



**Annex to the monthly report on Israeli violations in
the occupied city of Jerusalem
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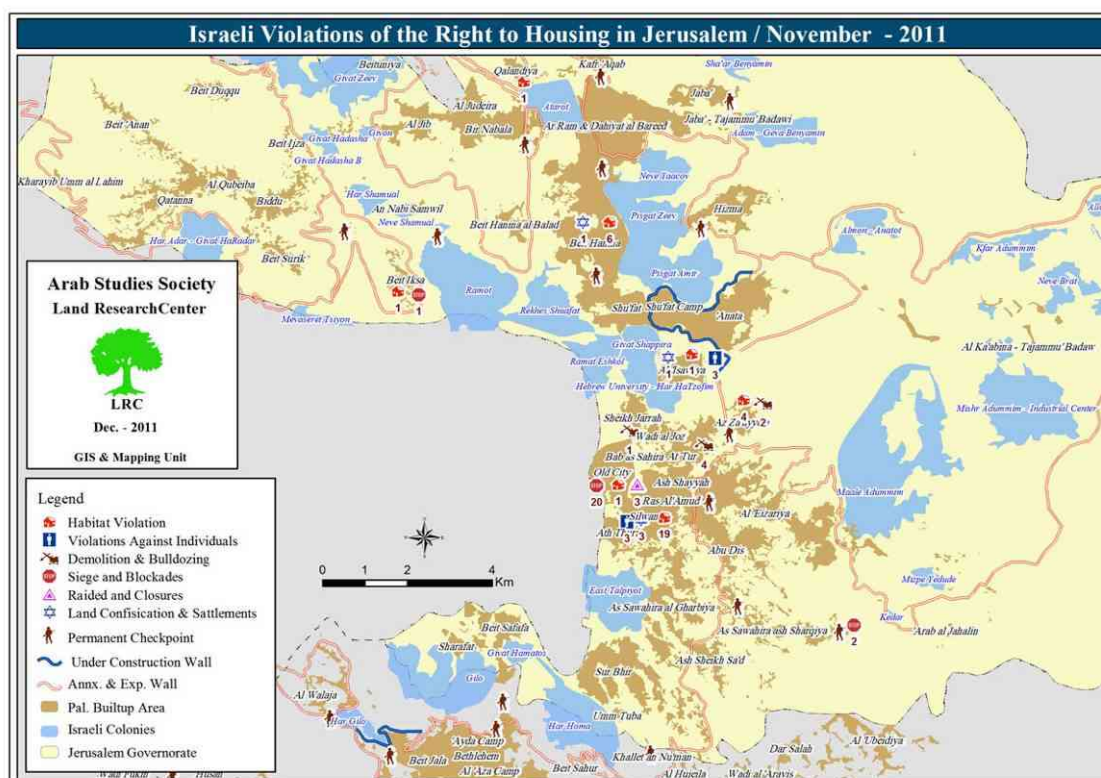
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Israeli Violations of Human Rights – November, 2011

No.	Violation	occurrence
1	The Right to Residency:	
	1.1 house demolition	9
	1.2 demolition threats	3
	1.3 seizures and seizure attempts	5
	1.4 raids	16
2	Plowing and demolitions	8
3	Confiscation and colonization	5
4	Segregation wall	2
5	Siege and blockades	23
6	Raids	3
7	Violations against individuals	6
Total		80

*source: Field work – Monitoring Israeli Violations of Human Rights Unit - LRC



Israeli Violations of Human Rights by Location – November, 2011

LRC: 2011, an Agonizing Farewell

LRC, in cooperation with the Civic Coalition for Defending the Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem (CCDPRJ), issued the monthly report on the Israeli violations of human rights in the Occupied City of Jerusalem, November, 2011.

The violations rate had increased during the month and the attacks against Palestinian individuals and property continued unabated.

