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Bethlehem

- Israeli bulldozers **razed land** in Tequ' village east of Bethlehem city, adjacent to Roman settlement outpost. The razing most likely aims to take over the land and steal it, in order to open a road linking Takoa' settlement with Roman settlement outpost. Palestinian landowners have documents and deeds proving their ownership of the razed land. Wafa (August 1, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished structures on privately owned land in Beit Jala city west near Bethlehem. The IOA had begun harassing residents of certain neighborhoods. Families living near valuable agricultural land or the illegal settlements are often targeted after Israelis demand room for expansion into the West Bank. The Shaban family, whose property was occupied this morning by bulldozers and Israeli soldiers, lost their family home in what is now Israel decades ago. They have been living 'temporarily' in Dheisha refugee camp ever since but were able to purchase some land in the greater Bethlehem district. Now their land sits between a growing illegal settlement and the city of Beit Jala. IMEMC (August 2, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished the rebuilt Qesieh restaurant which was demolished on the 3ed of May 20012 in Al Makhroun area in Beit Jala city. Another demolition took place in property owned by local resident Mr. Khader Judeh Jacob Khalilieh. The structure was demolished in December 2011, but was rebuilt by its residents lately. A Third demolition took place in the property of

- George Khalilieh, an old house and a brux, and a fourth demolition took place in the property of Zeidan family. ARIJ (August 2, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed an agricultural road that leads to the land of Sha'ban Al 'Ayasa. The razing process ended with closing the 0.5 km long road with earth mounds. The Israeli Bulldozers also razed a re-built kitchen owned by Ramzi Khalilieh and cement poles owned by citizen George Khalilieh. Wafa (August 2, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed a 0.5 km long agricultural road that links with the land of citizen Shadi Al 'Ayasa in Al Makhrou area west of Beit Jala city. Safa (August 2, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration in Al Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem and hindered Palestinians and international activists from reaching the wall area. Wafa (August 3, 2012).
 - The Israeli occupation army expanded the boundaries of Nevi Daniel Settlement illegally established on Palestinians lands in Khader Village in west Bethlehem. The military barricades erected on Daniel's settlement have been moved some 400 meters alongside with construction of a security control room on the highest summit point in the district. The moving of the barricades threatens 300 dunums of Palestinian lands in the area which will be off access to Palestinian owners unless they have permits from the Israeli Civil Administration allowing them to access the lands. Wafa (August 5, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) is expanding the boundaries of a settlement outpost (Derech Ha'avot) located between Neve Daniel and Eli'zaer settlements west of Al Khader village in Bethlehem Governorate. The IOA have been adding new housing units in the outpost which was established in 2001, in Thahr Khamlet Al 'Ein area, in an attempt to confiscate more Palestinian lands in the area. Wafa (August 8, 2012).
 - The Israeli Supreme Court issued halt of construction orders to eight Palestinian families in Al Kreishan Bedioun community two days after it informed their lawyer of its decision to cancel the evacuation orders that were given to the eight families two months ago. Al Quds (August 8, 2012).
 - In a big celebration, Israeli settlers of Efrat Settlement declared the inauguration of a park near the settlement, on lands previously confiscated from Palestinians in Al Masri Valley in Al Khader Village (Wadi Al Masri) west of Bethlehem city. The work on the park started back in 2000 when settlers took over vast areas of Palestinian lands and transferred a water well in the area that was used to water Palestinian

- crops, to a swimming pool used only by settlers. Wafa (August 9, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers razed agricultural lands and demolished water well for irrigation purposes in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city. The process included razing five dunums of lands in Al 'Absiya area near Eli'zer settlement owned by citizen Riziq Muhammad Salah and the IOA stole the Olive trees that were uprooted from the land due the razing process. Wafa (August 13, 2012)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) assaulted and beat citizen Thaer Ribhi Muhammad Awad (23 years) near Al Walajah village northwest of Bethlehem city while on his way to celebrate of Ramadan holiest nights (Night of Power) at Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem city. Wafa (August 15, 2012)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Al Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem city and fired Gas bombs at demonstrators and attacked them in an attempt to hinder them from coming close to the wall area. Wafa (August 17, 2012).
 - A cab driver, a Palestinian father, mother and their children, from Nahhalin town, near Bethlehem, suffered moderate to severe injuries after Israeli settlers hurled a firebomb at the Palestinian cab. The attack took place when the Palestinian Taxi was driving near the illegal Bat Ayin and Gavot illegal settlements, close to the Gush Etzion settlement block, south the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. The wounded residents were identified as Bassam (cab driver) Mahmoud Ghayatha, 55, Ayman Hassan Ghayatha, 35, his wife Jamila Abdul-Hai, 28, their children; Mohammad, 5, and Eman, 4, and Hasan Mohammad Hasan Ghayatha, 26. Residents Ayman, Jamila and Hasan suffered second and third-degree burns, while the children, Mohammad and Eman suffered first-degree burns. IMEMC (August 17, 2012)
 - Apartment prices in Israel are sky-high – but if you're willing to live in Beitar Ilit, and are one of 36 lucky families, you could score a brand new apartment at about half the going rate for similar homes in the center of the country. Among the policies adopted recently by the government is a requirement for building companies to dedicate part of the projects they build on government-owned land to affordable housing for middle and working class Israelis. According to Ashdar's deal with the Israel Lands Administration, the company received a discount on the land and development costs in exchange for promising to build affordable housing. A number of similar projects, to be built on land leased from the ILA, are in the works. The Beitar Ilit project is being built by Ashdar, an Israeli construction company that has a long

history of building affordable housing. Half of the 72 apartments in the project will be priced at a base cost of NIS 490,000 (about \$124,000), all taxes included. Once a contract is signed, buyers will be responsible for building inflation costs (determined by a statistic published monthly) until the buyer's mortgage is approved and the full payment is made to the builder, so the final cost is likely to be between NIS 500,000 and NIS 550,000 (\$125,000 to \$139,000). For the price, buyers get an 85 square meter apartment, without any of the accoutrements common in “market rate” apartments, such as built-in jacuzzis and Italian marble countertops. However, the homes are about half of what an apartment of the same size costs in the center of the country. Most new apartments are larger than 85 square meters, and most have more extensive features than these homes. The balance of the apartments in the project will be sold at market rate. The discounted apartments will be available to eligible families based on Housing Ministry criteria. Ashdar has not announced how they will choose the buyers, assuming that more than 36 eligible families seek to buy the homes. [INN](#) (August 17, 2012).

- A number of Israeli settlers constructed a 25 square meters area chicken farm on a privately-owned Palestinian land belong to members of Sbeih family, in Khallit Ein Masour area, near Al-Khader city in the Bethlehem. The land in question (10 dunums area) is on a mountain that has no power or water supplies, and no road access. The settlers are using primitive means to transport water and other supplies to the land, which is close to the Daniel illegal settlement, and that the settlers will likely try to bring mobile homes in order to officially establish their outpost. IMEMC & Wafa (August 19, 2012)
- The Israeli Court rejected the appeal filed by Citizen Mahmoud Joudeh Sbeih (77 years) against the demolition order that targets a water well he owns in As Suwwana area in the southern par of Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city. The Court of Beit IL gave citizen Sbeih 14 days to demolish the well otherwise; he will be forced to pay for the demolition fees. It is worth mentioning that the water well was established through a projected implemented by Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) and funded by Netherlands. Wafa (August 21, 2012)
- More than 70 Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Solomons' pools area in Al Khader village west of Bethlehem city, stationed at the third pool and practiced religious rituals. Wafa (August 22, 2012).
- A group of Israeli settlers raided Ein Al Qassis area west of Al Khader city west of Bethlehem and starting planting a previously seized "5

- dunums" land owned by Citizen Suleiman Hammad Salah. It is worth mentioning that Israeli settlers took over the land of Mr. Salah three months ago. Wafa (August 23, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Al Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem city against the settlements and the Israeli Segregation Wall, hindered Palestinian citizens and international activist from reaching the wall area. Wafa (August 24, 2012).
 - The Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem ratified the construction of a new neighborhood in Har Homa settlement that will include 68 new housing units. The construction of the neighborhood will commence after six months from this date. It is worth mentioning that An Israeli Company named Avisereo Moshe, won the tender to implement the work of the neighborhood. Al Quds (August 24, 2021).
 - Israeli settlers protected by Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) began establishing a third park on Palestinian-owned land in al-Khader, a town west of Bethlehem. The settlers seized the Palestinian-owned land and surrounded a hill in it with barbed wire fences to establish the third park around Daniel settlement, which is built illegally in al-Khader and is a part of the Gush Etzion settlement bloc. The settlers advertised for the parks and called on Israelis to visit them, as well as announced all revenues from the parks to be used for supporting settlement activities in the Palestinian Territory. Wafa (August 26, 2012).
 - The Israeli settlers surrounded part of the land located at the southern entrance of Al Khader village south of Bethlehem city (An Nashash checkpoint) and near the Israeli military tower with barbed wires and set up two mobile homes in the area. Wafa (August 28, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a military checkpoint at the southern entrance of Al Khader village, stopped Palestinian vehicles coming from Bethlehem and those leaving to Bethlehem, searched them, checked in their ID cards and questioned citizens. This has obstructed the movement of Palestinians who were heading to their destinations. Wafa (August 29, 2012).
 - The Israeli Court rejected the appeal filed by citizen Ali Saleem Musa against the demolition of his house located in Abu Soud area west of Al Khader village under the pretext of unlicensing and that the house obstructs the construction of the wall as it comes in the path of the wall in the village. The court also informed citizen Musa that the demolition of the house will take place on Thursday, the 30th of August 2012. The

targeted house is 70 square meters area and is inhabited by 7 family members. Wafa (August 29, 2012).

- Israeli occupation soldiers demolished a Palestinian home in Al-Obaidiya town, in the Bethlehem district. Several military jeeps, accompanied by a military bulldozer, invaded the town and demolished a home that belongs to resident Abdul-Majid Abu Zmeit. Last week, Abu Zmeit received a order issued by the Israeli military informing him that his home will be demolished “as it is close to the bypass road, used by Israeli settlers in area C”. Area “C” in the occupied West Bank is under full Israeli military control and subject to frequent Israeli violations including the illegal annexation of lands for settlements and settler bypass road, and for military purposes. Israel repeatedly restricts the movement of the residents in area C by installing roadblocks; large parts of area C are also designated by the army as “military zones”. IMEMC (August 30, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers destroyed seven residential tents and barrackses in Arab Al Kreishan area east of Bethlehem city. Wafa (August 30, 2012).
- The Israeli Civil Administration handed out citizens of Nahhalin village southwest of Bethlehem city two evacuation orders to 12 dunums of lands, 80 Olive trees and an old hut in Ein Fares area in the village. The two orders hold numbers 34/05 and 38/05 and the lands are owned by Ahmad Mahmoud Ghayatha, Issa Mussallam Mustafa, Hasan Naji Najajra and Saleem Ali An Nis. . Wafa (August 30, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Al Ma'sara village south of Bethlehem city. The IOA hindered demonstrators from reaching the wall area and assaulted them. Wafa (August 31, 2012).

