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

August 2020 Report

88 Demolished Structures - OPT	2 Demolished Structures - Israel	205 Displaced People	446 Other Affected People
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Location	Date	Structures Demolished/ Confiscated	Displaced people	Affected people	Reason for Demolition stated by Israel ¹
Sur Bahir, Jerusalem	1 Aug 2020	1 uninhabited under-construction residential structure	0	4 adults, 1 child	Israeli-declared security Buffer Zone (in Area A) / Self-Demolition
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	3 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	3 adults, 4 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Silwan, East Jerusalem	3 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	5 adults, 5 children (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Abu George Road Bedouins-Kassara, Jerusalem	4 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 3 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Rantis, Ramallah	4 Aug 2020	2 agricultural structures	0	4 adults, 6 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	4 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 5 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition

Kisan, Bethlehem	4 Aug 2020	1 uninhabited residential structure, 2 animal-related structures	0	5 adults, 4 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Al Muntar, Jerusalem	4 Aug 2020	3 inhabited residential structures, 4 agricultural structures	10 adults, 5 children (3 households)	12 adults, 9 children (4 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Husan, Bethlehem	4 Aug 2020	1 livelihood structure	Unknown	Unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Silwan, East Jerusalem	5 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 livelihood structure	4 adults, 6 children (2 households)	4 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem	5 Aug 2020	3 agricultural structures	0	11 adults, 6 children (3 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Qalqiliya, Qalqiliya	5 Aug 2020	90-m concrete wall (for agricultural use)	0	4 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	5 Aug 2020	1 uninhabited under-construction residential structure	0	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Wadi Juheish, Hebron	6 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 structure used as a kitchen	3 adults, 11 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Al Jiftlik-ash-Shuneh, Jericho	6 Aug 2020	3 water pools used for irrigation (also a water network and water pumps were destroyed)	0	24 adults, 10 children (4 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/Area C
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	7 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	9 adults, 2 children (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East

					Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Sheikh Jarrah, East Jerusalem	8 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	1 adult	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Al-Tira, Central Israel	9 Aug 2020	1 uninhabited under-construction residential structure	unknown	unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit
Khirbet Khamis, East Jerusalem	10 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	6 adults, 6 children (3 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Al Khalayleh, Jerusalem	10 Aug 2020	4 livelihood structures	0	13 adults, 15 children (4 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Khallet Sakariya, Bethlehem	10 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, a 10-m retaining wall	6 adults, 2 children (2 households)	3 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Fraseen, Jenin	10 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 water reservoir	4 adults, 1 child	49 adults, 42 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	10 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	3 adults	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Khirbet al Fakheit, Hebron	11 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 3 children (3 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-Military Firing-Zone
Susiya, Hebron	11 Aug 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	2 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Maghayir al Abeed, Hebron	11 Aug 2020	1 animal-related structure	0	9 adults, 4 children (3 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C /

					Israeli-Military Firing-Zone
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	11 Aug 2020	2 inhabited residential structures	10 adults, 7 children (3 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	12 Aug 2020	1 livelihood structure	0	2 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Bir Onah, Bethlehem	12 Aug 2020	1 uninhabited under-construction residential structure	0	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Qalandiya, East Jerusalem	12 Aug 2020	1 under-construction livelihood structure	0	4 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
At Tur, East Jerusalem	12 Aug 2020	1 uninhabited under-construction residential structure	0	3 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Al 'Eizariya Jerusalem	12 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 livelihood structure	1 adult	5 adults, 9 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Khallet an Nu'man, Bethlehem	12 Aug 2020	1 under-construction animal-related structure	0	4 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / East Jerusalem
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	13 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure (an extension to the family's house)	5 children	4 adults (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Silwan, East Jerusalem	15 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition

Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	18 Aug 2020	1 uninhabited under-construction residential structure	0	17 adults, 31 children (6 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Hizma, Jerusalem	19 Aug 2020	1 animal-related structure, 1 agricultural structure	0	3 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Khirbet 'Atuf, Tubas	20 Aug 2020	1 animal-related structure	0	7 adults, 1 child (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C / Israeli-declared Nature Reserve
Nahf, North Israel	22 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	unknown	unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit
Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem	23 Aug 2020	6 agricultural structures	0	14 adults, 16 children (5 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
al Arāgīb, Naqab Desert, South Israel	24 Aug 2020	Entire village	Unknown	Unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Unrecognised Bedouin Village (the 177 th demolition)
Sur Bahir, East Jerusalem	24 Aug 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	2 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Ras 'Ein al 'Auja, Jericho	25 Aug 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	2 adults, 8 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Silwan, East Jerusalem	25 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 8 children (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Sur Bahir, East Jerusalem	25 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	6 adults, 10 children (2 households)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East

					Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Fasayil al Wusta, Jericho	25 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 1 uninhabited residential structure, 2 animal-related structures, 1 agricultural structure	2 adults	3 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Wadi as Seeq, Ramallah	25 Aug 2020	3 inhabited residential structures, 5 animal-related structures, 1 solar panel system	13 adults, 11 children (2 households)	5 adults, 8 children (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Al 'Auja, Jericho	25 Aug 2020	122-m concrete and brick wall (for agricultural use)	0	2 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Arraba, Jenin	27 Aug 2020	1 under-construction livelihood structure	0	4 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	31 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	1 adult	2 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	31 Aug 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 6 children (2 households)		Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
TOTAL		90 structures (30 inhabited residential structures, 10 uninhabited residential structures, 1 WASH structure, 10 livelihood structures,	205 people displaced (105 adults and 100 children)	446 people affected (231 adults, 215 children)	51 incidents on grounds of lacking an Israeli-issued building permit, (of which 16 structures were Self-Demolished)

		23 agricultural structures, 13 animal related structures, and 3 other structures			
		90	205	446	51

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. .

Above data is from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), B'tselem, Palestinian Information Centre, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality, IMEMC

updates

“Despite Heavy Costs, Palestinians in Occupied East Jerusalem Decide not to Self-Demolish Their Homes

Palestinian residents of occupied East Jerusalem have decided not to tear down their homes with their own hands in defiance of demolition orders issued by the Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem under the pretext of construction without permit, despite the heavy costs, reported Wafa news agency. In a public meeting for Palestinian residents of Silwan neighborhood held last week, the residents decided to stop yielding to pressure from the Israeli municipality, whom they accuse of discriminating against the non-Jewish residents of the city, and demolish their own homes under the threat that they will be heavily fined and forced to pay exorbitant costs if the municipality carries out the demolition.

The families of Silwan held a meeting to discuss “the rabid and systematic offensive by the occupation municipality to displace families through house demolitions and fining,” said the Silwan families in a statement after their meeting. “Demolishing houses with their bulldozers or self-demolition has become one of the weapons they use to fight us,” they added, calling on people not to self-demolish their homes and to stand by those who have their homes demolished and help them remain steadfast in their city. The Abdo family from Jabal al-Mukabber has decided not to demolish their own house, defying Israeli threats. “The demolition of houses is a crime that our family members cannot commit against themselves, and if the occupiers insist on doing it, then let them do it and let them be exposed to the whole world so that they will not have the satisfaction that the demolition is done by the residents,” said the Abdo family.

Reports also said that Ghaleb Abbasi, from Silwan, tore down the foundation for a house he was building after he got a threatening demolition order from the municipality. According to Khaled Abu Tayeh, member of Silwan Land Defense Committee, Abbasi had built the 160-square-meter foundation eight years ago in the hope to get a permit to continue construction of his house. But, instead, he received a demolition order and was forced to tear it apart to avoid paying high fees and costs.

Israel issued 650 demolition orders against Palestinian homes and structures in East Jerusalem this year. Palestinians in the city say they are forced to build without permit because getting one is almost impossible from a racist municipality that is ready to build thousands of housing units for Jews and not a single house for the Palestinians.”

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“House Demolitions and Forced Evictions in Silwan: Israel’s Transfer of Palestinians from Jerusalem

Al-Haq’s new report titled “House Demolitions and Forced Evictions in Silwan: Israel’s Transfer of Palestinians from Jerusalem” examines Israel’s house demolition policy as a tool of forcible transfer, the different types of demolition orders, including incidents of ‘self-demolition,’ and forced evictions. Looking at Silwan, in particular, the report analyses the impact of Israel’s systematic policies and practices of forced displacement, including Israel’s applied framework to govern planning and zoning in Jerusalem. To read the full report-

http://www.alhaq.org/cached_uploads/download/2020/08/26/house-demolitions-and-forced-evictions-in-silwan-web-1598440511.pdf

New report from Negev Coexistence Forum: “On (In)Equality and Demolition of Homes and Structures in Arab Bedouin Communities in the Negev/Naqab”

The State of Israel continues to implement a policy of expulsion towards the Arab-Bedouin community in the Negev/Naqab, denying their status as citizens with equal rights. **In 2019, 2,241 structures were destroyed, of which 33% were demolished before any demolition orders had been issued**, constituting an increase of 146% compared to the previous year (2018).

The number of self-demolitions (carried out by the owners of the structures) in 2019 was almost identical to that of 2018. No less than 88% of the residents preferred to demolish their houses themselves rather than have them destroyed by law enforcement, so as to avoid heavy fines and the trauma of police forces entering the villages.

With the outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic and after the directives by the Ministry of Health, NCF turned to the Israeli Attorney General, together with 23 other civil organizations, in a joint request to stop home demolitions and the ploughing under of fields. Unfortunately, the enforcement and police forces continued undeterred with the enforcement activities: ploughing under crops; distributing demolition orders and warnings; summoning Bedouin civilians for police investigations; imposing penalties on shepherds and more. This conduct, during a health, social and economic crisis such as has never before been experienced in Israel, proved once again to the Bedouin citizens the extent to which State authorities are impervious to their rights.”

To read the full report- <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/HDR-2020-Data-on-2019-Eng-3.pdf>