LRC recorded a total of 80 violations including 33 committed against the right to adequate housing; including:

- 5 residences were demolished in Al Ka'abna family dwell in Beit Hanina; the residences were inhabited by 37 people including 25 children.
- 4 residences were demolished in Al Z'ayyem were 38 people including 26 children were rendered homeless.

3 eviction orders were issued against residences in Bir Ayyub and Wadi Yasoul in Silwan.

In addition, 5 cases of house seizures, or seizure attempts were recorded; these included:

- Israeli colonists threatened to displace Zalloum family (20 members including 11 children) and move them from their 3 houses in Al Qarmi, in the Old City.
- The so-called "Guardian of the Absentees Properties" threatened to evict Samreen family house in Wadi Hilwa - Silwan, the house is inhabited by three families with a total of 12 people (5 children).
- El Ad Colonial Society attempted to take over Abu Thiab residence in Wadi Hilwa – Silwan.

16 cases of house raids were recorded during November, 2011 with the purpose of inspection or penalizing. The houses were being inspected in detailed while the contents were being messed up in every raid (Silwan: 11, Beit Ikse: 2, Qalandiya: 1, Beit Hanina: 1, and Al 'Isawiyya: 1).

Plowing and Demolitions:

The Israeli Occupation Municipality in the Occupied City executed 8 bulldozing operations as well as 4 demolitions in various parts of the Occupied City; these included:

- Demolishing a shack and two sheds as well as bulldozing a 1250-m²-field planted with 22 trees in At Tur.
- Demolishing 2 sheds with a total area of 600 m² used as a burrow in Al Z'ayyem. The sheds were owned by Al S'edi family.
- Leveling lands in Lifta in a step towards building a parking lot.
- Leveling lands in Karm al Mufti area in al Sheikh Jarrah.

Colonization and Confiscation:

- The Israeli Occupation Municipality announced the take over of 650 m2, property of the Armenian Monastery.
- In Ras al Amoud neighborhood, the Israeli colonists objected to the rehabilitation of the neighborhood mosque claiming that it is built on "Jewish property" and criticizing the Police for not interfering.
- The Israeli Municipality is targeting the only recreational ground in Silwan; an 800-m2-playground. The Israelis, who used to break into the field frequently, declared their intentions to take over the area claiming that the playground is illegal. They also made clear their intentions to use the field as a parking lot for the "Jewish visitors" of the so-called David City.
- Reports surfaced on the Israeli Occupation Authorities intention to build a new "biblical park" on Jabal al Masharef (Mount Spocus) over a total area of 706 dunums.
- The Israeli Occupation Housing Minister informed Pisgat Z'ev colony council of his intention to build 800 colonial units to create a connection with Jerusalem city.

Segregation Wall:

- The Israelis tend to complete the wall sections surrounding 'Anata and Shu'fat Camp; construction in between Ras Shihada and Ras Khamees has intensified in November. The checkpoint in the area will be turned into a permanent crossover as part of the wall which will isolate Jerusalem from its Arab demographic extensions.
- The Israeli Occupation Authorities completed the construction of the wall section separating Jerusalem from Beit Jala town.

Siege and Blockade:

- Despite 11 crossovers around the city as well as tens of checkpoints, watch towers, and surveillance cameras, 23 "flying checkpoints" were placed in the Occupied City in November.

Raids:

- Abu al Izz shop received more than 50 penalties for posting pictures of the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**.
- Israeli troops broke into Bali Falafel Restaurant and confiscated all its contents; an estimated 100,000 ILS losses were recorded.
- Tens of fines were imposed on Arab shops in Saladin and Al Zahra' Streets.

Violations against individuals:

- 2 armed Israelis, wearing civilian clothing, broke into Mohammad Naser shop in Al 'Isawiyya. They attacked the owner, Omar Taha, a customer, and Yaser Abdul Wahed, who was standing by the shop door.
- Israeli troops physically and verbally abused 3 members of the Jaber family when breaking into their house in Silwan.
- 13 Palestinians were abruptly detained in various neighborhoods.

