



The monthly report on
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The following table shows information about the Israeli violations carried out in Jerusalem according to location during January 2015:

Type of violation	Location	No.
Demolition of structures		21
- Demolition of barracks for sheep	Maghayir Al-Dir/Mikhmas	3
- Demolition of under construction structures	Isawiya	1
- Demolition of a residential building	Shu'fat	9
- Demolition of under construction structure	Jabal Al-Mukabir	1
- Demolition of barracks and tents	Arab Al-Dawahik community/Beit Iksa	5
- Self-demolition	Sur Bahir	2
Threats of demolition		4
- Threats of demolition on Palestinian attackers' houses	Jabal Al-Mukabir	3
- Threats of demolition on Palestinian attackers' houses	Shu'fat	1
- Threats of demolition under the claim of "unlicensed construction"	Sur Bahir	1
Home raids		
- Raids for detention and tax collection	Old city, Al-Tur, Jabal Al-Mukabir, Ras Al-Amud, Silwan, Kfar Aqab, Eizariya	55
Attacks on lands		
- Ravaging lands for opening roads	Beit Safafa	150 trees
- Ravaging lands for opening roads	Shu'fat	100 tree
Closures		1

- Closing the city's entrance with road "cement" blocks	Al-Ram	1
Colonists attacks(in numbers)		4
- Assaulting a kid by beating	Al-Thawri- Silwan	1
- Abduction attempt	Jabal Al-Mukabir	1
- Piercing cars' wheels	Beit Safafa	11
- Raids on schools	Al-Tur	2
Attacks on religious sites		55
- Isolating nationals from Al-Aqsa mosque	Al-Aqsa mosque	26
- Detention of Jerusalemites during prayers times		11
- Attempt at registering Al-Aqsa mosque as Tabu (Ottoman Lands Registration)		1
- Raids and break-ins on Al-Aqsa mosque		11
- Banning prayers to be held in Al-Aqsa mosque		6

Violations against the right to Housing- Home demolitions

The Israeli occupation demolishes 3 agricultural barracks in Mikhmas

The Israeli occupation authorities on January 14, 2015 demolished three barns for sheep husbandry in the Bedouin community of Arab al-Mlaihat in the area of Maghair al-Dair, in Jerusalem. The community is located nearby the colony of Maale Mikhmas, east of Jerusalem city.

This step comes in time with sheep reproduction season, which reflects the occupation's intention of inflicting as much damage and losses as possible on Bedouin families residing the area. Noteworthy, sheep herding and husbandry is the only source of income for Bedouin people in such communities.

It should be marked that the occupation entirely damaged the metal slaps, from which the barns were built so that Bedouins cannot re-use them again.

The following table shows the damages and losses resulted from the demolition:

Affected citizen	Family	Minors	No. of sheep	Area/m ²	Note	photo
Fayez Ka'abna	7	5	60	30	First time demolition	1
Ali Mlaihat	6	4	70	24	First time demolition	2
Mohammad Mlaihat	4	2	30	25	Second time demolition	3
Total	17	11	160	79		

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations-Land Research Center -2015

It should be also marked that this attack is the first of its kind since 30years; such attacks reflect the occupational plan of emptying the area for the sake of taking it over. The occupation has been working on establishing a residential mass in the area of al-Nuwai'ma to relocate all Bedouins of Palestinian-Jordanian Valley in.

Demolition in pictures





The Israeli occupation dozers level an under construction residence in Al-Isawiya

The Israeli occupation dozers on January 19, 2015 demolished a residence that is still under construction. The structure belongs to Citizen Osama Dari; demolition came under the claim of unlicensed construction.

It should be marked that the 200m² house was supposed to shelter Dari's 5 member family including 3 children.

