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# **Annex to the monthly report on Israeli violations in the occupied city of Jerusalem August – 2011**

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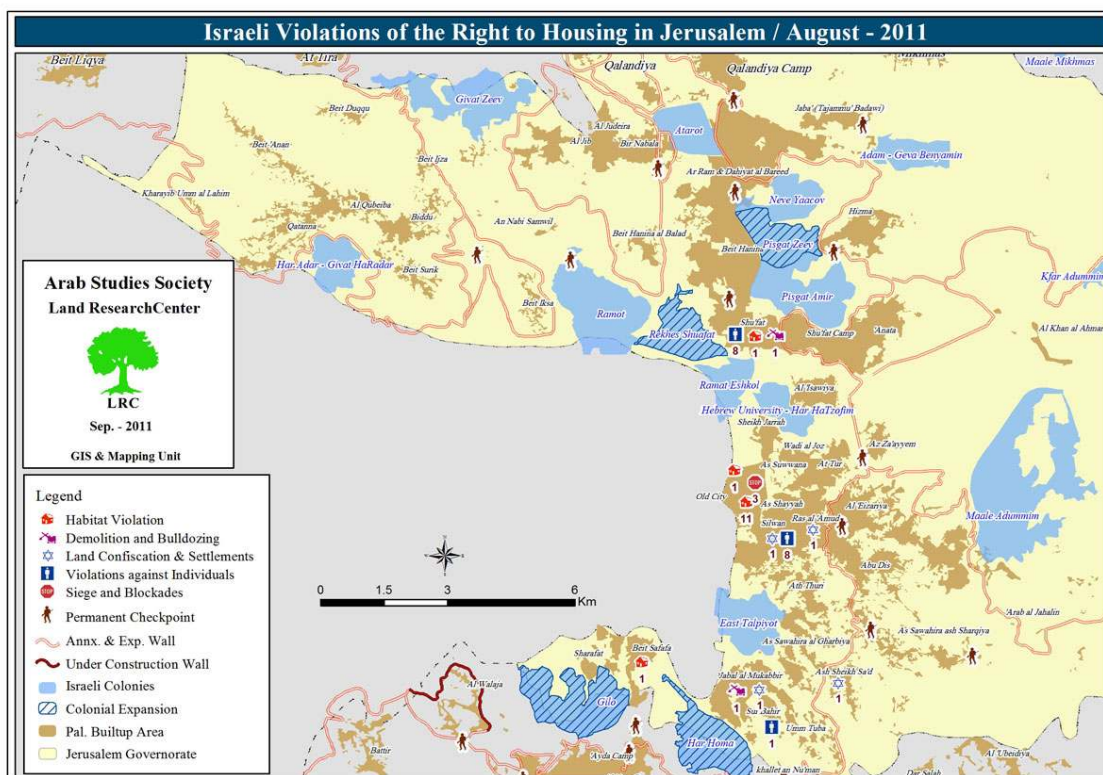
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## Israeli Violations of Human Rights, August, 2011:

No.	Violation	Occurrence
1	The right to residency	
	1.1 house demolitions	1
	1.2 demolition threats	4
	1.3 seizure attempts	1
	1.4 fines and penalties	1
	1.5 raids	7
2	Plowings and demolitions	2
3	Segregation wall	1
4	Confiscation and colonization	11
5	Siege and blockades	3
6	Violations against individuals	17
Total		48



**Map 1: Israeli Violations of human rights by location**

## Preface:

The month of August, 2011 have witnessed disgraceful escalations and outrageous violations of the holiness of the month of Ramadan, especially in the Occupied City of Jerusalem.

Muslims all around the world were watching the city, tears in their eyes for not being able one of three most sacred sites in Islam.

The Israelis have blocked all the entrances to the city rendering Palestinians from the West Bank, Gaza strip, and even Jerusalem unable to get to the mosque.

On August, 2011, more violations have been committed by various Israeli Official and nonofficial bodies.

