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September 1, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers cut off a telephone cables belonging to the Palestinian Communication Company, in Qalqiliya District, on the road between Qalqiliya city and Habla village that has been closed. *Quds*
- In Jerusalem District, the settlers of “Almon” which is located on Hizma village land, destroyed all the contents of a commercial shop belonging to Abed Al Sami’ Alkateb. *Quds*

September 2, 2001

- In Nablus District the Israeli bulldozers uprooted 40 fully-grown olive trees from Dier Sharaf village that belong to Abed Al Kareim Antary and Naeim Antary. Meanwhile the bulldozers, backed by Israeli army forces, destroyed land adjacent to the main road and dug deep trenches in many track roads which were the only alternative roads for the passengers since the Israeli soldiers closed the main roads. They also damaged a wide area in Rujeib village. Moreover in Qalqiliya District Israeli bulldozers destroyed a road link between ‘Azzun and ‘Izbat at Tabib villages. *Quds*

September 3, 2001

- Sources said that the committee of Israeli finance endorsed the transfer of 42 million Shekels for the fortification of settlements. *Quds*

September 4, 2001

- The Susiya Jewish settlers' uprooted 100 olive trees on the main road of Yatta village in Hebron District. *Quds*
- A number of Jewish settlements in Hebron District tried to burn a Turkish traditional bathroom, which is located close to the settlements communities in the Hebron old city. *Quds*

September 5, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers destroyed road that links Al Sumara neighborhood to Nablus and isolated it from the city center. Eyewitnesses said the Israeli army bulldozed an estimated two dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive in Deir Sharaf village and owned by the farmer Omar Wawi. Furthermore, the Jewish settlers constructed and paved many bypass roads on lands that were confiscated for Avnei Hefetz settlement expansion especially Kafr Al labad village in Tulkarem District. Moreover, in Ramallah District the mayor of Abud village, Elias Azar, confirmed the Israeli Authorities tightened the siege on the village, and he added that the settlers of Halamish, accompanied by the Israeli forces, bulldozed a wide area from the village land, also uprooted 3600 of olive trees with the object of executing the colonization plans in Qarnet Madi area and set up a military camp on Baiyad 'Abud land region. *Quds*
- According to the mayor of Beit Furik village, the Israeli occupation started bulldozing a hill on the village in Nablus District. *Jadeeda*

September 6, 2001

- The Israeli forces, accompanied by military bulldozers, destroyed two dunums of agricultural land cultivated with olive trees that is located in the northern area of Qalqiliya District called "Khelat al 'Ama" region and belong to Abed Allah Abu Daraneh and Mouhamed Abu Daraneh. *Quds & Jadeeda*

September 7, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers continued digging more trenches in the villages, especially northwest Jerusalem; also they dug trenches in the roads of Ras Khamis near Shu'fat refugee camp, and between Al Eizariya with At Tur towns, in addition near Beit Hanina neighborhood with Beit Iksa. *Quds*

September 8, 2001

- A group of Jewish settlers in Hebron District beat to death a Palestinian child called Khaled Arafat Al Batsh (3 years old) from Hebron downtown. *Quds*
- The Jewish settlers set fire to commercial store with its properties in Al Shuhada' street in Hebron downtown belong to Rargheb Al Salimah. *Quds*.

September 9, 2001

- The Palestinian general security said that the Israeli forces demolished a house located to the east of Tubas village in Jenin District. Moreover, in Hebron District a group of settlers stormed building in the city and demolished the properties. *Quds*
- The Jewish settlers threw stones into a group of teachers and students as well as set fire to sewing factory, which located near Al Daboiya neighborhood owned by Ragheb Al Salaima. *Jadeeda*.

September 10, 2001

- In Hebron District, The Israeli forces destroyed a large amount of cables (length 2.000 m) were to be used for supplying electricity power to the village of Arab Ar Ramadin southwest Adh Dhahiriya village under the pretext of not having permits also in the same area they damaged a 20 m long and 8 m wide bridge in Al Qariyat hamlet that linked it with the main road. They alleged it was built without a permit. *Quds, Jadeeda & PIC*
- The Israeli forces intensified their presence in Tulkarem District and on the bypass road that leads to Enav and Avnei Hefetz settlements, as eyewitnesses said that the Israeli forces set up blocks on the main road that links Al Sha'rawi village with Tulkarem town and prevented the Palestinian villagers from reaching to the town. Also, they closed An Nazla al Gharbiya village by a tank and prohibited the villagers from traveling.