Jenin

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Coal factory facility in Thaher Al Maleh Area in Ya'bad village south of Jenin city and confiscated wood worth NIS 100 thousand and other equipments. The facility is owned by Citizen Muhammad Fathi Al Khateeb. Wafa (August 9, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Muthalath Al Shuhada village south of Jenin city and raided a car workshop owned by Nabeel Soboh, searched it and messed with its contents. Wafa (August 9, 2012).
- Israeli occupation army (IOA) raided the village of Yamoun in Jenin at dawn which led to confrontations with local Palestinians. six military

vehicles raided the village and as they reached the center of town, dozens of Palestinians who had been gathering in the area confronted the soldiers. The confrontation lasted for almost an hour. No injuries or arrests were reported. IMEMC (August 9, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at Ar Ras village eastern junction (Old Kafriyat checkpoint) and arrested four Palestinian citizens while driving on the road (Al Kafriyat road) south of Tulkarem city. The IOA also obstructed the movement of Palestinians, search their vehicles and checked in their ID cards. Wafa (August 14, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) demolished three artesian water wells in Beit Qad village east of Jenin city and owned by Khaled Omar Yaseen, Abdel Mun'em Medraj Daraghmah and Yaser Abu Zuhra. Wafa (August 15, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) imposed a tight closure on Beit Qad village east of Jenin city, set up checkpoints at its entrance and the entrance of its neighboring village Deir Abu Da'if. Wafa (August 15, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) notified 13 Palestinians of their decision to demolish 13 private-owned artesian water wells in Kufr Dan, a village west of Jenin, under the pretext of "building without permit". The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) along with a staff from the Israeli Water Authority stormed Marj Bin Amer plain in the village, photographed the water wells and assaulted the head of the irrigation committee, Mohammad Mori.
- The Israeli occupation authorities (IOA) notified Mahmood Arqawi, a resident of Kufr Dan, a village west of Jenin, of their decision to demolish his under construction house under the same pretext. Wafa (August 26, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at the entrance of Zabuba village West of Jenin city, stopped Palestinian vehicles, searched them and checked in Palestinian ID cards. Wafa (August 26, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Ahmad Ali Salem Shawahna in Silat Al Harthiya west of Jenin city, questioned its members, searched and messed with its contents. Wafa (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of workshops and car parts shops in Barta'a Ash Sharqiya (East Barta'a) south of Jenin city after destroying the entrances of these shops, searching them and messing with the contents. The raided shops are owned by: Ayham

Jaradat, Nidal Salameh, Nidal Shweiki and Ashraf Sabbah. The IOA also confiscated 17 Vehicles and 2 motorcycles during the raid operation. Wafa (August 29, 2012).

- Israeli settlers' wild boars raided Al 'Ein area in Jenin city and destroyed field crops in the area such as Jews Mallow, Parsley and Squash. The boars also destroyed walls and caused damages to Grape and Figs trees. Al Quds (August 29, 2012)

Jerusalem

- A special panel will propose that the government give grants for building hotels in West Bank settlements near Jerusalem to absorb some of the high demand for hotel rooms in the capital. A new inter-ministerial committee of experts convened this year to designate priority areas for the coming years; it is expected to hand its proposals to the cabinet soon. The "administrative grants," as they are known, provide state support for 20 percent of the cost of construction of hotels with at least 25 rooms. They provide 10 percent support for construction of other tourist attractions. Grants have only been provided within Israel proper, not the West Bank. In 2007, a special committee mapped out the country's priority areas that were eligible for grants. The recommendations were to remain in force until last year, but they were extended for another year based on a joint order by the tourism and finance ministers. This year the budget for such grants is NIS 76 million. Although the inter-ministerial panel has not yet submitted its recommendations, the cabinet is shortly expected to approve administrative tourism grants in the West Bank for the first time. Officials at the Tourism Ministry are studying a draft resolution on the subject recommending that the hotel shortage be alleviated via construction of accommodations in the Jewish settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim, just outside Jerusalem, and in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc to the south. The Tourism Ministry said it is exploring ways to increase the supply of hotel rooms in the Jerusalem area due to high demand for existing accommodations in the city. "When this matter is operative, the public will be informed," the ministry said. "Jerusalem, which is included in the map [of priority areas], is enjoying growing demand among tourists, a fact that creates demand pressure on hotel rooms in the city and results in increased prices," the draft states. The document also cites a 2010 study commissioned by the Tourism Ministry that projected shortages of hotel rooms in Jerusalem. The construction of an additional 9,500 hotel rooms should be undertaken

as soon as possible, the draft recommends. It cites the current construction of about 900 rooms in the Jerusalem area and a request for approval of another 800. This isn't enough to meet future demand, so additional locations near the city must be found for hotels, the document states. The draft says the construction of accommodations in Gush Etzion and Ma'aleh Adumim will relieve demand for existing hotels in the city itself. As far as is known, there are no plans to build hotels in Ma'aleh Adumim or Gush Etzion, but if the recommendation is approved, grants would be provided for such projects for three years beginning in January. The proposal does not discuss funding sources for the grants in the West Bank, and it is assumed the grants would come from the existing budget. [Haaretz](#) (August 1, 2012)

- The Israeli weekly newspaper "Yerushalayem" revealed about new settlement plans to build 232 new housing units in three Israeli settlements: Agan Ayalon neighborhood in Giv'at Ze'ev settlement (180 Units) north of Jerusalem, 27 new units in Beitar Illit settlement southwest of Bethlehem and 25 new units in Har Homa settlement south of Jerusalem. Paltoday (August 3, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested two men in Jerusalem During clashes between the IOA and young Palestinian men. Israeli soldiers "provoked worshippers coming back from Al-Aqsa mosque after finishing the Trawih prayer. A minor from Beit Hanina and a man from Ras al-Amoud were arrested. Maannews (August 5, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Police gave traffic violation tickets to Palestinian worshippers in Al Aqsa for parking their cars in Nablus road, near the walls of Jerusalem city. Each ticket was 250 NIS. The police justified the issuance of the tickets to Palestinian for parking their cars in a prohibited place. It is worth mentioning that citizens of Jerusalem's Old City used to park their vehicles and cars in the evening in the same street. Wafa (August 8, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Waleed Shihada 'Ubeid, searched it and messed with its contents in Al Isawiya town east Of Jerusalem. Paltimes (August 9, 2012).
- Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat signed demolition orders for two trailer homes in East Jerusalem that house Palestinian families whose former homes were torn down by the city. The structures were put up by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and its emergency pooled fund, the Humanitarian Response Fund. Foreign Ministry and city officials accused OCHA of repeatedly violating accepted protocols regarding the operation of international organizations. OCHA officials said the trailers, in the Beit Hanina neighborhood, do not require a license from the municipality because

they are not hooked up to city utilities or attached to foundations and they are a stopgap, emergency solution only for the homeless families in each one. But the municipality and the Foreign Ministry dismissed OCHA's explanations, saying the move constitutes a ratcheting up of intervention in Jerusalem by an international agency. All six members of the Salma family, whose home was demolished twice by the municipality because it lacked building permits, now live together in a cramped, 40-square-meter trailer home. The Salmas were unable to obtain permits because the city refuses to grant construction permits for the area. [Haaretz](#) (August 9, 2012)

- A busload of Palestinians returning from Ramadan prayers in the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem were attacked by a group of heavily armed settlers who threw rocks at the bus, injuring eight. Earlier this week, settlers tried to mount an explosive device under a car in a village near the location of Friday's attack on the bus. The attack took place on the main road between Ramallah and Nablus in the northern West Bank, near the illegal Israeli settlement of Shilo, at around 1:30 in the morning. The settlers apparently laid in wait for the bus of worshippers, then emerged fully-armed and throwing rocks. IMEMC (August 2, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) hindered hundreds of Palestinians (aging less than 40) from heading to Jerusalem through Qalandyia Crossing, to celebrate on of Ramadan's holiest nights, night of Power, at Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Clashes erupted as a result and no injuries were reported. PNN (August 15, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Police in Jerusalem hindered Qara'en family from burying its dead (Um Hussein Qara'in) in Bab Ar Rahma cemetery near Silwan city, south of Al Aqsa Mosque under the pretext that the cemetery is established on a state land. Wattan (August 17, 2012)
- A mob of Israelis chanting 'Death to Arabs' attacked three young Palestinians, nearly killing one and severely wounding the other two. The attack took place in Zion Square, where three as-yet unidentified Palestinian youth were walking when the mob began beating them, chanting ethnic slurs including "A Jew is a soul and an Arab is a son of a b--". According to the International Business Times, a paramedic with the Magen David Adom ambulance service named Amir Edri told reporters, "When we arrived at the scene we saw a 20-year-old man lying on the floor. He was unconscious and paramedics began performing CPR." They could not raise a pulse, and while they were trying to revive the youth, were themselves attacked by the crowd,

who accused them of attempting to “revive an Arab”. IMEMC (August 17, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Police attacked citizen Tala As Sayyad in Jerusalem with a new weapon that transmits electric shocks to the body and cramps it. Wafa (August 23, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked and beat Al Bazyan family in Atarot area north of Jerusalem city. The IOA fired Gas bombs in the area. Citizen Sabah Al Bazyan (66 Years) suffered Gas inhalation and bruises as she tried to prevent the IOA from arresting two of her family members, Talal Yousif Bazyan (40 Years) and Yousif Zuhair Al Bazyan (23 Years). The two Bazyan members were severely assaulted by the IOA before being arrested. Wafa (August 23, 2012).
- Two east Jerusalem teens were assaulted by three armed Israeli men in Tel Aviv earlier this week in what could be another case of racist violence. One suffered a head injury and required eight stitches and the other sustained light wounds. Suhib Hushia, 19, said he and his friend were assaulted on their way back from a Tel Aviv beach as they stopped at a parking lot to ask for directions. Al Quds (August 23, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Police assaulted Citizen Muhammad Mahmoud Abdullah (20 Years) from Al Issawiya town and caused bruises in all his body parts. Mr. Abdullah was later arrested and transferred to the hospital. Wafa (August 23, 2012)
- A group of Israeli settlers assaulted and insulted the family of Fadel Al Mughrabi near Ramat Shlomo settlement. Paltoday (August 24, 2012).
- The Israeli Central court rejected the appeal against the construction of a Cultural center under the name of "Shreuber Park) near the palace of the high commissioner in Jabal Al Mukabbir east of Jerusalem. The center will extend on 6.5 dunums of lands and includes parking a lot for 330 cars, Services area and , 12 Cinema halls, Four Halls, Public areas, Coffee Shops, Restaurants, commercial & cultural shops, Libraries and Musical tools shops. Al Quds (August 25, 2012).
- The Israeli Company "Morya" will commence the construction of the third stage of Road 50 (of Begen's Project) that will start from Al Malha city and heads towards Rosemaryan road in Gilo settlement. The road will also link with Har Homa settlement and the tunnels bypass road (Bypass Road Number 60). The cost of the project is estimated at NIS 475 million and it is expected to finish in the year 2015. Al Quds (August 25, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Police raided the house of Izzat Al Kiswani (75 Years) from Ash Sheikh Jarrah area in Jerusalem city and declared the