The Land Research Center recorded 48 violations against Palestinians in the Occupied City.

The most significant were violations against the right to residency, a total of 14 cases including a house demolition in Al Baq'a which left 6 people homeless.

4 cases of demolition threats in the Old City; houses that are inhabited by 7 families (50 people) have become targets for future demolitions.

8 cases of raids and imposing fines on people; among them was a 100,000-ILS penalty.

Israeli troops broke into Al Fakhouri residence without showing any warrants or stating any reasons for the raid; the soldiers attacked the inhabitants sending four to them to the hospital for treatment.

In another case, Israeli troops raided Abu Khdeir family house, they attacked the daughters and arrested the son Anan.

Furthermore, Israeli colonists, protected by Israeli soldiers, attempted to take over the Salahs house; Salah was exciled to Tarqumiya in Hebron in an attempt to persuade him to give up his house.

On the other hand, the Israelis are planning to mill an alternative road for public transportation.

Flames erupted in Wadi Yasoul; however, the Israeli Police prevented fire trucks from approaching the site, allowing the flames to cause more destruction.

As for the segregation wall, Israeli dozers are still plowing large areas in Al Walaja village; uprooting hundreds of trees in the process.

The Israeli Occupation Government approved several colonization plans to build more than 2206 colonial units around Jerusalem

The Israeli Police ordered shopkeepers and hawkers in "Al Qattanin market" to close their shops and evacuate the area to provide protection for colonists who were to perform a certain religious ritual.

The Israeli Municipality launched a harassment campaign; it confiscated 5 commercial booths and clothes from some shops.

The officers imposed 2575 ILS in penalties against 6 people.

During the holy month of Ramadan, the Israeli Occupation Authorities prevented Palestinians, men younger than 50 and women younger than 35, from getting into Al Aqsa Mosque square.

8 people were arrested in Shu'fat, accusing them of impeding the new railway with rocks.

Also, 8 children were arrested in Silwan while on their way back home from school.

An Israeli border Police officer ran over Amin Dabash in Sur Baher, killing him immediately.

## The Right to Residency... House Demolitions

### The Israeli Occupation Municipality in Jerusalem Demolishes a Palestinian Residence

The Israeli Municipality in the Occupied City demolished Al Rajabi family dwelling while they were absent on August 10, 2011.

Israeli dozers broke into the property of Majed al Rajabi (51), under massive protection, and demolished the 60-m2-residence.



**Picture 1: a view of the demolition – by: Mahmoud Ulayyan**

*"I purchased the property, registered under Israeli laws, 7 years ago. We stayed there for two years before, two weeks ago; an inspector showed up and inspected the property. He came again 2 days ago and served us a demolition order to be carried out in 72 hours.*

*However, they committed their crime only 42 hours later.*

*In the early hours of Wednesday and while being away; Israeli dozers broke into our property accompanied by tens of troops.*

*We were informed by the neighbors that Israeli troops broke into our place.*

*They demolished the house from within as well as a veranda that I amended after buying the property.*

*We came back to the house to find it nothing but damaged walls. My family is living miserably at the moment.*

*I do not really know what the Municipality wants? 2 years ago, they demolished our residence in Wadi ad Damm in Beit Hanina and now this!"*

## The right to Residency...Demolition Threats

### Ordering 7 families to evacuate their homes:

The Israeli Occupation GAP threatens to displace 7 families residing in 4 houses. The families have been living in their houses for more than 40 years.

They used to pay the lease for the people in charge of the houses, Mohammad abu Mayyala and Shihda Shabana.

