

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

August- 2014

By:

Monitoring Israeli Violations Team

Land Research Center- Arab Studies Society



Eighth Month of the Eighth Year

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

Aggression	Location	Occurrence
<b>Demolition of houses and structures</b>		10
Residential barracks	Az-Za'ayem	5
Barracks for animal husbandry	Az-Za'ayem	2
dairy farm	Az-Za'ayem	1
A residential building	Et-Tur	2
<b>Demolition threats</b>		5
Residential building	Silwan	4
Residential building	Silwan	1
<b>Assault on lands</b>		200
Ravaging lands for the favor of the bypass road no.21	Shu'fat	200
<b>Colonial expansion plans</b>		1258
Tenders for establishing new colonial units	Gilo colony	708
Authorization for building new colonial units	Har Homa and Gilo	184
A plan to build 13 floor school of religion	OR Sameach academy of religion	1
Ravaging works to annex new units	Ramat Shomron colony	365
<b>Colonists' attacks (in numbers)</b>		7
Attacks on people( beating, running over, abducting)	Dung Gate, Shu'fat, al-Thawri, Safafa, and Wadi al-Jooz	7
Attacks on vehicles	Jaba'	6
<b>Attacks on religious sites</b>		16
Break-ins and closures	Al-Aqsa mosque	16

## Violations Of the Right to Housing – House demolitions

### **The bulldozers of the occupation demolishes 8 barracks in the area of az-**

#### **Za'ayyem – Sheik 'Anbr**

Around 10:00 am of Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, the troops of the Israeli occupation accompanied by a bulldozer and a staff from the Civil Administration broke into the area of Sheik 'Anbr in the town of Za'ayyem, east of the Occupied Jerusalem and destroyed 8 barracks of which 5 are residential, 2 are for animal husbandry, and 1 is dairy farm owned by Abu al-Hawa and al-Jahalin families. The demolition also reached out another dairy farm owned by Abu al-Hawa family.

The pretext under which the demolition was carried out is "construction on confiscated lands", taking into consideration that Palestinian families asserted their ownership\property of those lands, on which they have been living since the early fifties of the past century. The barracks belong to the following:

**Citizen Ahmad Jahalin** : the bulldozer of the Civil Administration leveled two barracks of his to the ground, first of which was a residential one established since 1999 with a total area of 120m<sup>2</sup> and inhabited by 10 members including 7 minors whereas the second was a barrack of 50 m<sup>2</sup> for sheep.

**Ahamd to the LRC researcher stated that:**

We live here since tens of years ago and our houses were built by metal slabs. Our source of income and living is animal husbandry and breeding. A year ago, officers of the Civil Administration served us an order including evection and a demolition on two barracks under the pretext of unlicensed construction , as claimed by their side. Ever since that incident, they frequently break into our properties and take photos of them.

At morning of August 28<sup>th</sup>, a massive force of the Israeli army and officers from the Civil Administration leveled down two barracks after they had evicted us from the residential one and got out the sheep from the other. Demolition lasted for an hour and a half before the force had left the place.

Then the machineries marched towards the barracks of al-Sa'idi family and destroyed 4 barracks sheltering 37 members(most of them are minors) and another barrack for livestock husbandry with an area of 60m<sup>2</sup>. The barracks are owned by brothers( Muhammad, Nayif, Khalil and Khadir). Gifted by the **Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs** OCHA, the barracks( 100m<sup>2</sup> in area each) were built in 2012 on a land with an area of 3 dunum.

Afterwards, the bulldozers headed towards the property of citizen Muhammad Abu al-Hawa and demolished his dairy farm under the pretext of unlicensed construction on confiscated lands.

**Scenes of the rubbles in the Bedouin communities after the demolitions in az-Za'ayem:**





**The municipality of the occupation levels down a residential building composed of two apartments in al-Tur, Occupied Jerusalem:**

On August 18<sup>th</sup> 2014, the bulldozer of the occupation destroyed a residential building in the area of al-Sahel in al-Tur. The building consists of two floors of 360m<sup>2</sup> in area and are owned by citizens Tawfiq and 'Ayid Gazzawi. Notably, each apartment is of 180m<sup>2</sup> in area.