- area surrounding the house a closed military Zone under the pretext of searching for weapons. Wafa (August 26, 2012).
- A group of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian teens and assaulted them in 'Ein Silwan area in Wadi Hilwa, and raided the house of Adnan Al Karki in the same neighborhood. Wafa (August 26, 2012).
 - The Israeli Ministry of Defense announced about its decision to close Ras Khamis crossing near Shu'fat Refugee camp on Tuesday the 28th of August, 2012. The closure of the checkpoint will hinder citizens of the area from reaching Jerusalem as normal and Palestinian citizens will have to go through other and long alternative routes (around 2 km long) in order to reach Jerusalem; In addition, Palestinian vehicles will not be allowed to use the crossing and around 3000 students will be denied access to schools in Jerusalem. Wafa (August 26, 2012).
 - The Israeli Defense Ministry is planning to seal up the Ras Khamis checkpoint, one of the only two exits into Israel for the 65,000 Palestinian residents of the Shoafat refugee camp in northeast Jerusalem. Refugee camp residents will only be able to cross into Israel via central checkpoint now; plan contravenes 2008 High Court ruling construction must be undertaken to Shu'fat crossing before Ras Khamis checkpoint closed. [Haaretz](#) (August 27, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out military orders to demolish five houses in Al Bustan neighborhood in Silwan city south of Al Asa Mosque. The targeted families were identified as Abu Sneineh, Ar Rashaq, Ar Rajabi, Abu Shafe' and Odeh, and they were all notified of the demolition of their houses under the pretext of unlicensing. Paltimes (August 29, 2012).
 - The Israeli military court issued an order to confiscate 1800 Square meters of land in the southern part of Bab Al Rahma cemetery in Jerusalem city. According to the order, the court will go on with the demolition of the 39 new empty graves in the cemetery and will hinder Palestinians from burying their dead in the cemetery as well and will rehabilitate the area to be later used as a National Park. [PNN](#) (August 30, 2012)
 - The Israeli Occupation Authorities along with Al 'Ad Jewish organization and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority started in the last days excavations in the Umian Palaces area south of Al Aqsa Mosque in an attempt to gradually take over part of Bab Al Rahma cemetery and transfer it to a National park. PNN (August 30, 2012).

Hebron

- Many Palestinians suffered Gas inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) attacked a funeral in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city and fired Gas bombs. Wafa (August 1, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied by ten Israeli military jeeps raided Janba village south of Hebron city, forced Palestinians to leave their caves and tents in the area, carried out search operations and caused a state of panic and fear to residents. The IOA also carried out military trainings in a number of villages and hamlets that are threatened of demolition in the southern Hebron hills. The Israeli Helicopters also carried out an airdrop in a number of hamlets that are threatened of demolition for military trainings. The IOA set up a military tent on the road linking Kherbit Janba and Bir Al 'Id and set up a military checkpoint, harassed Palestinians, searched their ID cards and detained them for several hours. PNN (August 7, 2012).
- An Israeli settler from Kiryat Arba' settlement ran over a 10 years old child (Munqeth Al Ja'abari) at the Israeli bypass road number 60 east of Hebron city. The child suffered bruises in most of his body parts. Wafa (August 7, 2012).
- The southern Hebron hills, in the southern part of the West Bank, is witnessing extensive Israeli military activities, an issue that is raising fear among the residents of an impending demolition of their homes. Two military helicopters transported paratroopers who landed in Al-Moghar village, one of eight villages that Israeli Defense Minister, Ehud Barak, recently stated that Israel will evacuate them in order to use the area for military training purposes. The villages are not recognized by Israel, and are located in areas that are of clear Israeli military and security interest. Dozens of homes were previously demolished and their inhabitants were displaced due to illegal Israeli military and settlement activities in the area. Local sources reported that military helicopters conducted six flights, transporting soldiers who installed “operation tents” just outside the village where two armored military jeeps, and a hummer jeep, were stationed. The sources said that the soldiers were masked, and that they took pictures of caves, tents and some structures, and also searched several homes causing extensive damage, while some soldiers spilled milk jars and butter onto the ground. The report indicated that dozens of children were terrified by the invading soldiers, especially the masked soldiers who were deployed around the homes and tents. Last week, the army conducted similar activities in four nearby Palestinian villages, while the soldiers also detained and interrogated dozens of residents, in

addition to taking pictures of caves, tents and structures in the area. The soldiers also photographed solar panels that were installed last year to provide the residents with power. Dozens of families in the area have to live in caves and tents due to illegal Israeli restrictions that prevent any recognition of these villages, while the army uses the landscape for military training. Haaretz (August 8, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) severely assaulted and beat citizen Ammar Issa Abu Hash-hash from the moment he was arrested from Hebron city and taken to Etzion detention and interrogation center. Paltimes (August 8, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) set up two military checkpoints At Halhul town entrance in the north, Yatta, Dura and Ar Ramadeen in the south and in several neighborhoods in Hebron city. The IOA also intensified its presence at Al Ahli Hospital entrance in Hebron city and detained a number of Palestinians and checked their ID cards. Wafa (August 8, 2012).
- A Palestinian woman (38 Years) was hit in the head as a group of Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba' settlement threw stones at her. Paltoday (August 9, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Furjas area in Al Koum village west of Hebron city and handed over Issa Younis Al Rjoub and order to demolish his house, and to his borther Ahmad another order to demolish an animal shed he owns in addition to another orders that was handed over to citizens Usama Ali and Abdullah Muhammad Al Rjoub to demolish their houses. Each facility is 150 square meters area. Paltimes (August 9, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed over Five Palestinian families from As Suweiti family in Sa'ieda area in Beit 'Awwa southwest of Hebron city orders to demolish their houses under the pretext of their location in area C, which falls under the full Israeli control. It is worth mentioning that the same houses were threatened of demolition two months ago. Paltimes (August 9, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) hindered Palestinians of Tel Ar Rumeida in Hebron city from using "Al 'Ein Al Jadeeda" (the new spring) on Friday and Saturday while allowing Jewish settlers to use the spring all days of the week. Paltoday (August 11, 2012).
- 13 sheep died as Israeli settlers of Susiya settlement south of Hebron city sprayed chemical substances on the grazing areas surrounding the settlement. The sheep belong to citizen Jihad An Nawaj'a. Wafa (August 12, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) intensified its presence in Hebron city and As Samou', Halhul, Dura and Yatta towns, set up military checkpoints at the roads linking the aforementioned towns with each other, stopped Palestinian vehicles and checked in their ID cards. Wafa (August 13, 2012)
- The Israeli settlers escorted by the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a Memorial in Wadi An Nasara area near Kiryat Arba' settlement in Hebron city. Wafa (August 13, 2012)
- A group of Israeli settlers from Asfar and Metzad settlements withdraw water from a well owned by Al Shalaldah family using a pump mounted on a car and pumped the water in the farmland in 'As Seer' area east of Sa'ir town in Hebron Governorate. Hundreds of cubic meters of water was withdrawn from the well, indicating that the water is used by Palestinian farmers to irrigate trees planted in their lands in that area, as well as shepherds water their livestock from this well. PNN (August 15, 2012)
- Israeli decided to close the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron on the 16 of August 2012 in the face of Muslim worshipers on the occasion of the so-called long 'Holy September'. PNN (August 15, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Surra village south of Dura town, stormed a number of houses and searched them. Wafa (August 16, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Surif Village west of Hebron city and stormed a number of houses. Among stormed houses, the house of Mus'ab Mustafa Al Huwwar was known. Wafa (August 16, 2012).
- A group of off-duty soldiers were captured on video dragging a Palestinian man into a house in the West Bank city of Hebron. The video shows a group of at least nine men and one uniformed Israeli soldier aggressively drag a Palestinian youth down a road and into a house. Maannews (August 16, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a number of checkpoints at Beir Al Mahjar junction, Wad Al Hurrya and Kharsa village south of Hebron city, stopped Palestinian cars and checked in Palestinian ID cards. Wafa (August 16, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities decided to close the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city for ten days in the face of Palestinian worshippers to secure the Jewish celebrations taking place for the so called "September Hebrew Festival". PNN (August 16, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained an agricultural tractor owned by citizen 'Ali Al Jabbarin in Janba area southeast of Yatta town. PNN (August 17, 2012)

- The IDF and the Civil Administration are expanding their operations to evacuate Palestinians from the southern Hebron hills , an area declared free-fire zone 918. This was announced a day before Israeli members of the Jewish movement – in Arabic Ta'ayush visited the region. The activities included Registration of people, photographing residential buildings, house searches and helicopter rides low over towns and villages. The Israeli Civil Administration inspectors also confiscated two Palestinian vehicles of two residents of Yatta who were driving near the village Mufkara. The Confiscation came under the pretext of violating an order that states closing the firing zone 918 since June 1999, although Mufkara village is among the four villages threatened to be evacuate. See recent High Court decision of Defense Minister "change the normative situation." [Haaretz](#) (August 17, 2012)
- Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement uprooted more than 30 Olive trees in Al Hamra area in At Tuwani village east of Yatta town in southern Hebron hills. The uprooted trees are owned by Fadel Rib'I and his brothers. PNN (August 17, 2012)
- Israeli settlers of Avigal and Metza Yair outposts started expansion activities in the aforementioned outposts which are illegally established on Um Al 'Arayes and Um Ash Shaqhan areas east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. The settlers added 5 caravans near Metza Ya'ir outpost and 4 caravans near Avigal outpost on lands owned by Awad and Jabarin families. PNN (August 17, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) smashed the windshield of a Palestinian car that was parked in the center of Hebron city, in the southern part of the West Bank, and used a metal barrier to smash its doors. The car was parked at the entrance of the Old City of Hebron; Israeli soldiers smashed its windshield after claiming that “the car was parked near a settler’s outpost” in Ash-Shuhada Street. The soldiers further used a metal barrier in smashing the doors and trunk of the car before forcing its owner to move it to a different location, away from the illegal settler outpost. IMEMC (August 19, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out two demolition orders in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The first order targets an under construction house (105 square meters) in Shu'ab Seir area near Karmeil Zur settlement and owned by Younis Issa Abdel Hameed Za'aqueq. The second order targets for the second time a three storey house and a water well owned by Jawad Jamal Awad. PNN (August 22, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a number of checkpoints in Hebron Governorate. The IOA set up a sudden checkpoint at Tarousa

