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Israeli Violations in Occupied Jerusalem

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The following table illustrates the numbers and types of Israeli violations according to the place of occurrence in Jerusalem during June 2015:

Type of violation	Location	Number
Structures and home demolition		8
- Demolition of two under construction apartments	Silwan	2
- Partial demolition of a house	Salah El-Din Street	1
- Demolition of a house	Beit Hanina	1
- Demolition of well, retaining walls, room and a bathroom	Al-Isawiya	4
Sealing off residences		1
- Order to seal off a residence	Al-Thawri	1
Attacks on lands- Dununms		711.5
- Ravaging	Al-Isawiya	8.5
- Burning down lands	Beit Surik	88
- Land confiscation	Al-Walaja	615
Attacks on trees		370
- Ravaging trees	Al-Isawiya	70
- Burning down trees	Beit Surik	300

Colonial plans- dunums		200
- Planting 200 dunums to be a National Park	Al-Iswaiya	1
Closures		1
- Closure by road block	Ras Al-Amud	1
Colonists' attacks- in numbers		10
- Holding the "Lights Festival"	Bab Al-Amud	1
- Assaulting civilians	Beit Hanina, Al-Isawiya, Dung Gate and Western Jerusalem	6
- Running over attacks	Wad Hilweh, Silwan and Bab Al-Amud	2
- Writing hatred-inciting mottos on walls	Beit Safafa	1
Attacks on religious sites		24
- Writing discriminative slogans on a mosque	Beit Hanina	1
- Banning Christian Jerusalemites from holding their rituals	Bab Al-Khalil	1
- Colonists' break-ins on Al-Aqsa	Al-Aqsa mosque	12
- Detention and isolation from Al-Aqsa	Al-Aqsa mosque	20

Violations against the right to Housing- Home demolition

The Israeli occupation forces demolish two apartments in Silwan

The occupation municipality's bulldozers demolished on June 02, 2015 two under-construction apartments in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan (across from the southern wall of Al-Aqsa Mosque). Demolition was carried out on the claim on unlicensed construction. The residences belong to brothers Nidal and Hashim Abu Rumaila.

Nidal Abu Khaled explained that the family started building the two apartments last November here every apartment was 70 square meters. Both my brother and I wanted to reside with our families (6 members for each) in the new apartments.

He also added that during the building process, the so-called Antiquities department came and ordered them to stop building and the occupation municipality issued an order to stop the building and demolish what has been already built. Finally, the municipality issued a self-demolition order on our residence to be carried out by May 2015 but we did not execute it.

Large Israeli forces including Special Forces and police raided area where the family building is founded around 4:30 a.m. and completely surrounded the area and assaulted the family with pepper gas and beating. The forces then brought the bulldozer to carry out the demolition process.

The occupation raided the area on 19/5/2015 to demolish the two apartments but they failed to bring the bulldozer inside the building's courtyard. Today, the same force came with a dozer to carry out the demolition.

Demolition in Salah Al-Din Street

The occupation municipality demolished on June 04, 2015 a residential apartment owned by Rafiq Salaymeh in Salah Eddin Street. Demolition was carried out on the claim of annexing new parts to the building.



The residence at time of demolition

Salaymeh told Land Research Center that the apartment (80m2) is roofed with iron and bricks and is home for 10 members including 8 children. The municipality arrived in the early morning and evacuated the residents by force without prior notice.



The municipality staff demolished the apartment using hand tools.

The Israeli occupation forces demolish a residence in Occupied Jerusalem

The dozers of the Israeli occupation forces on June 17, 2015 demolished a residence owned by citizen Tamer Idris in the neighborhood of Al-Marwaha on the claim of “unlicensed construction”.

Tamer explained that a massive force from Israel Police raided the neighborhood at early hours of morning and closed all the routes leading to the residence. The force then raided the residence and evacuated us by force after letting us taking out some of the interior. The dozers then embarked on demolishing the structure.

