

Jerusalem Chronology

2005

Jan. 3: Israel bars permission to candidates in the 9 Jan. Presidential elections to visit Al-Haram Ash-Sharif to campaign.

Jan. 6: Settlers launch a round-the-clock vigil outside the Knesset to protest the planned Gaza pullout.

- The Israeli authorities hand residents of Al-Jib and Biddu military orders to confiscate 88.7 dunums of lands.

Jan. 7: After canceling a campaign stop in Arab East Jerusalem in objection to an Israeli security presence, Mahmoud Abbas addresses a crowd in Bir Nabala, vowing "Today we did not go to Jerusalem, but tomorrow we will be in Jerusalem because Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Palestinian people. Israeli walls and settlements will not prevent us from reaching it," adding "We want our Jerusalem. Let us go to Jerusalem as free people in our millions!"

Jan. 13: The High Court of Justice orders a halt to construction of large sections of the separation barrier between Jerusalem and Maccabim after a petition is filed by Palestinian villagers from Beit Surik.

Jan. 15: *Al-Quds* reports about a confiscation order over 363 dunums of lands in villages northwest of Jerusalem for the separation barrier around the city, incl. lands belonging to Al-Qubeibeh, Qatanna, Beit Duqqu, Biddu, and Beit 'Ijza.

Jan. 18: *Ha'aretz* quotes a report by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies noting that thousands of Palestinians holding Jerusalem ID cards are returning every month from the West Bank to live within the city's municipal borders.

Jan. 22: Yossi Beilin, Yahad Chairman and former Justice Min., says that the cabinet's decision to apply the Absentee Property Law to East Jerusalem constitutes "land theft. It's an un-Jewish and undemocratic decision." MK Mohammed Barakeh (Hadash-Ta'al) calls the decision a "war crime."

Jan. 29: Israeli authorities hand Al-Jib residents military orders to confiscate 2362 dunums of lands for the separation barrier.

Jan. 30: Israel announces plans to demolish over 70 buildings in the Muntar neighborhood in Sur Baher, allegedly constructed without licenses, on the grounds to create a buffer zone to protect the Separation barrier in the area.

- The Israeli cabinet decides that the government will be able to sell or lease Palestinian property in East Jerusalem confiscated under the Absentee Property Law. The law will apply to West Bank residents who own lands in East Jerusalem and stand to lose them without compensation after working them for the past 37 years.

Jan. 31: *Ha'aretz* reports that Israeli police leads a campaign in East Jerusalem, raiding restaurants, offices, and shops of people who were identified in the past with Orient House or are believed to be linked to Fateh or the PA, arresting people and confiscating documents. The purpose of the arrests is to limit political activity in the city.

- Atty. Gen. Menachem Mazuz informs the Association for Civil Rights in Israel that the cabinet's decision to apply the Absentee Property Law to East Jerusalem was made without his knowledge or consent.

Feb. 1: Israeli Atty. Gen. Menachem Mazuz overturns a June 2004 cabinet decision to enact the Absentee Property Law in East Jerusalem.

Feb. 2: *Wafa* reports that an Israeli company is trying to take over 3.5 dunums of lands from the Islamic cemetery of 'Arab Al-Sawahreh on the eastern slopes of Jabal Mukabber claiming ownership of the land.

Feb. 3: The Israeli High Court approves plans by the Israel army to build a bypass road for Israelis that connects Jerusalem with Rachel's Tomb, near Bethlehem.

- *Ha'aretz* reports that the path of the separation barrier around Jerusalem includes two plots totaling 10 dunums near Rachel's Tomb owned by Jews from abroad who plan to construct 100 dwelling units on the land.

Feb. 4: *Kol Ha'Ir* reports that residents of Sur Baher contest an Israeli administrative decision to withdraw their eligibility to receive National Insurance because they constructed homes on village lands outside the city's municipal borders.

Feb. 8: The Israeli High Court of Justice rules that construction of a segment of the separation barrier between northwest Jerusalem and Modi'in can resume.

Feb. 10: *Al-Quds* reports that the Israeli DM issued military warnings to confiscate 30 dunums of lands located at the entrance to Shu'fat RC to construct a new checkpoint.