The Right to Residency House Demolitions

Demolishing 5 structures...

The Israeli Occupation Authorities demolished 5 residences sheltering 37 people in Beit Hanina without any previous warning.

Around 120 soldiers accompanied by two bulldozers broke into "Al Ideisa", to the north of Beit Hanina.

Soon after the troop deployment and the blocking of roads, the Israeli troops evicted all the residents and started knocking down the residences with all the contents.

The dozers also targeted the water tanks placed away from the houses; soon after the demolition was over; the dozers moved backwards to destroy the tanks.

Mohammad Ka'abna (67) stated to an LRC observer: "we bought the lands 15 years ago, and built our residences here 10 years later. We assigned an attorney to follow up our case in Israeli Courts; however, at 8:30 am, on November 17, 2011, Israeli troops and dozers broke into the area as if they were going to war; the result was leaving us shelter-less!

When the dozers showed up, we called the lawyer, he told us that no demolition order was issued; and no decision was made regarding the house; even if an order was issued we should have had a 3-day-respite!"

Table 2: victims of the Israeli demolitions:

No.	Victim	Age	Family members	Children	House area (m2)	Structure	Estimated loss
1	Mnasour al Ka'abna	28	8	6	140	Cement house	30,000 ILS
2	Mousa al Ka'abna	34	6	4	135	Cement house	50,000 ILS
3	Mohammad al Ka'abna	67	8		200	Shack	100,000 ILS
4	Wafa' Nabeeh	30	6	4	30	Shack	N.A
5	Maysar al Ka'abna	30	8	6	70	Shack	N.A

Scenes of Destruction:



The removal of nomads' residences

On November 28, 2011, more than 50 soldiers accompanied by workers broke into Al Sa'di family dwelling in Al Z'ayyem.

The workers cleared part of the furniture in the residences before two dozers knocked them down.

The demolished residences sheltered 38 people including 26 children.

The operation lasted for an hour and a half and ended up with the detention of Nayf and Khader Al Sa'di, two of the owners, who tried to stop the dozers from carrying out the operation.

Mohammad al Sa'di stated to an LRC observer: "around 4:00 pm on Monday, Israeli troops came to my house and said "gather your clan and remove your houses; find shelter by Abu Mazen [the Palestinian President], this is the land of Israel.

I asked him to show a warrant but I got no response.

I told him that we bought these lands in 1951; since were forcefully expelled from our lands in Arad; send us back to our lands and we shall move our residences there! Our losses are estimated to be around 200,000 ILS."

The Right to Residency Demolition Threats

3 demolition orders in Silwan:

The Israeli Occupation Municipality in Jerusalem served the families of Arwa Jalajel in Wadi Yasoul and Mahmoud Odeh and Ahmad al 'Abbassi in Bir Ayyub demolition orders.

This aggression is considered part of the Israeli plan to convert Silwan into a biblical park by displacing Palestinians and demolish their houses.

The Right to Residency Seizure Attempts

Colonists use the Israeli politically-driven Judicial System to achieve their objectives:

colonists are threatening to capture Zalloum family house while claiming that the house is owned by "Jews". They claimed that the family is residing in the house illegally on the basis of an Israeli Magistrate Court sentence.



However, Zalloum family appealed to the Israeli Central Court but their appeal was rejected before it turned to the Israeli Supreme Court. The family has been residing in the 2-storey, 100-m² house since 1948.

The house is inhabited by 3 families, a total of twenty people, more than half of them are children.

Eviction order for Samrin family:

Samrin Family received an eviction order for their 120-m²-house located in Wadi Hilwa in the Occupied City.

The house is the property of Mohammad Samrin (55); Mohammad is unemployed while being the sole supporter of his 12-member family.

The house is located 5 meters away from the so-called David city; which means that the house has been targeted for twenty years since David City schematics were put in place.

The purpose of the order is the expansion of the colonial city.

The family lawyer appealed to the Israeli Magistrate Court confidently while having enough proof of the family ownership.



