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Nature of violation	Location	No.
Demolitions		26
Residential barrack	Jabal al-Baba/Eizariya	5
Agricultural barracks and storehouses	Jabal al-Baba/Eizariya	5
Residential barrack	Beit Hanina	1
Residential rooms	Beit Hanina	2
Agricultural	Beit Hanina	1
Animals barrack	Beit Hanina	2
Health facilities	Beit Hanina	2
Retaining wall	Beit Hanina	1
Retaining wall	Jabal al-Baba/Eizariya	1
Residence/ palace shaped	Abu Dis	5
Residences self-demolition	Beit Hanina	1
Compulsory residences closing		2
Two apartments/ forth floor	Beit Hanina	2
Residences seizure/takeover		28
Seizure through purchase and forgery	Wad Hilweih	28
Stop work and demolition threats		7
Stop work and demolition threats	Jabal al-Baba/Eizariya	7
Raids on residences		25
Raids and break-ins	The old city	4
	Shu'fat	2
	Eizariya	3
	At-Tur	2
	Wad ej-Jouz	3
	Silwan	7
	Eisawaya	4

The following table shows information about the number of violations and their types:

Attacks on lands/ dunums		702
Creating " fake" tombs	Silwan	2
Ratifying the establishment of a park at the expense of Palestinian lands	At-Tur and Eisawaya	700
Colonial expansion plans- number of		2610
units		
Establishing a school of religion	Herods Gate	1
Ratifying the establishment of a	Beit Safafa	2610
colonial quarter in Givat Hamatos		
Ratifying the establishment of a	At-Tur and Eisawaya	1
national park		
Colonists attacks –numbers		2
Individuals	Beit Hanina and al-	2
	Huthmania	
Attacks on religious sites		18
Demolitions and tombs ravaging- no.	Lions' Gate	20
Break-ins and closures	Al-Aqsa mosque	17

Violation of the Right to Housing - residences demolitions

The Israeli occupation demolishes 10 residential and agricultural structures in Jaba':

On September 2^d 2014, a force of twelve military jeeps accompanied by the Planning Committee of the occupation embarked demolition on a Bedouin community north of Jab'a, which is relative to Jerusalem governorate and is 2km away from Adam colony. The reason behind that operation is to implement a displacement plan on the community.

Around 9:00am of Tuesday September 2^d 2014, two bulldozers of the occupation embarked demolition on the community that reached out five residences (made of metal slabs and hay), three barns, and two fodder storehouses. As a result, 42 people including 29 minors were forced to leave and became homeless.

No.	Citizen	Family	Minors	No. of sheep	No. of residential barracks	Area/m ²	No. of livestock barracks	Area	storehouses	No. of fodder storehouses
1	Sarah Hathalin	6	5	15	1	16	1	12	0	0
2	Jamil Hathalin	8	6	80	0	0	1	100	1	9
3	Khadir Hathalin	5	3	0	1	60	0	0	0	0
4	Muhammad Hathalin	5	3	10	1	48	0	0	1	9
5	Gebril Hathalin	9	5	0	1	60	0	0	0	0
6	Jum'a Hathalin	9	7	20	1	60	1	90	0	0
Total		42	29	125	5	244	3	202	2	18

The following table shows the damage resulted by the demolitions:

*Source: Field Research- Monitoring Israeli Violations Team- Land Research Centre (LRC

It should be mentioned that the Civil Administration of the occupation served demolition orders on the Bedouin community a year ago under the pretext of illegal presence. This comes within a displacement plan conducted by the occupation to forcibly move the residents to a community in Abu Dis area.

A displacement plan for the favor of colonial expansion:

The Chieftain of the Bedouin community Juma'ah Hathalin to the LRC researcher said that:

"it is the first time in which the residents of the community witnessed various demolitions, taking into consideration that they have been living in the area of north Jaba'a since 1997. Noteworthy, on September 2013, residents of the community received stop work orders under the pretext of unlicensed construction and illegal presence in area classified C according to Oslo Accords".