Feb. 13: *Al-Ayyam* reports that Israeli authorities have handed residents of Beit Hanina military orders to confiscate over 150 dunums of lands to construct the separation barrier.

Feb. 14: Israeli forces demolish without prior notice the houses of Majed and Mazen Al-Shubaki in Beit Hanina under the pretext of being unlicensed.

- The ILA and WJM are reportedly planning to construct a residential neighborhood on 455 dunums of lands on the remains of Lifta village, containing villas, a mall, a synagogue, a hotel, a park and natural reserve.

Feb. 15: *Al-Quds* reports that the WJM has allocated NIS 5 millions as a budget for demolition of non-licensed Palestinian houses in East Jerusalem.

Feb. 20: *Al-Quds* reports that Israeli authorities have handed residents of Al-Izzariyya military orders to confiscate 254 dunums of lands to construct part of the separation barrier.

- Israeli bulldozers start razing the main road leading to Bir Nabala to construct parts of the separation barrier.

Feb. 22: Israeli forces destroy a residential building in Ash-Shayyah, owned by Issam Harhash, for being built without permission.

- Israeli police demands an additional NIS 61 million to counter threats of an attack on the Al-Aqsa compound in the wake of disengagement protests.

Feb. 25: *Kol Ha'Ir* reports that in 2003 and 2004, the WJM mayor approved 93.8% of the 291 demolition orders for unauthorized construction in Palestinian areas of East Jerusalem. In West Jerusalem, in contrast, only 68% of 57 demolition orders were approved.

Feb. 28: *Wafa* reports that Israeli authorities have handed residents of Jaba' orders to confiscate 900 dunums of land for the separation barrier and another 100 dunums to expand the road leading to the wall path at Qalandia checkpoint.

March 4: *Kol Ha'Ir* reports that the B. Ya'ir development company begins marketing 150 dwelling units in the pre-construction phase in Givat Ze'ev settlement.

March 6: *Yediot Aharonot* reports that the ILA plans to issue tenders for 500 dwelling units in Har Homa during 2005.

March 9: *Wafa* reports that Israeli authorities handed residents of Dahiet Al-Barid military orders to confiscate 26.2 dunums of lands for 'military' reasons.

March 11: *Kol Ha'Ir* reports the successful marketing of tenders for 40 dwelling units in Har Homa.

- *Al-Quds* reports that Israeli forces confiscated 41.3 dunums of lands planted with olives in Sawahreh Ash-Sharqiya and Ash-Sheikh Sa'ed village for constructing the separation barrier and another 25 dunums for the construction of new gates in Izzariyya, Abu Dis, Sawahreh,

and near At-Tur.

March 13: Israel's cabinet decides that the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, its industrial zone, and most of East Jerusalem will be on the Israeli side of the separation barrier, as will Rachel's Tomb, near Bethlehem. A new road will be built to connect Bethlehem with Ramallah since the barrier will sever the territorial contiguity of the two regions. Eleven crossings will also be built to allow access to East Jerusalem from the West Bank.

- Israeli forces demolish the house of Subhi At-Turi in Samiramis under the pretext of being close to the separation barrier.

March 18: *Yerushalim* reports that there are 20,000 illegally constructed dwellings in Palestinian East Jerusalem, a number that increases by 1,000 annually.

- *Yerushalim* reports that the Israeli Civil Administration's Settlement Committee approved the 'E-1 Plan' last month, providing for the development of an area between the eastern settlements of East Jerusalem and Ma'ale Adumim, incl. construction of 3,500 dwelling units, hotels, and commercial establishments. *Yediot Aharonot* reports that the committee approved on 13 March construction of 1,250 dwelling units and a police complex as part of the project.

March 21: *Yedioth Ahronoth* reports that PM Sharon has ordered the construction of two neighborhoods - some 3,500 new homes - between Ma'ale Adumim and East Jerusalem to cement Israel's hold on 'Greater Jerusalem'.

March 22: WJM bulldozers destroy without prior notice the houses of Lutfi Ahmad Siyam and of Ibrahim Sarhan in Silwan for not having building permits. Twelve other families in the area are handed demolition notifications under the same pretext.

March 29: *Wafa* reports that Israeli forces have handed Palestinian landowners of Al-Jib and Nabi Samwil orders to confiscate 170.7 dunums of land.