Samrin House



The so-called David city edging the house

El Ad colonial Society attempt to capture Abu Thiab House:

On November 30, 2011, the Israeli Magistrate Court approved a bill that allows El Ad Colonial Society to capture a house owned by Abu Thiab family in Silwan.

The house is inhabited by Husein Hijjo and his 6-member-family which includes 4 children.

The Hijjos have been residing in the 60-m²-house for 14 months.

The owner, Dawood abu Thiab stated to an LRC Observer: *"this house is owned by Mohammad abu Thiab, when Mohammad died, the ownership was moved to the heirs.*

2 years ago, a group of colonists informed us that the house is theirs and that they will capture it soon.

The house is surrounded by colonists from all sides and the owners assigned Mohannad Jbara, an attorney of law, to follow the case up."

The Right to Residencyí Raids

The Israeli Army and Police raided 13 Palestinian houses:

Israeli troops break into Palestinian houses on various pretexts, serving orders, fines, inspections, arrests, etc.

The troops usually raid the houses in the middle of the night or in the early morning hours, masked and heavily armed and sometimes accompanied with dogs, spreading fear and terror among the inhabitants.

They show no respect to the houses while confiscating computers, cell phones, money, jewelries, among other belongings.

Table 3: LRC recorded the following raids in November, 2011:

No.	Owner	Location	Date	purpose
1	Mahmoud Elayyan	Beit Iksa	03/11/2011	Arresting his son Abdul Rahman
2	Yacoub abu Asab	As Suwanna – Silwan	04/11/2011	Arresting the owner, confiscating 2 computers and 3 cell phones
3	Zayed Family	Beit Iksa	06/11/2011	Arresting Abdul Rahman Zayed
4	Ghazi Hamed sons (3)	Silwan	11/11/2011	Assaulting the family

5	Mahmoud Atiyya	Silwan	12/11/2011	Arresting the owner
6	Ahmad abu Asab	Ath Thuri – Silwan	13/11/2011	Arresting the owner
7	Amer abu Madi	Silwan	22/11/2011	Arresting his 11-year-old son
8	Salah abu Madi	Silwan	22/11/2011	Arresting his 11-year-old son
9	Ihab al Jallad	Al 'Isawiyya	22/11/2011	Arresting Ihab and confiscating cell phones
10	Sana Shihada (former prisoner)	Qalandiya	24/11/2011	Ordered her to go to a nearby Police Station to sign a document allowing them to arrest here if she was found outside the borders of Jerusalem; messed up the contents of the house
11	Haitham Taha	Beit Hanina	25/11/2011	Arresting Haitham
12	Basem Idris	Silwan	25/11/2011	Arresting him, confiscating cell phones, and leaving the family members roofless
13	Abdul Rahman 'Iwes	Ras al Amoud – Silwan	25/11/2011	Arresting Abdul Rahman
14	Naser al Abbasi	Silwan	29/11/2011	Arresting his 18-year-old son, Mohammad

Breaking and Entering Incidents:

Arresting two children in the Occupied City:

On November 22, 2011, the Israeli Occupation Authorities arrested Omar and Alaa abu Madi, both 11, from their homes in Silwan.

The Israeli Police and Army target children in Silwan more than any other neighborhood in the Occupied City; the locals believe that the reason for that is avenging the locals not only by demolishing and capturing their houses but also by tormenting their children by spreading fear and terror among them as well as abusing them physically.

Breaking into a residential compound in Silwan:

On November 11, 2011, masked Israeli troops broke into a residential compound in Silwan; the rammed the gate and entered the compound before letting anyone to allow them in.

They beat Um Ghazi (38) and Hamed Jaber (34) when they tried to ask them who were they.

The soldiers demanded to take the children out while the inhabitants refused to let their children go before knowing who is asking.

Um Ghazi was hit with a rifle butt on her chest while Hamed's arm was broken as a result of beating before being dragged into custody.



