

# Resisting Apartheid, Building a Shared Democracy

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



Demolition of agricultural structures in Rujeib (Nablus), 14 Sep 2022. Photo by OCHA

**September 2022 Report** 

### House demolition report from September 2022 86 demolished structures **TYPE OF STRUCTURES** Agricultural Inhabited Resident.. 9 Livelihood Uninhabited Resid.. 9 Wash 8 Other 8 Infrastructure 4 Netanya Public Structure 0 Sakil Entire Village | 1 "REASONS" Tel Aviv Permit Al Salt Punitive 1 Rishon LeZion Ramallah Israel Ashdod Madaba **DISPLACED PERSONS - 52** Displaced adults Dura Displaced children ad-Dhahiriya AFFECTED PERSONS - 8,738 Affected adults 4,803

Affected children

Uncategorized affe.. | 152

Arad

Beersheba

87 Demolished	the entire village of	52 Displaced	8,738 Other
structures -	al-Aragib -	people	Affected People
OPT	Israel		

Location	Date	Structures Demolished/ Confiscated	Displaced people	Affected people	Reason for Demolition stated by Israel <sup>1</sup>
Tuqu', Bethlehem	01 Sep 2022	200-m long stone wall, 20-m fence (agricultural use)	0	6 adults, 4 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Al 'Isawiya, East Jerusalem	02 Sep 2022	1 uninhabited residential structure	0	3 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / East Jerusalem / Self- Demolition
Ras al 'Amud, East Jerusalem	02 Sep 2022	1 inhabited residential structure	5 people (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / East Jerusalem / Self- Demolition
Al 'Isawiya, East Jerusalem	04 Sep 2022	1 animal-related structure	0	4 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / East Jerusalem / Self- Demolition
Jenin, Jenin	06 Sep 2022	1 residential structure	0	4 adults, 8 children (2 households)	Punitive Demolition / Area A
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	06 Sep 2022	1 livelihood structure	0	4 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / East Jerusalem
Al Khadr, Bethlehem	06 Sep 2022	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 agricultural structure, 1 animal-related structure, 1 water cistern (agricultural use)	2 adults, 5 children	11 adults, 6 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Beit Jala, Bethlehem	06 Sep 2022	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 1 child	0	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C

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Anata, Jerusalem	07 Sep 2022	1 inhabited residential structure, 2 animal-related structures, 7 livelihood structures, 1 other structure	7 adults, 1 child	20 adults, 11 children (5 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
al-Aragib, Naqab Desert	07 Sep 2022	entire village	**unknown	**unknown	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / unrecognised Bedouin village / 206 <sup>th</sup> time
Al Walaja, Bethlehem	08 Sep 2022	1 agricultural structure, 1 animal-related structure, 1 concrete wall, 1 stone wall	0	22 people (3 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Silwan, East Jerusalem	08 Sep 2022	1 under- construction uninhabited residential structure	0	1 adult	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / East Jerusalem / Self- Demolition
Khirbet Tana, Nablus	08 Sep 2022	2 residential structures, 2 animal-related structures	0	5 adults, 3 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Ras al Amud, East Jerusalem	11 Sep 2022	1 inhabited residential structure	1 adult, 3 children	0	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / East Jerusalem / Self- Demolition
Jaba'. Jerusalem	13 Sep 2022	1 livelihood structure	0	3 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Susiya, Hebron	14 Sep 2022	1 agricultural structure	0	3 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Ad Deirat, Hebron	14 Sep 2022	1 agricultural structure	0	5 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C

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Rujeib, Nablus	14 Sep 2022	3 agricultural structures, 300-m road (agricultural use)	0	71 people (12 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Kafr ad Dik, Salfit	14 Sep 2022	1 agricultural structure	0	7 people	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Abu Shusheh Bedouins, Jerusalem	19 Sep 2022	1 inhabited residential structure, 2 livelihood structures, 1 mobile latrine	2 adults, 6 children	3 people	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Ein ad Duyuk al Fauqa Bedouins, Jericho	19 Sep 2022	1 uninhabited residential structure, 1 kitchen, 1 bathroom, 1 animal-related structure, 1 agricultural structure	0	11 people (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C / Israeli-declared Military Firing Zone / Israeli- defined Nature Reserve
Al 'Auja, Jericho	19 Sep 2022	7 structures, 2 mobile latrines, 125-mt metal fence, 1 solar panel system	0	38 people	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Khirbet Jamrura, Hebron	20 Sep 2022	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 latrine, 1 animal- related structure	4 adults, 2 children	0	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C
Kur, Tulkarm	20 Sep 2022	1 artesian water well	0	3,049 adults, 2,394 children (908 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area B
Ar Ras, Tulkarm	20 Sep 2022	1 artesian water well	0	1,613 adults, 1,267 children (480 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area B
Ein Samiya, Ramallah	20 Sep 2022	2 livelihood structures	0	9 adults, 6 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli- issued building permit / Area C