Hathalin also added:

"We, by then, applied to obtain construction permits in the court of Beit El through an attorney. The construction authorization was not at all considered and we were surprised at time of the latest demolition".

It should be marked and according to the LRC field follow-up in the targeted location that the occupation selectively targeted barns and tents to deliver a message the theme of which is "residents' displacement of the community". The plan is a part of a greater plan for colonial expansion on the nearby Adam colony and the industrial zone "Benyamin". The aforementioned witnessed a large-scale expansion of colonial outposts for the sake of attracting more colonists to reside in the area.

About Arrab al-Hathalin:

It should be mentioned that the routes of Arrab al-Hathalin are from the occupied lands of 1948; more specifically, Beir es-Saba' from which they were forcibilyexpelled towards the southern parts of Hebron. Water scarcity and lack of pastures forced people to move again towards the middle and northern parts of the West Bank where part of them resided in Ayzarrieh and the other part resided in al-Mu'arjat and the middle Palestinian parts of the Jordan Valle.

Despite the low-standards Bedouin life style they are living, residents of those areas are still targeted at all times.

"Nine families of 58 members are residing the Bedouin community of al-Hathalin, east of Jab'a town" as the chieftain asserted.



The occupation authorities destroy residential caravans for Abu Nijma family in Beit Hanina:

On September 3^d 2014, and for the fifth time in row, the Civil Administration demolished residential caravans belonging to citizen Ezzidin Abu Nijma. The structures are located in Wad al-Damm, Beit Hanina, east of occupied Jerusalem. The demolition was carried out via bulldozers relative to the Civil Administration. The damage reached out the following:

- A residential barrack (40m²)
- Two residential rooms(60 m²)
- A wooden storehouse (50 m²)
- Barracks (200 m²) for animals
- Two exterior bathroom (20 m²)
- A retaining wall surrounding the barracks and the land

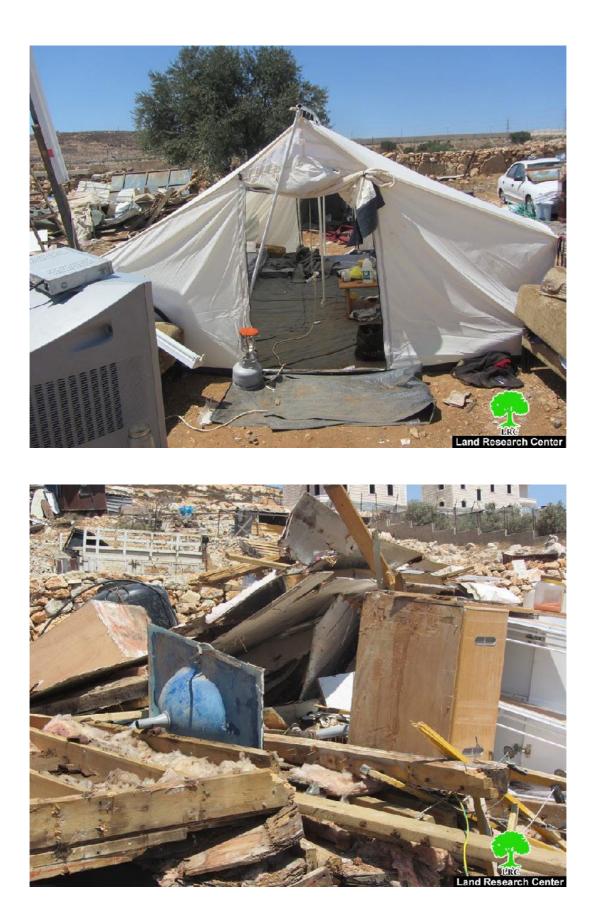
The caravans were inhabited by citizen Ezzidin and his family; wife, son, and a married son with 5 minors. It should be marked that the caravans are situated in area classified as West Bank lands for they are 500m away from the boarders of the segregation wall adjacent to the bypass road no.443.