Dari told a researcher from Land Research Center the following:

“The structure was built in 2014; it is when I received a stop-work order on it from the occupation municipality. I immediately sought an attorney to obtain a license for the house. But on January 19, 2015, I was served a demolition order on my structure. On the same day the municipality was supposed to study my license, dozers relative to the municipality itself came and demolished the house. Losses totaled 220,000 NIS. After the demolition was over, the occupation police assaulted some citizens and fired teargas grenades and rubber-coated bullets at people”



The Israeli occupation municipality demolishes four under construction apartments in

Shu'fat

The dozers of the Israeli occupation municipality on January 21, 2015 demolished a residential building (4 apartments) in the Jerusalem village of Shu'fat under the claim of "unlicensed construction".

It should be marked that the building is composed of two floors (four apartments; 100m² for each) and five stores (50m²). The building is owned by Citizen Waleed Bsharat, Who is married and father of 7 children. Noteworthy, Bsharat resided in one of the apartments but his attorney advised him to evict it before demolition takes place.

The building's cost reached 500,000 NIS and the owner lost around \$40,000 in the process of obtaining a building permit and delaying the demolition orders.

Citizen Bsharat told a researcher from Land Research Center the following:

"The building was established in 2013 for the sake of leasing; it is when I received a stop-work order on it. I sought help from an engineer and attorney Hussein Ghanim to obtain a license. But the occupation claims that the structure is located on the street, taking into account that the building is 20m away from the street. The court of the Israeli occupation municipality on January 20, 2015 made a decision stating the demolition of the structure.

On January 21, 2015, a force from the Israeli police accompanied by dozers relative to the occupation municipality came to the place and embarked on demolishing the building. My losses totaled one million dollar"



The rubbles of Bsharat' residence

The Israeli occupation authorities demolish an under construction residence in Jabal Al-Mukabir

The Israeli occupation authorities on January 21, 2015 demolished a residence that is still under construction in the area of Jabal Al-Mukabir, south Jerusalem. It should be marked that the structure belongs to citizen I'layan Ruba'iya and that the demolition was carried out under the claim of unlicensed construction. Noteworthy, the structure is a one story house (65m²) and was supposed to accommodate three rooms.

Ruba'iya told a researcher from Land Research Center the following:

“The structure was built in 2014 on a 140m² plot to be home for my family; it is when I received a stop-work order. Despite the order, I continued the construction.

On January 18, 2015, I received a self-demolition order on my house, which is to be carried out in a period between 24-48 hours. Next day, three dozers came to the palace and leveled the house to the ground. My losses totaled 100,000 NIS.”



The rubbles of Ruba'iya's

Demolition of structures in the Bedouin community of Arab Al_Dawahik in Beit Iksa

The dozers of the Israeli occupation army on January 22, 2015 demolished a number of tents, residences and barracks relative to Al-Dawahik family in the area of Beit Iksa, northwest Jerusalem.

The chairman of the village council Sa'ada Al-Khtib said that a massive force from the Israeli occupation army accompanied by a dozer raided the area and embarked on demolishing different structures.

He also mentioned that the Israeli occupation army has usually been targeting the area with closures and the apartheid wall as well. Now, the village is declared inaccessible but for its residents. Special bodies call on supporting the steadfastness of residents in the area; especially during these hard times.

AL-Khatib concluded saying that the village (2000 people) suffers from the checkpoint established at the western entrance. The checkpoint was set up after closing the main eastern entrance of the village and surrounding it with the apartheid wall.

The occupation municipality forces a Jerusalemite to self-demolish his house:

Citizen Mohammad Al-Masri on January 23, 2015 self-demolished his residence in the area of Sur Bahir. The demolition order came under the claim of “unlicensed construction”. The occupation municipality ordered citizen Al-Masri not to use his house under the same claim since six years ago; financial fines were imposed on Al-Masri as a result.

Noteworthy, the residence is a two story house (100m² for each); Masri paid around 200,000 NIS worth of fines and attorney’s expenses.

It should be marked that Al-Masri carried out the self-demolition as the court ordered. In case the affected doesn’t compel to the order, the occupation municipality carries out the demolition where all expenses will be billed to the owner. Losses totaled 300,000 NIS.

It should be indicated that this is the second demolition on AL-Masri’s residence; the Israeli occupation authorities demolished his house six years ago under the usual claim of “unlicensed construction”.