He also mentioned that he tried to talk to the municipality staff at time of demolition but they pretended that an order of administrative demolition was hung on the structure two days ago. I personally did not see or receive such an order. If true, I would have sought an attorney to object to the order and started the process of licensing my structure, said he.

Usually, the Israeli occupation forces demolish residences without delivering demolition orders to the owners in hand. They, sometimes, hang such orders on the doors or walls of the targeted house while photos of orders are taken as a proof. Most of the times, the orders get lost due to wind or other natural conditions such like rain; targeted people are the utmost losers as a result.

Violations against the right to Housing- sealing off houses

Israel Supreme Court decided to close the room of the Martyr Mutaz Hijazi

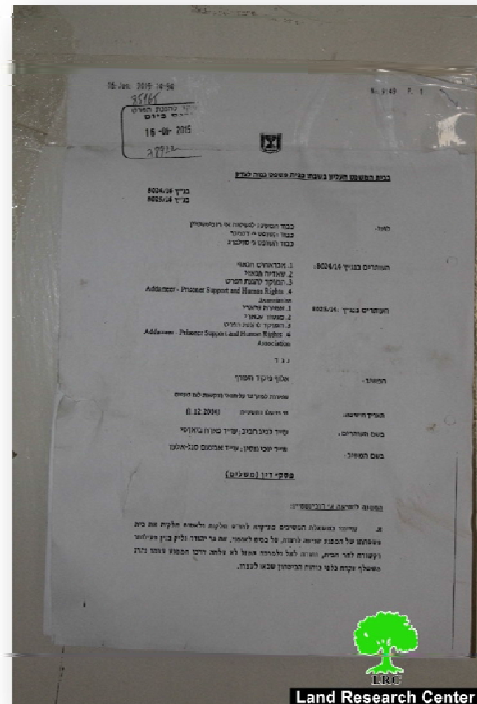
The Israeli Supreme Court issued an order on June 16, 2015 to close the room of the Jerusalemite Martyr Mutaz Hijazi who was shot by Israeli forces at the end of last October; he was shot under the pretext of “attempting to murder the extremist Rabbi Yehuda Glick”.

The lawyer of the extremist Rabbi Yehuda Glick requested to completely demolish the Martyr's family house.

The Israeli occupation authorities practiced different types of collective punishments on Palestinians such like closing the entrance of neighborhoods by road blocks and banning residents from entering and exiting their neighborhoods, not mentioning detention and arrest.

The Martyr's family did not receive until today the investigation results regarding the assassination of their son and the Israeli authorities did not return what they confiscated after murdering Mutaz.

Measures such like demolishing and closing houses and revoking the citizenship are only imposed on Jerusalemite Palestinians where colonists have impunity from such measures.



Attacks on lands

Israeli occupation forces sweep a plot in Al-Isawiya

The occupation's bulldozers swept 8 Dunums of agricultural lands owned by Darwish family in the village of Al-Isawiya and also demolished the establishments built on the lands.

It was reported that the municipality's bulldozers and bulldozers from the Nature and Parks authority raided the farm of Darwish family on June 10, 2015 and swept that land and removed more than 70 trees. They also demolished a room, kitchen and restroom built on the lands in addition to a well and surrounding walls.

The land is owned by the sons of late Sabri Darwish, who were banned from approaching the sweeping and demolition process. And that the occupation authorities refused to show the order of sweeping and demolition for them.

Mohammad Abu Hummos, follow-up committee in Al-Isawiya, explained that the occupation authorities seek to confiscate the lands in the southern part of the village despite a decision from the "Supreme County Council" which prohibits work in those lands and cancelled the so-called "national park" plan, but the occupation municipality and Nature and Parks authority sweep lands and remove trees every now and then.

The Israeli occupation forces burn down olive groves in the Jerusalem town of Beit Surik

The Israel occupation forces set fire to Beit Surik olive groves for the second time in 2015. The chairman of Beit Surik Local Council told Land Research Center the following:

Israeli forces on June 09, 2015 torched 80 dunums of agricultural lands in the areas of Shu'ab Al-Thur and Wad Al-Juz that are adjacent to the apartheid wall. This caused olive, figs, almond and vine trees to get totally burned down. Also, the occupation razed Sheikh Aziz shrine, after which the area was named.