Ezzidin asserted the following:

"at seven A.M, a massive force of the occupation accompanied by the Civil Administration and a bulldozer forced us out of our caravans where the staff emptied some of the interior shortly before initiating



the demolition. This is not the first of a type demolition; in 1976 the bulldozers of the occupation destroyed a under construction residence where in 2002, another residence of 200m² was leveled to the ground. As for the third and fourth demolition, I got my 110m² house demolished in 2008 where in 2012 the house got destroyed after I rebuilt it again. The fifth time was the current one".



Demolishing a retaining wall in Abu Dis town:

On September 17th 2014, the bulldozers of the occupation demolished and ravaged cement walls surrounding a vast piece of land in the area of Khallet al-Raheb from the lands of Abu Dis. This step came within a plan to confiscate the lands of the area and annex them to the Bedouin community for the sake of housing the Bedouin families of E1 area who are to be vacated from their houses. In addition, the Bedouin community in Jabal al-Baba was raided where demolition and displacement orders were served.



Obeidi family self-demolishes its house and closes two other apartments

On September 23^d 2014, the Obeidi family was forced to self-demolish its home in the neighborhood of Al-Marwaha in Beit Hanina north of Jerusalem in order to execute the occupation municipality's decision.

The owner of the house, Walid Obeidi, explained that the occupation municipality lately issued a decision to demolish the fifth floor (top floor) and to close the fourth floor with bricks under the pretext of building without a permit. The family had until the 25th of September, 2014 to execute the order.

Walid and his family which consists of eight members lived in the fifth floor, and Mohammad Obeidi and his family lived in one apartment in the fourth floor which Um Usayd Obeidi live in the other apartment with 11 other people.

It is noteworthy that the fifth floor was built in 2005 while the fourth was built in 2002.

Demolishing a residential building in Abu Dis

The occupation municipality's bulldozers demolished on Monday early morning a residential building in the village of Abu Dis owned by Dr Mutasem Adileh under the pretext of building without a permit.



The bulldozers of the occupation embarked demolition on the palace that consists of five floors and is of $1000m^2$.

The building is only 20 meters away from the racist separation wall that separates the village of Abu Dis, Eizariya and Al-Sawahreh from the city of Jerusalem.

The building consisted of five floors and was initially built in 1959. Dr Adileh obtained the necessary permits in 2012 for building three extra floors. When the construction was completed, the municipality issued an administrative demolition order to destroy the whole building. Despite submitting all the necessary appeals to the Israeli courts, they all insisted on demolishing the building claiming that it is within its authority.

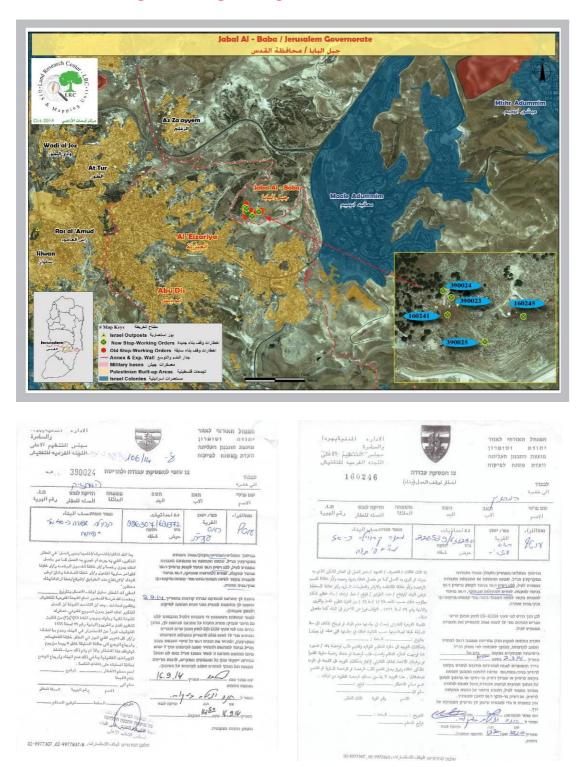
Mutasem and his family(5 members including 3 minors) reside in his mother's house in Ras al-Amud since his residence is uninhabitable.