Hamed's broken arm

Victims of the Israeli Aggression:

Um Ghazi (38), bruises in her chest and shoulder.

Murad (35), married and a father of three children, suffered from bruises and cuts.

Jameela, suffered from burns around her thighs due to an explosion of a sound grenade; she remained for three days in the hospital.

Demolishing two sheds and a shack in At Tur Neighborhood

On November 2, 2011, Israeli troops accompanied by officers of the Israeli Municipality in the Occupied City leveled two sheds and a shack as well as agricultural field in At Tur neighborhood in the Occupied City.

The Israeli dozers demolished the sheds without giving the owner time to clear the contents.

The troops confiscated the ruins in order not to be recycled.

The Israelis prevented people and journalists from getting near the site while leveling 1250 m2 of lands planted with 22 trees.

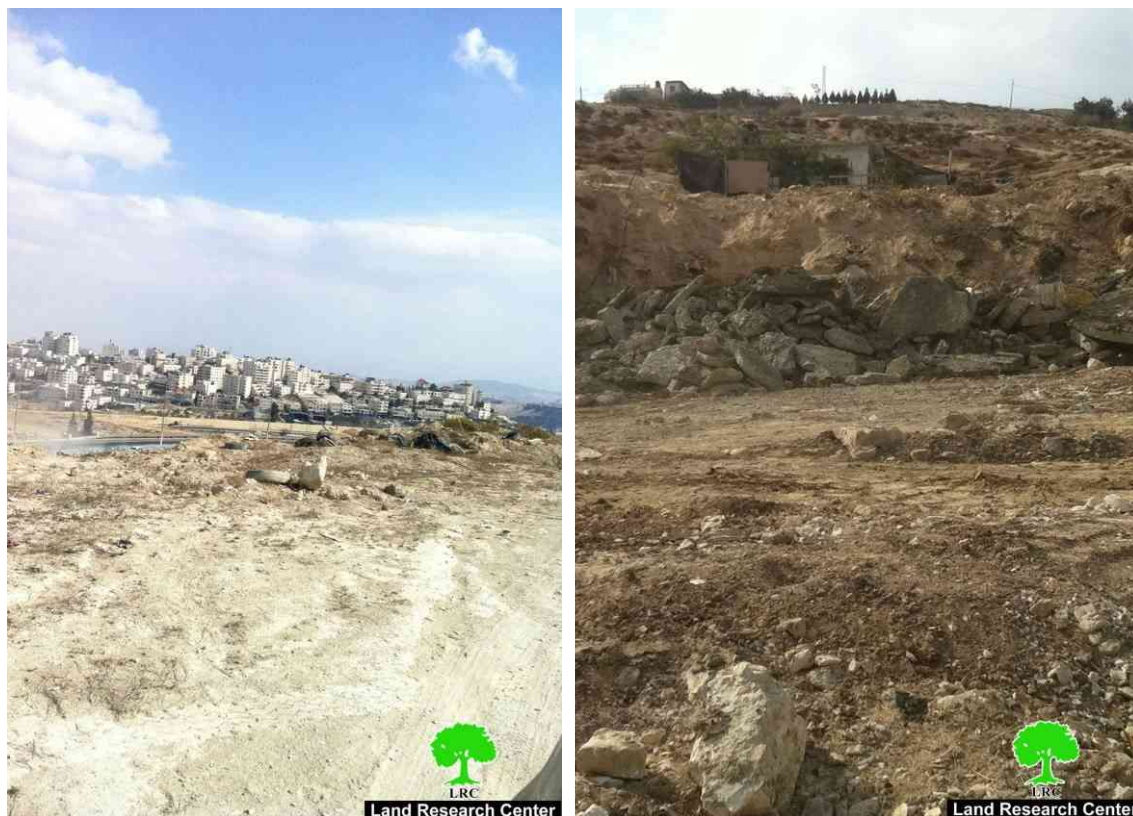
The field was reclaimed and the sheds were placed into it 8 years ago.

