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Demolitions & Displacement in the occupied West Bank (including occupied East Jerusalem) and within the state of Israel

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78 Demolished Structures - OPT	1 Demolition - Israel	69 Displaced People	694 Other Affected People
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Location	Date	Structures Demolished/ Confiscated	Displaced people	Affected people	Reason for Demolition stated by Israel ¹
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	1 Jan 2021	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 3 children (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
Anata, Jerusalem	4 Jan 2021	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 water well, 5 retaining walls	2 adults, 1 child	6 adults, 13 children (5 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Al Khadr, Bethlehem	4 Jan 2021	3 agricultural structures, 1 latrine	0	18 adults, 8 children (3 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
An Nabi Samwil, Jerusalem	5 Jan 2021	1 under-construction structure intended to be a recreational park, 2 latrines, 1 structure used as a parking lot	0	7 adults, 3 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Biddya, Salfit	6 Jan 2021	1 agricultural structure	0	12 people	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Fraseen, Jenin	7 Jan 2021	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 5 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Beit Iksa Bedouins, Jerusalem	7 Jan 2021	6 inhabited residential structures, 2 mobile latrines, 2 animal-related structures	13 adults, 14 children (5 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Anata, Jerusalem	11 Jan 2021	1 retaining wall	0	3 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Khirbet ad Deir, Bethlehem	12 Jan 2021	1 livelihood structure	0	2 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C

Anin, Jenin	17 Jan 2021	6 livelihood structures	0	15 adults, 16 children (6 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Al aragib, Naqab desert, South Israel	20 Jan 2021	Entire village demolished	Unknown**	Unknown**	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Unrecognised Bedouin village (182 nd demolition of the village)
Al Khalayleh, Jerusalem	21 Jan 2021	1 livelihood structure	0	2 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Al Walaja, Bethlehem	25 Jan 2021	1 uninhabited under-construction residential structure	0	5 people	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / East Jerusalem
Anata, Jerusalem	25 Jan 2021	1 agricultural structure	0	4 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Al Lubban ash Sharqiya, Nablus	25 Jan 2021	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 water reservoir, 1 mobile latrine	4 adults, 1 child	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-declared archaeological site
An Nabi Elyas, Qalqiliya	25 Jan 2021	2 livelihood structures	0	5 adults, 8 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Hammamat al Maleh, Tubas	26 Jan 2021	1 inhabited residential structure	3 adults, 4 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Hammamat al Maleh- Al Burj, Tubas	26 Jan 2021	9 agricultural structures	0	21 adults, 25 children (5 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Khan al Ahmar- Abu Falah, Jerusalem	27 Jan 2021	1 agricultural structure	0	4 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Bir al Maskoob B, Jerusalem	27 Jan 2021	1 agricultural structure	0	2 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Ar Rakeez, Hebron	27 Jan 2021	1 mobile latrine unit	0	2 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C /

					Israeli-declared Military Firing Zone
Umm Qussa, Hebron	27 Jan 2021	1 under-construction mosque, 1 water cistern, 30-m long water network	0	450 people (60 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-declared Military Firing Zone
Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem	27 Jan 2021	1 agricultural structure	0	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
At Taybe, Hebron	27 Jan 2021	4 agricultural structures, 1 mobile latrine unit	0	13 adults, 9 children (4 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Al Muntar, Jerusalem	27 Jan 2021	1 animal-related structure	0	4 people	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Fasayil, Jericho	28 Jan 2021	3 inhabited residential structures, 7 animal-related structures	8 adults, 5 children (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Deir al Ghusun, Tulkarm	28 Jan 2021	1 livelihood structure	0	5 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
TOTAL		78 structures: 14 inhabited residential structures, 1 uninhabited residential structure, 12 WASH-related structures, 11 livelihood structures, 21 agricultural structures, 10 animal related structures, and 9 other structures	69 people displaced (36 adults, 33 children)	694 people affected (of which 111 adults and 112 children confirmed)	27 incidents on grounds of lacking an Israeli-issued building permit, of which, in 1 incident the structure was Self-Demolished by the owners
		78	69	694	27