March 30: Greece's FM has added pressure on the Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Irineos I, to resign, urging him to face his "historic responsibility" over an alleged land scandal in Jerusalem. Irineos has denied authorizing the long-term lease of church property in Jerusalem, despite claims to the contrary by his former financial manager.

March 31: Under pressure from Jordan and his Palestinian congregation, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Irineos I pledges that he would not sell any church land in Israel, and denies any such sale had taken place.

- Brothers Ahmed and Na'el Abed from East Jerusalem, accused of assisting in the Sept. 2003 Cafe Hillel suicide bombing in Jerusalem, are each sentenced to seven life terms and an additional 30 years in prison.

April 1: *Kol Ha'ir* reports that a local Jerusalem court has given Palestinian tenants 45 days to evacuate six apartments claimed to be owned by a Jewish benevolent organization in Sheikh Jarrah.

- *Al-Quds* reports that Israeli authorities have handed residents of Jabal Al-Mukabber, Beit Hanina and Shu'fat demolition notifications for their houses under the pretext of being unlicensed.

- *Yerushalim* reports that the ILA has issued a tender to construct 40 dwelling units at Har Homa.

April 4: PM Sharon pledges to push ahead with expanding Ma'ale Adumim settlement despite US concerns and Palestinian protests.

- Israeli forces demolish four houses in Beit Hanina owned by Jamal Sanduqa, Issam Eida, and Mahmoud Jaber for being unlicensed.

April 5: WJM city engineer Uri Shetreet says that "it will not be possible to build new residential neighborhoods, or to expand construction of Jewish neighborhoods in East

Jerusalem," implying that the Jerusalem neighborhood that was supposed to connect French Hill and the E-1 zone in Ma'ale Adumim's municipal area will probably not materialize because, as he says, "there is no more publicly owned land in the eastern city, other than in pockets within already existing neighborhoods. In addition, expanding construction would entail large-scale confiscation of private land. I am skeptical whether in the present geo-political climate this is feasible."

April 6: Israeli forces demolish the four-storey Al-Ka'abneh family house in Bir Nabala for being built without license, causing also damage to three nearby houses. In addition, some barracks are destroyed.

- Israeli forces demolish the two-storey building of Saleh Za'atreh in Al-Izzariyya for being too close to the anticipated route of the Separation barrier.

- *Al-Quds* reports that the WJM Court issues demolition notifications to three residents of Silwan, claiming that their houses were built in a public area.

- Israel signals again that it will continue its plan to extend Ma'ale Adumim settlement to Jerusalem.

April 8: Amid fears that rallies will be held by Jewish ultra-nationalists near Al-Aqsa compound, Israeli police ban non-Muslims from the Haram Ash-Sharif, tighten security and only allow men aged 40 and above, with Israeli ID cards, to attend the prayers.

- Atallah Hanna charges Greek Orthodox Patriarch Irineos I with being "an Israeli agent who should be dismissed and put on trial."

April 9: Tens of thousands of people attend Hamas rallies in Gaza and Ramallah in support of Al-Aqsa Mosque and vow to renew attacks on Israelis if Jewish ultra-nationalists enter the compound as planned by some extremist groups for the next day.

April 10: Israeli policemen arrest 31 Jewish extremists at the Western Wall, who tried to march towards the Haram Ash-Sharif, where some 10,000 Palestinians had gathered to demonstrate the attempt.

April 13: Israeli forces demolish two houses of Hisham Rajab Al-Yamani and Ahmad Omar Al-Haliya near Anata for being built unlicensed; demolition notification on the same grounds are given to two other residents.

April 14: The WJM issues demolition orders for some 92 houses in Silwan inhabited by some 900 Palestinians on the grounds that they lack building permits.

- Israeli forces evacuate over 30 Palestinian families from their houses in Anata in preparation for demolition to make way for the separation barrier in the area.

April 16: *Al-Quds* reports that the Israel Moriah Company will soon start constructing the 20 km Eastern Ring Road project at a cost of NIS 1.2 billion, which will involve the confiscation of vast areas of Palestinian lands.

April 19: *Yediot Aharanot* reports that the occupancy rate in the Atarot industrial area north of Jerusalem has doubled to 60% after falling to 30% during the Intifada.

