOF demolished three houses in Abu 'Aref Street east of Deir El Balah governorate. Houses belong to: Khalil El Sawarkeh, Tha'er El Atrash, Basam Shahin and partially demolished the house of Khalil Tbail north of Kfar Darom colony. Wafa+ Quds (May 27, 2004).
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural land in Qizan El Najjar north of Khan Yunis. Quds (May 27, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers staged into El Fukhari village to the east of Rafah governorate and razed 150 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with Vegetables, Citrus and Olives. Al Ayam (May 27, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed the house of Muhammad 'Ayad El Akhras in El Brazil neighbourhood in Rafah city. Quds (May 29, 2004)
  - The Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural land in Block (G) south of Rafah governorate, near the Palestinian-Egyptian borders. Wafa (May 30, 2004)

- The IOF staged 300m into Block J in Rafah refugee camp, adjacent to the Palestinian-Egyptian border under cover of intense shelling and completely demolished 23 houses partially demolished two others. As a result, 352 people (60 families) have been rendered homeless. Wafa+ PCHR (May 30, 2004)
- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of agricultural land in Abu Hadaf area to the east of El Qarara owned BY Hadaf and Abu Hajaj families. Wafa (May 31, 2004)

## Bethlehem

- The IOF transferred Musalam “three-storey building” (six commercial stores) north of Bethlehem city into a Talmud school for religious colonists. Quds (May 11, 2004).
- The IOF took over the house of Sim’an Salameh in Beit Jala housing complex and transferred it into military watch point. Quds (May 12, 2004)
- The IOF demolished the house of ‘Abed El Halem El Qaysi in Battir town to the west of Bethlehem city under the pretext of not having building permits. In addition, the IOF demolished a commercial store in El Khadr village owned by El Shuli family near bypass road 60 under the same pretext. Al Ayam (May 12, 2004)
- The Israeli authorities issued a military order to confiscate 380 dunums of lands from Bethlehem district. The confiscated lands are located in: Block Feskali (9), El Bidiya, Wadi Helwa, El Roujiya, Nelwa tomb and Boukdes El Nuh area from Bethlehem city, Feskali (6) and Kateba area from the lands of Beit Sahour and Feskali (2), Joiufa ‘Aziz, Jabal ‘Atham, Talet El Bad and Talet Umm El Dik from the lands of Za’tara village for the Segregation Wall process and other military reasons. Not forgetting to mention that the IOF took over these lands on a pre-incident. Wafa+ Quds (May 18, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The IOF handed tens of residents in Al Walaja town northwest of Bethlehem district military orders to evacuate their houses under the pretext of not having permits to settle in the area. Al Ayam (May 19, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The IOF issued new military orders in Janata and Harmala villages to the east of Bethlehem city at favor of erecting 4km new bypass road on 380 dunums of lands confiscated earlier by the IOF. The road, if constructed, will connect colonies of Afrat, Qush Atzion block of colonies and Har

- Homa together. Moreover, colonists of Hananiya outpost in El Khadr village aggressed on some Palestinian lands and uprooted 30 Grape trees in 'Ein Qases area west of the village and owned by Emad Salah. Al Ayam+ Quds (May 29, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The IOF dynamited the two-storey house of Khalid Hussein 'Ilaian Hamamreh in Husan village to the west of Bethlehem; thus, displacing 15 dwellers. Wafa (May 31, 2004).

## Jenin

- Colonists of Shaked and Hananet aggressed on Umm El Rehan village southwest of Jenin city and threatened to dynamite the only elementary school in the village. Quds (May 1, 2004)
- The IOF broke into Muthalath El Shuhada charity in Jenin, destroyed the door entrances and caused severe damages to the properties. Quds (May 14, 2004)
- The IOF invaded Jenin city and its camp and took over the UN building and a Mosque and turned them into military watch points. Wafa (May 21, 2004)
- Since the beginning of this month, the Israeli bulldozers continued razing agricultural lands from [Baqa El Sharqiya village](#) to erect a new colonial road which according to Israeli claims will provide security of movement for Israeli colonies, at the same time, it will connect the colonies of Shaked, Hananet and Mevo Dotan near Ya'bad village with the colonies inside the Green line borders. Quds (May 23, 2004)

## Hebron

- Colonists of Qiryat Arba' started erecting new bypass road on a pre-razed land owned by 'Abed El Karem El Razem to construct a Segregation Zone to the southwest of the aforementioned colony. Al Ayam (May 1, 2004)
- A group of Jewish colonists took over Al Kayal Mosque in the old city of Hebron and turned it into colonial property. Wafa (May 2, 2004)
- Colonists of Kharesina northeast of Hebron city confiscated 18 dunums of land nearby the borders of the colony. Lands belong to the resident Omar Bader El Ajrab. Quds (May 3, 2004)
- Colonists of Magen David destroyed and razed crops cultivated in 18 dunums of agricultural land in Kherbit Qawawis southeast of Yatta town