Notes:

¹. There are four categories of demolitions:

1. Punitive demolitions: Houses demolished as punishment for the actions of people associated with the houses.
2. Administrative demolitions: Houses demolished for lack of a building permit. This happens in Area C and in East Jerusalem, under exclusive Israeli authority, though prior to the existence of Areas A, B & C it occurred in other areas as well. It is important to point out that in almost all cases, Palestinians have no choice but to build "illegally" as permits are rarely granted
3. Land-clearing operations/Military demolitions: Houses demolished by the IDF in the course of military operations for the purposes of clearing off a piece of land (for whatever reason), achieve a military goal or to kill wanted persons as part of Israel's policy of extrajudicial executions..
4. Undefined demolitions: These include mainly demolitions resulting from land-clearing operations and removal of Palestinian populations.

* WASH stands for structures relating to water, sanitation and hygiene.

† In many cases, notably in East Jerusalem, Israeli authorities condition Palestinians to either demolish their properties themselves or have the authorities do so. In an attempt to avoid having to pay the high fee of the Israeli authorities' demolition operation and additional high fines, many Palestinians are forced to self-demolish.

** No additional information was available

Above data is from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, B'tselem, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality

UPDATES

(Dis)Approvals for Palestinians in Area C – 2009-2020

“ In years 2019-2020 some 32 plans and permits for Palestinians in area C were approved, while 310 plans and permit requests were rejected. The plans and permits include some 265 housing units. At the same time in the settlements plans for 16,098 were approved and promoted and permits for additional 2,233 units were issued.

In years 2009-2018 – 98 construction permits for Palestinians were issued out of 4,422 requests for permits that were filed. These permits can be for housing, industry, agriculture, infrastructure etc. A few dozen of the permits that were issued between 2016 and 2018 were

for the construction of the alternative homes for the Khan Al-Ahmar residence that were supposed to be forcibly relocated. The houses have yet to be built.

At the same time in Settlements: In years 2019-2020 the HPC approved plans for 16,098 units in settlements. In addition, the municipalities of the settlements issued permits for AT LEAST 2,233 housing units (according to the partial data published by the Israeli CBS).

There is an intention to approve the plan to legalize 70 existing housing units in the Palestinian village of Hizma + an addition of 70 new housing units. The HPC is intending to condition the approval of the plan for the Palestinian village of Walajeh, with the approval of a new bypass road for settlers (which will “be compensated” by the construction of the plan for about 1,000 housing units for settlers in the new planned settlement of “Givat HaGamal” in Har Gilo). It is important to note that the discussion of the plan of Walajeh was forced on the HPC following the High Court’s decision that the plan should be discussed.

Apparently the HPC did not approve the plan to legalize a school in the Bedouin community of Wadi A-Sik in the western slopes of the Jordan Valley. Apparently the HPC approved two hotels and an amusement park and a 200 square-meter cooling building for a Palestinian farmer in the Jordan Valley.

Is there any change in the trends in terms of planning for Palestinians?

The small scandal at the day of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Subcommittee in 17/1/2021, in which the Prime Minister tried to prevent the subcommittee from convening, comes after some talks about potential approval of plans for Palestinians and some strong pressure to prevent it by settlers and right wing activists. Although nothing seems to have changed, and no significant planning was approved, there might be a sign for some small effort to allow some plans for Palestinians, which we didn’t see in the past.

It is hard to tell whether it was an effort to change the trends or not. There were in past, some voices from the Ministry of Justice claiming that Israel must approve more to Palestinians if it wanted to avoid an investigation of the International Criminal Court and the accusations of Apartheid. For that reason, in 2019 the Israeli Cabinet decided to approve 700 units for Palestinians (until now it didn’t happen).”

(For the full report, published by Peace Now, on 31 January 2021:

<https://peacenow.org.il/en/approvals-for-palestinians-in-area-c-2009-2020>)