- street west of Dura town, detained Palestinians and their vehicles and checked in citizens' ID cards. PNN (August 22, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at the southern entrance of Idhna village west of Hebron city and assaulted Palestinians. PNN (August 22, 2012)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided two Palestinian houses in Idhna village west of Hebron city, searched them and messed with their contents. The two houses are owned by brothers Hasan and Waleed Tumeizi. PNN (August 23, 2012).
 - An Israeli settler ran over a 4 years old girl (Taghreed Al Ja'bari) in Jaber neighborhood in the old city of Hebron. Wafa (August 23, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out four Palestinian families in Al 'Arroub village north of Hebron city military orders to stop the work at their houses under the pretext of unlicensing due to their location in Area "C". The four houses are owned by Muhammad Hilmi Abu Ghazi, Hussein Abu Ghazi, Jaber Abu Sel and Hussein Zayed Husneyeh. Paltoday (August 23, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) handed citizens of Wadi Al Ghrous northeast of Hebron city military order (number 96/36/T) to seize lands in the area for the construction of a new colonial road that will link Kharsina and Kiryat Arba' settlements with the Israeli outpost "Shamoret Ishaq". The 0.5 km road is expected to extend on 7.82 dunums of Palestinians lands as stated in the military order. Owners of the lands were identified as: Abdel Samee' Musa Saber, Saleh Seder, Abdel Samee' Abdel Raheem Al Iseilui and his brothers, Suleiman Ali Al Ja'bari and Hijazi Nu'man Jaber. It is worth mentioning that the targeted land is planted with grapes and has been isolated from its surrounding Palestinian lands as the road that leads to it has been closed by the IOA for ten years. PNN (August 23, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at Beit 'Einun junction northeast of Hebron city. PNN (August 23, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) set up a sudden checkpoint at Jouret Bahlas, the northern entrance of Hebron Governorate. PNN (August 23, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided a number of Palestinian houses in the old city of Hebron and assaulted its owners, of whom, citizen Jamal Is'eifan was identified. Wafa (August 24, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stormed a number of Palestinian houses in Deir Al Hawa west of Yatta town south of Hebron, assaulted its owners and injured two Palestinians, Husein Abu 'Arram (25 Years), Jamal Uthman Abu 'Arram (30 Years), the houses of Abu

- Tabeikh and Taha families. The IOA used Police dogs to search Palestinian houses. Wafa (August 24, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Ma'on settlement uprooted 40 Olive trees in Al Hamra area east of Yatta town, south of Hebron city owned by Rib'I family. WAFA (August 25, 2012)
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful Demonstration held in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city against the construction of the wall, and declared the town closed military zone. The IOA hindered Tens of Palestinian demonstrators and International activists from reaching their lands in "Thaher Jales" area near Karnei Zur settlement and assaulted them. Wafa (August 26, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) detained site Engineers working for Yatta Municipality for three hours on the road that links the eight Palestinian villages threatened of evacuation east of Yatta with each other and forced them to leave the area under the threats of arresting them and confiscating their vehicles. The Israeli procedures taken against the site engineers came under the pretext that the area is declared "closed military zone" by the Israeli military army where no Palestinians access is allowed. Wafa (August 26, 2012).
 - The Israeli Civil Administration along with armed Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba' settlement brought huge amounts of 8 inches pipes, and concrete bases to have the pipes installed on them in the road between Masharqa Street and the Ibrahimi Mosque in Jaber neighborhood, accompanied by bulldozers and drilling machines on the intention of commencing pipes extensions. The Water line carrier that Israel plans to implement in the area will pass by Palestinian houses in the area, and hinders the movement of Palestinians. Wafa (August 26, 2012)
 - Israeli settlers of Havat Ya'ir outpost stabbed citizen Isma'il Ibrahim Muhammad Al Idra (65 Years) and seriously injured him east of Yatta town south of Hebron city. Wafa (August 28, 2012).
 - The Isrageli settlers torched Three Palestinian cars in Wad Khamees area in Sa'ir town owned by Muhammad Ayash Froukh, Mahdi Amin Froukh and Zein Froukh. Wafa 9August 28, 2012).
 - The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers demolished five tents and five water wells in Susiya village east of Yatta town south of Hebron city under the pretext of being erected without license in areas classified as "c" which fall under the full Israeli control. The tents and water wells are owned by belonging to Odeh Abu Sharekh, Ideis Abu Sharekh, Nabil Samamreh and Mohammad Samamreh. Wafa (August 28, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizens of Zannuta village south of Hebron city military order to demolish 27 houses and structures that houses tens of Palestinians. Wafa (August 28, 2012).
The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolished homes and barrackses in Kherrbit 'Ein Zana southwest of Adh Dariya town in Hebron Governorate. The demolished structures are property of Muhammad Khaled, Nabeel Khaled Samamra and Mahmoud Issa Ghneim. PNN (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) notified Abu Obeida Mosque in Wadi As Sammen area south of Hebron city with a military order to stop the construction at the Mosque. The Mosque is composed of two floors and is 700 square meters area. Al Quds (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out citizens of Al Hamada and At Tanburi in Kherbit At Tabban east of Yatta town military orders to remove the only solar bond that supplies the area with electricity. RB2000 (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out Citizen Wael Muhammad Abdel Hameed Ikhleil (36 Years) from Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city a notification to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Kfar Etzion detention and interrogation center. Wafa (August 29, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) accompanied by the Israeli Intelligence Police raided the house of the released prisoner, Thaer Halahlah in Hebron city and handed him a notification to interview the Israeli Intelligence Police in Kfar Etzion detention and Interrogation Center. Wattan (August 29, 2012).
- sraeli settlers set fire to three cars in the Hebron village of Sair, in Hebron. Maannews (August 29, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of KarmeI Zur settlement destroyed a green house in Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The targeted green house is 500 square meters area and is owned by Citizen Muhammad Yousif Abdel Fattah Awad. Wafa (August 29, 2012).
- Israeli soldiers invaded several areas in the southern West Bank district of Hebron, mainly in the towns on Dura and Adh Dahriya. The army was extensively deployed on main junctions near Dura city, specifically the Al-Fawwar Junction, south of Hebron, and Ash-Shajina Road, south of Hebron. The soldiers also installed a roadblock at the main road that leads to Kharsa village, near Dura. IMEMC (August 29, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation authorities imposed on a Palestinian citizen from Hebron city a 1,000 shekels fine, and transferred him and his son Anas (16 years old) for trial in the Ofer Military Court on the 28th of January 2013 for verbally insulting Israeli settlers who were installing water

pipes in Al Masharqa street at the expense of Palestinian land. Citizen Jaber and his son were detained by the IOA for 10 hours. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli legal adviser at the Israeli court ordered to stop the work of settlers in the area, but the settlers continued to work and did not bother to the issued stop work order. Wafa (August 30, 2012).

- An Israeli settler from Kiryat settlement ran over a Palestinian child (Abdel Fattah Idris (14 Years) in the area surrounding the Ibrahimi Mosque. Wafa (August 30, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers destroyed a green house located near Kfar Etzion settlement, in Al Mantara area northeast of Beit Ummer town north of Hebron city. The greenhouse is owned by the Palestinian Farmer, Abdullah Ibreigheth and is planted with 2200 Tomato seeding, which were all destroyed. WAFA (August 30, 2012).

Qalqilyah

- Tens of Palestinians suffered form Gas Inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city. Another Palestinian journalist (Ashraf Abu Shaweesh) working for Pal Media news agency was also injured in his leg while covering the incident. Wafa (August 3, 2012).
- For the fifth day on row, the Israeli occupation Authorities set up a wall checkpoint at Azzun village only entrance in Qalqilyah Governorate. The IOA manning the checkpoint check Palestinians ID cards and hinder those who don't hold the ID of Azzun village from entering, which caused a state of concern to Palestinian land owners and farmers who own lands inside Azzun village and don't have the ID card of the village. Maannews (August 5, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) destroyed the contents of the house of Muhammad Taha Amer, father of Mu'awiya who was arrested during a raid that targeted Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city. Maannews (August 14, 2012).
- A Palestinian child (Muhammad Bashar Ishtewi (10 Years) and six Journalists were injured in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) severely attacked and beat them during the peaceful demonstration held in the village and were taken to Kedumim settlement. The six journalists were identified as: Ja'far Stayyah (working with France Press AFP), Nidal Stayyah (Xinhua News), Baker Abdel Haq (A photographer at Nablus TV), Fares Fares (A Photographer at Paltimes online newspaper), Odai Al Qaddumi and

Nooh Al Qaddumi. It is worth mentioning that more than 100 Israeli soldiers raided the area, set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the village and declared a closed military Zone. The Israeli soldiers also hindered Ambulance cars from entering the village. Wafa (August 17, 2012)

- A French Journalist and tens of Palestinians suffered Gas Inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Kafr Qaddum village east of Qalqilyah city against the closure of the village's only entrance for ten years already. Wafa (August 24, 2012).
- Israeli occupation authorities handed out demolition orders for a building in Izbat at-Tabib village in Qalqiliya Governorate. The Israeli civil administration officials handed out a demolition order. The officials gave the village residents three days to evacuate the building. "This **building** represents the cornerstone for the village as it provides important services to each citizen. If the Israeli authorities implement this decision, the only school in this residential gathering will be destroyed. The building was constructed by the Palestinian National Authority. Maannews (August 29, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided the house of Jihad Qararya from Al Fandugemyia village south of Qalqilyah city, searched it, questioned inhabitants and messed with its contents. Wafa (August 30, 2012).
- A Palestinian child (10 years old) suffered Gas inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired Gas Bombs at demonstrators trying to suppress the Kafr Qaddum weekly peaceful demonstration. The IOA also arrested Firas Maher Jum'a (16 Years) during the demonstration. Wafa (August 31, 2012).

