



## Resisting Apartheid, Building a Shared Democracy

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

June 2020 Report

<b>101</b> Demolished Structures - OPT	<b>5</b> Demolished Structures - Israel	<b>137</b> Displaced People	<b>435</b> Other Affected People
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Location	Date	Structures Demolished/ Confiscated	Displaced people	Affected people	Reason for Demolition stated by Israel <sup>1</sup>
Ein el Beida, Tubas, Jordan Valley	1 June 2020	2 livelihood structures	0	7 adults, 6 children (4 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit /Area C
Bardala, Tubas, Jordan Valley	1 June 2020	3 livelihood structures	0	10 adults, 21 children (5 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit /Area C
Khirbet 'Alan, Jordan Valley	1 June 2020	Irrigation network ( and a water pump confiscated)	unknown	unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit /Area C
Sur Bahir, East Jerusalem	1 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 4 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	1 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	2 adults, 5 children (7 people)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition

Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	1 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	4 adults, 7 children (2 families)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Silwan, East Jerusalem	1 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	6 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Al Lubban ash Sharqia, Nablus	2 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure, 3 animal-related structures	1 adult, 2 children	3 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	2 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	2 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	2 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	4 adults, 9 children (2 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Silwan, East Jerusalem	2 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 5 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Jericho, Jericho	3 June 2020	7 inhabited residential structures	12 adults, 11 children (5 families)	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C /Israeli-declared Firing Zone
Mirkez, Massafer Yatta, Hebron	3 June 2020	8 inhabited residential structures, 4 mobile latrine units, 1	8 adults, 28 children (6 families)	2 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C /Israeli-

		kitchen, 1 cave (used as a cesspit)			declared Firing Zone
Umm Fagarah, Massafer Yatta, Hebron	3 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	3 adults	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C /Israeli-declared Firing Zone
Khirbet al Fakheit, Massafer Yatta, Hebron	3 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	0	2 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C /Israeli-declared Firing Zone
Maghayir al Abeed, Hebron	J 3 June 2020	1 uninhabited residential structure	0	20 adults, 5 children (4 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C /Israeli-declared Firing Zone
Bardala, Tubas	4 June 2020	1 livelihood structure	0	4 adults, 7 children (2 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/Area C
Beit Ummar, Hebron	4 June 2020	1 residential structure	0	2 adults, 6 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C / Israeli-declared Nature Reserve
Qalandiya, Jerusalem	7 June 2020	3 livelihood structures	0	9 adults, 7 children (4 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem	8 June 2020	5 agricultural structures	0	10 adults, 13 children (5 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C

'Anata, Jerusalem	4 June 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
As Sawahira ash Sharqia, Jerusalem	8 June 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	1 adult	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Al Hijra, Hebron	8 June 2020	2 agricultural structures	0	9 adults, 7 children (3 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Birin, Hebron	8 June 2020	2 livelihood structures, 3 animal-related structures	0	19 adults, 8 children (3 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Abu George Road Bedouins-Nkheila, Jerusalem	9 June 2020	2 inhabited residential structures	3 adults, 2 children	5 adults, 5 children (2 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Al Muntar, Jerusalem	9 June 2020	1 residential structure, 2 agricultural structures, 3 animal-related structures	0	19 adults, 13 children (5 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	9 June 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	6 adults, 2 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Ras al 'Amud, East Jerusalem	9 June 2020	1 uninhabited residential structure	0	4 adults, 11 children (2 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
At Tur, East Jerusalem	9 June 2020	1 livelihood structure	0	2 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem

Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	9 June 2020	2 inhabited residential structures	4 adults	2 adults, 1 child	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem/ Self-Demolition
Tell al Khashaba, Nablus	10 June 2020	1 livelihood structure	0	5 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
At Taybe, Hebron	11 June 2020	3 agricultural structures, 2 concrete bases	0	27 adults, 9 children (7 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem	15 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	5 adults, 4 children	6 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Sur Bahir, East Jerusalem	16 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	5 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
Abu Dis, East Jerusalem	17 June 2020	2 under-construction uninhabited residential structures, 1 agricultural structure, 1 800-m concrete fence	0	20 adults (4 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
At Tuwani, Hebron	18 June 2020	1 animal-related structure and fence	0	5 adults, 8 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Al Khadr, Bethlehem	18 June 2020	2 inhabited residential structures	4 adults, 6 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building

					permit/ Area C
az-Zarnūg, Naqab Desert, South Israel	18 June 2020	2 inhabited residential structures, 1 animal pen	unknown	unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ unrecognised Bedouin village
Zif, Hebron	23 June 2020	1 livelihood structure	0	2 adults, 3 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Hebron, Hebron	23 June 2020	1 agricultural structure	0	7 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Silwan, East Jerusalem	23 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 4 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem	24 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 7 children	0	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem
Beituniya, Ramallah	24 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	5 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Bīr al-Ḥamām, Naqab Desert. South Israel	24 June 2020	2 inhabited residential structures	unknown	unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ unrecognised Bedouin village
Beit Sira, Ramallah	24 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure	0	1 adult	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
At Tira, Ramallah	24 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited	0	2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building