September 11, 2001

- In Jerusalem District the Israeli bulldozers, backed up by a large number of police forces and soldiers, demolished three Palestinian houses in Beit Hanina neighborhood. The houses were located on a hill near Rekhes Shuafat settlement and next to a bypass road that links road no# 45 with Bir Nabala and Beit Hanina towns passing through Ramot settlement. The allegation was that the structures were built without permits. The demolished houses belong to:

1. *Ramadan Bader*
2. *'Ayshah Abu Nab*
3. *Marim Jaradat*

- The Israeli authorities forced the inhabitants to leave their houses with only a few minutes for evacuation. They were not given any prior notification of the demolition. The Jerusalem center confirmed that they could prevent the demolishing order of another three houses belonging to: Amal Kawasdeh, Shadeh Jubran and Fawziya Shahry who received demolition orders. These demolitions aim at opening a new settlement bypass road to link the settlements in east Jerusalem with Atarot industrial zone and Qalandiya airport. *Jadeeda, Quds & JPost.*
- Israeli construction and planning officer delivered a number of demolition notices for commercial stores and other structures that are located on the sides of the so-called trans-Samaria bypass road in Biddya and Mas-ha villages of Salfit District. *Quds*

September 13, 2001

- The Israeli forces destroyed underground wells which are located in Hablah village entrance. This lead to the damage of wide areas of agricultural land cultivated with trees and vegetables and belonging to Ahmad Shanty family. Moreover Jewish settlers, under the protection of Israeli army, burned six cars and three greenhouses located on the entrance of Hablah village owned by Qalqiliya villagers named Neim Shawahneh, Kaied Ata, and Abed Al Rahman Al Aqra'. *Jadeeda& Quds*

September 14, 2001

- In Yatta village of Hebron District, villagers confronted a group of settlers and Israeli forces that attempted to appropriate scores of dunums of land located in area called Al Makhfara hill east of Yatta village and close to Ma'on settlement. The aim was to set up a new settlement outpost. *Jadeeda& Quds*
- As "*Kol HaIr*" Israeli newspaper mentioned, the Israeli Authorities are preparing a plan to demolish Palestinian houses in the west bank under a pretext of building without permits. *Quds*

September 15, 2001

- The local council of Al Jib village, northwest Jerusalem city, warned of a health and environment disaster in the area. They said that the Israeli

forces have finished digging a trench, 300 meters long and two meters wide. The settlements surrounding Al Jib (Givat Zeev, Hadasha and Givon) have reportedly dumped their wastewater into the trench and the villagers are afraid this will cause different diseases. *Quds*

- The Israeli bulldozers guarded by three military patrols demolished parts of cultural center in Silat Adh Dhahr of Jenin District. *Quds*
- Tens of dunums of agricultural land were bulldozed by Israeli bulldozers on a settlement bypass road to the south of Nablus District. *Quds*

September 16, 2001

- Israel announced that the area between Salem checkpoint and Tulkarem is a closed military are. *Quds*.

September 17, 2001

- The Israeli *Haarertz* newspaper said that the settlements' regional councils in the West Bank and Gaza strip would house three outposts that have been recently approved. Moreover, they intend to boost the population of 12 other outposts. Three will be housed during the next week, "Kfar Eldad" east Gush Etzion, "Har Efraim" near Kedumim settlement and "Self" in Gush Qatif. They also intend to house Givat Hanatsif near Beit Haggai settlement in Hebron region, the hill west of Bracha settlement, a hill west of Shavei Shomron and Tsofit near Neve Tsuf in Ramallah region. *Quds*.

September 19, 2001

- The Israeli forces, accompanied by number of bulldozers, destroyed caves and tents belonging to Bedouin communities in near Suisa hamlets south Hebron and demand they leave the area and the tents erected near Susiya settlement that is set up on their land, proposing to establish a new settlement. *Jadeeda & Quds*

September 20, 2001

The Israeli forces closed the main road that leads to Tuqu' village and links between Bethlehem and Hebron Districts. In addition the Jewish settlers attacked Palestinian cars by throwing stones. *Quds*

September 21, 2001

- The Israeli forces closed many entrances of Al Jalazun Palestinian refugee camp in Ramallah District. Eyewitnesses said that the Israeli bulldozers dug many trenches from the northern part of the refugee camp on Ramallah –Jerusalem Main road, and damaged the main water network. Moreover, in Bethlehem District the Israeli bulldozers destroyed wide agricultural land that are cultivated with olive trees along the main road which include “Albaq’a” area as Tuqu’ mayor mentioned. *Quds*
- In Salfit District, the Israeli army occupied Shawki Abu Bakerk’s house from Marda village and transformed it into a military barrack. *Jadeeda*

September 22, 2001

- The Israeli authorities paved road that links Dirban settlement outpost and Avnei Hefetz settlement with the bypass road. The Israeli army also erected a checkpoint in the main road of Baqa Ash Sharqiya village, which links Baqa Al Gharbiya village to Jenin. *Quds*
- In Tubas District the Israeli bulldozers started expanding a trench eight-meter deep, 25 km long, and surrounded it with three-meter high earth mounds in Tammun village. Moreover the Israeli army stormed Al Khader and Sakariya villages and set up watchtowers on a number of Palestinian roofs. They also captured a house that was still under construction and transformed it into a military barracks in Sakariya village of Bethlehem District. *Jadeeda*

