

# Jerusalem Chronology

2006

- Jan. 4:** The Israeli Min. of Infrastructure closes six gas stations in Hizma village.  
- The WJM demolishes a house under construction belonging to Osama Abu Khalaf in Beit Hanina under the pretext of being unlicensed.
- Jan. 12:** Israeli DM Shaul Mofaz decides to construct three parts of a temporary fence in East Jerusalem near Bir Nabala and Shu'fat RC in the north and Sheikh Sa'ad in the south of Jerusalem.
- Jan. 17:** The Israeli bulldozers demolish three houses in Beit Hanina, Silwan and Jabal Al-Mukabber under the pretext of not having building permits.
- Jan. 18:** The WJM and the Israeli Min. of Transportation reportedly announced plans to construct eight new railways in Jerusalem, with the first connecting the settlements to the north of Jerusalem (Pisgat Ze'ev and Neve Ya'acov) with settlements to the west of the city, cutting through Shu'fat.
- Jan. 25:** The Palestinians of East Jerusalem participate in the election of the PLC at the post offices in the city and the suburbs.
- Jan. 26:** Israel reportedly plans to reroute part of the separation barrier in Beit Ikhsa near Jerusalem in order to close all gaps in the wall to prevent Palestinian workers from accessing Israel.
- Jan. 29:** The Israeli army constructs new parts of the separation barrier in Dahiet Al-Barid.
- Feb. 8:** Israeli authorities hand out residents of Beit Hanina a new military order to confiscate 129 dunums of lands in order to construct part of the separation barrier in the area.
- Feb. 9:** Israeli bulldozers dig a tunnel near Anata to construct Road #70 and the separation barrier around the area.
- Feb. 10:** Israeli bulldozers demolished a four-storey residential building owned by Ibrahim Abu Khdaier in Beit Hanina for not being licensed.
- Feb. 15:** Israeli forces demolish the houses of Farid Abu Al-Dab'at in Al Sawahra Ash-Sharqiyya and the house of Nassim Siyam in Jabal Al Mukabber under the pretext of not being licensed.
- Feb. 19:** The Israeli Supreme Court issues an order to cancel the third part of the separation barrier which was supposed to be constructed in Bir Nabala and was about to divide the village into two parts east and west of the bridge.
- Feb. 22:** The Israeli Chief Commander Ya'er Naveh issues a new military order to confiscate over 41,3 dunums of lands from Beit Hanina and Bir Nabala for the separation barrier.
- Feb. 27:** Israeli forces demolish the house of the Al-Ja'bari family in Beit Hanina under the pretext of not having building licenses.
- March 2:** Israeli bulldozers demolish the house of Ibrahim Al-Faqeh in Umm Al Lahem village northwest of Jerusalem.
- March 5:** The Israeli Local Nature Authority announces a new plan to build a garden on the eastern slopes of Mt. Scopus and Mt. of Olives on 750 dunums of lands between Issawiyya and At-Tur.

**March 6:** Israeli forces hand Abu Dis Municipality an order to stop building a garden in the town claiming that the area is under Israeli control.

**March 7:** Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of Wajeh Dhaher in Al-Jib north of Jerusalem city for not being licensed.

**March 8:** The Israeli High Court issues a restraining order to stop the construction of the separation barrier in Abu Dis due to the appeal handed by the residents.

**March 11:** The WJM Court approves the demolition of the house of the Grand Mufti Haj Amin Al-Husseini (known as the 'Shepherd Hotel') in order to construct a new Israeli settlement at the site.

**March 14:** Israel starts building a new police station in E1 area between Jerusalem and Ma'ale Adumim and publicizes tenders for the construction of 22 housing units in the settlement.

**March 16:** Israeli Police invades the Ambassador Hotel to prevent the holding of a Palestinian conference on elections and the future of Jerusalem.

**March 20:** The Israeli Reconciliation Court issues an order to cancel part of the separation barrier planned to be constructed near Sheikh Sa'ad in response to an appeal handed by the residents.

**March 21:** Israeli forces confiscate seven diesel tanks in Kasarat Al-Baja (between Ar-Ram and Jaba') belonging to Musa Mleihat, claiming they were located in an illegal area.

**March 23:** The Israeli DM hands out military orders to residents of Shu'fat RC to confiscate 20 dunums of lands for the separation barrier.

- The WJM plans to establish by 2008 a "Telepherique" in order to transport people from the new part of Jerusalem to the Western Wall at a cost of \$8 millions.

**March 24:** Construction activities are taking place on the main road between Dahiet Al-Barid and the checkpoint opposite to the Nusseibeh housing complex to construct part of the separation barrier.

**March 29:** Israeli settlers from the El Ad association accompanied by Israeli forces take over the five-storey building of Ibrahim Ghazlan in the Wadi Hilweh area in Silwan, claiming the land belongs to a Jewish organization since 1923. In addition, the Israeli settlers took over another two buildings in At-Tur.

**April 9:** Israeli settlers take over the house of Adnan Qirresh in At-Tur, claiming ownership of the house.

**April 14:** Israeli forces demolish the house of Mahmoud 'Ebaid in Issawiya for not being licensed.

**April 19:** The Israeli High Court agrees on closing the two gaps of Ar-Ram and Bir Nabala leaving the Qalandia terminal as only access to residents of the area.

**April 27:** Israeli bulldozers demolish a house owned by Ziad Jaber along with four barracks owned by Mahmoud Sbeih in Az-Za'im under the pretext of not having building permits.

