

*The Monthly Report on the*  
*Israeli Violations of Palestinian Rights*  
**in the Occupied City of Jerusalem**

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## Israeli violations of Palestinians' rights to land and housing – June, 2014:

Aggression	Location	Occurrence
Demolition of structures		2
- Stable	Silwan	1
- Auto parts shop	Hizma	1
Closures		20
- Flying and fixed checkpoints	Neighborhoods of Jerusalem	Over 20 checkpoints
Colonists' attacks		13
- Attacks on vehicles	Beit Hanina	12
- Attempts of abduction	Shu'fat	1
Break-ins and/or closure of institutions		1
- Approval of a Talmudic garden plan	At-Tur and Issawiyeh	738 dunums
Break-ins and/or closure of societies		7
- Pal Media office	Mount of Olives	1
- Al-Dar (Home) Mall	Salah Eldin St.	1
- Namaa Association for Social Innovation and Women's Services	Beit Safafa	2
- Faculty of Law and faculty of Da'wa and Religious	Abu Dis	1
- Hind al-Husseini College	Sheikh Jarrah	1
- Charity and Donations Committee	Sur Baher	1
Attacks on religious sites		16
Break-ins and attacks on worshippers	Al-Aqsa Mosque	16

## Violations of the Right to Residence... Demolition of Structures

### **Demolition of a stable in Silwan neighborhood:**

Early in the morning of June 02, 2014, the Israeli state municipality leveled a horse stable in Silwan under the pretext of unlicensed construction.

The property belongs to Ashraf Wazwaz who built it two years ago using stone and metal slabs on a 40msq piece of land. The stable accommodates four horses.

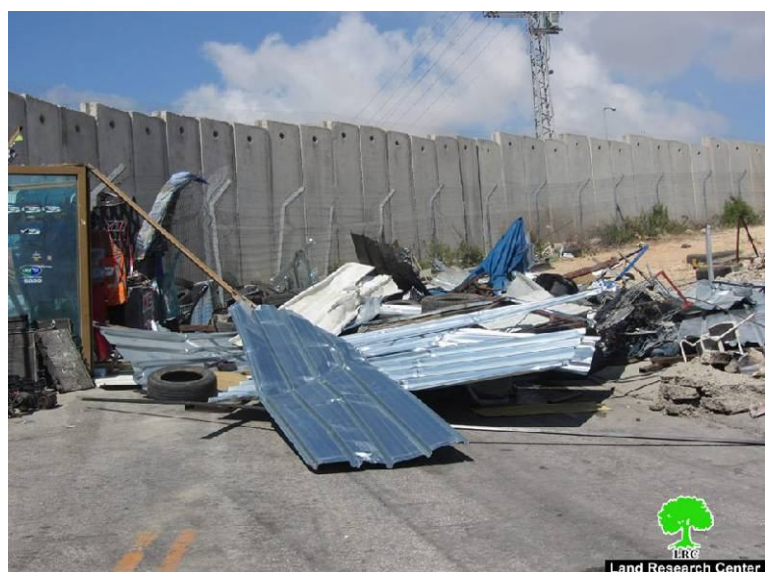
The demolition order was hanged on the stable only one day before the date of demolition stated in the order! At 7a.m., a massive force of the Israeli police riding a bulldozer broke into the neighborhood where they brought the stable down and



ravaged a 100m long retaining wall surrounding the property.

### **Ravaging land and destroying an auto parts workshop in Hizma:**

On June 02, 2014, a large force of the Israeli police and border men raided Hizma where they embarked on sweeping a 1-dunum piece of land away and



leveling a shop selling used auto parts under the pretext of lacking a building permit

without sending the property owner, Mr. Muhammad al-Asmar, any previous order or warning.

**Muhammad al-Asmar stated to Land Research Center (LRC) observer that:**

*I rented the piece of land from people in Hizma a few years ago, 2000 NIS monthly and I built my shop over it. I sell parts of used cars and that job has sustained nine families. At the morning of June 02, I was taken by shock to see massive forces of the Israeli police riding three bulldozers showing up at my place, especially that I had never been informed of their plan and had not received any order before. The bulldozers destroyed the land and confiscated a large number of auto parts before throwing them into the valley. I still cannot figure out my overall loss resulted from the destruction inflicted on my workshop.*

Moreover, the Israeli occupation forces and officers of the state municipality have sealed five shops selling auto parts. The justifications of such action were unlicensed construction and proximity to the Separation and Segregation Wall.