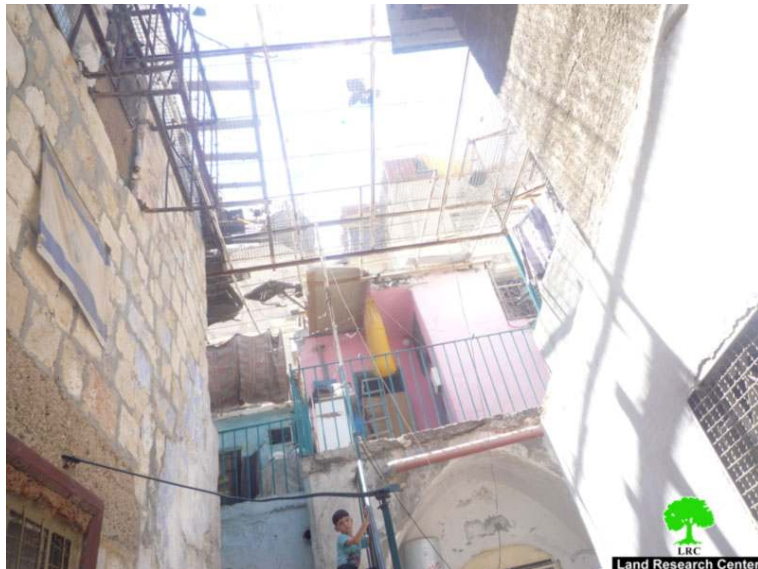
However, since 2004, they have started paying the lease to the GAP and Hatomim Shtaym colonial society who claim to be the owners.

Since 1988, Hatomim Shtaym refused to be paid as to find an excuse to evict the houses and drive the families out.

3 years earlier, GAP served the inhabitants eviction orders which were sent again in August this year.

The dwellers insist that there is no way they are going to evict their houses. They insisted that for 7 years they have been paying the rent through mail on time.

The GAP claims that they sent back some of the money but the Palestinians dent their claims.



**Picture 2: threatened houses**

### The Right to Residency...Fines and Penalties

#### **The Israeli Municipality is getting rich by exploiting the right to residency:**

The Israeli Municipality imposed a 100,000 ILS penalty on Hasan al 'Atiq for building without a permit.

A family member stated that him and his family have been residing in the house located at "Bab Hutta" since the Israeli invasion of the city.

The family has spawned to become 4 families; 20 people are living in the house.

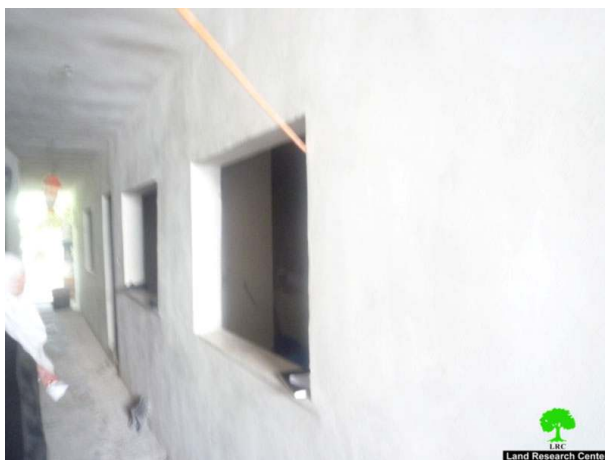
5 years earlier, the Israeli Municipality issued a demolition order and imposed a penalty on the owner which was fully paid.



## The Right to Residency...Raids

### **The Israeli Army Transgresses the Fakhouris:**

On August 19, 2011, a large Israeli force broke into the Fakhouris residence in "Bab Hutta".