Violation of the right to Housing- Demolition Threats

Ratification of home demolitions in Shu’fat and Jabal Al-Mukabir

Israel Supreme Court on January 01, 2015 approved the demolition of four houses relative to Palestinian attackers. The court ratified the demolition order on the residences of martyrs Mohammad Ja’abis, Oudai and Ghassan Abu Al-Jasmal from Jabal Al-Mukabir area and Ibrahim Akkawi from Shu’fat camp. As for the residence of martyr Mu’taz Hijazi, Israel Ministry of Defense gave owners a 15 day deadline to whether demolish or close their house.

According to court’s decision, the order will be implemented any time from the decision’s date of issuance.

Hemukid legal organization submitted a plea on November 26, 2014 to stop the demolition orders on the houses of Hijazi, Akkawi and Abu Jamal. Attorney Wasim Dakkour was responsible of the case of Ja'abis house. Eventually, the plea was rejected and demolitions were ratified.

Demolition threat on the residence of Omairah family in Sur Bahir

A massive force from the occupation police and Border Police accompanied by a staff from the occupation municipality on January 26, 2015 raided the area and delivered a stop-work order for citizen Omairah under the claim of “unlicensed construction”. This is to say that the house now falls under the spot of demolition.

Violation against the right to Housing- Seizures and seizures attempts

Colonists attempt at rehabilitating the seized house of Qarai'n in Silwan

A group of colonists on January 115, 2015 tried to rehabilitate the seized house of Qara'in family in the area of Wad Hilwah in Silwan town. Colonists were reported to close the street of Wad Hilwah by a dirt truck but the young men of the area stood up for them and reopened the road again.

At time of the rehabilitation attempt, verbal altercations and fights took place between the area's men and colonists. Police and special police forces came to protect colonists as a result.

The area's residents informed the police that Israel Supreme Court made a decision compelling colonists “not to use Qara'in's residence”.

Attorney Midhat Deibih said that the precautionary decision obtained in regard of the residence compels colonists not to sell, lease and change the residence whatsoever. Also, colonists were banned from using the area adjacent to the structure as well.

Violation of the right to Housing- Home Raids

Special Forces, Israeli police and Borders Police conduct home raids all over the occupied Palestinian territories including the areas classified “A” according to Oslo Accords (areas under Palestinian Authority control). Raids have been usually conducted under weak and various claims and pretexts; killing, assassination and detentions are the outcomes of such raids.

Normally, soldiers break into houses without any previous warnings or notifications; police dogs are used in such activities, which negatively affect kids’ psychological state. Trauma and nocturnal enuresis are common results that follow police break-ins on residences.

At time of raids, soldiers wreak havoc to the interior of structures and usually steal some of the houses objects and savings such like money and gold.

The following reports were documented during January 2015:

1. A staff from the Property Tax department- Occupation Municipality on January 12, 2015 raided the residence of Citizen Talal Al-Sayyad in the neighborhood of Al-Tur and obliged the owner to pay an amount of 1500 NIS as part of the 12,000 NIS property tax . The force threatened the owner of furniture confiscation if not compelled to the payment.
2. A staff from the Property Tax department- Occupation Municipality on January 14, 2015 raided a residence relative to the uncle of martyr Abdelrahman Shaloudi, which was previously demolished and obliged the owner to pay an amount of 2800 NIS as per property tax. The force threatened the owner of furniture confiscation if not compelled to the payment.

3. A staff from the Property Tax department- Occupation Municipality on January 20, 2015 raided the residence of Adnan Bamia in the area of Wad Helwih, Silwan town. Wad Hilwih information center said that the force broke into the house when the wife of Adnan was alone and ordered her to pay an amount of 5150 NIS as per the car tax. The wife explained not having the whole amount of money but the force confiscated the car as a result.