Tubas

- The Israeli occupation Army carried out an airdrop from helicopter in Aqaba village east of Tubas city, and conducted military exercises using live ammunition, leaving owners of the lands with huge damage. Wafa (August 2, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated sheep from Palestinian families living in Kherbit Um Kharrouba in Wadi Al Maleh area and transferred them to Hemdat settlement Military base. The IOA also arrested their owners, Sati Illian Daraghmah and Hilal Adel Daraghmah. Wafa (August 7, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Um Al Jamal Bedouin community in the northern valleys and carried out a wide search operation to the house in the area. Wafa (August 9, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities (IOA) imposed high fines (NIS 15,000) on Citizens of Al Maleh and the surrounding Bedouin communities in the Jordan valleys whose livestock was confiscated few days ago in order to get them back. Paltimes (August 13, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) confiscated agricultural tractors from Bardala village east of Tubas city and fined drivers huge money. Wafa (August 22, 2012)

Ramallah

- Israeli settlers set Palestinian Olive fields into fire in An Nabi Saleh village north of Ramallah city and cut others during the Iftar time. Paltimes (August 1, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Givat Hara'ul 'built on lands of Sinjil village north of Ramallah city tried to burn a Palestinian vehicle loaded with electric tools. The settlers laid quantities of gasoline under the wheels, and wrote slogans on the walls of some houses referring to revenge from Palestinians and insulted the Prophet Muhammad'. Wafa (August 2, 2012).
- Israeli trucks were seen transferring new mobile caravans to a site near Sinjil village north of Ramallah city, on lands owned by Palestinians but were forcibly confiscated in the year 2001 for military purposes. Wafa (August 2, 2012)
- A Swiss activist (41 years) was injured in her hand and tens of Palestinians and international activists suffered from Gas inhalation and vomiting as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) Fired gas bombs at demonstrators in the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Bil'in village west of Ramallah city. The IOA hindered demonstrators from reaching um Al Lemon reserve where the wall is built. Wafa (August 3, 2012)
- The Israeli military commander in the central area, Netzan Alon, signed a decision to expand the jurisdiction of Beit Il settlement to build 150 new housing units for Giv'at Ha-Ulpana evacuees. Paltoday (August 3, 2012),
- Israeli settlers of "Hills Youth" movement hurled stones at Palestinian cars driving by Ramat Migron outpost near Ramallah city. Paltoday (August 5, 2012)
- Leading up to the Israeli High Court decision at the end of the month concerning purchasing land in West Bank outpost of Migron, residents

have initiated a fundraising campaign in an attempt to purchase the land on which the settlement was built. Donations are being collected through charitable foundations so that they are tax-free. The campaign has been centered in religious-Zionist media outlets and weekly digests. Migron residents explained that over the last year, the option to purchase the land was presented to them, which they say debunks “Peace Now’s” court petition to evict residents on the grounds that they are squatting on private land. Costs of purchasing land in this area are very high in relation to the value of the land itself. According to estimations, Migron residents will pay upwards of \$3 million for 3 different plots and part of a fourth plot. The money has come from donors in the United States. Currently, Migron residents are asking for the public’s health in the campaign entitled “4 *amot* [a halakhic term, measurement of 2 meters] for 400 shekels” in order to fund further purchases. Migron resident claim that “seeing as 15 structures remain in question, and we can make more purchases, there is a realistic possibility of leaving Migron unchanged, and we trust that the general public will be happy to support us.” Ads in Migron promise tax refunds to anyone that donates to the cause. The donations themselves pass through external charitable foundations that are coordinating the purchasing and legal efforts. The donations are tax free. [Haaretz](#) (August 9, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suddenly closed the only entrance that links 10 northwest Jerusalem villages (pop +70,000) with Ramallah city. Palestinian citizens were forced to use an alternative route to reach Ramallah as the closure of the entrance obstructed their movement to their destinations. Wafa (August 14, 2012).
- Tens of Palestinians and International activists were injured and many suffered gas inhalation in Bil’in village west of Ramallah city as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in the village. The IOA hindered demonstrators from reaching the wall area near Um Lemon reserve and sprayed them with poisonous chemical wastewater. Wafa (August 17, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in An Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah Governorate and fired Gas bombs at demonstrators. Wafa (August 17, 2012).
- The state will allow several of the evacuated buildings in the West Bank settlement of Migron to remain standing, due to claims made by residents that they had recently bought the lands on which the homes are built. The High Court of Justice last month ordered the state to evacuate the illegal outpost and dismantle it by August; however, the court subsequently granted a government request to postpone the

eviction. The final date for the evacuation was set for August 28. The state's response Monday followed a petition filed by 17 families – about one-third of the settlement's residents – that asked the court to permit them to remain in their homes. The residents argued that the al-Watan development company, which is owned by the Mateh Binyamin regional council, had purchased part of the outpost's lands, and therefore the central argument against them – that they were living on private Palestinian land – was no longer valid. The settlers' new claims of ownership refer to plots number 2, 10 and 23. Due to pressure over the past month by settlers and by ministers representing them, the state examined whether it was possible to retroactively approve the construction of some of the buildings in the outpost that are currently considered illegal. [Haaretz](#) (August 20, 2012)

- The State Prosecutor's Office informed the High Court of Justice that the illegal West Bank outpost of Migron must be evicted according to the schedule previously set by the court, despite the fact that the settlers living there claim to have bought the land. The Prosecution briefed the Ministerial Committee on Settlements on its position in the matter. The State further told the court that the legality of the alleged land acquisition was being reviewed. "There is no legal feasibility for the petitioners' continued stay in Migron... Honoring and adhering to the court's ruling in the matter mandates that Migron will be evicted as scheduled," the State said. "All of the structures built in Migron are illegal and have standing razing orders against them for years," Nevertheless, the State said that the question of the legality of some of the buildings, built on land the settlers claim to have purchased from their Arab owners, is still under review. The Prosecution asked the court for three additional months in order to examine the issue, but stressed that despite that, the buildings cannot be used as housing units. [Ynetnews](#) (August 20, 2012)
- Israel is to pursue the evacuation of settlers from the illegal West Bank outpost of Migron, the Israeli Attorney General's Office said in a statement to the Israeli High Court. However, the settlers will be not be removed from the West Bank, but will be moved to a new settlement just 2km from Migron. The new outpost is due to be built on the land of the Palestinian village of Mukhmas in the Israeli-controlled Area C of the West Bank, which is classified by Israel as state-owned land. The evacuation of Migron, which has most recently been set for August 28th, has been delayed several times since the Israeli High Court ruled last summer that the outpost must be evacuated due to it being built on what Israel recognises to be private Palestinian land. The statement comes in response to a petition to the High Court last month by 17 of

the 50 settler families living in Migron to let them stay in the illegal outpost. The petition claimed that the families had bought three plots of land in the settlement and so should be allowed to remain on those. [PNN](#) (August 22, 2012)

- A Canadian journalist was injured and Many Palestinians and International activists suffered Gas Inhalation as the Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Bil'in village west of Ramallah city against wall and settlements. Wafa (August 24, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Five International activists and three Palestinian females (Nareman Al Tamimi, Beisan Ramadan and Abeer Qubti) after assaulting them during the weekly peaceful demonstration held in An Nabi Saleh village west of Ramallah city. The demonstrators tried to reach Ein Al Qus area (Al Qus Spring) in the village which was taken over by Israeli settlers and demonstrate against the seizure of the spring. The IOA also assaulted two Palestinian children, Marah and 'Ahd Al Tamimi (13 Years). It is worth mentioning that tens of demonstrators suffered Gas Inhalation as the IOA tried to suppress the demonstration held in the village by firing Gas bombs to disperse demonstrators. Citizen Hala Al Tamimi was also injured as the IOA fired sound bombs at her house in the village and citizen 'Azmi Al Tamimi was injured in his hand after the IOA raided his house and assaulted him. Wafa (August 24, 2012).
- Israeli Settlers destroyed agricultural crops in two Ramallah villages. Israeli settlers from Hallamish uprooted trees and destroyed crops belonging to Jammala and Deir 'Ammar villages, northwest of Ramallah. The settlers damaged the land using sharp tools. Around a dunam and a half of land was damaged, representing a financial loss of 60,000 shekels (\$15,000). Maannews (August 26, 2012)
- A group of Israeli settlers set fire to a Palestinian vehicle, with the vehicle only partially igniting. Settlers then sprayed racist graffiti on other vehicles and the walls of homes in al-Zira village, located by al-Jalazun refugee camp opposite the settlement of Beit El settlement in Ramallah Governorate. "Death to Arabs" and other slogans were written in the neighborhood. Maannews (August 29, 2012).
- Dozens of residents were treated for the effects of teargas inhalation, after Israeli soldiers invaded Al-Biereh, near the central West Bank city of Ramallah and fired gas bombs. Soldiers invaded Um Ash-Sharayet neighborhood, in Al-Bireh, broke into several homes and handed a number of residents notices to head to the nearest security center for interrogation. The army also fired gas bombs near the Palestinian TV

and Radio building, leading to a number of injuries among the journalists and employees in the building. No arrests were reported. IMEMC & PNN (August 30, 2012).

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) suppressed the weekly peaceful demonstration held in Bil'in village west of Ramallah city. The IOA fired Gas bombs at demonstrators and hindered them from reaching wall area, in Um Al Lemon. Wafa (August 31, 2012).
- Two Palestinians (Malek Talal At Tamimi and Omar At Tamimi) were injured and another suffered Gas Inhalation during the weekly peaceful demonstration held in An Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah Governorate. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) also caused damages to the properties in the village. Wafa (August 31, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) arrested Four Palestinians during the weekly peaceful demonstration held in An Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah Governorate under the pretext of entering a closed military area. The arrestees were taken to an unknown destination and were identified as Muhammad Al Khateeb, Mariam Al Barguthi, an International activist and Journalist Bilal At Tamimi. Wafa (August 31, 2012).
- Five Palestinians were wounded after a group of settlers threw stones at their bus near Ramallah. The bus was traveling from Nablus, when it was attacked by the settlers from a hill near Burqa village, one of those injured. Settlers threw stones, damaging the bus and injuring passengers. The incident came after settlers gathered on the same road near Sinjil, throwing stones at passing vehicles. A number of vehicles were damaged by rocks. The group caused the road to close for over an hour. Maannews (August 31, 2012)

Jericho

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out a number of Palestinian farmers in Deir Hijla and Az Zour area east of Jericho city orders to evacuate more than 3000 dunums of lands within 45 days and get the lands to its old status. PNN (August 22, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation Bulldozers demolished the walls of four Palestinian houses in Sbeiha area in Jericho city. Owners of the targeted houses were identified as: Suleiman At Taweel, Faisal Hammad, Ihab Al Qara'ein and Rafat Al Rajabi. Wafa (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed out two Palestinian residents in the city of Jericho military orders to demolish their two houses. The notified residents are: Isma'il At Taweel and Faisal Hammad. Wafa (August 28, 2012).

Salfit

- Israeli settlers let go wild boars into Palestinians lands in Ein Freij area in Salfit city, ate and destroyed Grapes, Figs and Plum trees. PNN (August 1, 2012).
- Israeli settlers residing in Revava settlement west of Deir Istya village torched Palestinian agricultural lands near the settlement which resulted in the burning of 10 Olive trees and a number of figs trees. The torched lands are estimated at 12 dunums. Wafa (August 24, 2012).
- Israeli settlers of Bruchin settlement in Salfit Governorate razed lands in Ath Thohor area west of Salfit city to establish a new settlement neighborhood. Wafa (August 27, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) handed land owners in Wad Qana area in Deir Istya town in Salfit Governorate evacuation orders stating the uprooting of 176 Olive trees. Wafa (August 27, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers started razed lands in Kherbit Qarqash in Bruqin village, northwest of Salfit city. The razing of lands comes for the expansion of Ariel settlement which is located nearby. Wafa (August 29, 2012).

Tulkarem

- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) raided Far'oun village in Tulkarem Governorate, toured in the streets and checked the building that are slated for demolition according to the demolition order that were handed to Palestinian owners last month. Maanews (August 6, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities handed out citizen of Kafr Jammal village south of Tulkarem city military orders to seize vast areas of lands in the village. The targeted lands which are located in Block number 6 are all agricultural and are planted with Vegetables and are located close to Kochav Ya'ir settlement. Wafa (August 23, 2012).