According to what Tawfiq asserted, the "villa" was demolished under the pretext of it being built on lands classified "green"; meaning public property according to the municipality records, not mentioning its proximity to the al-Zaytona crossing point, which separates the areas of al-Tur and al-Eizariya.



**Citizen Tawfiq to the LRC researcher asserted the following:**

In 1997, my brother and I built this two floor villa and after five years, we received an order of demolition from the municipality of the occupation under the pretext of unlicensed construction. We, therefore, sought an attorney and headed to the court of the municipality where our licensing application was rejected under the pretext of the building being established on lands classified "green"; meaning public property. Ever since that, we have been trying to issue a construction permit and change the status of the land from "green" to "yellow" ; meaning areas in which construction is allowed but that was to no avail. As a result, many fines were imposed on us with a cost up to 200,000INS. In 2007, the court served an eviction order on the villa declaring it inaccessible for residing until the issuance of any decision that cancels the current order. In May 2014, the court served a final demolition order on the structure. To my surprise, I this morning, received a phone call from one of my neighbors saying that the bulldozers of the occupation are about to level the building to the ground. I immediately headed to the place to find out that the bulldozer has already embarked demolition on my villa and that the accompanying force has closed all entrances leading to the location.

It should be marked that the citizen is married and has 7 kids and that his brother is also married and has 5 kids. The losses are estimated of more than 300,000INS, not mentioning the fines and the attorney expenses.







## Violation of the Right to Housing – Threatening Residences

### **The municipality of the occupation threatens Siam family of demolishing a four floor building and another residence in Silwan :**

On August 21<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops accompanied by a staff from the municipality broke into the area of Ein al-Lozih in the town of Silwan, south of the old city of Occupied eastern Jerusalem and served administrative demolition orders on structures under the pretext of unlicensed construction.

The administrative orders targeted two residential buildings owned by brothers Hammodih and Mahran Siam . The buildings were established ten years ago where the first floor consists of four apartments(540m<sup>2</sup> each) inhabited by 12 members. The second floor consists of one apartment(135m<sup>2</sup>) and is inhabited by 7 members.

Citizen Hammodih asserted the following:

My mother built those two buildings ten years ago and that is when the municipality issued an order of demolition on them . A fine of 650,000INS was imposed on us, which my mother paid off during those years. Two years ago, my mother passed away , though the municipality kept issuing demolition orders on our structures. We tried so hard to obtain a license for the buildings where we paid more than 20,000INS for surveyors and attorneys but the municipality refused issuing a permit for us under the pretext of land being "green" and no construction is allowed on it. Today, the municipality threatens us by an administrative order served on our structures which shelter 19 people most of whom are minors.

## Violations of The Right to Housing- Residences raids

The Israeli SWAT , border police, have been raiding the residences of Jerusalemites under various pretexts for the sake of detention, inspection and murder. Raids have always taken place using dogs without even showing any warrant and/or any previous notification. These activities traumatized people especially kids and women who, now, suffer from post-traumatic disorder and nocturnal enuresis as a result. What makes things worse is that the occupation vandalizes the interiors of houses at raids rendering no respect for their owners.

**The team of Monitoring Israeli Violations documented 153 raids in a number of quarters in Occupied Jerusalem in 2014 as follows:**

Location	No. of raids
The old city	53
Shu'fat	16
Beit Hanina	7
Jabal al-Mukabbir	1
Al-Tur	15
'Anata	3
Hizma	6
Wadi al-Jooz	7
Silwan	27
Eisawayya	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>