**Picture 3: Thib al Fakhouri house – Bab Hutta**

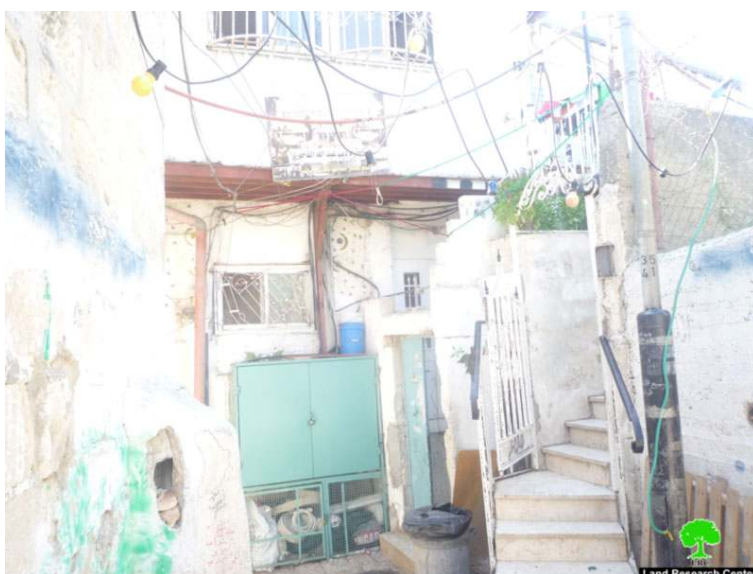
At 6:30 am, around 50 Israeli soldier broke into the house which is inhabited by six families.

Ahmad al Fakhori was shocked to see 10 soldiers around him when he woke up.

He protested to their presence and when he tried to stop them they beat him badly breaking his arm and injuring his head.

Screams were coming from all around the house as soldiers were beating each and every member of the family.

Saleh al Fakhori (60) was injured in the head alongside two of his sons. One of them was shot on the face and leg with a rubber bullet and the other on the face.



**Picture 4: Ahmad al Fakhori – injured**

It must be known that the soldiers have not shown any search warrants or any kind of order that allows them to breach the house doors.

### **The Israeli Police maltreat, beats, and arrest a mother and her daughters:**

On August 24, 2011, Israeli soldiers broke into Naser abu Khdeir house; Naser is a known Palestinian politician who is now imprisoned in Ufar penitentiary.

They claimed that they have an arrest warrant issued against his son, Anan (14).

Soldiers, including female soldiers, spread all around the house.

The officer in charge asked the mother to join them in order to be with her son during interrogation.

He told her to fetch her car keys because no one will drive her back.

She went to her room to fetch the keys; on her way back, she saw the female-soldiers beating her daughters Asala and Somoud while the other soldiers pulling their hair.

Asala, a law student at Beir Zet University, stated:

*"one of the female soldiers beat my younger sister, Somoud, with a bat and another soldier pulled her hair.*

*I shouted at them and pushed them away but the soldier pulled my hair and slapped me.*

*After arresting us, they forced me to sit on the floor while beating me with their legs and I saw them beat my younger sister in an adjacent room".*

The Israeli Authorities released them on August 26 after paying a 5000-ILS-bail and a 5 days house arrest.

### **The Right to Residency...Seizure Attempts**

#### **Exiling Mohammad Salah to Tarqumiya:**

On August 1, 2011, the Israeli Authorities exiled Mohammad Salah, 47, separating him from his 10-member-family residing in Beit Safafa.

The order stands for 90 days on the pretext of "disturbing colonists"!

Mohammad has been facing a great deal of aggressions in an attempt to drive him out of his residence which will make seizing it an easier manner.

The most recent attack was held against his wife and daughter.

The Israelis have recently demolished one of the walls of his shack.

Meanwhile, the colonists were digging to install a sewage network in the area.

Mohammad had been under arrest for five days before being exiled.



## Plowings and Demolitions...

**The Israeli light railway is a source of agony for the Palestinians residents:**

**The light railway is a by-pass penetrating Jerusalem**

The Israeli Municipality is planning to mill an alternative road for the bus routes leading to the Palestinian towns and villages within the Occupied City.

The light railway route is considered a by-pass serving the Israeli colonists in the city.

It took over Palestinian lands; it restricted their movement, and polluted their environment.

The light railway will drastically affect economy of Shu'fat, a town inhabited by 30,000 people and considered the northern entrance for the City; more than 300,000 people pass through Shu'fat every day.