Nablus

- Eight Palestinian citizens were injured as a number of Israeli settlers of Shilo settlement hurled stones at a bus driving on Ramallah – Nablus road. Wafa (August 4, 2012).
- Three Palestinians were slightly injured near Shilo settlement as Israeli settlers of the aforementioned settlement hurled stones at them. Paltoday (August 5, 2012)
- Israeli settlers fired live bullets at Citizen Nizar Sammudi while driving on Ramallah – Nablus road near sinjil village while on his way

home in Al Yamun village. The bullets hit the front glass of the car. Wafa (August 9, 2012).

- A group of Israeli settlers hurled stones at a Palestinian car near Alon Moreh Settlement south of Nablus city and caused damages to the car. No injuries were reported. PNN (August 20, 2012).
- The entrance to a home owned by Fareed Odeh Al Taweel in the Palestinian village of Far'ata Ash Sharqiya west of Nablus City was set on fire by 12 Israeli settlers from Havat Gil'ad settlement outpost. No injuries were reported, but the house was damaged. Ynetnews (August 21, 2012)
- Israeli Settlers attempted to set fire to two cars and wrote racist slogans in a Nablus village. Settlers from Itamar raided the village of Awarta and poured petrol over cars belonging to Nidal Qawariq and Eyah Qawariq. The settlers also sprayed racist slogans on several walls in the village but failed to ignite the petrol before fleeing. Maannews & Wafa (August 22, 2012).
- Israeli Special forces arrested citizen Tareq Ibrahim Abu Shadoof (22 Years) from Burqin village after raiding his family house in the village using a Palestinian car (holding Palestinian car plate) and messing with its contents. Wafa (August 23, 2012)
- More than 20 buses carrying Israeli settlers were seen by the tomb of Joseph in Nablus city amid a heavy Israeli military presence. Settlers performed prayers until the early morning hours before leaving the area. No incidents were reported. Maannews (August 28, 2012).
- More than 20 Israeli cars carrying settlers raided Al Mayya spring in Al Khan area located at the entrance of Al Lubban village east of Nablus city and started carrying out provocative actions. Clashes erupted between the settlers and the family of Citizen Majed Daraghmah whose house is located next to the spring. The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) later arrested citizen Sameeh Daraghmah and his son Khaled. Two Palestinians were also injured during the clashes, and were identified as Mu'men Khaled and Nour Khaled. Wafa (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian cars driving on Nablus – Ramallah road and hurled stones at them, breaking the front glass of the car. Wafa (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished two barrackses (one residential and a shelter for animals) in Kherbit At Tawil east of Nablus city under the pretext of lacking building permits. Wafa (August 29, 2012).

Gaza

- The Israeli Occupation Tanks fired several shells at the airport area east of Rafah city. Wafa (August 5, 2012).
- Two Palestinians were seriously injured as an Israel warplane shelled on a motorcycle in Rafah city south of the Gaza Strip. Wafa (August 5, 2012).
- A Palestinian citizen 'Eid Hijazi (22 Years), was killed during the Israeli shelling that targeted a motorcycle in Rafah city south of the Gaza Strip. Wafa (August 5, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation war boats fired heavily at Palestinian fishing boats near As Sudaniya Coast north of the Gaza Strip. Safa (August 1, 2012).
- The Israeli occupation army (IOA) stationed at the Israeli military towers in Kesufim area north of Khan Younis city south of the Gaza Strip fired at Palestinian houses and lands in Al Thawahra and Al Wad areas in Al Qarara town. No injuries were reported. Safa (August 1, 2012).
- Three Israeli Military tanks accompanied by five military jeeps staged 300 meters into Al Bureij and Al Maghazi refugee camps in the central Gaza Strip amid shooting, razed lands and set up earth mounds in the area. Wafa (August 1, 2012).
- Israeli navy boats opened fire at Palestinian fishermen off Gaza City coast in the north of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli navy targeted fishermen's boats with heavy machinegun fire forcing the fishermen to leave the area. No injuries were reported. Wafa (August 11, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) injured Muhammad Yaser Al Qarra (17 Years) in Khan Younis city in the Gaza Strip. Wafa (August 12, 2012)
- In the northern part of the Gaza Strip, Israeli snipers stationed in a guard tower at the border shot and injured a Palestinian farmer who was tending his land and allegedly got too close to the 'no man's land' established by Israeli troops. The 'no man's land' is a wide stretch of land in the crowded Gaza Strip that stretches up to 300 meters from the border fence, and encompasses significant a significant amount of Palestinian farmland. Palestinians who enter the area are subject to being shot without warning by Israeli troops stationed along the border. The unidentified young man was shot in his right hand and taken to a nearby hospital. IMEMC (August 12, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) staged into An Nahda neighborhood in Ash Shoka town east of Rafah city amid shooting and carried out provocative actions. Paltoday (August 16, 2012)

- The Israeli Occupation Bulldozers staged 300 meters into the agricultural lands in An Nahda neighborhood east of Ash Shoka town east of Rafah city amid intensive shooting at Palestinian agricultural lands. Wafa (August 17, 2012)
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed at the eastern borders of Khan Younis city heavily fired at Palestinian houses in Khuza'a town south of the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported. Paltoday (August 21, 2012).
- Israeli occupation Army (IOA) fired artillery shells near an area of central Gaza. Explosions were heard near the Wadi Gaza area in the central Gaza Strip, with no injuries reported. Maannews & Paltoday (August 22, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) fired at Palestinian fishing boats in Ash Sheikh Ijleen area near Gaza City shores. No injuries were reported. Paltoday (August 24, 2012)
- The Israeli Air Force carried out several air strikes targeting different areas in the Gaza Strip, including what the Israeli army called “weapons manufacturing facilities” that belong to the Hamas movement. The latest Israeli attacks come in retaliation to shells fired from the Gaza Strip into a nearby settlement. At least two Palestinians were injured in the attacks that also targeting Hamas-run facilities in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. The Israeli Air Force also fired at least five missiles at a Palestinian security building, west of Gaza City; two Palestinians were injured. Also, the Israeli Air Force bombarded another area in the central Gaza Strip; damage was reported no injuries. The Israeli army fired at least three missiles into “Bader” training camp, in the central Gaza Strip, causing excessive damage; no injuries were reported. IMEMC (August 28, 2012).
- The Israeli Occupation Army (IOA) stationed east of Deir Al Balah opened its fire at Wadi Al Salqa area in Deir Al Balah and caused the injury of citizen Saffiya Abu Mgheiseb (41 years) in her abdomen and foot. Wafa (August 29, 2012).
- The Israeli Navy boats attacked small Palestinian fishing boats. The Israeli Navy boats encircled the boats flooding them with water, and even blocking their way as they tried to sail back to the shore. The Navy boats were sailing at fast speeds, and encircling the Palestinian fishing boats, and flooding them with water, an issue that pushed the fishermen to go back to the shore. Despite the fact that the fishermen were trying to steer their boats back to the shore, the Navy boats continue to encircle them. IMEMC (August 30, 2012).

Others

- The Jerusalem municipality has issued a decision to convert Al-Aqsa mosque's yards into public parks and gardens that would be open to the general public. It is worth mentioning that the Israeli occupation allowed -- for the first time in Ramadan -- the admission of settlers into the yards of al-Aqsa mosque, without taking into consideration the feelings of Muslims. At the same time, they allowed for the Jerusalem municipality's decision to convert the mosque's yards into public parks and gardens, where everyone is allowed to enter. An Israeli lawmaker had earlier suggested destroying or removing al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock from their place and replacing them with a Jewish temple. IMEMC (August 1, 2012)
- The Israeli budget allocated by the Israeli authorities to support settlement construction reached a one billion and fifty-nine million NIS in 2012. The special budget is paid to the settlements, in addition to the public expenses of the government, which are paid to settlers as citizens of Israel. There has been an increase in the budgets allocated for the settlers despite their percentage makeup of the total population of 'Israel' remaining constant in the recent years. The data issued by the Department of Statistics for the Peace Now movement showed that the statements of Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, dismissing the budget as small, are totally incorrect. PNN (August 2, 2012).
- The Israeli government will prepare during the upcoming days ratifying a first of its kind decree since the announcement of the entity's development in 1948, allowing for government grants to build within Palestine, specifically in Occupied Jerusalem. The decree is bound to speed up the process towards the "Greater Jerusalem" project in accordance with the Zionist concept. In the upcoming days, the Israeli government will discuss an approval to build hotels near Jerusalem and the government's provision of financial grants to implement the project which is due to begin in 2013. (QNA)
- The Israeli government is set to approve government grants for building hotels in the 1967-Occupied Palestinian Territories, particularly in Occupied East Jerusalem, which will speed up the establishment of Israel's plans for "Greater Jerusalem". The Israeli government's decision to approve a draft resolution like that is the first of its kind. An Israeli law of 1959 only allows governments to give

loans and grants for construction purposes within Israel itself. The latest move will give the go-ahead for [hotels](#) to be built inside illegal settlements on occupied territory near Jerusalem, the most notable being Ma'aleh Adumin and the Gush Etzion bloc to the south of the city. The decision by the Ministry of Tourism is intended to ease the pressure for hotel rooms in Jerusalem. The draft recommends that an additional 9,500 hotel rooms will be needed to accommodate the increasing number of tourists coming to Jerusalem from around the world. Al Quds (August 3, 2012).

- A meeting in Ramallah between Palestinian leaders and ministers representing states of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) scheduled for August 4, 2012 was cancelled, as Israel denied entry to some of the foreign diplomats that were set to participate. The meeting, which included an opening ceremony and speech from Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, and a tour near the settlement of Beit El, was scheduled to take place on August 4 afternoon and through the evening. The foreign diplomats had planned to arrive from Amman by crossing the Allenby Bridge, with some arriving by helicopter. The twelve ministers that were supposed to participate in the meeting included Egypt's new Foreign Minister Mohammed Amr, who also set to take part in a press party along with PA foreign Minister Riyadh al-Malki. Apparently, as four of the foreign dignitaries were denied entry, the remaining eight, including foreign ministers from South Africa and Colombia, decided to cancel the meeting. [Haaretz](#) (August 5, 2012)
- Land belonging to the Waqf, the Muslim religious trust has been transferred over the decades to settlements and the separation fence, according to Waqf documents and maps compiled by the Israel Defense Forces' Civil Administration. The plots in question were transferred between 1967 and 2008 and are located mostly in the Jericho area. The Civil Administration's maps show that the Waqf area within land under full Israeli control near Jericho totals 37,000 dunums. Jewish homes and public facilities have been built on some of this land. The land was registered under proper land-registry procedures before the Six-Day War. The Waqf says the land in the Jericho area that Israel appropriated for settlement and military purposes actually totals 55,000 dunums. The largest area, north of a village 10 kilometers north of Jericho, contains the entire area of the Na'aran and Yitav settlements, and most of the area claimed by the Nativ Hagdud settlement. In this area, there is also a quarry used by Jewish settlements. The Good Samaritan Archaeological Museum, run by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority east of Ma'aleh Adumim, is also located on Waqf lands. A

document obtained by Haaretz reveals that months before the Six-Day War, Jordanian authorities ordered that one tract of land in the region be removed from the state registry and registered in the Waqf's name. [Haaretz](#) (August 5, 2012).