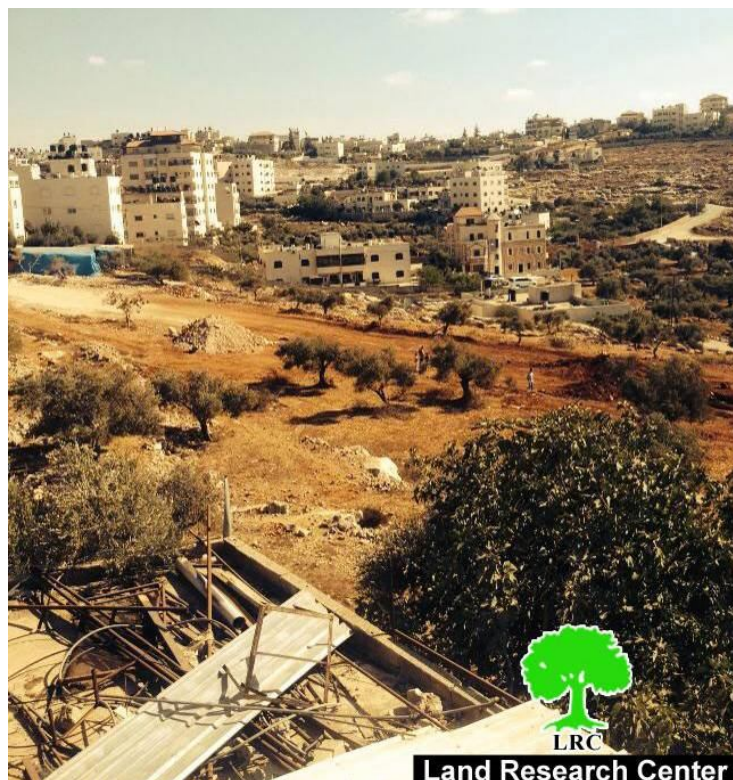
*Land Research Center sees of the aforementioned a direct violation of the international laws, which respect the human and his rights. Article 12 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights states the following:*

*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

**The bulldozers of the occupation continued ravaging lands in Shu'fat to open the bypass road no.21:**

During August 2014, the machineries of the occupation went on ravaging works, which are implemented by an Israeli contractor and the municipality of the occupation to open the bypass road no.21 in the village of Shu'fat, north of Occupied Jerusalem. Bulldozers leveled vast areas of lands planted with olive,



which resulted in damaging more than 200 fruitful olive tree since the commencement of work. Massive areas await to be ravaged for the sake of the project's completion, which means destroying more trees as a result.

The road that has confiscated huge areas of Palestinian lands from Shu'fat was designed for the sake of connecting the colonies of Ramat Shlomo, 'Atarot St., and Pisgat Zeev. If opened, the road will limit any geographical connection inside the village itself and will limit the expansion of the built-up area.

This policy has been frequently conducted by the occupation especially in the residential areas . For example, it was used in the area of Sikit el-Qitar in Shu'fat and the bypass road no.4 in Beit Safafa , which has split up the town into two parts. This is not a coincidence but rather an Israeli policy that aims at dividing the Arab Palestinian communities into two in order to limit down the percentage of construction, which is in other words a direct violation of the right to housing. The policy also aims at declaring the periphery areas of the roads as "green" to prohibit construction and prosperity.

## Colonial plans

### **The occupation initiated building 708 colonial unit south of Jerusalem :**

On August 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, the so-called Israel Land Authority announced the results of tenders to construct 708 colonial unit in the quarter of Gilo, south of Occupied Jerusalem. It also adopted a plan to build hundreds of colonial units besides the aforementioned in the tender.

The following details are about what has been posted , in Hebrew, on the governmental websites:

***Tender to submit proposals about leasing a piece of land to construct 10 complexes composed of 708 residential unit in Gilo( the southwestern slopes) of Jerusalem***

***Israel Land Authority and Ministry of Housing***

***Tenders to sign a leasing contract of 98 years with the option of extending another 98 years to construct 708 residential unit within 10 complexes in the area of western slopes of Jerusalem 13157***