## Closures

The Israeli occupation is besieging the occupied city of Jerusalem by making it inaccessible to people from the West Bank during the holy month of Ramadan and setting up walls and flying checkpoints, imposing severe movement restrictions on Palestinians as a result. LRC has documented the installment of tents of checkpoints at the entrances of the neighborhoods of Jerusalem in order to prevent worshippers from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque, harass people, and force them out.

### **Installment of a military checkpoint at al-Sowana road junction:**

At 9:30p.m. of June 26, 2014, forces of the Israeli occupation broke into al-Sowana neighborhood, east north of Jerusalem's Old City, where they set up a military checkpoint at the junction. Clashes erupted between Palestinian youth and the Israeli occupation army as the former showed up at the place in protestation of the action.

### **Setting up a military checkpoint at al-Looza area:**

At 9p.m. of Friday, June 26, Israeli forces raided Silwan neighborhood, south of Jerusalem's Old City, and installed a military a checkpoint in an area known as al-Looza. As a result, clashes erupted between the Israeli army and Palestinian youth.

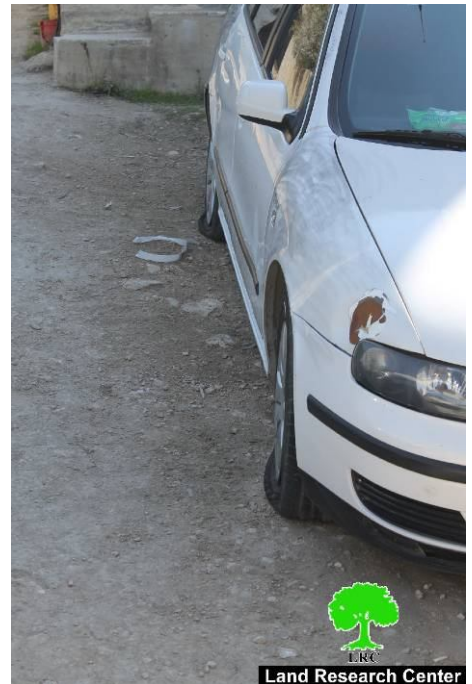
## Colonists' attacks

### Right-wing colonists attack Palestinian vehicles in Beit

#### Hanina:

At dawn of June 24, colonists slashed the tires on 12 Palestinian vehicles and sprayed discriminating slogans at a school bus in al-Ashqariyya quarter, located in Beit Hanina, north of the occupied city of Jerusalem.

Eyewitnesses testified that three masked colonists wearing black attires broke into one of al-Ashqairiya neighborhoods at around 3a.m. where they slashed the tires on 12 cars and wrote hatred-enticing slogans against



Arabs on a school bus; one of the slogans read "Death to Arabs". At morning, citizens were surprised at witnessing the damage inflicted on their vehicles and immediately informed the Israeli police that showed up at the scene, took pictures of the cars and documented the damage.

**The vehicles belong to nine Palestinian families residing in Beit Hanina, namely: Abu Isnina, an-Natsha, Nimer, Sinnokrot, al-Hirbawi, al-Bitar, al-Ghawi, al-Salayma, Shewki, and al-Katib, noting that some families own more than one car.**

As usual, the Israeli police did not take an action nor did it follow up the cases of attack as this is not the first time colonists of "price-tag" group have carried out attacks against Palestinian communities and their property whether inside or outside Jerusalem. That helps to prove the complicity of the Israeli police with this terrorist group.



**Jewish extremists attempt at abducting a child in Shu'fat:**

On Monday, June 30, two Jewish extremists tried to snatch a child named Mossa Zallum (9) from his mother's grab in Shu'fat, north of the occupied city of Jerusalem.

**Mossa's father had to following to say:**

At around 10p.m. of the second day of Ramadan, my wife and three kids were wandering the main road. They were near each other when all of a sudden, my son Mossa began screaming; his mother immediately turned her head only to see a colonist attempting to strangle and pull him into a car driven by another colonist. My wife rushed to them and started to yell, using all her strength to pull Mossa out. She hit one of the colonists with her cell phone and he retaliated by hitting her really hard on her head and breast. People of the neighborhood had gathered around them by that time.



### **Mossa related to LRC researcher that:**

While I was wandering in Shu'fat, someone snatch me and tried to suffocate me using a rope. The marks of it are still showing. I screamed, calling for help. My mother, who was nearby, rushed to snatch me away. The culprits ran away afterwards especially that the people of Shu'fat appeared in masses at the area by then.