The owner stated that before the demolitions took place, he informed them that he assigned a lawyer to defend his case but received nothing more than deaf ears.

Also, he said that the officers did not show him any warrants or orders meaning that the demolitions were illegal even for the Israeli unjust and discriminatory laws.

This is not the first time that Mr. Zablah and his family suffer from an aggression; 8 months earlier, Mr. Zablah was forced to demolish his own house which was built 7 years ago in addition to imposing a huge fine on him.

When gone, it was hard to recognize the field as the land was turned upside down.



Zablah lands

Desmolishing two sheds in Al Z'ayyem:

Israeli dozers demolished two sheds, 600 m2 in area, that were used as barns, leaving the cattle unsheltered and killing a camel.

Leveling huge areas in Lifta:

The Israeli Occupation Ministry of Transport is leveling huge areas in Lifta for building a parking lot to serve the new light railway.

The ministry is planning to build a parking lot that is capable to host up to 750 vehicles.

Plowings in "Karm al Mufti":

Israeli dozers are leveling the lands of "Karm al Mufti" near the offices of the Ministry of Interior to the north of Wadi al Jouz.

The Israeli Municipality in Jerusalem breaks into the "Armenian Monastery" properties:

Israeli officers broke into the 650-m2-plot located in between Al 'Abasiyya and Ath Thuri and declared laying their control over it

The plot is being exploited by the Sarhans who rented it from the monastery for two generations now.

No reasons were stated for such a takeover.

Rehabilitating a mosque disturbs Israeli colonists:

In Ras al Amoud neighborhood, the Israeli colonists objected to the rehabilitation of the neighborhood mosque claiming that it is built on "Jewish property" and criticizing the Police for not interfering.

The colonists claim that the lands are part of the Jewish cemetery; however, the Palestinians confirmed several times that the lands is owned by Al Ghoul family which bought that plot in the 1960's to build the mosque.

The Israelis target Wadi Hilwa recreational ground:

The Israeli Municipality is targeting the only recreational ground in Silwan; an 800-m2-playground. The Israelis, who used to break into the field frequently, declared their intentions to take over the area claiming that the playground is illegal. They also made clear their intentions to use the field as a parking lot for the "Jewish visitors" of the so-called David City.

More "Biblical Parks"...

On November 19, 2011, the Israeli Occupation Authorities announced their intention to build a new "biblical park" near Mount Scopus and over the lands of Al 'Isawiya and At Tur.

Such a park will be build purposefully to serve judization pf the city as well as the Israeli efforts of forging history.

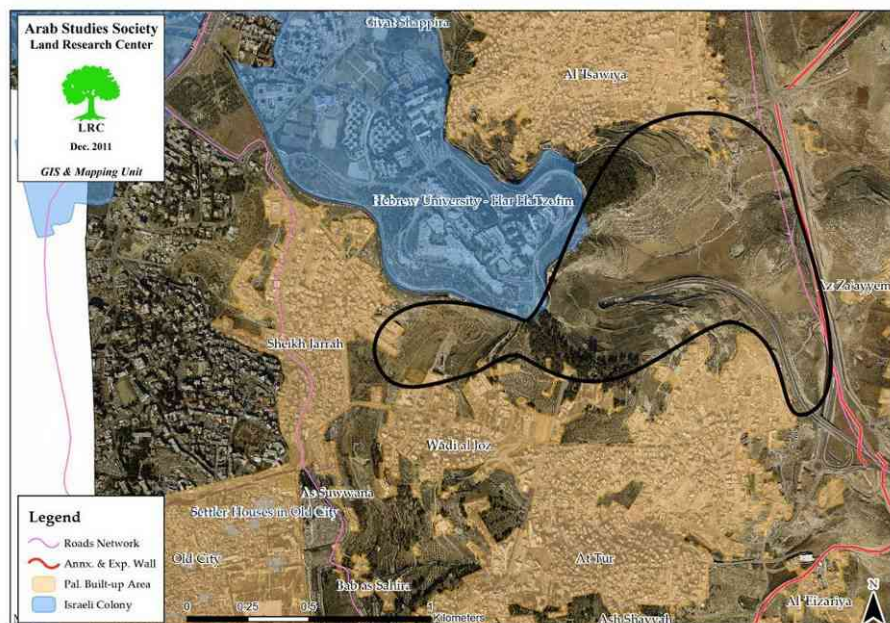
The target land is about 700 dunums of uninhabited lands. Most of the lands are owned by families of Al 'Isawiya who used it for cultivating winter crops.