		residential structure			permit/ Area C
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	24 June 2020	1 inhabited residential structure	2 adults, 3 children	2 adults	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
Anata, Jerusalem	25 June 2020	2 under-construction uninhabited residential structures and 1 livelihood structure	0	5 adults, 6 children (3 families)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ Area C
Jabal al Mukabbir, East Jerusalem	27 June 2020	1 uninhabited residential structure	0	3 adults, 4 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
Silwan, East Jerusalem	27 June 2020	1 under-construction uninhabited residential structure		2 adults, 5 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit/ East Jerusalem / Self-Demolition
TOTAL		106 structures (37 inhabited residential structures, 16 uninhabited residential structures, 5 WASH, 15 livelihood, 18 agricultural, 11 animal related structures,	137 people displaced (54 adults and 83 children)	435 people affected (249 adults, 186 children)	50 incidents on grounds of lacking an Israeli-issued building permit (of which 11 structures were self-demolished)

		and 4 other structures			
		106	137	435	50

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, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality, IMEMC, Wadi Hilweh Information Center*



## Legal updates

### **“ Court Rejected the Sumarin Family Appeal and Ruled its Eviction by August 16, 2020**

Yesterday (June 30, 2020), the district court of Jerusalem rejected the Sumarin family's appeal regarding the eviction lawsuit filed by the Himanuta company, a subsidiary of the Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF). The court ruled that the family failed to prove its rights to the property and should therefore vacate it in favor of the JNF by August 16, 2020. The JNF received the property from the Custodian of Absentee Property in 1991 and has been conducting eviction proceedings against the family in the courts ever since.

The eviction lawsuit against the Sumarin family is based on the abuse of the Absentees' Property Law, enacted in 1950 to allow the young State of Israel to deal with the hundreds of thousands of properties abandoned by its Palestinian owners who became refugees during the war in 1948. In 1967 with the annexation of East Jerusalem, Israeli law has been applied to East Jerusalem and Israeli governments have taken advantage of this law in order to ban families, such as the Sumarin family, from their homes and transfer the assets to the settlers.

The Coalition for the Sumarin Family said: *“In the ruling, the court did not address the most important, fundamental point, which is that the house was taken in plunder. The JNF's legal woes did not change the fundamental fact that the use of the Absentees' Property Law to take over the house was done without good faith, as two government legal advisers and a government inquiry commission, determined”*.

In the past few weeks, more than 10,000 people of conscience around the world have called on the Jewish National Fund to remove their hands from the Sumarin family home and immediately stop attempts to throw the family into the street. Among them are 34 recipients of the Israel Prize, 120 world-renowned intellectuals, and 150 graduates and of the JNF youth group.

The family said it was considering to appeal to the Supreme Court. “

( Update by Peace Now 1 July, 2020)

### **“ Cabinet “approved” 700 units for Palestinians last year – in practice only 6 were**

About a year ago, the all-important Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee (known as the “Cabinet”) approved the promotion of 700 housing units for Palestinians after severe international criticism over the demolition of dozens of housing units in Wadi Hummus east of Jerusalem and the Supreme Court's review of Palestinian petitions

against demolition orders, which had asked the state to show whether building permits were granted.

On 24 June 2020, the Times of Israel reported that in the year since the Cabinet decision, only one Palestinian building permit has been approved for the Palestinians in Area C – for the erection of one building with six housing units. A Peace Now examination of the protocols of the Civil Administration Licensing Subcommittee meetings (the body that is supposed to approve plans and permit applications for Palestinians in Area C) has revealed that in nine meetings since the 30 July 2019 Cabinet resolution, one building permit was approved with six housing units and 4 building plans have been approved for 20 additional housing units. Dozens of other Palestinian requests for permits were rejected.

It should be noted that alongside the Licensing Subcommittee, there is also a subcommittee for supervision that deals with demolition orders and has the authority to approve building permits, as well. The protocols of this subcommittee are not made public, so Peace Now was not able to verify if there were permits, but experience shows that the subcommittee almost never approves such building permits, and at most, the treatment is transferred to the Licensing Subcommittee. The Supervisory Subcommittee deals with tens or even hundreds of permit applications per year, and generally rejects all of them.

**Peace Now:** *“Netanyahu’s declarations of intent to allow minimal development for millions of Palestinians in the West Bank have emerged as empty speech. There is no justification for Israeli policy that does not allow any Palestinian development in 60% of the West Bank, that which is considered Area C and under direct Israeli control. This policy serves no Israeli interest except that of a small group of settlers who do not want their neighbors to live well and develop. If anyone has doubts about what is expected with the potential annexation of the West Bank, the current policy of the government suggests that the state of discrimination and apartheid that is already evident on the ground will become institutionalized policy.”*

For a list of plans and permits approved for Palestinians since 30 July 2020 to date (24 June 2020) go to the link below

<https://peacenow.org.il/en/cabinet-approved-700-units-for-palestinians-last-year-in-practice-only-6-were>

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