## **Colonial plans**

### **The Supreme Committee of Planning in the occupation municipality approves on a plan to open a national Talmudic garden on the lands of at-Tur and al-IssawiyeH:**

On June 27, the Israeli Supreme Committee of Organization and Planning approved the construction of a national garden on 738 dunums of at-Tur and al-IssawiyeH lands. The two towns are treated by the Israeli occupation as neighborhoods of Jerusalem and today they form the eastern gate of Jerusalem that links the eastern part of the city with the rest of the West Bank.

The state municipality and National Park Authority proposed in 2005 a plan, under the number of "11092", to establish a Talmudic garden that will be built on a 738 dunum plot of At- Tur and Al-Eisawaya lands. And in July of the same year, the same authorities submitted the scheme to the Planning Committee, after excluding the lands surrounding the Hebrew University- founded on at-Tur and al-Eisawaya lands. An official stated that 'the garden does not have any religious importance but is a step to prevent Palestinian construction in the area.'

On April 05, 2011, the local authority of planning and construction ratified the project. In 2012, the Israeli police issued an order to confiscate 7830 dunums of at-Tur and al-Eisawaya lands for the sake of the garden. Citizens of these two towns



protested against the order that would take over what is left of their lands, banning them from any urban development as a result.

On October 02, 2013, the Israeli Minister of Israeli Environment Authority- Amir Peretz- instructed the general director of Park Authority to suspend the plan of the national garden that holds the number of TIBS 110920 since the area does not have any particular natural value. But on October 29 of the same year, the Israeli Prime Minister and Minister of Interior insisted upon the implementation of the plan. On November 14, 2014, the District Committee for Construction ratified the plan, much to the dismay of the citizens of al-Eisawaya who filed objections, conducted civil sit-ins and planted the land since it is all that is left to them (despite that fact that al-Eisawaya is 12000 in area and at-Tur is 8800).

The ratification is in line with the plans and schematics of the Israeli occupation that has been trying to Judaize the city and make Palestinians a minority. Demolishing the Palestinians' residences in Jerusalem, banning them from using their land and confiscating it in addition to building colonies, outposts and gardens are some examples of Israeli measures taken to make the city Jewish.



## **Break-ins and societies shutdown**

**The occupation authorities broke into several organizations in Jerusalem and shut them down under various pretexts:**

**1-The occupation police broke in the office of Pal Media in Jerusalem and stopped the broadcast of “Good Morning, Jerusalem!” program under the pretext of unlicensed broadcast.**

On Friday June 06, massive Special Forces broke into the office of Pal Media, located in Jabal ezZayton( Mountain of Olives) in occupied Jerusalem, and cut the airing of “ Good Morning Jerusalem” program that is broadcasted on Friday of each week. Nader Beber; the program producer , Ashraf Shwaiki; the deputy of Pal Media, and the program guest Ala’a al-Haddad ; a member of the ” Prisoners’ Families Committee” in Jerusalem were all arrested, ironically, at time of broadcasting the part of the show that talked about Israeli violations against Palestinian prisoners.

The occupation forces detained the program’s crew which in that sense took Mai Abu Asab ; the radio announcer to cut airing off as a result of the vulgar behavior of the police staff while carrying out the broadcast termination.

The occupation police considered the program “unlicensed” broadcast. In other words, the program is considered illegal as claimed, taking into consideration that the program has been being aired for years. That is the usual pretext under which the occupation justifies its barbaric actions. Another reason for the broadcast termination is due to the program being aired from Jerusalem and being the pulpit of Jerusalemites’ misery. The radio program also explains, in details, the Israeli violations against people, and conducts interviews with freed prisoners and their families to have a closer look at the prisoner’s agony especially at time of hunger strikes.

## **2- Breaking into "al-Dar mall" building in Salah Eldin street:**

At 4:00pm of Thursday 19/06/2014, Special Forces and Israeli intelligence members broke into “ al-Dar mall” building in Salah Eldin street, occupied Jerusalem and declared it inaccessible. Offices were inspected alongside with commercial premises in the building. The landlord of 'al-Dar mall' building, Qasim Abu Hadid, stated that: “The forces of the Israeli occupation broke into the fourth floor of the building and sought information from me about an office related to 'al-Quds Society for Welfare and Development' where I negated the presence of that organization in the building”. It is noteworthy that the forces left the building after they investigated the employees inside.