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- to the south of Hebron city. Among the owners, Yousef Ahmad Abu El Dibs and his brother were known. Quds (May 4, 2004)
- The IOF issued military order number (B04-1) to demolish 11 houses located in the old city of Hebron city and in Wad El Nasara neighbourhood near Qiryat Arba' colony to the east of the city and owned by Da'na, Idrees and Jaber families. (May 4, 2004).
  - Another 700m<sup>2</sup> of lands owned by the Islamic Waqf are stated for confiscation according to the Israeli military order number (T36-04) which was distributed in 29th of April 2004. The land is located few meters to the south of the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Wafa+ Quds (May 5, 2004).
  - The agricultural department in Hebron assured that more than \$ 81,000 is the total losses of the agricultural sector in the governorate during the month of April. Quds (May 10, 2004).
  - Colonists of Maon put fire in a 4-dunums field crops in Al Mafqara area south of the aforementioned colony, illegally constructed on lands of Yatta town. Lands belong to Hussein Ahmad Hamamda. Al Ayam (May 12, 2004)
  - The IOF notified 9 residents from Idhna town west of Hebron city their intentions to demolish a house, two commercial houses, Gas station, agricultural and industrial workshops under the pretext of being unlicensed. Properties belong to: Helmi Musalam Temazi, Jihad 'Abed El Hafez Nassar Temazi, 'Afef Mahmoud Temazi, Basher Diab Temazi, Yousef 'Abe El Fatah Temazi and Raed Mahmoud Temazi. Wafa (May 13, 2004)
  - The IOF demolished the two-storey house of: Yousef, Hani, Yser and Suleiman El Jama'in along with another two houses owned by Musa El Jama'in and Diab El Jama'in under the pretext of not being licensed. Houses are located 100m away to the east of Eshkolot colony southwest of Ad Dhahiriya town. Quds (May 18, 2004)
  - The IOF took over the house of Anwar El Qadi in Tel El Rumaida neighbourhood near Ramat Yashai outpost and turned it into military barrack forcing all dwellers to evacuate the house under the threat of weapons. Wafa (May 19, 2004)
  - In a report issued by the Ministry of work showed that since the outbreak of the second Intifada in 2000, the IOF completely demolished more than 218 houses and tens of residential buildings in Hebron Governorate in

- addition to 50 houses that were partially demolished. Quds (May 19, 2004)
- The IOF completely demolished a house owned by Mahmoud Isma'il Abu Zahra and partially demolished the house of Jaber 'Awad Allah Abu Zahra in Yatta town in Hebron district. Al Ayam (May 20, 2004)
  - The IOF notified 10 families to evacuate their houses preparing them for demolition under the pretext of being unlicensed in El Bwreh and Khalet El Sharabati areas to the east of Hebron city near Qiryat Arba' and Kharesina colonies. Residents were only given three days to appeal to the Israeli court. Houses belong to: 'Abed El Hadi Tawfeq Saber, Husam Ahmad Shoukri Sultan, Jalal Shehda El Rajabi, 'Abed El Rahman El Rajabi and Muhammad Mahmoud Abu 'Aram. Wafa (May 23, 2004)
  - The IOF burned 90 Olive trees cultivated in 6 dunums of land in Tel Rumaida in Hebron city near Ramat Yashai outpost. Lands belong to the inheritors of Rateb Salim Abu Haykal. Wafa (May 23, 2004)
  - The Israeli authorities handed residents of Beit 'Awwa, Sikka, Al Majd and Umm EL 'Aqaf villages located near the Armistice line (Green line) military order no. (T\47\04) to confiscate 480 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with Olives and Almonds for the Segregation Wall process. Wafa+ Al Ayam (May 24, 2004)
  - The IOF uprooted several numbers of trees near Qitoun Mosque near El Ibrahimiya School in the old city of Hebron. Al Ayam (May 27, 2004)
  - In a report issued by the agricultural department in Hebron city assured that the total losses of the agricultural sector in Hebron Governorate during the month of May 2004, was \$ 111,000. Quds (May 31, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)