On June 29, 2015 the occupation set fire 8 dunums in the area of Al-Skeikh Aziz and caused different types of trees to get burned down.

These attacks fall under the responsibility of Border Police and Israel Army troops, which guard the place and the apartheid wall in the area. Noteworthy, the wall expropriated more than 3000 dunums from the lands of Beit Surik in addition to three water springs and archeological sites.

It should be marked that the Israeli occupation confiscated 5000 dunums from the lands of Beit Surik town in 1948 in addition to 3000 other dunums for the favor of the apartheid wall in the area. The remaining total area of the town is 14000 dunums, of which 1100 dunums are the town's built-up area. Noteworthy, the town is inhabited by 4500 person.

Land confiscation

Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Civil Administration approves the confiscation of 615 dunums for Emek Refaim Urban Development Plan

Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Civil Administration on June 23, 2015 ratified an order to confiscate 615 dunums from Al-Walaja village, south Jerusalem as part of the Emek Refaim Urban Development Plan, which includes establishing national parks in the southern area of Occupied Jerusalem. The project will devour an overall area of 5600 dunums and will be implemented by the so-called Israel Development Authority.

The project includes establishing parks, gardens, running routes, bicycles' routes and many other recreational facilities in addition to establishing touristic buildings and parking spaces.

The so-called Israel Development Authority deposited a tender in 2012 to annex 1260 dunums from AL-Walaja village for the favor of the plan. The targeted area is what remained from the village's land after the construction of the apartheid wall.

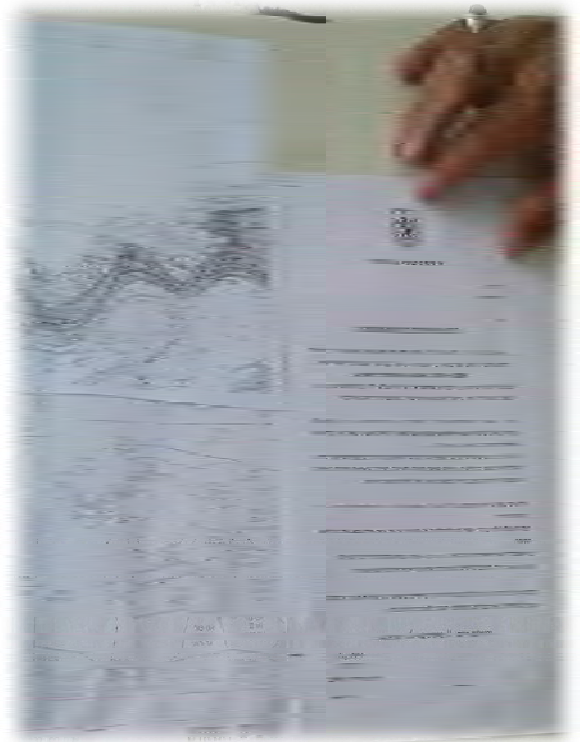
Land confiscation is meant to implement colonial and Judaizing projects at the expense of Palestinians lands and owners.

Colonial attacks

A plan to confiscate it...the occupation municipality hand orders of planting hundreds of Dunums in Al-Isawiya with trees

Joint crews from the occupation municipality and the so-called Nature and Parks Authority hung on June 29, 2015 maps and orders signed by Mayor Nir Barakat to plant trees in hundreds of agricultural Dunums in the southern part of the village of Al-Isawiya to turn it into a national park.

Mohammad Abu Hummos, member of follow-up committee in the village of Al-Isawiya, explained that the orders were hung on the lands of the village. According to the maps, the municipality plans to turn more than 200 Dunums into a “park”. Abu Hummos pointed out that the lands fall within the settlement project known as “National Park 11092 A” in the areas of Al-Tur and Al-Isawiya, which was cancelled last years with a decision by the National Committee for Planning and Building after the committee conditioned to provide the needs of the residents from schools, kindergartens, houses and medical centers before starting to establish a park in the area; note that the lands at risk of being confiscated are the only lands left for the locals of the village to build and expand.