**Details of construction and options at time of the tender are as follows:**

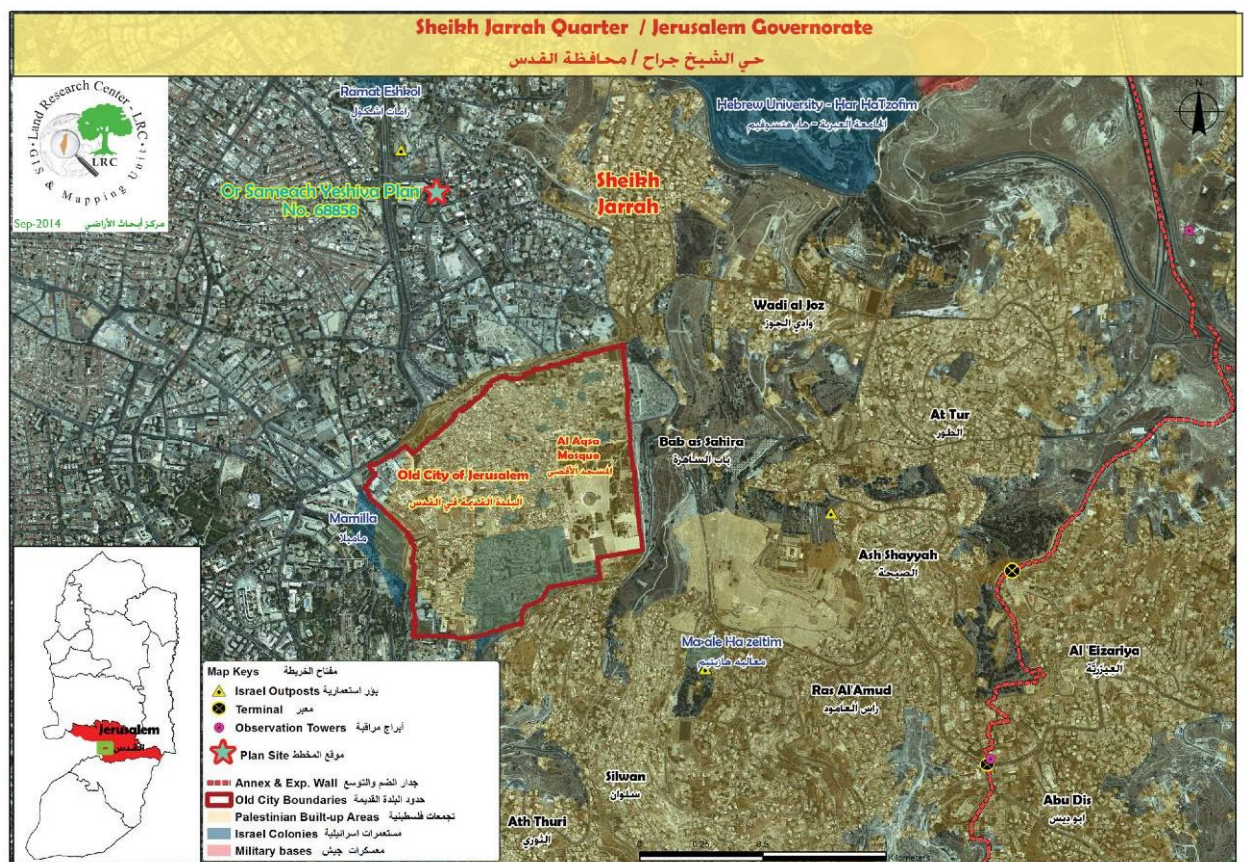
Number	Area	No. of units	Yards	Places	Services	Parking lots	Public development costs
31962	100-102	102	5,876	14,600	7,875	27,335,130	741,030
31963	103-105	36	3,830	5,292	3,920	13,398,542	261,540
31964	106-108	105	6,176	14,945	7,875	28,324,400	762,825
31965	109-113	54	5,719	6,775	3,780	18,894,095	392,310
31966	114-118	100	6,741	14,700	6,000	29,204,326	726,500
31967	123-125	60	4,131	8,820	3,600	17,727,129	435,900
31969	128-130	60	4,903	8,535	4,500	19,037,130	435,900
31970	131-133	60	4,792	8,535	4,500	18,810,783	435,900
31972	450-451	52	3,219	7,370 מגורים 560 + מסחר	3,000	14,905,030	391,341
31976	119-122	79	6,475	11,240	6,000	25,061,392	573,935

**Approval on building 184 colonial unit and the commencement of expansions on Har Homa and Ramat Shlomo colonies:**

At evening of Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Planning Committee of the occupation municipality approved on constructing 184unit in the colonies of Har Homa and Pisgat Zeev . Hebrew sources said that construction is expected to be embarked in the next few months. Dr. Hannah Isa, specialist in international law, asserted that the main objective of implementing this project as fast as possible is to displace indigenous from east Jerusalem, change facts on the ground, and terminate the status of Jerusalem file as a negotiable one.