**Picture 5-6: the light train being operated and used by colonists**

**Flames arise in Jabal al Mukabbir:**

On august 14, 2011, flames erupted in Wadi Yasoul forest; the Israeli soldiers obstructed the fire trucks and the locals, allowing the flames to erupt.



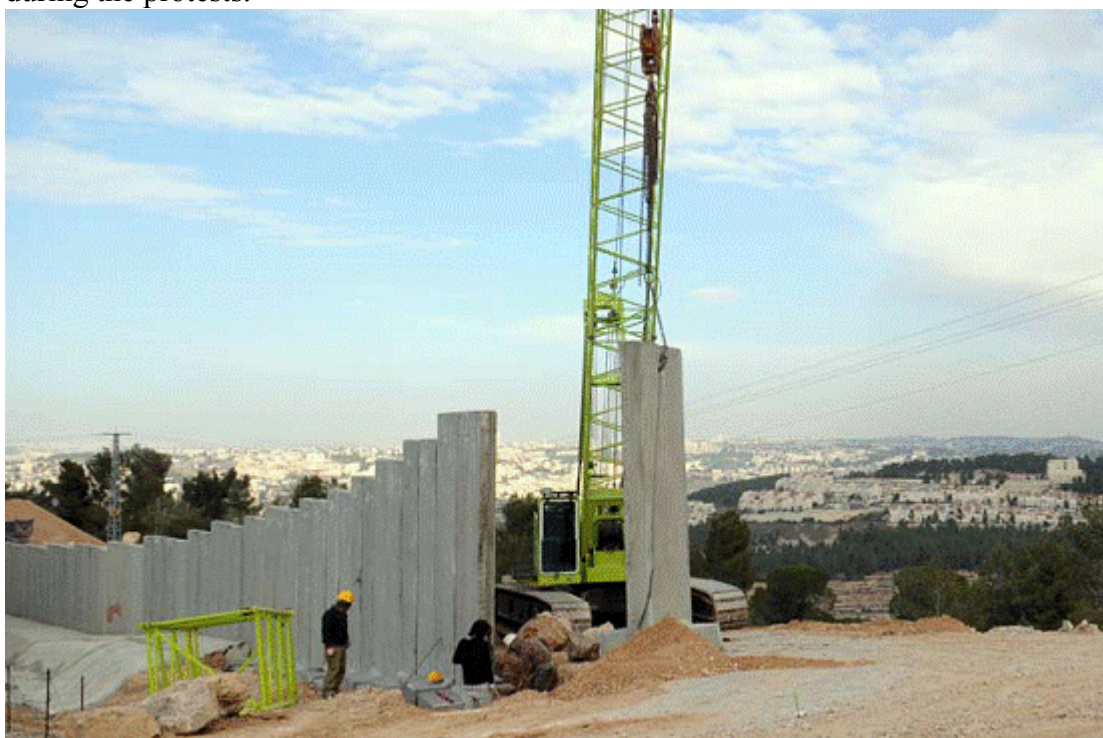
**Picture 7: trees consumed by the blaze**

## The Segregation Wall

**Israeli dozers bulldozed huge areas in Al Walaja village to build the segregation wall section in the area during August, 2011.**

The Israeli measures aggravated the locals who protested against the Israeli actions.

Shireen al Araj, Mustapha al Atrash, Mazin Qumsiyya, among others were arrested during the protests.



**Picture 8: the wall in Al Walaja; the EU sounded their concern over its route.  
By: Mahmoud Ulayyan**

## Confiscation and Colonization:

**A scheme for adding 930 colonial units in "Har Huma" colony:**

On August 3, 2011, the so-called Israeli Organization and construction Committee approved adding 930 colonial units to Har Huma colony.

**The Israeli Authorities approve building 4300 colonial units in the Occupied City of Jerusalem:**

The Israeli Minister of Interior, Eli Yishai, approved on August 10, 2011 a plan for constructiong 4300 colonial units in Jerusalem according to Israeli meadia.