Colonial group Ateret Cohanim opens a door for a Talmudic school in Salah Ed-Din Street

The colonial group Ateret Cohanim opened a main gate for the Talmudic school that is located within the post office building founded in Salah Ed-Din Street. The building was declared purchased from Bezeq Communication Company a year ago.



The door was opened in the floor below the post office headquarters. The opening was officially made on June 21 2015.

The school possesses a very sensitive location since it is founded in the active commercial street of Salah Ed-Din. Students of this school are the fanatic colonists who harass Palestinian kids and women, not mentioning that they form the core of Price Tag gang.

The presence of such an outpost in a Jerusalemite location must have been studied thoroughly and given the green light to be implemented by the Israeli government itself.

Colonial groups and association such like Elad and Ateret Cohanim impose their agendas on the Israeli government to ratify and approve their colonial plans of takeover. Purchase and selling are being done through rigged documents. Such forged deals are seen in the establishment of the great Talmudic park in Al-Isawiya and the demolition of Al-Bustan neighborhood to be transformed into a Talmudic Park.

The Israeli occupation takes over the central post office in the Occupied city of Jerusalem

Ateret Cohanim, a Jewish organization, sent an e-mail with pictures attached to its supporters claiming that the organization bought more than 1000 m2 in a building that has a strategic location, north of Herods Gate in Salah Ed-Din Street. The email mentioned that the building will be used as a yeshiva (religious school) and a dormitory for the students before performing military services. The building is being renovated and will be open to public after the Jewish holiday of Passover that starts in mid April, 2014. Within the e-mail, Ateret Cohanim asked its supporters to donate for the project.



Photo1: the Central Post Office Building

The story of the building dates back to the fifties of the last century when the Jordanian government established a central post office on endowment lands “Waqf”, which the Israeli occupation later seized in June 1967.

This is not the first time the Israeli occupation official authorities allow religious organizations to transfer ownership of Palestinian property to colonial groups. For example, the Ministry Internal Security made a deal with Ateret Cohanim to empty its station in Ras al-Amud for the favor of the organization in return of building a new police station by Ateret Cohanim on lands from At-Tur area , west of Maale Adummim colony. Another example is that the Israeli authorities does not deter Elad racist group from seizing pieces of land and houses in Silwan

According to international laws, Jerusalem is an occupied city since 1967, in which any act of purchase or selling is considered invalid for occupiers.

Forcible displacement

Nadia Abu Jamal, wife of the Martyr Ghassan Abu Jamal waits for deportation order

Israeli Supreme Court on June 17, 2015 rejected the request of the “Defense of the Individual Center- Hamoked” not to deport the 32-year old Nadia Abu Jamal, wife of the Martyr Ghassan Abu Jamal from the city of Jerusalem.

The court assigned another session on July 13, 2015 to take a final decision in regard to the case.



Nadia is from the Eastern Sawahreh and had an ID from the West Bank. In 2002, she got married to the Martyr Ghassan Abu Jamal and filed a “residency (reunion)” application. She was initially rejected but got the approval in 2009 which allows her to stay in Jerusalem and move freely in between Jerusalem and the West Bank through the Israeli checkpoints; note that she had to renew her residency permit every year.

The last time she renewed her residency was in May 2014 and expired in May 2015. Even though she had the permit in the last few months, but the Israeli authorities had cancelled the permit in the systems of all Israeli Departments. She was able to stay in Jerusalem through correspondence and legal follow-ups until a decision was issued two weeks ago to deport her from the city of Jerusalem.

Israel’s policy of collective punishment against the families and siblings of martyrs aims at putting pressure on the families to destroy what remained of their life of dignity. Part of the policy is seen in demolishing the houses of Palestinian attackers, deporting their family members, revoking their residency permits and banning them from benefits and allowances of the National Assurance. The Israeli occupation authorities said that such measures will deter Palestinians from carrying out attacks against colonists.