September 23, 2001

- The Jewish settlers, backed by Israeli bulldozers and soldiers, uprooted and bulldozed more than 20 dunums of land cultivated with olive and citrus trees from Sanniriya and ‘Azzun ‘Atma villages, which are, located east Oranit settlement (which is setup on the villagers’ land) in Qalqiliya District .the owners of these land:
 - Ibrahim Etmawi
 - Musa Mahmoud Odeh
 - Abed Al Karim Odeh
 - Kamel Al Sheikh
 - Ahmad Al Sheikh
 - Khaled Ahmad Al Shiekh. *Jadeeda & PIC*
- According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli bulldozers started closing track and secondary roads, which lead to Shufa village in Tulkarem District, and as a

result they damaged a number of greenhouses belonging to the farmer Anwar Fathi Odeh. *Quds*

- Hebron District, the Israeli bulldozers guarded by tanks, bulldozed hundreds of dunums in Al Baqa' area and uprooted the trees belonging to Al Jaber family. Also the Israeli army imposed a siege on the area and prevented the landowners from entry. Moreover, Israeli bulldozers, accompanied by military forces, destroyed scores of dunums agricultural land cultivated with olive and citrus trees in Sanniryia village of Qaqiliya District nearby Oranit settlement. *Jadeeda & Quds*
- Palestinian sources said that the Israeli Estate department in the ministry of infrastructure hired a surveying company to screen the West Bank for plots of land for expansion of settlements; namely Efrat, Ariel, and Maale Adumim. *Quds*

September 25, 2001

- The Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian house belonging to Issa Abu Alkabash in As Samu' village of Hebron District. They also destroyed a number of water wells and barracks, under the pretext of not having permits. Afterwards the bulldozers uprooted scores of olive trees in the south of the village. *Quds*
- The Israeli forces demolished eight barracks and the tents, which are erected next to Jerusalem –Jericho road that belong to Al Karshaneh tribe. Moreover a number of Jewish settlers attacked properties of Al Kaabneh Bedouins north Jericho city and burned large quantities of forage. *Jadeeda & Quds*

September 27, 2001

- The Israeli authorities started work on a 'light' railway track in Al Musrara neighborhood near the Damascus gate, east Jerusalem. The plan is to establish a train station, which will begin from west Jerusalem passing through Damascus gate towards Al Shiekh Jarah area. The land expropriated belongs to 'Aqil family and the electricity company. The track will go to Shufat where 15 dunums will be confiscated, and then the track heads to Pisgat Zeev and Neve Yaacov settlements. *Quds*

September 28, 2001

- In Nablus District tens of Jewish settlers from Sde Elihahu and Mehola settlements attacked the Palestinian villagers' agricultural land and their properties in Bardala village, which is close to Tubas town. They

bulldozed scores of dunums of agricultural land cultivated with vegetables and smashed a number of greenhouses as well as attacking a number of Palestinian farmers .the villagers pointed that the Israeli soldiers closed the region and announced it as a closed military area.
Jadeeda, Quds & JPost

September 29, 2001

- The Israeli army set fire to olive trees in Ijnisinya village north Nablus City. Eyewitnesses mentioned that the soldiers burned olive field located near the village bypass road. Furthermore, the Israeli bulldozers leveled an agricultural land that is close to Enav settlement east Tulkarem in Al Kanesa, Diab, Abu luqa ad Abu Saleh hamlets. They also uprooted trees and constructed a long road inside this land which area estimated on more than 500 dunums and belong to Muhamad Omar, Kamal Yusef, Abed al Rahman Juma and Abed Al Hamid, all of them from Beit lid village.
Quds
- Scores of Alfei Menashe and Tsofim settlers in Qalqilya District burned green houses and agricultural nurslings owned by Palestinian farmers.
Quds
- The Israeli radio mentioned that the Israeli soldiers take over Palestinian house and transformed it into military post in Bani Na'im village of Hebron District. Additionally, captured two other houses in the heart of Hebron near the line between Israeli control area and Palestinian control area.
Quds

September 30, 2001

- In Qalqilyah District the Israeli bulldozers, under the protection of Israeli forces, destroyed a land cultivated with olive trees and fruitful citrus trees estimated tens of dunums also ruined the agricultural water pipes that belong to Ahmad Khalil Burham's sons and Muhamad sa'id Burham sons. Moreover the Jewish settlers burned greenhouses cultivated with vegetables and belong to Ali Mohamad Burham.
Quds
- The monthly report is an overview of events that have been reported by field workers and\or by one or more of the following sources: Al-Ayyam, Al-Quds, Alhayat Al Jadeeda, Ha'aretz, Jerusalem Post, Ministry of Information (MoI) and Palestinian Information Center (PIC). The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for size and clarity.

Statistics of Israeli Violations in the OPT

District	Land Confiscated	Land Threatened	Uprooted/confiscated/ burnt/razed trees	Demolished Houses	Threatened Houses
Nablus	502	0	80	0	0
Hebron	0	0	100	1	0
Qalqilyia	22	0	490	0	0
Tubas	0	0	0	1	0
Jerusalem	0	15	0	3	3
Total	524	15	670	5	3

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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