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

November 2020 Report

186 Demolished Structures - OPT	5 Demolished Structures (not including the entire village of al Aragib) - Israel	157 Displaced People	973 Other Affected People
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Location	Date	Structures Demolished/ Confiscated	Displaced people	Affected people	Reason for Demolition stated by Israel ¹
Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem	2 Nov 2020	3 agricultural structures	0	10 adults, 6 children (3 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Susiya, Hebron	2 Nov 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure, 1 mobile latrine, 1 water cistern	0	1 adult, 6 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Rujeib, Nablus	2 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 4 children	0	Punitive Demolition
Humsa- Al Bqai'a, Tubas	3 Nov 2020	18 inhabited residential structures, 39 animal-related structures, 3 storage structures, 9 structures used as kitchens, 10 mobile latrines, 23 water containers, 2 solar-panels,	32 adults, 41 children (11 households)	5 adults, 6 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-declared Military Firing Zone

		feeding and watering troughs for livestock (30 tons of fodder for livestock confiscated)			
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	3 Nov 2020	1 residential uninhabited structure	0	2 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	3 Nov 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
Beit Safafa, East Jerusalem	3 Nov 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	2 adults, 7 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Al Lubban ash Sharqiya, Nablus	3 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	6 adults, 1 child	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	3 Nov 2020	1 agricultural structure, 1 animal-related structure, 70-m fence (agricultural use)	0	8 adults, 3 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Bir al Hamam, Naqab Desert, South Israel	5 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	Unknown**	Unknown**	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Unrecognised Bedouin village
Deir Dibwan, Ramallah	9 Nov 2020	3 uninhabited residential structures, 2 animal-related structure	0	5 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Hebron, Hebron	9 Nov 2020	1 agricultural structure, 1 livelihood structure	0	2 Adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Wadi an Nis, Bethlehem	9 Nov 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	4 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C

Anata, Jerusalem	10 Nov 2020	5 livelihood structures	0	11 adults, 5 children (3 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Ar Ram & Dahiyat al Bareed, Jerusalem	10 Nov 2020	5 livelihood structures	0	14 adults, 13 children (6 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
At Tur, East Jerusalem	11 Nov 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	5 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Sur Bahir, East Jerusalem	11 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 structure used for storage	2 adults, 3 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Bir Onah, Bethlehem	12 Nov 2020	2 under-construction uninhabited residential structures, 1 water cistern	0	4 people	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Al Walaja, Bethlehem	12 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 2 agricultural structures	3 adults, 2 children	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Al-Grin, Naqab Desert, South Israel	15 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	1 adult, 6 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Unrecognised Bedouin village
Anata, Jerusalem	16 Nov 2020	3 livelihood structures	0	6 adults, 6 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Deir Sharaf, Nablus	16 Nov 2020	1 under-construction livelihood structure	0	2 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Al Farisiya-Khallet Khader, Tubas	17 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 mobile latrine	2 adults, 2 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Furush Beit Dajan, Nablus	17 Nov 2020	1 agricultural water pond	0	5 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C

Khirbet 'Atuf, Tubas	17 Nov 2020	1 under-construction agricultural structure	0	2 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Ein al Hilwa-Um al Jmal, Tubas	17 Nov 2020	1 structure that served as a community centre	0	60 people (12 families that form the community)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Declared Firing Zone
Al-Aragib, Naqab Desert, South Israel	19 Nov 2020	Entire village demolished	Unknown**	Unknown**	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Unrecognised Bedouin village (180 th time)
Wadi al-Khalil, Naqab Desert, South Israel	19 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	Unknown**	Unknown**	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Unrecognised Bedouin village
Halhul, Hebron	23 Nov 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	5 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Biddya, Salfit	24 Nov 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	8 people	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Tal al Malah, Naqab Desert, South Israel	25 Nov 2020	2 inhabited residential structures	Unknown**	Unknown**	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Unrecognised Bedouin village
Isfey al Fauka, Hebron	25 Nov 2020	3-km of water network system	0	350 people (31 families from 3 communities: Isfey al Fauka, Isfey at-tahta, Maghayir al Abeed)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Declared Firing Zone