April 24: Greek Orthodox Patriarch Irineos is protected by Israeli police as he faces angry Palestinian Christians during a Palm Sunday procession in the Old City, demanding his resignation.

April 26: Contrary to Israeli Housing Min. Isaac Herzog's statement that building on the controversial E-1 Plan for the area between Ma'ale Adumim and Jerusalem is not included in the Min.'s plan for 2005, work on it continues at the Min.'s Jerusalem branch.

May 2: Israeli forces demolish two houses belonging to Rami Dibsh and Mohammed Bashir in Sur Baher and Jabal Al-Mukabber for not owning building permits.

May 5: Construction has begun at Qalandia checkpoint to turn it into an Erez-like huge crossing passage.

May 10: Israeli police raid and close two East Jerusalem voter registration offices ahead of the PLC elections scheduled for July, detain three staff and confiscate documents.

May 11: Atty. Danny Seidemann of the Ir Amim organization files a petition with the Israeli High Court requesting that work and entry permits be issued to Palestinians owning agricultural lands in East Jerusalem who are barred from cultivating their lands due to the July 2004 reapplication of the 1950 Absentee Property Law. Atty. Gen. Menachem Mazuz has previously ruled that the law does not apply in this instance, but his order has yet to be implemented.

May 15: *Ha'aretz* reports that the purchase of real estate near Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate from the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate was made by settler organizations operating through off-shore entities. The central figure in the deal is reportedly Mattityahu Dan, an Ateret Cohanim activist, which focuses on buying buildings in the Muslim and Christian quarters of the Old City and in East Jerusalem. The money was deposited in the Patriarchate's bank account.

- Greek Orthodox Patriarch Irineos I files a complaint with Israeli police alleging that a former aide, Nikos Papadimas, duped him and swindled the church out of millions of dollars.

May 16: WJM Police and the Shin Bet reveal that five Jews were arrested on suspicion of planning an attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque to disrupt the disengagement plan. All five were released soon after.

May 17: Israeli authorities have issued military orders to confiscate 1,400 dunums of land from several villages around Jerusalem, incl. Beit Hanina, Qalandia, Bir Nabala, Al-Judera, Al-Jib, Nabi Sawil and Biddu.

May 18: *Al-Ayyam* reports on a plan published by the Israeli Government, according to which roads and tunnels will be erected in Beit Hanina, Al-Judera, Bir Nabala and Qalandia to connect them with each other and with Ramallah.

- Israeli forces demolish the house and the stores of Abdul Rahman Abu Sneineh in Bir Nabala for lacking building licenses.

May 19: The Israeli High Court issues a restraining order to stop constructing the separation barrier in Bir Nabala.

May 22: Wafa reports that the settlers are planning a new settlement in the area of [Burj Al-Laq Laq](#) in the Old City of Jerusalem.

May 27: *Kol Ha'ir* reports that the WJM's Local Planning and Construction Committee approved the construction of 93 dwelling units in Gilo settlement.

May 30: The WJM begins proceedings to raze 88 buildings housing some 1,000 residents in Silwan, to "restore the area to its land-scape of yore," according to the city engineer, Uri Shetreet. The ultimate plan is to set up a national park on the land, connecting to the Jewish compound in the City of David and thereby creating an area without Palestinian residents adjacent to the Old City.

- *Al-Quds* reports that the WJM has issued an order to demolish Badr Mosque in Beit Hanina, which was built in the late 1980s, under the pretext of being unlicensed.

- Greek Orthodox Church leaders select Archbishop Cornelios, head of the church's ecclesiastical court, as temporary replacement for Irineos I.

May 31: The Knesset debates an urgent motion filed by MK Jamal Zahalka (Balad) about the plan to destroy dozens of Palestinian houses in Silwan. Zahalka calls the plan a "declaration of war" on the Palestinians of Jerusalem.

June 2: Israel Radio reports an ILA tender for the construction of 22 houses in Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

June 8: WJM mayor Uri Lupolianski announces that the WJM does not intend to issue demolition orders for houses in Silwan.

June 15: Israeli forces demolish the house of 'Amer Harhash in Az-Za'im and that of Hisham Abu Gharbiya in Ath-Thori.