## **Nablus**

- The IOF took over the houses of El Derawi and 'Arafat families in Ghernata street and turned them into military barracks. Quds (May 2, 2004)
- Colonists of Yizhar aggressed on 'Urif village and stole 30 sheep. Al Ayam (May 3, 2004)
- The IOF razed 20 dunums of agricultural land cultivated with filed crops on the road leading to Salim, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages. Eyewitnesses said that the IOF razed 3km of the valley located between the three aforementioned villages and erected several numbers of trenches

- alongside the valley without pre-notification. It is worth mentioning that this valley was razed before two years. Wafa+ Quds (May 11, 2004)
- The Israeli authorities handed residents of Duma village in Nablus district military orders to demolish 10 water wells and a farm under the pretext of being unlicensed. Among the owners, Zyad Dawabsheh, Faris Salawdeh and Najeh Dawabsheh were known. Quds (May 14, 2004)
  - The IOF dismantled the indiscriminate outpost “Mitzpe Yizhar” near Nablus. Quds (May 18, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
  - The IOF took over the houses of Al ‘Ibwa and EL Hiji families in Nablus city and turned them into military watch points. Wafa (May 20, 2004)
  - The IOF shelled on the residential building of Ahmad Abu Judeh in ‘Askar town in Nablus city and burned the second floor causing severe damages to the properties. Al Ayam (May 20, 2004)
  - The IOF invaded Nablus city and took over two houses and a residential building and transformed them into military watch points. The houses and the building are properties of Othman, El Nabulsi and Arafat families. Wafa (May 25, 2004).
  - The IOF took over the houses of Hawash, El Dardouk, El Khufash, Snobar, El Munwer families and the houses of Mu’in ‘Abed El Hadi and Wadah ‘Abed El Hadi and turned them into military barracks. Wafa (May 26, 2004)
  - The IOF demolished the three-storey house of Nayef Fathi Abu Shareh and the house of Sami Sa’ed Salameh in Nablus district. Arabynet+ Quds (May 27, 2004)
  - Colonists of Yizhar put fire in tens of dunums of land cultivated with wheat, Barley and Olives in Huwwara and ‘Einabus villages in Nablus district. Quds (May 29, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
  - The IOF took over the houses of Al Walwal, El Shakhsher and El Darkouk families in Nablus city and turned them into military barracks. Wafa (May 30, 2004).

## Tulkarm

- The Israeli chief commander Moshe Keplenski handed residents of [Fir’un village](#) near El Kafriyat checkpoint military orders to confiscate 21.8 dunums from its southeastern part under the pretext of security purposes. Lands are located within:
  - **Parcel 8473, blocks 1, 2**

- Parcel 8474, blocks 8, 1,7,36
- And are owned by:

#	Owner
1	Salim Muhammad Mahmoud Ibrahim & his brothers
2	Muhammad Hussein Ahmad Bedair
3	Balqes 'Abed El Halem Mahmoud Bedair
4	Hamza 'Abed El Halem Mahmoud Bedair
5	Nasra 'Abed El Halem Mahmoud Bedair
6	Khalil Mahmoud Hamdan Bedair
7	The village council of Fir'un

Quds (May 6, 2004)

- The IOF invaded [Nur Shams camp in Tulkarm](#) district and took over the houses of Mahmoud Tawfeq, Hesham Halawa and 'Ala' Kasab and transferred them into military watch points. Al Ayam (May 6, 2004)
- The IOF took over Al Safa building east of Tulkarm city and transformed it into military watch point. Quds (May 12, 2004)
- The IOF hindered landlords from accessing their hundreds of dunums of agricultural land near Enav colony to the east of Tulkarm city. Quds (May 15, 2004)
- The IOF demolished a commercial store owned by Imad Ragab in Kafr Al Labad town east of Tulkarm city, causing severe damages to the properties. Al Ayam (May 17, 2004)
- The IOF took over the houses of Nabil El 'Ayat, Issa Abu 'Absa, Fakhri El 'Attar and Saleh Barqawi in Tulkarm camp and turned them into a military watch point. Wafa (May 19, 2004)
- The IOF took over the houses of Fawzi Abu Tamam, Naser Abu Jamous and Nemir Abu Zuhair in Tulkarm camp and transformed them into military barrack. Wafa (May 22, 2004)
- The IOF took over the house of Hussein El Barqawi in Tulkarm camp and turned it into military watch point. Quds (May 25, 2004)
- The IOF expanded the borders of "Avnei Hefetz" and "Enav" volonies, two Israeli colonies illegally constructed on lands of Kafr Al Labad, south of Tulkarem. The IOF also intend to build a new colony block on lands of the

village, owned by Hamdan, Abu Baker and Jbara families. Not forgetting to mention that the IOF has been working relentlessly for two months on leveling about 50 dunums land of Kafr Al Labad Village to construct the so-called "Har" colony. For this purpose, the IOF installed electricity supplies, water and sewage networks. IPC (May 25, 2004).