According to the plan, 1600 units will be added to Ramat Shlomo, 2000 units to Givat Hamatos, south, and 700 units will be added to Pisgat Zeev colony.

**Laying foundation for 130 colonial units as well as approving plans for 716 more:**



The Israelis are laying foundation for 130 colonial units in Har Gilo colony, built over Beit Safafa lands.

Blueprints for the construction of 716 more units in various colonies have been put in place.

All these plans are part from 2020 plan which aims for building 20,000 colonial units by the end of the year 2020.

**Once more, "At Tawq" road:**

The Israeli Municipality hanged advertisement on the confiscation of 102 dunums as part of the implementation of plan 2688 in Wadi Qaddum and Ras al Amoud areas as well as 34 dunums in Al Salaa area as part of plan 2683.

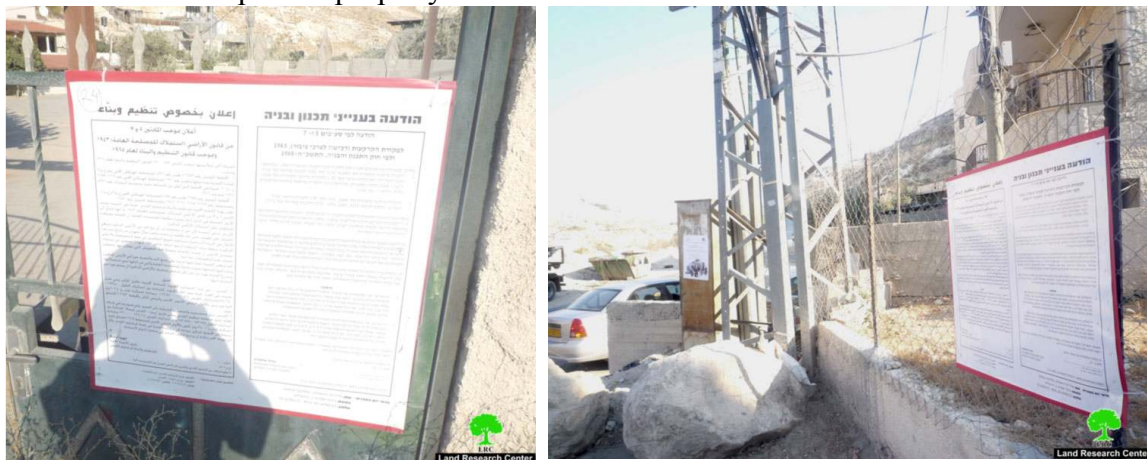
The project is divided into two parts:

An easter and western road that has three extensions including the railway road in Sur Baher, road '9' in the middle which penetrates Lifta's lands from east to west, and road '20' connecting Pisgat Zeev colony with Beit Hanina to the east and leading to road '4'.

Most of the plan has been implemented except the sections extending from Sur Baher to Al Z'ym, passing through several Palestinian towns.

The section is 11.5 km long and includes digging three tunnels and building 5 bridges.

1237 dunums of private property will be confiscated as a result.



Picture 9-10: the Israeli Municipality advertisement



Picture 11: to be removed olive trees

## Siege and Blockades:

### **The Israeli Municipality in the Occupied City orders the closure of "Al Qattarin" Market:**

The Israeli Police orally ordered the closure of all shops, booths, and hawkers to stop working and close their shops from 5:00 pm till 12:00 am on August 8, 2011.

The order was justified by ensuring the security of a group of colonists who were to celebrate a newly created ritual called "Hakutal Hakitav".

The colonists were to pass through the market on their way to "Al shahabi".

However, the true purpose of the order is damaging the Palestinians economy.

### **The Israeli Municipality harasses merchants:**

In the name of the law, the name of the beauty of the city, in the name of tourism, in the name of the holiness of the city, among others, the Israeli Police harasses shopkeepers and hawkers in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Such harassments significantly increase during the holy month of Ramadan when the commercial transactions bloom.