Violation of the Right to Housing - residences threats

A policy to forcibly relocate Bedouins on lands previously expropriated from Palestinians :

On September 8th 2014, the troops of the Israeli occupation accompanied by a staff from the Civil Administration served demolition and stop work order on structures owned by five Bedouin families in the community located in Jabal al-Baba. Three orders compelled demolition where the other two compelled stop work.

The occupation carried out this plan to displace indigenous from the area to serve its own colonial plans in the area.



See the aerial image indicating the targeted structures.

stop work order

Demolition order

on September 17th 2014, a massive force of the Israeli army accompanied by the Civil Administration raided the areas of Khallet al-Qamar, Ahfad Younes and Jabal al-Baba and ravaged and demolished a retaining wall that surrounds a land of 1.5km in area for the sake of implementing a project to relocate the Bedouin residents of Jerusalem in that area. The project is compulsory and will not respect both sides opinions.

The owners of the neighboring lands to the segregation wall protested at time to reject the project which aims at relocating them in the area of Abu Dis; an area relatively small, which cannot accumulate their numbers reaching up to 15,000 people.

One of the land owners to the LRC researcher stated the following :

The targeted lands belong to families from Abu Dis and Eizariya. Originally those lands are uninhabitable due to its proximity to a waste dumb not mentioning that the area itself used to be one. Anyways, the lands have owners who have the ultimate right over them, not the occupation which tries to expand and confiscate more land.

One of the Bedouins asserted the following:

They want to displace us from our residences to an even smaller location which contradicts with the nature of Bedouin life which is famous for openness and vastness in area. We originally come from Tal 'Irad in Ber es-Sabe' and will never be able to come back there. These plans aims directly at displacement and new catastrophe after the later in 1948.



The proposed location to house the Palestinian communities in



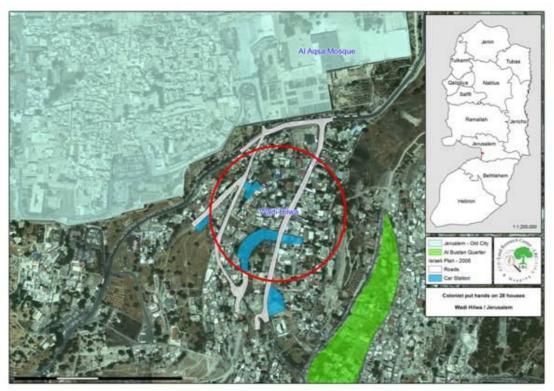
Landlords, Bedouins and international activists protest the occupation plan

Violation of the Right to Housing- residences seizures Using new fraud techniques with Palestinians:

Colonial associations seize 28 residences in Occupied Jerusalem

On September 30th 2014, a staff from a colonial association named El'ad accompanied by police troops of the occupation put hand on 28 houses claiming them purchased.

The aforementioned residences are located in the neighborhood of Wad Hilwih, which is adjacent to the western side of al-Aqsa mosque and is considered part of Silwan neighborhood. This neighborhood is classified as part of the "Holy Quarter" according to the occupation where acts of rehabilitation and construction are prohibited to be implemented by Jerusalemites. The pretext came under the neighborhood being a sacred place. Ironically, colonists are allowed to do what Palestinian are banned from.



The geographical location of the seized residences in Silwan

Land Research Center LRC sees the fraud techniques aiming at circumventing the law as illegal and lawfully invalid according to UN resolutions, which stated that:

" any actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem are illegal and therefore null and void and have no validity whatsoever, and calls upon Israel to cease all such illegal and unilateral measures".

Therefore, any act of purchase or sell undertaken by colonial associations such like El'ad is prohibited. LRC calls upon stockholders and landlords to demand and defend their rights of housing and to sue associations responsible of seizure.