		Structures			Reason for
Location	Date	Demolished/	Displaced people	Affected people	Demolition stated
		Confiscated			by Israel <sup>1</sup>
Khirbet al	21	1 agricultural	0	2 adults, 4	Lack of an Israeli-
Marajim,	Sep	structure, 1		children	issued building
Nablus	2022	mobile latrine			permit / Area C
Ar Rakeez,	22	1 inhabited	2 adults, 5	0	Lack of an Israeli-
Hebron	Sep	residential	children		issued building
	2022	structure			permit / Area C
Haris, Salfit	22	11 agricultural	0	50 adults, 51	Lack of an Israeli-
	Sep	structures		children	issued building
	2022			(15 households)	permit / Area C
Farsh al	29	1 inhabited	2 adults	0	Lack of an Israeli-
Hawa,	Sep	residential			issued building
Hebron	2022	structure			permit / Area C
Artas,	29	1 under-	0	11 adults, 9	Lack of an Israeli-
Bethlehem	Sep	construction		children	issued building
	2022	uninhabited		(3 households)	permit / Area C
		residential			
		structure, 2			
		agricultural			
		structures, 1			
		water cistern			
TOTAL		87 structures:	52 people	8,738 affected	31 incidents
		12 inhabited	displaced (of	(of which 4,803	on grounds of
		residential	which 22 adults	adults and	lacking an Israeli-
		structures,	and 23 children	3,783 children	issued building
		04 under-	confirmed)	confirmed)	permit (of which
		construction			in 05 incidents the
		uninhabited			structure was
		residential			Self-Demolished
		structures,			by the owner), 01
		09 WASH-related			incident in which
		structures,			the structure was
		13 livelihood			demolished as a
		structures,			punitive act
		27 agricultural			
		structures,			
		09 animal-related			
		structures, 13			
		other structures			
		87	52	8,738	31

# **Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup>. 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, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality, B'Tselem

## Further details on the artesian wells in Tulkarm destroyed on 20 September 2022

On the 20th of September, Israeli forces alongside personnel from the ICA sealed off artesian water wells in 2 separate incidents:

In the first incident, Israeli forces sealed off an artesian water well in the village of Ar Ras, southeast of (Tulkarm), through pouring a concrete mix down its pipes for allegedly lacking an Israeli-issued permit to extract groundwater, despite its presence in Area "B". The artesian well was dug, prepared, and funded by the local village council after obtaining an approval from the Palestinian Water Authority to begin digging the well. The well provided drinking water and water for agricultural usage for about 480 households, which resembled an alternative to them buying water from nearby Israeli settlements. No prior warning was issued against the WASH structure by the Israeli military before the well was sealed. In addition, a water booster device was confiscated from the site. A truck that was also at the site while conducting maintenance works to the well was also confiscated. The sealing of this well hinders access to water and affects the livelihood of about 480 Palestinian households of 2880 members, including 1267 children.

In the second incident, Israeli forces sealed off an artesian well through pouring concrete inside of it and its pipes in the village of Kur, southeast of (Tulkarm), for allegedly lacking an Israeli-issued permit to extract groundwater, <u>despite its location in Area "B"</u>. According to the affected owners,

the well was licensed by the PA and they were authorized to dig it and extract water from the Palestinian Water Authority in 2022. Despite this, and without a prior military order/warning, the well was sealed off and had its water booster confiscated, in addition to the destruction and vandalism of its electric control panel and several pipes forming the supply network of the well. The artesian well was a main provider of drinking and irrigation water for about 906 households in the villages of Kur and Kafr 'Abbush (Tulkarm), with planned expansions of supply to 1000 other households in the villages of Baqat al Hatab and Hajja (Qalqiliya). The sealing of this artesian well seriously undermines access to water for about 906 households of 5443 members, including 2394 children.