Closures

The occupation closes a street in the neighborhood of Ras Al-Amud with cement blocks

The occupation authorities closed on June 2015 the street of “Bilal neighborhood” in the neighborhood of Ras Al-Amud in Silwan with cement blocks.

This isolated “Aweis” street from “Bilal Neighborhood” street in the area. People are now forced to take alternative roads to get to their houses which also created heavy traffic jams and lack of parking spots.

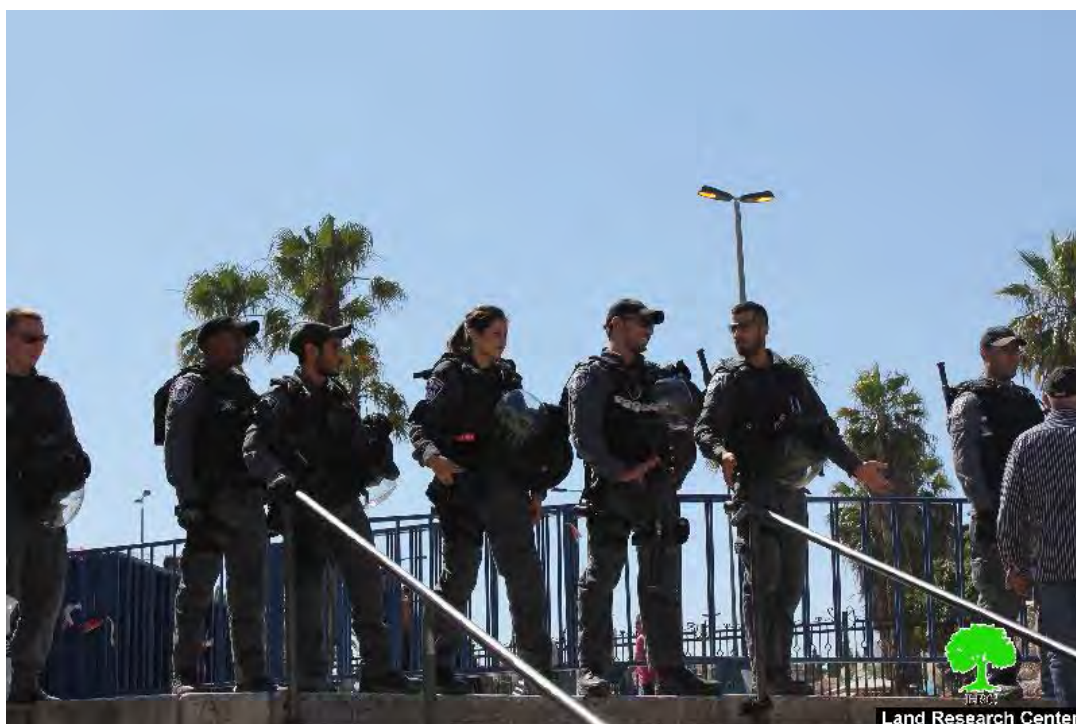
Colonists’ attacks

The Israeli Festival of Lights”...A Judaization of Jerusalem

For the seventh consecutive year, the occupation authorities organized the Judaization festival entitled “Festival of Lights” in the city of Jerusalem. The organizers try to show the city of Jerusalem as a Jewish city through this festival and under the cover of “arts and festivals”.

Despite the organization of the festival throughout the last six years, the locals of Jerusalem (women, young men and children) were able to obstruct the launch of the festival in the area of Damascus Gate by organizing a Palestinian carnival entitled “Jerusalem is Ours” to respond to the “Festival of Lights” on one side and emphasize the Arab and Islamic identity of the city of Jerusalem on another.

Such activities aim at Judaizing the Occupied City of Jerusalem and emphasizes that it is the capital of the State of Israel. Different activities such like the Festival of Lights, Car Rally at Al-Khalil Gate and the Sport Marathon on March are some of many plans to steal the history of Jerusalem and claim it Jewish.