June 16: The Greek Orthodox Church in the Holy Land demotes former Patriarch Irineos I to the rank of monk.

- Some 50 Palestinian families in Anata are handed evacuation notices for their houses.

June 21: The Israeli State Prosecution tells the High Court of Justice that the section of the Separation barrier located within the WJM boundaries at Ar-Ram has political, not just security, significance. During the hearing, the court dismisses a proposal by ACRI that no fence should be built anywhere in Jerusalem.

June 22: The WJM postpones plans to demolish 88 Arab homes in Silwan and claims to be negotiating a compromise with local residents, while their lawyer Sami Irsheid says demolition orders continue to be issued.

- *Ma'ariv* reports the Israeli government offering a subsidy of up to \$4,000 to Israeli Jews who purchase apartments in Jerusalem between 5 June-31 Oct. 2005.

- A PCBS report states that during 2004, over 1,150 families were forced to immigrate from Jerusalem, 114 houses were demolished and over 13,600 dunums of mainly agricultural lands were confiscated.

June 24: *Al-Quds* reports that the WJM has issued a demolition order for the new mosque of Sheikh Jarrah for being unlicensed.

June 27: The Israeli High Court orders to reroute the separation barrier in Al-Jib, Beit Hanina, Bir Nabala and Al-Judera areas as well as the return of some 2,000 dunums of lands to the villagers.

July 3: The High Court of Justice hears a petition from submitted by residents from Anata, Ras Al-Khamis and Shu'fat RC who fear to be severed from the city by the Separation barrier.

July 4: A PA investigation concludes that Greek Orthodox Patriarch Irineos I was not involved in the long-term lease of Jerusalem properties to Jewish settler groups in the city.

- The Israeli Min. of Housing and Construction gives its provisional approval to move forward on a plan (Town Planning Scheme 9870) to construct a new Jewish settlement in the Burj Al-Laqlaq area of the Old City's Muslim Quarter, near Herod's Gate.

- Israeli bulldozers demolish a Palestinian house built without permission in Beit Hanina.

July 5: Eight Palestinian houses and a gas station in East Jerusalem are razed for being built without permits.

- Israeli bulldozers demolish a Palestinian house built without permission in At-Tur adjacent to the separation barrier.

July 6: Israeli bulldozers start razing land in Al-Jib, Al-Judera and Bir Nabala to make way for the separation barrier.

July 8: *Yediot Aharonot* reports that of the 250,000 Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, some 130,000 will remain within the separation barrier, while 55,000 will reside beyond it but within the WJM boundaries; the remaining 70,000 reside elsewhere.

- The Israeli High Court issues a restraining order to stop constructing the separation barrier in Ash-Shayah (Qubsa junction) according to appeals handed to the court by the residents.

- *Kol Ha'Ir* reports that security and police responsibility for the settlements of Givat Ze'ev, Har Adar, Givon, Har Shmuel, Har Gilo, as well as Beit Ikhsa, located within the separation barrier, will be transferred to the Jerusalem police.

July 10: The Israeli cabinet acknowledges that the separation barrier will cut off 55,000

Jerusalemites from their city.

- One year after the ICJ declared Israel's separation barrier illegal under international law, the Israeli cabinet approves a decision to complete the wall in and around East Jerusalem by the end of Aug.

July 12: Israeli forces destroy the house of Abed Tufaha in Anata for being located too close to the route of the separation barrier, and the houses of Samir Al-Mandoub in Silwan and Yusri Riad Yasser Al-'Isawi near Al-Issawiyya for being unlicensed.

- The Israeli High Court allows the construction of the wall which will separate Shu'fat RC and parts of Anata from Jerusalem.

July 24: *Al-Quds* reports that a new Israeli group, Ir Al-Hatal, is trying to evacuate several Palestinian families from their houses in the Aqabat Al-Khalidiya and Al-Qarmi neighborhoods in Old City, claiming their ownership of the properties.

July 25: The WJM's Local Planning Committee meets to consider Town Planning Scheme 9870 (Burj Al-Laqlaq area in the Old City - see 4 July) and amends the plan by reducing the maximum number of residential units from 30 to 21, based on concerns of the City Engineer, Uri Shetreet. The Committee approves the amended plan by a vote of 5-2, sending it on for the next stage in the approval process.