Land Research Center documented 55 cases of home raids for the sake of detention, sabotage and tax collection. The old city of Jerusalem was most targeted with 22 cases; Silwan town came second with 14 cases where Al-Tur neighborhood came final with 8 cases. The following table shows information about the raids according to locations:

Location	No. of raids
Old city	22
Al- Tur neighborhood	8
Jabal Al-Mukabir	5
Ras Al-Amud	2
Silwan	14
Kfar Aqab	1
Eizariya	3
Total	55

Attacks on Lands

The occupation dozers ravage hundreds of olive trees to open a colonial road in Beit Safafa town

The Israeli occupation authorities on January 01, 2015 ravaged 150 olive trees in the area of Beit Safafa, south Jerusalem. This step was taken for the sake of opening the new colonial bypass road no. 4. The road will link the colonies of Jerusalem to the ones established in the West Bank, taking into account that the road will split the town of Beit Safafa into two halves.



The occupation dozers open the new colonial bypass road no. 29 amidst Palestinian residences in Beit Safafa town

The dozers of the occupation uprooted and ravaged a number of aging olive trees in the town of Shu'fat, east Jerusalem. This step was taken to complete the opening of new colonial roads no. 20 and 21. The number of uprooted trees reached 100, not mentioning hundreds of trees that area threatened of uproot as per completing the road project.

It should be marked that the Israeli occupation authorities confiscated the uprooted trees and re-plant them in colonies.

Closures

The occupation municipality closes the entrance of Al-Ram town

The Israeli occupation authorities on January 27, 2015 closed the northern entrance of Al-Ram town, east Jerusalem with road blocks.

The mayor of Al-Ram Ali Maslamani said that a massive force from the occupation army at an early hour of morning shut down the entrance of the town causing a traffic jam in the area.



Al-Maslamani also said that closing the entrance will hinder the movement of 60,000 people from the area. The entrance is considered a linking point between the town and other neighboring villages and cities. More than 100,000 people come to Al-Ram town on daily bases to run their errands; the town accommodates 7 banks and different governmental departments. It is also considered a market place for the small neighboring villages.

Al-Maslamani also asserted that the occupation soldiers usually close the entrance by their vehicles to provoke Palestinians.

Colonists' attacks

Price-tag colonists puncture the tires of 11 cars in Beit Safafa

Around 6:00 a.m. of Wednesday January 01, 2015, a group of extreme colonists broke into the area of al-Tantur in the neighborhood of Beit Safafa, southwest occupied Jerusalem. Perpetrators were reported to be part of Price-tag gang; the attack left the tires of 11 cars punctured and hatred inciting slogans spray printed on cars, which translate "Leave from here".



Cars belong to several families from the area namely (Ilyan, al-Ash-hab and other families).

Noteworthy, the area of Beit Safafa suffered from land grab in the favor of opening the so-called bypass road no.4. Another colonial road holding the number of 29 is on the way to confiscate a vast area of lands and destroy a big number of aging olive trees.

It should be marked that the area is trapped by colonies from its four directions namely (Talpiyot, Bat, Givat Hamatos and Gilo)

Colonists and Special Forces broke into two schools in Al-Tur

A group of colonists and Special Forces on January 14, 2015 broke into the schools of Al-Shamilah for boys and Girls Elementary school.

Wadi Hilweh Information Center was informed by Mufeed Abu Ghannam, head of follow-up committee in Al-Tur and member of the Central Committee of the parents of students, that 10 colonists along with Special Forces raided “Al-Shamilah” school for boys in Al-Tur and fired grenades towards the school and classrooms as they were leaving; one soldier fired live bullets in the air while he was standing outside the school. Abu Ghannam pointed out that the raid coincided with the end of the school day and while the students were leaving the school.

He also added that the occupation forces raided the “Girls Elementary School” when the students were leaving the school under the pretext of throwing stones towards the soldiers.

Colonist assaults a Jerusalemite kid in Al-Thawri neighborhood of Silwan

A colonist on January 28, 2015 assaulted a Jerusalemite kid from the neighborhood of Al-Thawri while going to school. Kid Ibrahim Jamal Ghaith (14) was assaulted at time of going school.