## Ramallah

- New evacuation orders were handed to colonists of the indiscriminate outpost of Giv'at Asaf near Beit El colony north of Ramallah by the Israeli Civil Administration stating the dismantling of this outpost. Quds (May 11, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The two-storey house of Ahmad Tah El Shu'ani in 'Ein Umm El Sharayet village in Al Bireh city was dynamited by the IOF after planting it with heavy explosive devices. Wafa+ Quds (May 14, 2004).
- The IOF dismantled the indiscriminate outpost of Tal Benjamin near Ofra colony northeast of Ramallah district. Quds (May 21, 2004). [For more information, click here.](#)
- The Israeli Supreme court issued an order to stop constructing the Segregation Wall in Ras El 'Ein area near Shuqba village northwest of Ramallah. Quds (May 28, 2004)

## Jericho

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished without pre-notification the house of Fatoum Muhammad 'Abed El Rahman El Tawel near Elisha colony under the pretext of being built on Area "C" lands. Quds (May 18, 2004).

## Salfit

- The Israeli bulldozers razed vast areas of land cultivated with Olive trees near the bypass roads leading to the nearby colonies of Kafr El Dik village. Lands belong to: Mahmoud Hssein Sa'ed, Yousef Suleiman, 'Abed El Hamed Suleiman and Wasfi 'Abed El Hamed. Quds (May 7, 2004)
- Colonists of 'Ali Hazaf put fire in vast areas of agricultural land cultivated with Olive trees in Kafr El Dik and Burqin villages. Quds (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF handed residents 'Eid El Nimer and 'Ali 'Amir in Mas-ha village west of Salfit city military orders stating the confiscation of 5.400 dunums of land located behind the Segregation Wall borders near El Kana colony

under the pretext of security reasons. Wafa (May 28, 2004). [For more information, click here](#)

## Others

- The Keenest financial committee approved the transferring of NIS 1, 5 million for the construction of the industrial zone “Meshor Adumim” located near Ma’ale Adumim colony and for the erection of a colonial road leading to the zone. Quds (May 1, 2004)
- The Israeli Prime minister announced his intention to dismantle five Israeli colonies, out of which, 3 are located in the Gaza Strip (Netzarim, Kfar Darom and Morag) while the other two colonies are located north of the West Bank and they are Kaddim and Gannim. Quds (May 5, 2004)
- In a report issued by “PEACENOW” movement assured that during the last four months the IOF erected 6 new colonial roads during the last six months as seen in the following table:

Road	Location
Etamar east	Hill777, north of the West Bank
Giv’at Asaf north	Binyamin area
Ha Har	East Avne Havetz in Tulkarm
Road leading to Mitzpe Lakesh	Near Nigohot colony south of Hebron
Internal road	In Mitzpe Ashtmo’ outpost
Internal roads	In Avegha

Furthermore, the IOF added several numbers of caravans in the following outposts:

# of caravans	Outpost
2	Giv’at Asaf
6	Noveh Nihemiya
3	Rehalem south
NA	Giv’at Har’eil

Araby.net (May 10, 2004)

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- The ministry of Interior demolished 9 Palestinian buildings to the south of Rahat city owned by Zayed, El Malahi, Abu Qershain and Al 'Mour families; in addition to another 4 houses owned by Farhan El Nubari sons. Quds (May 11, 2004)
- In a report issued by "PEACENOW" movement assured that 60 housing units were added to 7 outposts along with another 1800 housing units to several numbers of colonies during the year 2003. Quds+ Al Ayam (May 11, 2004)
- The IOF continues its demolition campaign in the Negav area and the surrounding villages as the IOF demolished lately the house of El Tete family in El Ba'na village and another house owned by Warda family in El Sheikh Danoun village. Wafa (May 14, 2004)
- The IOF notified residents of El Ramiya village in the Galilee to evacuate their 30 houses and prepare them for demolition. Among the owners, Ziyad Sawa'eid was known. Quds (May 18, 2004)

Governorate	Land Confiscated (Dunum)	Land Threatened (Dunum)	Uprooted Trees	Houses Demolished	Houses Threatened to be demolished
Bethlehem	380	0	30	3	0
Jerusalem	51	292.8	0	3	86
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarem	21.8	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	0	0	0	2	0
Nablus	20	0	0	4	0
Salfit	5.4	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	1	0
Gaza	531	2000	2300	197	59
Qalqilyia	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	498	0	90	5	30
Tubas	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1507.2	2292.8	2420	215	175

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