Darwish Darwish, a spokesman of Al 'Isawiya people, stated to an LRC observer: *"we stand firm against any plan targeting our lands; we will hold a meeting with the town folks and agree on a plan to protect our lands. We have already assigned a lawyer to follow up the order within the Israeli legal system."*

"4 years ago, we tried to expand the agricultural plot in the area; however, the Israeli Environmental Protection Agency informed us that these lands have already been confiscated and included in a scheme for building a biblical park in it. 6 months back, the EPA showed up and started their operations; however, the locals stood in their way and made them leave; they never came again. Few days ago, we were shocked to hear the announcement of the construction of a biblical park in the area without even informing the owners. They said that there is a 60 days respite for objections. We stand firm against the plan and we will never allow it to be implemented."



Target lands in mount Scopus



An aerial photo of the target area

A plan to amend 800 colonial units to Pizgat Z'ev:

The Israeli Occupation Housing Minister informed Pizgat Z'ev colony council of his intention to build 800 colonial units to create a connection with Jerusalem city.

Funds have already been allocated for the project; however, the plan is still subject to approval of the Israeli Ministry of defense.

Segregation Wall

Isolating more than 50,000 Jerusalemites:

The Israelis tend to complete the wall sections surrounding 'Anata and Shu'fat Camp; construction in between Ras Shihada and Ras Khamees which is inhabited by around 65,000 people, more than 50,000 are holders of Jerusalem IDs. The construction has intensified in November.



A gap in the wall



The road leading to 'Anata

Shu'fat crossover will be the largest among the eleven crossovers (terminals) around Jerusalem which disconnects the city from its geo-demographic extensions.



the crossover, to be



The old passage

The infrastructure of the crossover has already been laid; it will include underground pathways as well.



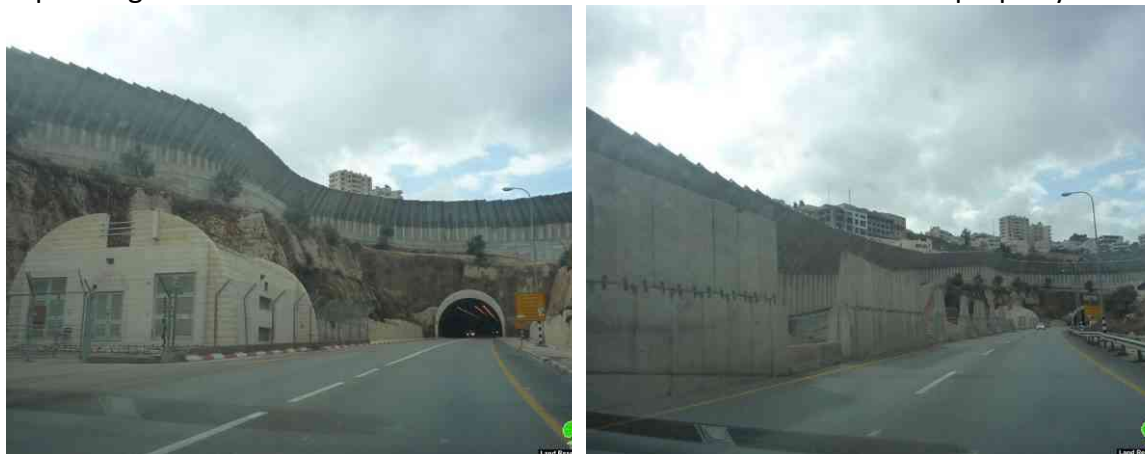
Abu al Walid al Dajani shops; the wall consumed the surrounding plot and isolated the shops from their owner

The Israeli Segregation wall confines a war crime in the occupied Palestinian Territories. The construction of the wall is a breach of all the international agreements and an extreme violation of Palestinian rights.