The kid’s father said: “A colonists got off a car, assaulted Ibrahim and tried to abduct him but the boy managed to escape”



He also said: “colonists are relative to an outpost in Silwan; colonists were seen fleeing the scene after people heard the screaming of the boy. Residents of the area called the police and ambulance, which transferred the boy to Tsha’ari Tsidiq hospital to receive medical care. The kid now suffers a trauma, burses and general pain. At time of opening an investigation in the attack scene, some police staff assaulted the brother and father of the kid”

Colonists attempt at abducting the kid of Martyr Ghassan Abu Jamal

A female colonist attempted on January 29, 2015 to kidnap the child Mohammad the son of the Martyr Ghassan Abu Al-Jamal while he was going out from a clinic, which is located next to “Armon Hanatziv” colony; note that the child is only one and a half years old.

The child’s uncle explained that Mohammad and his two brothers were walking in the village and Mohammad went only 5 meters away from his brothers.

He added that a car was parked and a female settler got out of the car and kidnapped the child and was able to run 20 meters but Mohammad’s brothers were able to catch her and she started screaming “Arabs, Arabs are trying to kill me”.

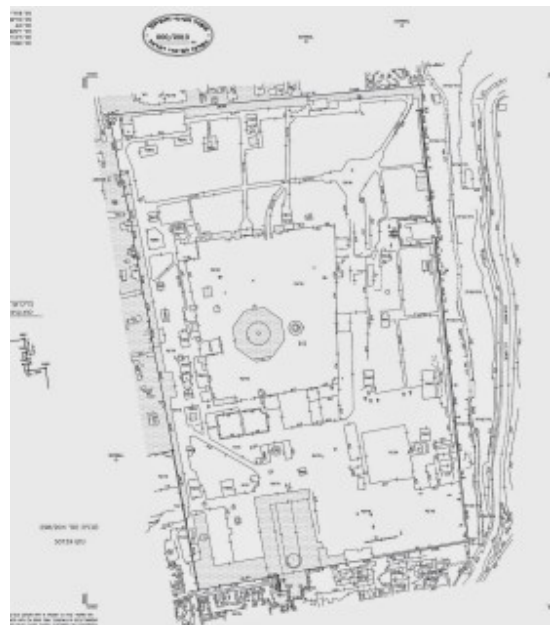
The colonist left the child and got inside the car and immediately drove away towards the colony; he pointed out that the family immediately informed the police of the incident.

Attacks on religious sites

A colonial group pursues to register Al-Aqsa mosque as Tabu (land registration office)

The colonial group Yishai filed an application to the Tabu office in order to enlist Al-Qsa mosque as Israeli state property. This step comes after the intention of some colonial groups to build a synagogue in the compound of Al-Aqsa mosque to take it over.

To implement the full takeover of Al-Aqsa mosque, the Israeli government imposed a policy of closures, sabotage and attacks on Palestinians inside of Al-Aqsa mosque.



The government also allowed colonists inside of the mosque and banned other Muslims entry to the place. This comes within the policy of apartheid, through which the occupation pursues to impose a time division on the mosque.

The Aqsa Foundation for Endowment and Heritage (AFEH) asserted that colonial groups attempt at taking over Al-Aqsa mosque and changing facts on the ground to fit the Jewish narrative.

The Israeli occupation authorities isolate five Jerusalemites and detain three others to administrative detention

The Israeli occupation authorities ordered five Jerusalemites isolated from Jerusalem under the claim of “the city’s security”. The order that was made by Israel Security Agency “Shabak” included the following young men namely (Akram Al-Sharafa’, Faris Abu Ghannam, Dawoud Al-Ghool, Salih Derbas and Majd Al-Darawish). Noteworthy, the aforementioned are freed prisoners; the order compelled the affected not enter Jerusalem from November 31, 2014 until May 30, 2015.

Administrative detention was used against three Jerusalemites; the affected were detained for six months under the claim of “maintaining the city’s security”.

Such a step is considered an ethnic cleansing and forcible displacement practice against Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem. It is also a violation of international covenants and human rights laws.