Mirkez, Hebron	25 Nov 2020	1 water tank, 700-m water network system	0	10 adults, 9 children (water tank), and 317 people (cut off from water in the Jinba community)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Declared Firing Zone
At Tuwani, Hebron	25 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 10 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Khirbet Sarura, Hebron	25 Nov 2020	1 mobile latrine	0	2 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Declared Firing Zone
Maghayir al Abeed, Hebron	25 Nov 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure, 1 mobile latrine	0	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Declared Firing Zone
Fasayil al Wusta, Jericho	25 Nov 2020	9 animal-related structures, 3 inhabited residential structures, 1 toilet, 1 structure used as an oven room	5 adults, 4 children (2 households)	15 people (4 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Hebron, Hebron	25 Nov 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	2 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Ar Rakeez, Hebron	25 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 3 children (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Declared Firing Zone
Khallet Athaba', Hebron	25 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure, 1	2 adults, 4 children	2 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Declared Firing Zone

		livelihood structure			
Wadi al Joz, East Jerusalem	29 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 4 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
Al Khadr, Bethlehem	30 Nov 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	4 people	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Halhul, Hebron	30 Nov 2020	1 water cistern	0	5 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	30 Nov 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	5 adults, 1 child	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
TOTAL		191 structures: 36 inhabited residential structures, 13 uninhabited residential structures, 44 WASH-related structures, 16 livelihood structures, 12 agricultural structures, 51 animal related structures, and 17 other structures (not including the entire village of al Aragib)	157 people displaced (72 adults, 85 children)	973 people affected (of which 106 adults and 103 children confirmed)	43 incidents on grounds of lacking an Israeli-issued building permit, of which, in 3 incidents the structures were Self-Demolished, and 1 was punitively demolished
		191	157	973	43

Legal Updates

“District Court Rejects the Appeal of 8 families from Batan Al-Hawa Ordering their Eviction

Today (23/11/20) the Jerusalem District Court rejected the Duweik family’s appeal of the Magistrate’s Court ruling of February 2020, which ruled that it must vacate its home in favor of settlers in Batan Al-Hawa in Silwan. In a brief verdict, in 240 words, three district court judges decided the fate of 26 members of the Duweik family (five nuclear families) who have lived in their home in Silwan since before 1967. The court contented itself with quoting a verdict given a week earlier in an appeal by the Odeh and Shweiki families in a similar lawsuit. The Odeh and Shweiki families (three families with 22 people), who live near the Duweik family in Batan Al-Hawa, were also sued by the settlers and the Magistrate’s Court ordered an eviction in February this year.

Thus, in one week, the appeal of 8 families (five families in Duweik’s house and three families in Odeh and Shweiki’s house) of 45 persons was rejected and the court ordered that they be evicted from the homes they built on land they had legally purchased. The families intend to file a request to appeal at the Supreme Court, a procedure that has a low chances of success, which can take several weeks or months.

The lawsuits: Part of a move to evacuate an entire community in East Jerusalem on the basis of exercising a “right of return” for Jews

The lawsuits are part of a series of dozens of eviction lawsuits filed by members of the Ateret Cohanim settlers’ association against some 84 Palestinian families living in Batan Al-Hawa in Silwan. These lawsuits put a community of about 700 people at risk of eviction. All the lawsuits are based on the claim that in the late 19th century the land was allocated by its Jewish owners to a Jewish trust for the benefit of the poor Yemenite Jews of Jerusalem. Today, a hundred years later, in the name of the same trust, settlers seek to evacuate Palestinian families and replace them with settlers.

The Duweik family, for example, purchased the land in 1965 when Silwan was under Jordanian rule. The Jordanian government, which generally maintained Jewish property in its territory and did not allow it to be taken over or sold, did not prevent the sale of the land and the Duweik family, like their many neighbors, lived unchallenged for decades, even years after annexing East Jerusalem to Israel in 1967. Until Ateret Cohanim arrived. They managed to appoint themselves trustees of the Jewish trust (which ceased to operate in the 1930’s), and by virtue of that trust they were able to obtain land rights from the Israeli General Custodian, and filed dozens of eviction suits. **Since 2015, 14 families have been evicted this way from Batan al-Hawa. ”**

(For the full report by Peace Now - <https://peacenow.org.il/en/district-court-rejects-the-appeal-of-8-families-from-batan-al-hawa-ordering-their-eviction>)

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