The wall was ruled illegal by the ICJ on July 9, 2004.

Lawless use of Palestinian properties:

The Israeli Occupation Authorities completed the construction of the wall section separating Jerusalem from Beit Jala town. The wall is built on Palestinian property.



The tunnel leading to the Occupied City

Siege and Blockade

Intensifying "security measures" on checkpoints:

Despite 11 crossovers (terminals) around the city as well as tens of checkpoints, watch towers, and surveillance cameras, 23 "flying checkpoints" were placed in the Occupied City in November, Thus, drastically affecting the residents' economy and connection with their fellow Palestinians.

LRC recorded a number of violations that took place on Israeli checkpoints, these included:

Table 4: checkpoints aggressions:

No.	Checkpoint	Location	Date	Number of violations	aggression
1	All the checkpoints in and around Jerusalem	All the entrances of the Occupied City	02/11/2011	20	Imposing extreme measures on all the checkpoints on the eve of the Muslims holiday of "Eid al Adha"; thousands of reinforcements were called to the checkpoints preventing people from passing in or out
2	The "container"	As Sawahira ash Sharqiya	19/11/2011	1	Arresting a Palestinian
3	Beit Ikse	Beit Ikse	22/11/2011	1	Complete closure;

					disallowing anyone in or out
4	The "container"	As Sawahira ash Sharqiya	28/11/2011	1	Arresting a freed prisoner who was heading to Jordan to receive medical treatment
Total				23	

Raids

Huge fines for Abu al Izz:

On November 10, 2011, a large Israeli force, accompanied by more than 20 workers, raided Abu al Izz restaurant which has been a target for a numerous penalties.

Abu al Izz restaurant received more than 50 penalties for posting pictures of the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.



Maragha re-posting the pictures and flags



Exhibiting fines

Confiscating the contents of "Ala Bali" restaurant near Herod's Gate:

On November 22, 2011, Israeli troops broke into "Ala Bali" Falafel Restaurant and confiscated all its contents on claims of congregated liabilities to the Israeli Income Tax department; an estimated 100,000 ILS losses were recorded.

The restaurant is the property of Shihada Idkedik who has been operating it for 33 years; he had been assisted by his sons Mustapha and Mwaffaq and another worker; the restaurant formed their only source of living.



Abundance of taxes in Saladin and Al Zahra Streets:

In Silwan, the Israeli Police and the Tax Department placed checkpoints on all the entrances of the neighborhood. They stopped every passerby and every car and checked his tax records.

They fined many people and impound their properties as a mean to impose pressure on them.

These campaigns are considered part of the Israeli policy intended to drive the Palestinian residents out.

Violations against individuals

Law makers are law breakers:

In Israel, there are no laws to protect the Arab citizens of the Occupied City; it seems that the law enforcements are designed to drive the Palestinians out of the city by constantly abusing them and violating their rights.

On November 14, 2011, 2 armed Israelis, wearing civilian clothing and driving a civilian car, broke into Mohammad Naser (30) shop in Al 'Isawiyya. They attacked the owner, Omar Taha (17), a customer, and Yaser Abdul Wahed (49), who was standing by the shop door.

The force arrested Omar Taha and detained him in a detention center before being moved to hospital on the next day.

In the hospital, he complained about pain in his pubic bone and his right-side ribs.

The doctors could see bruises all around his body as well as traces of beating, even jumping on his tummy and back.

The Police claimed that Omar resisted arrest so they extended the detention for 48 hours.