Colonists attack two children from Silwan

Two colonists attacked two Jerusalemite children on June 09, 2015; the children (13-year old Mohammad Ayoub Abu Hadwan and his 10-year old sister Fida') when they were on their way to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Fida' explained that the colonists intercepted them and attacked them. A police force arrived in the area and tried to arrest Mohammad under the pretext of attacking a colonist but passers-by intervened and prevented them from arresting the child

Abu Hadwan added that Mohammad and Fida' were terrified and were also in pain.

The father also explained that his family had been assaulted several times while walking in Al-Sharaf neighborhood which is considered the closest from Wadi Hilweh into the Old City of Jerusalem. He explained that his 10-year old daughter Isra' was previously assaulted by colonists and their guards and few months ago his wife and daughters were harassed and assaulted in the area by colonists who tried to stab them.

It should be marked that Abu Hadwan works as a night guard at Al-Aqsa compound and that his son Zeyad (19) is sentenced 10 months of actual imprisonment on the claim of participating in clashes at Al-Aqsa compound.

Colonists assault a Jerusalemite young man at his work

A group of Zionist colonists on June 11, 2015 assaulted Shadi Abid Rabbu at his work in Western Jerusalem. Shadi was moved to Sha'ri Tsaidik hospital to receive medical care.

The colonists' guard runs-over the child Yousef Shammass in Silwan

The 3-year old Yousef Yaser Shammass was run-over by one of the colonist' guards in Silwan on June 20, 2015.

Witnesses explained that: "The child Yousef Shammass was crossing Wadi Hilweh Street and was surprised by the colonist' vehicle speeding towards him. The car hit the child and threw him to the ground."

The child was move to Hadasa hospital to receive medical care.



The occupation assaults a kid at a detention center in Al-Isawiya village:

On June 22, 2015 kid Mohammad Mustafa (15) was reported to sustain injuries and bruises in his head after being assaulted during an arrest.

Al-Dameer organization lawyer, Mohammad Mahmoud, explained that Israeli forces assaulted and beat the kid during the arrest, taking into account that the kid has been detained for over a week.

The lawyer also explained that his client was released on the condition of home arrest and being isolated to Sur Bahir village, east Jerusalem. If not compelled to the release condition, an amount of 5,000 NIS shall be paid according to the signed release note.

A colonist runs over a female Jerusalemite near Bab Al-Amud area

A fanatic colonist on June 25, 2015 ran over the Jerusalemite Zuhoor Al-Tawil (35) in Al-Sultan Suliman Street nearby Bab Al-Amud area.

The brother of Zuhoor said that the colonist fled the scene after the attack and that Police members stalled chasing the attacker.

Passers-by chased the colonists and surrounded him until Police came to take him to the center to be interrogated.

Colonists attack the young man Ibrahim Alami and try to choke him

Colonists on June 27, 2015 assaulted the 31-year old Jerusalemite Ibrahim Daoud Alami while driving his car in Beit Hanina new street north of Jerusalem.

The man sustained bruises and cuts and was moved to Hadasa hospital to receive medical care.



Colonists write discriminative slogans in Beit Safafa village:

A group of fanatic colonists on June 30, 2015 wrote discriminative slogans against Arabs on the walls of houses in the area of Beit Safafa, south Jerusalem.

Israel Police said in a statement that slogans were indeed written. Some of the slogans translate “Arabs are sons of whores”, “Arabs are for slaughter” and “Arab blood is for shed”. Not only that, colonists also drew a Swastika on the walls.

Attacks on religious sites

Banning Christian Jerusalemites from performing religious rituals in the area of Bab Al-Khalil:

Israeli Forces on June 2015 banned Christian groups from performing religious rituals in the area of David Castle. Christians made it and held their rituals despite the ban.

It should be marked that the location of David Castle is an Islamic Endowment “Waqf” that was seized and changed into a Jewish shrine.