Fines, penalties, goods confiscation, arrests, physical violence, among other measures have been taking place on daily bases.

### **The Israeli Occupation violates the right to freedom of religious practice:**

The Israeli Occupation forces have been preventing thousands of Muslim from attending prayers in Al Aqsa mosque especially during the holy month of Ramadan, July 31-August 30, 2011.

They prevented people from attending Friday prayers and from spending the holy night of "*Al Qadr*".

The Israeli Authorities prevented Palestinian men under 50 and women under 35 from entering the mosque.

Colonists breaking through Al Aqsa Mosque square had become a familiar sight.

Groups of 220 on August 8, 120 in August 9, 31 in August 10, among others roamed the square either at dawn or at the time of "At Taraweeh" prayers at night.

Surely, these groups were protected by hundreds of Israeli Police officers and soldiers.

This is a direct violation of article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stating: " **Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either**

alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."



**Picture 12-15: blockades and closures**

### Violations against Individuals:

#### **Child-arrest Campaigns:**

The Israeli Police arrested 7 children while accusing them of impeding the light railway with rocks.

On August 26, 2011, the Israeli Central Court released 6 of the children after paying bails ranging from 1500-3000 ILS and house arrests ranging from 5-30 days.

Some of the children were exiled till a verdict has been reached.

#### **The children are:**

- Mousa abu Khdeir, 18, he has been under arrest since August 22, 2011.
- Mohammad Mousa, 16, he paid a 3000-ILS-bail and have been put under house arrest for 30 days.
- Rami abu Khdeir, 16, he paid a 2500-ILS-bail and have been put under house arrest for 30 days.
- Yahya abu Khdeir, 16, he paid a 2500-ILS-bail and have been put under house arrest for 30 days.

- Abed Thib, 16, he paid a 2500-ILS-bail and have been put under house arrest for 30 days.
- Abdul Rahman Khalil, 17, he paid a 2500-ILS-bail and have been put under house arrest for 30 days.
- Anan abu Khdeir, 14, he paid a 1500-ILS-bail and have been put under house arrest for 5 days.
- Shadi abu Khdeir, 16, he was arrested on August 29 and remained under custody for one night before putting him under 5-day-house arrest.

### **The Israeli Border Guards kill a young man:**

On Tuesday August 16, 2011, an Israeli vehicle ran over Amin Dabash near Sur Baher.

Amin left his house at 9:00 pm on foot. At 9:20 pm a car, with an Israeli Police license plate, ran him over while driving at 120 km/hour according to Police investigations.

### **The victim's uncle stated:**

*The car threw Amin 140 meters away, causing multiple fractures in his right leg which kept hanging only by a bit of flesh and skin; his right shoulder and right side of his face were also severely damaged.*

*He was dead before arriving to the hospital.*

*I say that the driver, a Border Police Officer accompanied by two others, meant to hit Amin because I sincerely believe that he could avoid doing so in such a wide and empty street which has enough lights to see clearly.*

*Also, Amin had on foot on the pavement and another on the street, besides, there was a full moon and clear skies at that night so there is no justification that I can accept!*

Others stated that they managed to videotape the incident with their cell phones, however, the soldiers who were in the car took the phones by force and deleted any pictures or videos.



**Picture 16: Amin Dabash**



### **Targeting children, targeting humanity:**

The Israeli Police arrested a number of children while playing in Silwan; the police made them wait under the hot summer sun before moving them from one Police station to another.

They were released later after being interrogated and violated physically.

An Israeli patrol stopped by the children (7 or 8) and forced them into the car before being taken to "Wadi al Rababa" where they were beaten and made to wait under the burning beams of the sun.

They were then moved to "Al Nabi Dawoud" then to "Al Qashla" before ending up in the interrogation center near Herod's gate.

The children were forced to sign statements written in Hebrew despite being unable to understand what was written.

**Targeting children is an outrageous policy rejected by all the international conventions and religious manners. However, these conventions are worthless in a "state" where inhumanity rules!**