Parts of the seized houses







Araih King, the godfather of the colonization posted the following on his Facebook account:

" My happiness in unprecedented for the percentage of Jews house increased 33% in hours in Silwan"

The godfather of the colonization at time of his tour in Silwan after houses seizure

Violations of the Right to Housing – residences raids

The Israeli special forces and police have been frequently raiding Jerusalemites residences under fable pretexts all aiming at detention, inspection or murder. At times of raid, soldiers accompanied by dogs break into houses without even showing warrants causing kids and women to be traumatized. This has a negative effect on children health for some of them suffer from severe trauma and nocturnal enuresis. Vandalism is often seen disrespecting owners.

The team of Monitoring Israeli Violation documented 25 case of house raids in different neighborhoods of Jerusalem in 2014:

Location	No. of raids
The old City	4
Shu'fat	2
Eizariya	3
At-Tur	2
Wad ej-Jouz	3
Silwan	7
Eisawaya	4
Total	25

Land Research Center sees in raids a clear-cut breach and contradiction to the international conventions, which called upon respecting the human rights. Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stated the following :

"No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks".

Attacks on lands

Israel creates thousands of "fake" Jewish tombs to the southern part of Al-Aqsa

Mosque

The authorities of the occupation are still conducting the facts distortion policy in Jerusalem for the sake of Judaizing the city. A means used to implement the project was creating "hoax" Jewish tombs in the area of Silwan, south of al-Aqsa mosque.



The Israeli government is using bodies

such as the Elad Association and the so-called Nature and National Parks Authority to carry out this activity. David star was a prominent logo engraved on those tombs as if they were built years ago. Noteworthy, tourists get introduced to these graves as Jewish since 1948 on Israeli lands. This contradicts with all of the international conventions, which stated the prohibition of changing the characteristics of any historical and\or archeological monuments in a occupied territory. On the contrary, the occupation's main objective is to change facts on the ground to pin its presence in Palestine in all possible means and forgery was one. Not only Muslim sites were targeted but many other the Christians' were as well under different pretexts and according to hoax Jewish narratives.



Colonial plans

Opening a new yeshiva in the area of Herods Gate, Jerusalem

On September 3^d 2014, hundreds of right-wing colonists celebrated, under police protection, the opening of a new yeshiva named Otzmat Yerushalim in the area of Prince Suliman St. and Saladin street. Ateret Cohanim –Jewish association working to settle Jews in east Jerusalem- announced early on March 2014 that the association bought parts of a building in an area commercially active in the heart of Jerusalem city, more specifically near the post office and communications authority.

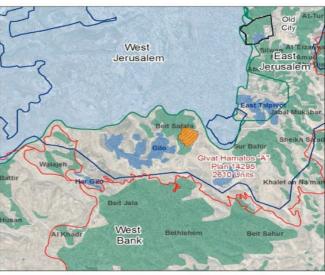
It should be marked that the location has been expropriated in the aftermath of Israel's occupation of the West Bank in 1976. The confiscation came according to the Law of Absentees in 1950 and the area later turned into a headquarter for Israel post office and communication authority, which in this regard sold its shares to Ateret Cohanim in 2014. It is worth mentioning that two floors of the complex were used by Israel's post office where the other two buildings were used as a center for the Israeli Police.

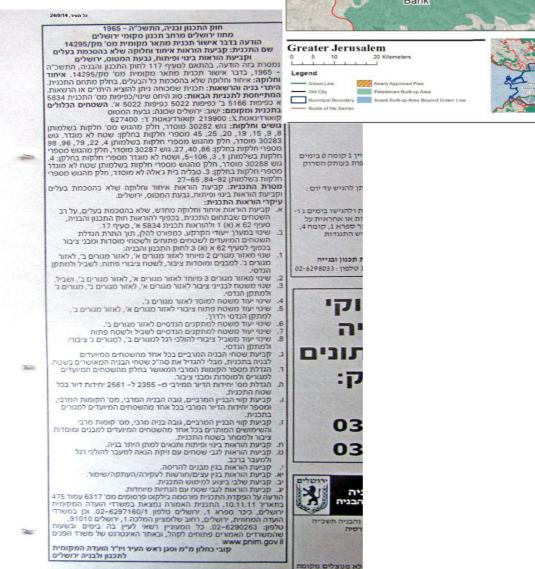
The occupation municipality approves on building 2610 colonial units on lands of