July 26: WJM forces demolish two houses of the Abu Dwah and Hussein families in Jabel Al-Mukabber for lacking licenses.

July 30: Israeli authorities have installed 19 new cameras on the gates leading to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Aug. 3: During a High Court of Justice hearing on the Separation barrier Justice Aharon Barak asks the state's representative, Atty. Orit Koren, to explain whether the fence route in Jerusalem, which was partially determined by political considerations, does not "undermine the basic concept of the state that this is a security fence and not the state's border."

- Israeli forces demolish the stone factory of Mahmoud Abu Shelbana in Ar Ram under the pretext of being unlicensed.

- Israeli forces demolish the three-storey house of Mohammed Shqeirat in Jabel Al-Mukabber for not having building permits.

Aug. 16: *Wafa* reports that Israeli forces razed the preparatory Salah Eddin School in Anata without prior notice to make way for the construction of the Separation barrier.

Aug. 19: *Yerushalaim* reports that the community leader of French Hill settlement calls for a law banning Arabs from neighboring Issawiyya from entering the neighborhood.

- *Yerushalaim* reports that the WJM's Local Building and Construction Committee has approved the expansion of the Nof Zion settlement in Jabel Mukabber, incl. 500 housing units and a hotel.

Aug. 20: PM Sharon authorizes the transfer of Jerusalem's district police station to the E1 area east of the city.

- *Al-Quds* reports that the WJM Committee for Planning and Construction has agreed to build 100 housing unit along with a hotel in Jabel Al-Mukabber.

Aug. 21: Israeli authorities have issued four military orders to confiscate some 1,585 dunums of Sawahreh Ash-Sharqiyeh, Al-Izzariyya, Abu Dis and At-Tur areas for the separation barrier.

Aug. 22: The Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem elects a new patriarch, Metropolitan Theophilos, to replace Irineos I.

Aug. 23: *Yerushalaim* reports that 300 evacuated Katif bloc families that arrived in Jerusalem have been offered apartments in Har Homa and Ma'ale Adumim settlements.

Aug. 24: Israel issues orders to seize Palestinian-owned land to build the Separation barrier around Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

Aug. 25: An unknown assailant stabs two Yeshiva students in the Old City of Jerusalem, killing one (Later in Oct., Abdul-Muaz Al-Jubeh from Hebron confesses to the murder after being arrested).

Aug. 26: *Yerushalaim* reports that two Jewish American investors are in the process of purchasing 13 dunums of land belonging to Arab landowners in a village abutting Har Adar in an effort to expand the settlement by 2,000 residents.

- *Kol Ha'Ir* reports that the WJM intends to encourage one-third of Gaza's Neve Dekalim settlers, about 2,500 persons, to relocate to a newly built neighborhood in Har Homa in East Jerusalem.

Aug. 28: *Yerushalaim* reports that WJM mayor Uri Lupolianski has proposed a plan to transfer some East Jerusalem neighborhoods to the PA in exchange for complete Israeli control of the Old City, incl. Haram Ash-Sharif.

Aug. 29: Israeli forces destroy the eastern gate of Anata secondary school and place cement blocks on the playground in preparation for confiscating it to construct the separation barrier. Bulldozers raze some 300 dunums of land for the same reason.

Aug. 31: Likud's Binyamin Netanyahu urges immediate building on the sensitive E-1 area in defiance of Washington and in what is seen as an effort to stake out the battleground in the Likud power struggle.

Sept. 1: *Ha'aretz* quotes Netanyahu as saying - during a tour he made of the E-1 area a day earlier - that "The Palestinians want to create a contiguity of settlement from north to south, and we want contiguity from east to west. So that they don't overpower us, we must overpower them"

- *Al-Quds* reports that Israeli bulldozers started razing lands around the Catholic Al-Naghrez Monastery in Al-Izzariyya to resume construction of the separation barrier in the area.

Sept. 2: *Yerushalaim* reports about an Israeli plan to build over 1,000 Palestinian housing units on some 1,500 dunums in At-Tur, and that an agreement is being negotiated whereby in exchange for a Palestinian commitment to freeze unauthorized construction in the area, the WJM would cease issuing demolition orders.