- A member of the Israeli Knesset from the Likud party, Ze'ev Elkin, announced during a closed-doors meeting that he will strive to allow "Jews only" access to the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards and bar Muslims on specific days as per the norm in the "Hebrew Shrine" in Hebron. The Israeli newspaper quoted Ze'ev Elkin as saying that he strives to exert great efforts in order to allow "Jews Only" access on specific days barring Muslims from entry on such days. [Al Quds](#) (August 5, 2012).
- Justice Minister Yaakov Neeman has signed on regulations that require plaintiffs to cite their Israeli ID numbers or foreign passport numbers on the documents they file. Although the ministry said the cases of individuals such as migrant workers, Palestinian residents of the territories and stateless individuals who have no passport will be referred to a registrar or judge, civil rights activists say the new regulation will bar those without foreign passports from filing lawsuits in Israeli courts. The regulations, which are to take effect on September 1, require that anyone filing suit in Israeli court must state their Israeli ID number and for those who are not residents of Israel, they must note the number of their passport and the country that issued it. A large number of migrant workers who cross the border illegally from Egypt arrive here without passports. [Haaretz](#) (August 6, 2012)
- The Knesset's Finance Committee approved funds amounting to NIS 11 million (\$2.76 million) for various Israeli operations in the West Bank. the committee approved NIS 8.3 million (\$2 million) for settlement relocations in the West Bank, out of which NIS 2.7 million (\$680,000) were appropriated for "settlement infrastructure." The Civil Administration was allotted NIS 12.4 million (\$3.15 million) for the employment of officers and inspectors across the West Bank. An additional NIS 5 million (\$1.26 million) were allotted to hesder yeshivas and NIS 2 million (\$500,000) for the "reinforcement of security measures in West Bank communities." The latter was a result of a coalitional deal between the Likud and Habayit Hayehudi. [Ynetnews](#) (August 7, 2012)
- A few interesting law proposals were introduced recently by Israeli Knesset members the most interesting was the following: By law, all places of worship, no matter what religion they are associated with, are exempt from arnona payments (municipal property tax). The difference between exemptions is that in addition to the Israeli

synagogue being exempt, connected areas to the synagogue are also exempt. This additional exemption only applies to synagogues, but not places of worship of other religions. That means that while a "beis medrash" by a shul will be exempt from arnona payments, the other areas of a mosque or church have to pay for the same type of space. At the beginning of the year this discrepancy was appealed to the Supreme Court on the basis of discrimination. The Supreme Court gave time for the Knesset to respond with an explanation, but in the meantime, the appellant requested an order that would cancel, temporarily at least, the exemption from synagogues until the issue is resolved in the courts. To avoid a situation in which the shuls would lose their exemption, even temporarily, MKs Moshe Gafni and Nissim Zeev submitted their proposal for an amendment to the law that would grant the same exemption to the adjacent properties of other religions as well. This situation, of religious MKs solving problems for other religions, is being described as unusual. It might be, but it shouldn't be. There is no reason why clergy cannot cooperate to solve problems for each other. TheJewishLife (August 8, 2012).

- MK Aryeh Eldad (Ichud Leumi) believes he has found a way for Israel to give Jews the freedom to pray at their holiest site, while avoiding Muslim violence. Jews should be granted certain times to ascend to the Temple Mount and pray, he said. Eldad has submitted a bill that would set aside separate prayer hours for Jews and Muslims. His proposal coincided with a U.S. report criticizing Israel for failing to grant Jews freedom of worship on the Mount. "The Temple Mount is the holiest place to the people of Israel, the place where the First and Second Temples stood," Eldad said. "The Temple Mount is also a holy place to Muslims, where the Al-Aqsa Mosque stands, and the Temple Mount is special to Christianity as well." "In order to allow freedom of worship and the right to visit the Mount, special visiting days should be established for Jews and Muslims, and hours during which the Mount will be open only to Jews or only to Muslims," he continued. Eldad proposed a daily division that would allow each religious group to access the Temple Mount during its usual daily prayer times. Jews have three set prayer times on weekdays, while Muslims have five. In addition, he proposed giving each group access on its holidays. Jews would have full access on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first and last days of Sukkot and Passover, Shavuot, and Tisha B'Av. He listed several Muslim holidays on which Muslims would have full access, among them Id al-Fitr, Id al-Adha, and Ashura. When holidays

overlap, he said, the day would be split between the two faiths. [INN](#) (August 9, 2012).

- The European Union is searching for new ways to express its opposition to Israeli policy in Area C of the West Bank, regions under Israeli security and civil control. The EU's fundamental stance, opposing the non-development of the area for Palestinians, was underscored in conclusions forged by the EU's foreign affairs council during a meeting on May 14. Since that meeting, EU officials have discussed ways of translating this position into policy action. A top EU diplomat said on Wednesday that the EU expects that Israel will not carry out demolition orders against Palestinians in Area C. That official was one of 15 senior EU diplomats on a tour of the southern side of Mount Hebron. Coincidentally, the tour began with a visit to the village Jinba, just one day after the Israel Defense Forces planted dozens of masked soldiers there to count the number of residents. Jinba is one of eight Palestinian villages slated by Israel for evacuation and destruction, to make room for IDF training exercises. As the tour got started, a convoy of armored vehicles traversed the steep, rocky road that winds down to Jinba. A work stoppage order was issued for the road after residents started to remove rocks. The diplomats sat in a school classroom in Jinba; the civil administration has issued demolition orders against the school. Inside the classroom, British Consul-General, Sir Vincent Fean, stressed that the EU adheres to the principle that enforced expulsion of a population is wrong. He promised that the EU will closely monitor appeals lodged by Jinba residents against evacuation and demolition orders. The EU diplomats met with Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad in the Mufaqrara village. Fean presented himself in Arabic as Britain's representative in the "occupied Palestinian territories." He said that he and his colleagues came to witness directly life "in a region threatened by destruction," and to express solidarity. Gathered later in Susya, in one of the many tents and shacks shadowed by demolition orders, the diplomats listened to Nasser Nawaja'a. "There are in this village octogenarian who are older than the State of Israel," he said. "How can they be told that their residence here is illegal?" One of the diplomats stated that "the EU has made clear that we expect that the demolition orders in Area C will not be carried out." [Haaretz](#) (August 9, 2012).
- OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Nitzan Alon signed an order transforming the Bruchin outpost into a legal settlement under the auspices of the Samaria Regional Council. Alon's signature on the document was technical matter. It implemented a March decision

reached by a small panel of cabinet ministers to [change the status of three outposts](#) – Bruchin, Rehelim and Sansana – to authorized settlements. Alon has yet to sign on orders legalizing Sansana and Rehelim. The panel pre-dated the Ministerial Settlements Committee, created in June, which now has the power to authorize new settlements. Since Bruchin’s creation in 1999 on state land, some 30 km. east of Tel Aviv, it has sought legalization from the government. Those efforts intensified in the past four or five years, as the council organized visits to Bruchin by ministers, politicians and other supporters. “This is a day of celebration for the State of Israel and for Zionism,” Samaria Regional Council head Gershon Mesika said. It corrects years of in which Bruchin residents were unjustly harmed by the fact that their community lacked the proper authorizations, he said. Bruchin’s transformation into a legal settlement is a “triumph of common sense over the politics and convictions of the anti-Zionist Left,” Mesika said. He credited Bruchin’s authorization to the work of left-wing organizations, such as Peace Now, whose petitions to the High Court of Justice against West Bank outposts had backfired and pushed the government to legalize some of them. On a note of irony, Mesika recalled that just two weeks ago, the Samaria Regional Council had issued honorary citizenship certificates to Peace Now executive director Yariv Oppenheimer and to attorney Michael Sfard, who often represents left-wing nongovernmental groups in court with regard to land issues in Area C of the West Bank. Under the Oslo Accords, Israel has full civil and military control over Area C. Bruchin was built without the proper permits but with the support of NIS 6.6 million from the Construction and Housing Ministry, according to information from the 2005 outpost report for the government penned by attorney Talia Sasson. It is home to more than 100 families, which made it one of the largest West Bank outposts, according to the Samaria Regional Council. In March, the government said that the move to authorize the three outposts was simply an implementation of decisions taken by past governments that were never put in place. Peace Now has charged that the move breaks Israel’s pledge to the international community not to create new settlements. On Sunday, Oppenheimer said that Alon’s order was “more proof that this government is deepening the occupation, and legalizing things [settlements] that past governments never approved.” In March, the international community also condemned the initial decision by the cabinet panel to legalize three outposts, claiming that it harmed the peace process. The Palestinians have insisted that they will not negotiate with Israel unless it freezes settlement activity and Jewish building in east Jerusalem. This year, in

particular, the government has more vocally supported the legalization of unauthorized Jewish building in the West bank. In July, however, a three-person legal panel presented the government-initiated Levy Report, which said that Israel has the right under international law to create authorized Jewish communities in the West Bank. It urged the government to legalize Jewish West Bank building, including all outposts located on state land. The report has yet to be debated and voted upon by the Ministerial Settlements Committee. The Samaria Regional Council is circulating an online petition in support of the Levy Report. It is based on a letter 65 American Jewish leaders sent to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, urging him to approve the report. [IPOST](#) (August 12, 2012)

- Migron outpost families published an open letter urging Attorney-General Yehuda Weinstein to support the Ministerial Settlements Committee's conclusion that they can remain in their homes if their land-purchase claims are confirmed. In a letter published in *Makor Rishon* and *Ma'ariv*, the West Bank families said they expected those who administer the law such as Weinstein to act in accordance with the rules governing its administration, as well as the dictates of humanity and justice. This should be done even if some officials do not agree with those rules, the families wrote. The Migron families added that they were loyal citizens of the state rearing their children according to Jewish values and respect for the rule of law. The 50 families, who live on a hilltop in the Binyamin Region just north of Jerusalem, are in the midst of a stiff battle to save their homes. The High Court of Justice has ordered the state to evacuate the homes by August 28 because they were built without permits on land classified by the state as private Palestinian property. Migron families have said some of the lots have been purchased from the Palestinian landowners and that other lots could be reclassified as abandoned property. But the courts did not uphold either claim. Last month, the families asked the High Court to allow them to remain in their homes, saying that they recently repurchased much of the property. The Ministerial Settlements Committee told the court that the families should be allowed to remain in their homes, if the court confirmed the purchase claim. But at a hearing on the matter last month, state attorney Osnat Mandel said that Weinstein found that conclusion legally problematic. She asked for time so that her office could work with the committee on its response. The Ministerial Settlements Committee is scheduled to meet on August 14, 2012 to discuss the matter before it resubmits its position to the court on August 19, 2012. [IPOST](#) (August 12, 2012)