**April 30:** Israeli bulldozers raze lands to erect a road to make Ramallah accessible from northwest Jerusalem through Al-Jib; thousands of dunums of lands will fall victim to the construction of this road.

**May 2:** Israeli forces start constructing parts of the separation barrier near Shu'fat RC.

**May 9:** The Israeli Civil Administration hands four residents of Anata military warnings to demolish their houses for the construction of the separation barrier and of Road #70.

**May 10:** Israeli troops demolish the house of Barakat Abu Sarhan in Jabal Al-Mukabber for not having building permits.

**May 11:** Israeli forces construct an iron gate on the barrier separating residents of Al-Sawahreh east and west from each other, and allowing only Palestinians holding Jerusalem ID's from accessing it.

**May 18:** The Israeli Reconciliation Court issues a restraining order to stop constructing part of the separation barrier along Issawiya-Anata-Az-Za'im bypass road extending to Ma'ale Adumim settlement. The order includes the halt of construction at a nearby road.

**May 19:** Israeli forces partially demolished the house of Abdul Qader Abu Sneineh in Wadi Al-Joz for not being licensed.

**May 23:** The Israeli High Court rejects an appeal by residents of Al-Izzariyya to stop the construction of the nearby separation barrier.

**May 25:** The ILA fences the M'aman Allah cemetery with barbed wires, closes the main entrance with cement blocks and hinders Palestinians from accessing it.

**May 27:** Israel announces new plans to construct two new neighborhoods in Ramat Shlomo containing 1,960 new housing units on 597 dunums of land of Shu'fat.

**May 29:** Israeli authorities hand four residents of Samiramis area military warnings to demolish their houses under the pretext of being unlicensed.

- *Al-Quds* reports that the Israeli Nature and Parks Authority plans to establish a public park over 800 dunums of lands on the slopes of Mt. Scopus and to develop a touristic road connecting Wadi Al-Joz with Silwan.

**May 31:** The Israeli Central Court of Jerusalem hands seven families in Qatanna military orders to demolish their houses under the pretext of being constructed on lands owned by the state of Israel.

**June 13:** Israeli authorities issue a confiscation order for thousand of dunums of lands from Abu Dis to construct a Bedouin village.

**June 14:** The Israeli High Court approves the continuation of the construction of the separation barrier and the expansion at Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

**June 19:** The Israeli High Court rejects two appeals handed by residents of Sheikh Sa'ad and Anata to change the path of the separation barrier in the area.

**June 21:** Israeli bulldozers demolish the house of Ali Abu Teir in Umm Tuba for not having building permits.

- The WJM and the Ateret Cohanim movement are planning to erect a tunnel which will connect the Suleiman Grotto at Damascus Gate with a Palestinian house, occupied by settlers, behind Al-Maylawia School in the Old City.

**June 24:** The WJM demolishes a building in Shu'fat under the pretext of being unlicensed.

**July 4:** The WJM and an Israeli development company plan to rebuild two Israeli synagogues (Tav'orta Israel and HaHorba) in the Old City.

**July 6:** Israeli bulldozers demolish a commercial store owned by Bilal Nasrallah in Al-Izzariyya along with several barracks owned by Isma'il Abu Hamad to make way for the separation barrier and the E1 plan.

**July 10:** Israeli authorities issue new orders to confiscate more land from Abu Dis to expand the boundaries of the existing Bedouin village and expand settlements.

**July 11:** Israeli forces demolish the house of Mohammed Shamasneh in Qatanna without prior notification.

**July 12:** Israeli bulldozers demolish 25 meters of the separation barrier that surrounds Anata secondary school.

**July 20:** The Israeli reconciliation court agrees on an appeal handed by Palestinian

residents of Ash-Shayyah in Jerusalem to stop the construction of the separation barrier in the area.

**July 27:** Israeli forces break into the four-storey building of Mahmoud Al-'Amas in Sur Baher and take pictures in preparation for its demolition.

- Israeli bulldozers start razing lands east of Abu Dis in order to construct part of the separation barrier in the area.

- The Israeli High Court approves construction of a temporary fence in the area connecting Sheikh Sa'ad and Jabal Al-Mukabber with an opening to allow residents holding Jerusalem ID cards to access Jerusalem.

**Aug. 7:** The Israeli High Court rejects an appeal handed by residents of Abu Dis to reroute the separation barrier in the area.

**Aug. 8:** Israeli forces demolish three buildings in Beit Hanina belonging to the Abu 'Arafa family under the pretext of being unlicensed.

**Aug. 10:** The WJM Court issue an order to stop the demolition of a 1,560 m<sup>2</sup> residential building composed of 13 apartments in Shu'fat.

**Aug. 20:** The Israeli DM issues new military orders to confiscate 10 dunums of lands in Anata, belonging to the Dajani family, to construct a terminal in the area.

**Aug. 24:** Israeli forces demolish two houses of Hani and Issam Zahaika in Jabal Al-Mukkaber for being unlicensed.

**Sept. 4:** The Israeli Min. of Housing and Construction issues tenders to construct 690 new housing units, incl. 348 units in Ma'ale Adumim.

**Sept. 10:** The Israeli High Court approves the construction of the separation barrier in Biddu, Beit Liqya, Beit Surik, Beit 'Anan and around the Israeli settlements of Har Adar, Ma'ale Hamamsha, and Giv'at Zeev.

**Sept. 21:** Israeli bulldozers partially demolish without prior notification the house of Isma'il Shqairat in Al-Sawahreh Ash-Sharqiyya for being built unlicensed and being located close to the separation barrier.