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**Resisting Apartheid, Building a Shared Democracy**



*Ruins of the Abu Hatab family home, Gaza Strip, 15 May '21. Photo: Muhammad Sabah, B'Tselem*

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

**May 2021 Report**

11 Demolished Structures - OPT	1 Demolished structure - Israel	9 Displaced People	57 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>
Beit Jala, Bethlehem	4 May 2021	3 livelihood structures, 2 latrine units	0	14 adults, 12 children (5 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Sebastiya, Nablus	10 May 2021	1 structure used as a storage room	0	14 people (2 households)	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Taybeh, central Israel	26 May 2021	1 inhabited residential structure	unknown	unknown	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Self-Demolition
Al Buweib, Hebron	31 May 2021	1 agricultural structure	0	2 adults, 6 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
Umm Zaitonah, Hebron	31 May 2021	2 inhabited residential structures, 2 animal-related structures	5 adults, 4 children (2 households)	2 adults, 7 children	Lack of an Israeli-issued building permit / Area C
TOTAL		12 structures: 3 inhabited residential structure, 0 uninhabited residential structure, 2 WASH-related structures, 3 livelihood structures, 1 agricultural structures, 2 animal-related structures, 1 other structure	9 people displaced (of which 5 adults and 4 children are confirmed)	57 people affected (of which 18 adults and 25 children confirmed)	3 incidents on grounds of lacking an Israeli-issued building permit, of which, in 1 incident the structure was Self-Demolished by the owner/s
		12	9	57	5

## **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*

## Demolition and Displacement in Gaza 10 May-21 May 2021

	<b>Structures damaged</b>	<b>Structures demolished</b>	<b>Affected people</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Education</b>	58 facilities	0	600,000 students have had to stop studying	<b>58</b>
<b>Health</b>	9 hospitals, 19 primary care centres	0	<i>unknown</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>Housing and Commercial</b>	15, 944 damaged units (of which 1,026 were severely damaged, and 14,918 units suffered major to minor damage)	1,148 units (in 258 buildings)	16,612 people had their homes damaged (3,222 families), and some 9,000 people displaced	<b>17,092 units and 25,612 affected people</b>
<b>WASH</b>	Waste-water networks, pipelines, sewage evacuation vehicles, water wells, a waste-water pumping station and other services were severely damaged	<i>Unknown</i>	800,000 people with no regular access to safe piped water -	<b>800,000 affected people</b>

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