## **3-Breaking into al-Nama' Society for Social Innovation headquarter:**

Around 5:30pm on 19/06/2014, members of Israeli Special Forces and intelligence officers broke into al-Nama' for social innovation headquarter, located in the building of Hamza mosque in Beit Safafa, east of occupied Jerusalem. Headquarter was fully inspected and was served an order by the general officer Yohanan Danino compelling a six month closure on the building. The occupation forces, then, left without confiscating any item and/or property.

## **4-Shutting two societies down in Sour Baher and Beit Safafa under the pretext of “ Hamas-affiliated” organizations.**

On Thursday June 20, the Israeli authorities closed two societies in the village of Sour Baher and Beit Safafa, south of occupied Jerusalem under the pretext of receiving funds from Hamas political party. The closure was carried out according to an order issued by the general inspector of the Police department for a period of six months. It is noteworthy that the society has been providing needs for the women of the village for two years.

In Sour Baher village, the Israeli authorities closed the society of “Charity and Donations Committee”, confiscated all its computers and files, and arrested its president Shaikh Ahmad Fawaka after the forces had surrounded the place and inspected it. A six month closure order was then hanged on the doors of the society under the pretext of supporting Hamas party.

#### **5-Breaking into the faculties of Law and Da’wa at the University of Abu Dees:**

Around 1:00 after midnight of Sunday 2/06/2014, forces of the Israeli occupation raided the campus of al-Quds University in Abu Dees town where they broke into the faculties of Law and Da’wa, vandalized their interior, and took off all doors. The forces also broke into the councils of students’ parties and confiscated all their properties in addition to taking off the doors of the photo copying kiosk. The girls praying place was also broken into and messed with its properties.

#### **6-Breaking into and inspecting Hind al-Husseini faculty in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood:**

Around 5:30pm of Thursday 26/06/2014, members of the Israeli Special Forces and intelligence broke into the headquarter of Hind al-Husseini faculty of al-Quds University in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of Occupied Jerusalem where they inspected the interior without any vandalism or confiscation noted.

## Attacks on religious sites

### Assaults against religiously-sacred sites:

#### **Hundreds of colonists broke into the courtyards of al-Aqsa Mosque on a daily basis:**

For the sixth month in a row of the year 2014, the break-ins and harassment led by extreme colonists encouraged by the Israeli government are still ongoing. During June, 2014, the occupation authorities increased the number of extremists allowed into the courtyards of al-Aqsa on a daily basis except for Friday and Saturday from 7:00 to 11:00 am. Obviously, this is considered a "time division" that is carried out for the sake of letting right-wing activists in more frequently during the previously mentioned hours.

#### **The break-ins of June were reported as follows:**

- June 01, colonists broke in the Compound of al-Aqsa Mosque from Dung gate and toured around before they withdrew from Bab al-Silsilah (the Chain Gate) under the protection of the Police.
- June 03, the occupation Police imposed a siege on al-Aqsa mosque declaring it inaccessible for Jerusalemites while they let colonists wander the Compound.
- June05, a group of Jewish extremists broke in al-Aqsa mosque under the Israeli police protection.
- June08, police forces denied Jerusalemites access to al-Aqsa mosque and let tens of Jewish extremists in for an hour.
- June09, break-ins continued and the Police inspected Jerusalemites Ids and detained their holders to the walls of the mosque.
- June11, scores of Jewish radicals broke in al-Aqsa Mosques and citizens chanted "Allahu Akbar" back on them.

- June12, break-ins went on and the occupation police arrested two men chanting 'Allahu Akabr'' from al-Aqsa courtyards.
- June13, tens of Jewish extremists broke in al-Aqsa courtyards from Dung gate where they wandered there.
- June15, break-ins continued under the protection of the Israeli police that closed down the road that leads to the Mosque, and set up a checkpoint on its gates.
- June16, tens of Jewish extremists broke into al-Aqsa Mosque from Dung gate.
- June17, the occupation police let tens of Jewish extremists in the courtyards of al –Aqsa to wander around.
- June19, the irritating break-ins to al-Aqsa mosque went on, and the police detained the Ids of Jerusalemites by the gates.
- June26, the police arrested a number of citizens after they tried to get in the Mosque and failed.
- June29, groups of right-wing activists broke in al-Aqsa Mosque enjoying the police protection.
- June30, extreme colonists continued the break-ins to al-Aqsa Compound protected by the police.