Fanatic colonists write hatred-inciting slogans on walls opposite to Shoman mosque in Beit Hanina:

A group of fanatic colonists on June 26, 2015 wrote discriminative slogans on walls opposite to Shoman mosque in Beit Hanina. Noteworthy, the mosque is located on the street that links Pisgat Zev colony to the bypass road no. 443, which passes through Beit Hanina lands.

The Price Tag colonists wrote offensive slogans that translate “Death to Arabs”. This is not the first time a similar attack is carried out by the same group. Price Tag gangsters sabotaged Palestinian properties in many neighborhoods such like Shu’fat, Beit Hanina, Silwan and the old city of Jerusalem. Their attack are seen in shattering cars windows, flattening cars’ tires and torching houses, mosques, trees and churches. The most vicious attack reported was the torching of Al-Dawabsheh family while asleep in the area of Nablus. Three members died including a toddler while the fourth family member sustained third degree burns. The attackers where declared unknown.

Detention and isolation from Al-Aqsa mosque became a binned down policy on the Israeli agenda.

The following table shows information about the Jerusalemites who were detained and isolated from Al-Aqsa mosque during June 2015:

Name	Date	Isolation	Detention	Remarks
Dr. Salih Barakat	2015/06/09		1	Sentenced 35 months of actual imprisonment
Sheikhs : Ismat Al-Hammori and Ra'fat Najib	2015/06/09	2		Isolated for two weeks from Al-Aqsa mosque
Elderly Taha Shawahneh	2015/06/17	1		Isolated for 60days from Al-Aqsa and a 1500 NIS fine
Elderly Kheir Shaimi	2015/06/17	1		Isolated for 30 days from Al-Aqsa
Ayyoub Abu Hadwan	2015/06/17	1		Released on the condition of being isolated for 4 months from Al-Aqsa
A female from Al-Mothalath Al-Janubi	2015/06/17	1		Isolated for 15 days from Al-Aqsa
Samah Ghazzawai, Nujud Abu Sunainih, Fatina Hussein, Amani Al-Tawil, Sana' Rajabi and another lady	2015/06/22	6		Released on the condition of being isolated for two weeks from Al-Aqsa. If not committed to the order, a fine of 5000 NIS shall be paid.
Correspondent Fatima Abu Istban, Zeina Qutmairih, Huda Abu Sunainih, Ayya Abu Nab and Bara'a Abdin	2015/06/25	0	7	Arrested from the gates of Al-Aqsa mosque
Total		12	8	

The occupation continues its attacks on Al-Aqsa mosque and violates the right to worship during June 2015

- June 01, 2015 : the occupation allows dozens of colonists to break into Al-Aqsa compound.
- June 02, 2015: the occupation suffocates the city by setting up checkpoints at the roads leading to Al-Aqsa mosque and by banning Muslims from entering it while colonists freely access it.
- June 08, 2015: the occupation assault Muslim worshipers and allow colonists to break into Al-Aqsa compound.
- June 09, 2015: the occupation allows dozens of colonists to break into Al-Aqsa compound arrests a lecturer and isolates two Sheiks from the mosque.
- June 14, 2015: the occupation bans Muslim worshipers from entering Al-Aqsa mosque and assaults them.
- June 17, 2015: Muslim worshipers stand up against groups of colonists breaking into Al-Aqsa.
- June 19, 2015: the occupation assaults Muslims worshipers and allows colonists inside of Al-Aqsa compound.
- June 21, 2015: colonists break into Al-Aqsa compound amidst Police protection
- June 22, 2015: the occupation bans Muslim worshipers from entering Al-Aqsa mosque, assaults them and arrests six ladies to be isolated from the mosque later.
- June 23, 2015: the occupation bans female stationers from entering Al-Aqsa mosque and allows colonists to break into the compound.
- June 28, 2015: A Jewish rabbi and other colonists break into Al-Aqsa compound amidst Police protection.
- June 29, 2015: the occupation forces assault Muslim worshipers and ban them from entering the mosque .