Beit Safafa:

On September 24th 2014, the Planning Committee featured a plan no. A-14295 in al-Quds newspaper about constructing a new colonial quarter in Givat Hamtos that is located on lands of Beit Safafa, south of Jerusalem. (the add link)

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The plan was released after a meeting between President Benjamin Netanyahu and Barak Obama. European statements warned initiating construction, pointing out that this plan will negatively affect the borders between the two countries in regard to the division of Jerusalem. This very plan has been met with many refusals and uprisings from various Arab and European countries for it will be carried out on lands under the Palestinian control and full authority and that any act of construction implemented by Israelis on that area is a clear-cut violation of the international conventions. Ironically, the municipality gave approval for the plan to be carried out on lands of Beit Safafa and has been working on issuing a permit for construction, Haaretz said.

Land Research Center sees in the construction of the new colonial quarter a vicious means to geographically divide the connections between Arab neighborhoods namely (Beit Safafa, Sharafat, Umm Tuba and Sour Baher) in addition to other Palestinian cities and towns outside of occupied Jerusalem. This makes the establishment of a Palestinian state on 1967 borders impossible given the current conducted policy of Israel in annexing hundreds of colonial units at the expense of demolishing Palestinian structures.

Ratifying the "National Park" plan on the lands of Al-Tur and Issawiyeh:

The Israeli Building and Planning District Committee ratified on Thursday night the "National Park" plan on the lands of Al-Tur and Issawiyeh.

It is noteworthy that the project of "National Park 11092 A" taking place in the heart of Al-Tur and Issawiyeh will result in the confiscation of 740 Dunums of locals' lands. According to the council's decision, members were convinced that the project will achieve " nature preserve ", cultural and religious historical principles. Apparently, the decision depended on the Jewish narrative of Jerusalem pointing out that the place is where Jacob offspring had entered the promise land from and that this area is the pathway of King David when he fled Jerusalem.

Despite all criticism on the decision ,which was made disregarding the project's effect on al- Issawiyeh and at-Tur development, the committee did not take into consideration rejecting the final decision as demanded by objectors.

The council's decision came in the aftermath of appealing to the regional committee's approval on the plan. The appeals were submitted by Adalah Center for Human Rights and the Arab Center for Alternative Planning in coordination with the Civic collation for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem and other organizations.

The council's village defied all objections -indicating the illegality of the project because of its structure being on Palestinian lands- and stated that eastern Jerusalem is "Israeli" abiding all Israeli laws.

Attorney Suhad Bshara from Adalah Center stated, after submitting an objection in that regard, that : " any modification , if agreed on, will be tiny and will not change the nature of the plan. Despite the criticality of project in terms of the development of the area, Israel main concern is to change landmarks of the area and enforce the colonization through expanding a geographical space between colonies.

Objectors said that this kind of plans will notably limit the development of the area in terms of the built-up area and the commerce as well. The objection appeal mentioned that at-Tur town needs more than 1,700 additional dunums until 2030 where Issawiyeh needs more than 1,100 until the same year.

Colonists attacks

Beating up citizen Mohammad al-Tiryaki near his house in Beit Hanina:

At 2:30 am of September 21st 2014, a group of colonists attacked Mohamad Tiryaki (22) near his house in Beit Hanina, east of Jerusalem when he was on his way back home from work causing bruises and a bleeding around his eye. The citizen said that 4 settlers attacked him with sharp tools and hit him on his head, eye and waist in the area nearby al-Dijani hospital. Colonists fled when a police patrol passed by.

