



JERUSALEM

Jan. 1: *An-Nahar* Arabic daily prints its last edition before closing after 10 years of publishing in Jerusalem.

Jan. 2: The newly restored dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher is inaugurated. ▶

Jan. 8: A few dozen yeshiva students move into a recently purchased building in the Old City's Christian Quarter.

Jan. 14: The forced removal of 400 Jahalin Bedouins from lands

earmarked for expanding the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim begins. ▼



Jan. 15: Border guards shoot and kill Ahmed Shreihat of Yatta after he refuses to stop his car when ordered to do so.

Jan. 19: Israeli police raid several institutions in East Jerusalem on the pretext that they are related to the PA (incl.: Arab Studies Society's Maps Dept.; Palestinian Micro-Project Center; Prisoner's Club).

Jan. 22: The Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem meets to discuss strengthening Israeli sovereignty over the city. Among the recommendations is the creation of a territorial link between East Jerusalem and the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. On 26 Jan. the Committee grants the WJM a \$40-million budget supplement for building infrastructure (e.g., roads, sewage, and water systems) to connect East and West Jerusalem. The PA complains, saying this will prejudice the outcome of final status negotiations.

Jan. 29: Israeli Interior Min. Eli Suissa tells the Knesset that the Min. has seized over 600 Jerusalem ID cards from Palestinians.

Jan.: In several stages throughout the month Israeli forces evict the Jahalin Bedouins.

- The Israeli High Court orders the eviction of the Ghuzlan family from their house in Silwan within one year in order that it be handed over to the Zionist Keren Kayemet organization whom it decides is the 'true owner' of the land.

- The Israeli High Court issues a ruling in support of the Interior Min.'s actions in withdrawing ID cards of Jerusalemite Palestinians who live outside the municipal borders or outside the country.

Feb. 7: The last Friday of Ramadan; some 300,000 worshippers fill the

Haram Ash-Sharif compound, closely observed by 2,500 Israeli police. ▼



Feb. 11: The Israeli army continues the forced transfer of Jahalin Bedouin; to date 150 have been evicted.

Feb. 17: Returning from a US visit, Israeli PM Netanyahu vows to strengthen Israel's hold over all of Jerusalem, saying he will soon decide about housing construction in a new Jewish settlement, Har Homa, in Arab East Jerusalem. (see Feb. 19)

Feb. 18: The Israeli Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem Affairs approves plans to extend three major roads in East Jerusalem, to separate the Arab villages from the rest of the West Bank and to connect the Jewish settlements of Givat Ze'ev, Neve Ya'acov and Ma'ale Adumim to Jerusalem: highways #45 and #4 (which connects Jerusalem with Highway #45), construction of the Eastern Ring Road in Jerusalem, incl. the 'Mt. Scopus' road, and advanced planning for Highway #80.

Feb. 19: Israeli police again raid institutions in East Jerusalem, incl. the Arab Studies Society's Maps Dept., the Micro-Project Center, the Prisoner's Club and Um Imara School on the grounds that they are linked to the PA. - Faisal Hussein tells the press: "There is a big difference between the peace mentality and the war mentality. Peace needs two sides while war can be decided by one party, as in the case of the present Israeli government ... We view the Israeli plans to build new settlements and open up new settlement roads as a 'declaration of war.'"

- Israeli PM Netanyahu informs the Knesset that his Govt. will proceed with the building of the 6,500 units for 30,000 Israelis at the Har Homa settlement on Jabal Abu Ghneim.

- The last 17 of 55 families of the Jahalin tribe are forced off their encampment to make room for the expansion of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

- The Knesset approves by a vote of 23-13 the first reading of a bill that requires an 80-MK majority to make any change in the Jerusalem Law.

Feb. 25: In Hizma, an Israeli undercover unit murders Mohammed Abdel Aziz Hilu as he comes to the aid of his son-in-law who is going to investigate the suspicious presence of three unit members hiding behind