Sept. 4: Ateret Cohanim is reportedly planning to construct 51 housing units at the place of the Israeli Police HQ in Ras Al-Amud which are going to be relocated to the Ma'ale Adumim area.

Sept. 7: *Ha'aretz* reports that during the first half of 2005, WJM mayor Lupolianski declined to sign 4% of demolition orders issued for Palestinian dwellings in East Jerusalem, while he declined to sign 37% of those issued for West Jerusalem.

Sept. 8: *Yerushalaim* reports that the WJM has given final approval for the construction of 20 housing units and a synagogue in the heart of the Old City's Muslim quarter.

Sept. 11: As the school year has begun, hundreds of Palestinian children in East Jerusalem have again been refused admission to local schools.

Sept. 13: Israeli forces demolish the two-storey house of 'Ala Eddin Mustafa Tah in Al-Issawiya.

Sept. 15: *Ha'aretz* reports that Palestinian East Jerusalemites whose homes were demolished by the WJM on the grounds they did not obtain the proper construction permits have decided to file complaints in the UK against inspectors, for alleged war crimes.

Sept. 24: Israeli bulldozers started razing lands to construct the Eastern Ring Road plan near Anata.

Sept. 26: Israeli forces demolish the western wall of Anata secondary school.

Oct. 1: Israeli forces erect new 9-m cement blocks for the separation barrier near Anata secondary school.

Oct. 6: *Ha'aretz* reports that according to a recent study by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies the separation barrier also harms Jerusalem's Jewish population in as far as "To a large extent, Jerusalem has changed from a central city providing services to more than a million people in the surrounding area to a peripheral town. ... It is a limited metropolitan area that serves only 20% of the residents it formerly did, most of them Jews." The report adds that the barrier has a negative effect on life in the city and its surrounding area" and in the long run it may increase hostility and terrorism.

Oct. 12: A WJM court hands a military order to Mohammed 'Adel Qneibi to demolish his 50-m²-house in Shu'fat RC.

Oct. 16: The Israeli High Court of Justice ratifies the construction of the separation barrier in the Dahiet Al-Barid/Ar-Ram area.

Oct. 31: The Israeli High Court orders the construction of the separation barrier on confiscated lands of Al-Sawahreh Al-Sharqiyya to stop on the grounds that the confiscation of the lands was illegal.

Nov. 7: Israeli forces demolish the two-storey house of Khaled Bishara and the wall that surrounds the house of Ihab Bishara in Anata's Al-Salam area under the pretext of being unlicensed.

Nov. 9: WJM forces demolish a water well, barracks and uprooted trees owned by Mahmoud 'Ibeidat in Jabal Al-Mukabber.

Nov. 10: The Israeli authorities razed vast areas of lands in the Mt. of Olives area and near Al-Izzariyya to construct new parts of the separation barrier.

Nov. 16: Israeli forces demolish a house in Beit Hanina under the pretext of being unlicensed.

- Some barracks and houses owned by members of the Abu Dahouk family are destroyed in Arab Al-Jahalin in Al Nabi Samuel area to make way for the construction of the separation barrier.

Nov. 17: *Wafa* reports that the Israeli Land Administration has issues new tenders to construct 350 new housing units in Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

Nov. 21: Israeli forces demolish four Palestinian houses along with a wall in Beit Hanina and Al-Issawiyya – belonging to the Hamdan, Faraj and Abu Rayala families - for being unlicensed.

Nov. 22: Israeli forces demolish without prior notification a house in Silwan, belonging to Umm Iyad Al Wawy, and another one in Wadi Al-Joz, belonging to Hani Husni Totah, for not having building permits. **Nov. 24:** Israeli bulldozers raze the playground of 'Anata School to make way for the construction of the separation barrier.

Nov. 28: Israeli bulldozers demolish two walls surrounding the houses of the Hamouri and Al-Arna'out families in Dahiet Al-Barid to make way for the construction of the separation barrier.

Nov. 29: WJM forces demolish without prior notification a room owned by 'Aisha Ahmad Al-Mughrabi located near the Western Wall in the Old City under the pretext of having been built without permit.

Nov. 30: *Al-Quds* reports that Israel is planning to construct two new gates at the Ar-Ram/Dahiet Al-Barid junction to enable residents of those areas to access Jerusalem without having to go through Qalandia checkpoint.