Settlers try to kidnap 11-year Israeli settlers tried to kidnap a Palestinian child

8 Israeli settlers tried to kidnap a Palestinian child on Wednesday September 24th 2014 in Jerusalem, the boy's father said. The father of Muhammad Khaled al-Zaghl said eight settlers attempted to kidnap his 11-year-old son while he was walking home in the Ras al-Amud area. "Muhammad managed to escape and hided in a Palestinian car in the area.

Israeli police then arrived in the area and detained Muhammad for allegedly throwing rocks at settlers.

Attacks on religious sites

Israeli occupation forces, and the so called nature authority, demolished yesterday Sunday 21/9/2014, 20 tombs of Palestinian families in Yousufeya cemetery in Jerusalem, that is located in the area of Lions' gate right next to the eastern wall of Al-Aqsa Mosque, claiming that the tombs were built on confiscated land.

Mustafa Abu Zahra, head of Islamic cemetery welfare committee in Jerusalem, strongly condemned the Israeli Occupation's demolition actions, saying that the Martyrs cemetery was an extension of the Yousufeya cemetery in Lions' gate, and that it purely counts as an Islamic property. He also added that the demolished tombs were build several months ago, but were still unused.

Abu Zahra refuted the Israeli and nature authority claims, saying that this land is a Palestinian property and does not need any licensing.





2014: the year of time division of al-Aqsa mosque

The occupation is still violating al-Aqsa mosque

Systematic violations against al-Aqsa mosque escalated during September 2014. The number of colonists allowed in has notably increased. Colonists have been breaking into al-Aqsa mosque and wandering through the courtyards where Palestinians were banned from entering the mosque. The is the time division, which the state of the occupation has been working on for years.

During September , the following violations against al-Aqsa were documented:

> September 1st, a massive force of the occupation police set up checkpoints at the entrances of al-



Aqsa mosque and banned female worshippers from entering where colonists were freely allowed in under intense protection.

*September 2^d, the troops of the occupation banned locals from entering al-Aqsa mosque and allowed colonist to enter and wander through courtyards from 7:00 to 11:00 am.

* September 4th, the troops of the occupation imposed a closure on al-Aqsa mosque and allowed colonists in wandering the courtyards.

* September 7th, the police of the occupation detained a number of protesters at the gates of al-Aqsa mosque after being denied access inside.

* September 8th, the police of the occupation assaulted a number of citizen gathering at Bab al-Nather after being denied access inside where colonists were allowed in under massive protection.

* September 9th, the foliage of a pine tree in the courtyards of al-Aqsa mosque due to the excavations under the mosque.

* September 10th, the troops of the occupation banned female worshippers from entering al-Aqsa mosque and allowed tens of colonists in to wander through the courtyards.

* September 11th, the police of the occupation banned female worshippers from accessing al-Aqsa mosque and brutally pushed them away.

* September 14th, the troops the occupation police allowed tens of colonists inside al-Aqsa mosque and denied access to other Palestinians.

* September 16th, a massive force of the occupation centered in the quarters of the old city of Jerusalem and banned Jerusalemites from entering the mosque.

* September 18th, right-wing rabbis posted an invitation through social media calling on the Israeli police to ban Palestinians from entering al-Aqsa mosque during Jewish festivals.

* September 19th, a big number of colonists broke into al-Aqsa amidst a intense protection by the occupation. The occupation in that regard isolated citizens Dia' Daoud Hammoudeh and Nour Salim Shalabi from Al-Aqsa Mosque under the pretext of them provoking riot.

* September 22^d, the troops of the occupation allowed colonists inside al-Aqsa mosque and banned female worshipper from entering.

* September 23^d, the troops of the occupation isolated citizen Raja'e from the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of him provoking riot.

- * September 25th, colonists broke into al-Aqsa mosque from the area of Bab al-Sinsileh amidst of police protection.
- * September 28th, a big number of colonist broke into the courtyards.



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