Isolating Jerusalemites became an existing policy; the following table shows information about affected young men by this policy:

Name	Isolation	Detention	Remarks
Akram Al-Sharafa', Faris Abu Ghannam, Dawoud Al-Ghool, Salih Derbas and Majd Al-Darawish	5	0	Isolation from November 31, 2014 until May 30, 2015.
Samiha I'baidiyeh, Ikhlas Ru'oud, Su'ad I'baidiyeh, Malak Attwan and Marwa Hamadah	5	0	They were released on January 01, 2015 under the condition of being isolated from Al-Aqsa mosque
Khadija Abu Ghaliyeh and Abdallah Shimeh	2	0	Were isolated for 21 days from January 01, 2012 with 1000 NIS bail
Tawfiq Abu Dhaim (14 years)	1	0	Isolated from his house in Jabal AL-Mukkabir. Home stay for five days with a 800 NIS bail
Mohammad Ma'touq (16)	0	1	Was detained in Al-Aqsa mosque
Omar Abu Sarah (50)	1	1	The judge of the Conciliation Court ordered the man isolated for 60 days from Al-Aqsa. Omar was also ordered to pay a 2000 NIS bail and to spend a 5 day home stay sentence.
Sana' Al-Rajabi	0	1	Her detention was extended on January 13, 2015
Ayda Al-Disi	1	1	She was released on January 13, 2015 under the condition of being isolated for 15 days
Hiba Hussein (28), Safa' Siaj	3	5	Hussein, Siaj and Abu Arafah were

(26), Juman Abu Arafah (23) Bara'a Natshih (17) and Ansam Moghrabi (17)			isolated from Jerusalem for 15 days on January 19, 2015
Su'ad I'baidiyeh (24) and Rawya Al-Qawasmeh (26)	2	0	Rawya was released on January 20,2015 under the condition of being isolated for 15 days. Su'ad was detained for 24 hours and isolated from Jerusalem on January 21, 2015. Su'ad had to pay a 1000 NIS bail and sign a 5000 NIS bail.
Samiha Shahin and Niveen Al- Masri	0	0	Were detained on January 21, 2015 from Al-Sinsilih gate
Amani Tawil (20), Noor Abu Sunainih (19), Hur Abdin (14)	3	2	Were isolated from Jerusalem for 21 days on January 23, 2015.
Hanan Abu Sunainih (45), Hanadi Maswadih(45) and Ikhlas Ru'oud (19)	3	0	Were released on January 26, 2015 under the condition of being isolated from Al-Aqsa mosque for 15 days
Total	26	11	

The Israel occupation continues on its violations against Al-Aqsa mosque:

The Israeli occupation authorities continued on its policy of raids and break-ins on Al-Aqsa through letting numbers of colonists entering the compound and wandering the place under the watchful eyes of the Israeli police. Raids and break-ins during January 2015 were documented as follows:

- January 01: Israeli police banned Palestinians from entering Al-Aqsa, detained worshipers IDs and allowed colonists inside of the compound.
- January 03: Tens of colonists broke into Al-Aqsa mosque and wandered in the compound amidst “Allahu Akbar” chants
- January 06: Israel police allowed tens of colonists inside of Al-Aqsa mosque to wander in the compound
- January 08: the Israeli occupation allowed colonists inside of Al-Aqsa mosque to wander though it
- January 11: Israel Police allowed colonists inside of Al-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate
- January 12: Israel Police banned Palestinians from entering Al-Aqsa mosque, detained the IDs of female worshipers and allowed colonists inside the mosque.
- January 15: Israel Police allowed colonists inside of Al-Aqsa mosque to wander the compound
- January 17: Israel Police allowed colonists inside of Al-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate to wander the compound
- January 122: Israel Police allowed colonists inside of Al-Aqsa mosque to wander the compound
- January 25: tens of colonists broke into Al-Aqsa mosque and conducted provocative tours in the compound
- January 29: the Israeli occupation banned Palestinians from entering Al-Aqsa mosque and allowed colonists inside.