- The capital city's skyline is going to change beyond recognition after the Jerusalem Planning and Building Committee approved a plan to build 12 skyscrapers at the city's entrance. The goal is to turn the area around the Binyanei Hauma convention center and central bus station into the capital's main business quarter. The estimated cost of the plan is NIS 8.5 billion. Officials say it will add one million square meters of office space to the city, as well as some 40,000 new jobs. The plan calls for concentrating the various ministries' district offices in the new center, as well as building 2,000 hotel rooms, high-rise buildings for private offices and a cinema complex. It also calls for expanding Binyanei Hauma. At a later stage, the municipality intends to build a court complex for the magistrate and district courts and a space for the Jerusalem Prosecutor's Office. The Planning and Building Committee is also discussing a plan to turn the old ministries' offices, some of which are located in historic buildings, into boutique hotels. The idea to create a huge complex near the city's entrance is based on the area already being Jerusalem's main public transportation hub. The Central Bus Station is there, as is the light-rail line. In addition, a new railway line to Jerusalem and another north-south light-rail line are due to be built at some point in the future. The plan also calls for digging a tunnel for private cars near Binyanei Hauma, and for building an underground parking lot for some 1,300 parking spaces. Above the lot, a large, eight-dunam plaza will be built for pedestrians. New buildings will be constructed for the Central Zionist Archives and the Israel State Archives. The plan for the Zionist Archives, approved some three weeks ago, calls for a new, six-floor building, four of which will be underground. The new State Archives will consist of a research and exhibition center. The documents themselves will be relocated to a building to be built in the southern town of Arad, but the main center for browsing documents will remain in Jerusalem. [Haaretz](#) (August 14, 2012)
- Right-wing politicians and US Jewish leaders have urged Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to adopt the Levy Report, which calls for the legalization of unauthorized Jewish West Bank building on state land. The subject of these petitions are the Migron outpost; Jewish presence in the Beit Ezra building in Hebron; and unauthorized construction on private Palestinian property in the Beit El settlement. But supporters of the Levy Report – which Netanyahu commissioned and whose results he published last month – want the committee to add the report to its agenda. Energy and Water Minister Uzi Landau (Yisrael Beytenu) sent a letter to Netanyahu on Monday morning asking him and the committee to approve the report at August 14, 2012

meeting. Already at the start of the month, 65 American Jewish rabbis, leaders and activists wrote a letter to Netanyahu in support of the report penned by former Supreme Court justice Edmond Levy, former Foreign Ministry legal adviser Alan Baker and former Tel Aviv District Court deputy president Tchia Shapira. In their letter, the US Jewish leaders said they were heartened to read the report's conclusion that the settlements are legal under international law. [IPOST](#) (August 14, 2012)

- Some 350 immigrants from North America arrived in Israel on a Nefesh B'Nefesh charter flight, and were greeted at Ben-Gurion Airport by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The group of newcomers included 127 young adults from the United States and Canada who will enlist in the Israel Defense Forces. A vast majority of the immigrant soldiers have requested to serve in combat units. [Israel Hayom](#) (August 15, 2012)
- The Israeli military commander in the West Bank decided to hold his "end of duty" military celebrations at the courtyards of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron city. The IOA hindered the announcement of prayer time so that not to distract the celebrations that took place some time before the Maghreb (just after sunset) prayer time. PNN (August 16, 2012).
- A panel of Israeli ministers has decided to instruct the army to transfer possession of a Hebron building that Jewish settlers were living in illegally to the city's Jewish community, after first evicting the squatters. The building, in Hebron's wholesale market, had been rented by Palestinian shopkeepers until its closure by military order after the 1994 massacre by Baruch Goldstein of 29 Muslim worshipers in the mosque at the Ibrahimi Mosque. The ministers agreed unanimously that the squatters should be evicted, but decided that after the eviction, the property should be transferred to the Jewish community of Hebron. [Haaretz](#) (August 16, 2012).
- Approximately 18% of the West Bank has been designated as a closed military zone for training, or "firing zone"; this is roughly the same amount of the West Bank under full Palestinian authority (Area A, 17.7%). Approximately 5,000 Palestinians reside in the firing zones, (in 38 communities), mostly Bedouin or herding communities, many of which existed prior to the closing of the area. Over 80% of the communities are located in the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea area or south Hebron hills. Over 90% of the communities are water scarce, accessing less than 60 liters per capita per day (l/c/d), compared to the 100 l/c/d recommended by the World Health Organization; over half

access less than 30 l/c/d. Food insecurity in Area C reaches 24% and rises to 34% among herders, many of whom live in firing zones. Two schools and one kindergarten located in firing zones currently have demolition orders against them. Some 45% of demolitions of Palestinian-owned structures in Area C since 2010 have occurred in firing zones, displacing over 820 Palestinian civilians. There are 10 Israeli settlement outposts located either partially or completely in firing zones. Ochaopt (August 18, 2012)

- The Regavim movement calls to enforce building laws against Arabs and Jews equally, and to destroy a PA outpost near Hevron. While state attorneys continue to debate the fate of Migron, Arabs living under the Palestinian Authority build illegally with no consequences, the Regavim movement charges. The movement filed suit in the Supreme Court, calling to demolish an illegal PA outpost next to the Israeli town of Pnei Hever in the Hevron Hills. The outpost was built in Area C – territory which, under the Oslo Accords, is under Israeli administration. However, it was built without planning or permits. Regavim noted in the suit that the illegal buildings have been put up in a particularly bad location. Their presence adjacent to the access road to an Israeli town, and extremely close to an IDF position, mean they could be used as a launching point for terrorist attacks, the suit says. “The buildings are not populated and pose a security threat,” argued Attorney Boaz Arzi. “They should be a top priority when it comes to enforcement activity, including demolition.” Arzi cited past precedent regarding Jewish construction in Judea and Samaria, and requested that the court enforce the law equally on Arab construction. INN (August 23, 2012)
- The Israeli Civil Administration declared its intention to take the responsibility of Water services, sewage networks and monitoring Palestinian building in Seven Palestinian communities in East Jerusalem within Jerusalem's unilaterally declared municipal boundaries but were set outside the Municipal boundaries of Jerusalem due to the construction of the Israeli segregation wall, including Shu'fat refugee camp and Kafr Aqab. Al Quds (August 25, 2012).
- Dozens of foreign peace activists were denied entry into the West Bank by Israeli authorities at the Allenby Bridge crossing "The Welcome to Palestine Campaign decries the Israeli denial of entry via the Allenby Bridge to over 100 internationals who wanted to visit the occupied Palestinian Territories. The group of around 100 activists had finished passport checks at the Jordanian side of the Allenby crossing but were denied entry at the first Israeli checkpoint and told to return to where

they had come from. No explanation was provided by Israeli crossing authorities as to why the group was denied entry, but the delegation will try to enter the West Bank again. The group included French, British, German and American supporters. Political figures were due to greet the delegation in Bethlehem and the group was then scheduled to spend five days visiting Jerusalem, refugee camps, the Negev and villages in Hebron that are struggling against Israel's separation wall. Welcome to Palestine had previously organized two "flytillas," when foreigners stated their intention to visit Palestine on entry to Israeli airport Ben Gurion, drawing Israel to deny entry to many of the passengers and distribute blacklists to airlines. Maannews (August 26, 2012)

- High Court of Justice to decide on the largest illegal outpost, but residents say they will resist evacuation. Migron families plan to hold symbolic ceremony to rename community "Al-Migrun" to protest alleged court bias toward Arabs. Residents of the illegal Migron outpost, which is slated for evacuation as early as August 28, 2012, and Defense Ministry officials are waiting anxiously for a ruling by the High Court of Justice, scheduled for August 28, 2012, which will determine the fate of the outpost. Several months ago the outpost's residents signed an agreement to evacuate their homes peacefully in exchange for keeping their homes intact for possible future re-occupation, but the High Court struck the agreement down and ordered the state to have the residents removed and the homes destroyed. The court said the agreement would have kept Migron, the largest illegal outpost in Judea and Samaria, in place for at least another three years and effectively undercut a previous High Court ruling. The government has invested tens of millions of shekels in the development of temporary homes in the nearby Givat Hayekev, a neighborhood in Kochav Yaakov, and Adam, another community in the area, and the turnaround in the residents' attitude has infuriated Defense Ministry officials, who have labeled the residents "ungrateful." Some Migron residents have also criticized their neighbors' behavior. On April 30, the government approved a proposal to establish the new temporary housing site in Givat Hayekev for the Migron residents. The site includes an area of 100 dunums (25 acres) of which 42 dunums (10 acres) are slated for the temporary resettlement. [Israelhayom](#) (August 26, 2012)
- Women in Green activists are "greeting" visiting Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu with support for Migron, whose residents he has let down by not fighting their expulsion. He is expected in Efrat as part

of his visits to schools on the first day of the new school year. Women in Green activists Natia Matar and Yehudit Katsover placed slogans on the highway to Efrat referring to Deputy Attorney General Mike Blass, who refused to back a decision by government ministers in favor of 17 Migron families whose land was legally bought from alleged Palestinian Authority owners. He concluded that despite the purchase, they would have to be expelled along with more than 30 other families. INN (August 27, 2012).

- Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said that the West Bank settlements of Efrat and Gush Etzion will always be part of the State of Israel. "Efrat and Gush Etzion are integral parts of greater Jerusalem," Netanyahu said while visiting a school in Efrat. "They are the southern gates of Jerusalem and will always be part of the State of Israel. We are building Efrat and Gush Etzion with enthusiasm, faith and responsibility." JPost (August 27, 2012).
- Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat and Council for Beautiful Israel director Eshel Segal will hold a cornerstone laying ceremony for an environmental studies institution from the Council for a Beautiful Israel, donated by a former deputy mayor of New York City. Robert Price, an attorney who served as deputy mayor under John Lindsay in the late 1960s, gave a NIS 30 million naming grant to create the Council for a Beautiful Israel's Robert Price Center for Environmental Studies. The center will be located in the National Quarter, near the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus – which concentrates in the sciences – as well as the city's major museums. The 2,000-square-meter facility will have two floors as well as classrooms, conference rooms, an auditorium and a rooftop observation deck with a view of Sacher Park. [JPost](#) (August 27, 2012)

Monthly Violations Statistics – August 2012

| Governorate | Land Confiscated (Dunums) | Lands Threatened of Confiscation (Dunums) | Uprooted Trees/ Burnt trees | Demolished Houses | Demolished structures | Houses threatened of Demolition |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bethlehem | 332 | 0 | 80 | 8 | 5 | 0 |
| Jerusalem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 |
| Jenin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 14 |
| Tulkarm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ramallah | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nablus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Salfit | 0 | 0 | 186 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jericho | 3000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Gaza | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Qalqilyah | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hebron | 7.82 | 0 | 70 | 8 | 6 | 34 |
| Tubas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3339.82 | 0 | 336 | 16 | 19 | 97 |