## The municipality of the occupation approves on building a new school of religion on 10 dunum area:

On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Planning Committee of the occupation municipality approved on the plan of building a school of religion in Sheik Jarrah in Occupied Jerusalem. The committee has initially accepted the plan in February 2014. According to the plan, 9.6 dunum will be designated for constructing a Talmudic academy relative to **OR Sameach academy** of religion. The plan no.68858 includes establishing a 13 floor building of which 3 floors will be built under the ground and 9 others above it. Buildings will be composed of a school of religion, residential rooms, and gymnasiums where 1.3 dunum will be allocated as an open area that will serve the project itself. Another area will also be allocated as storing facility for the municipality. Not surprisingly, the plan is to be located next to the colonial building "Sham'on the friend" and between Nasaif gas station and al-Hiah medical center, the occupation pretended that the aforementioned area was confiscated in late sixties after the occupation on Palestine under the so-called Israel's Absentees' Property law for the year 1995 and that the areas belong to the Israel Lands Department.



## **Ongoing ravaging works on the lands of Beit Hanina and Shu'fat to annex hundreds of colonial units to Ramat Shlomo colony:**

In August 2014, the bulldozers of the occupation kept on leveling lands belonging to citizens from Beit Hanina and Shu'fat, north of Jerusalem for the sake of expanding the colony of Ramat Shlomo. The current ravaging works are being carried out for the sake of annexing 365 residential unit to a colony that is to be established in the next two years.

Israel Ministry of Housing ended promoting for the units that have been proposed in April 2014 for Gilo colony, which is situated on lands of Jerusalem and Bethlehem, south of West Bank.

This issue arose negotiations between the two governments of Palestine and Israel under the auspices of American. Noteworthy, the minister of foreign affairs John Carrey mentioned that point in an intervention in the American congress.

## **Colonists attacks**

### **Right-wing colonists attacks on Jerusalemites during August 2014 :**

In August, many attacks carried out by right-wing Jewish lads on Palestinians were documented . Noteworthy, this wave of attacks escalated at time of the Aggression On Gaza. Monitoring Israeli Violation team at Land research center recorded the following :

1. On August 7<sup>th</sup> of 2014, an extreme colonist threw a rock on family passing by Dung gate. By the time the rock hit the 16 months kid Ritaj al-Hantuli the colonist had fled the area.
2. On August 9<sup>th</sup> of 2014, colonists attempted on running over citizen Ola E'lyan while she was heading back to her home in Beit Safafa. The incident

took place nearby al-Tantur street that is in front of Beit Safafa entrance. After the girl stepped down from the bus, she checked both directions to cross the street but a car driven by colonists ran fast and tried to hit her on purpose .

3. At evening of August 13<sup>th</sup> 2014, a group of colonists from Adam colony threw rocks on Arab cars near Jaba' square. Many cars were damaged as a result even before the police had come to the place.
4. At dawn of August 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, tens of right-wing colonists attacked citizens Shadi al-Tamimi(23) and Hassan Qara'in (20) and beat them up at their job location which is Baz gas station, west of Jerusalem. The incident happened when a group of colonists pulled over and threw a glass on the gas station floor which caused verbal altercations that ended up having a fight between al-Tamimi and the colonists. Some women who stepped down from the car cursed at the guy who was brought to the ground and viciously beaten. Tamimi mentioned that he has fired the alarm which is connected to the police station but the police came after the whole assault ended. He also added that he had many bruises over his body especially on his head and arms, and that he was hospitalized in Hadasa to get the proper medical care. He concluded saying that the same group of colonists have beaten his colleague Hassan Qara'in and that one of them opened the fire extinguisher in his face.
5. On August 18<sup>th</sup> 2014, colonists tried to run over a Jerusalemite in the area of Wadi al-Jooz street. The guy was walking normally when a car tried to hit him and run.
6. On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, extreme colonists attacked the car of citizen Zyad al-Qawasmi from al-Thawri neighborhood after they tried to approach his car



when he was heading back home. They then threw some rocks on his car causing a notable damage.

7. On August 13<sup>th</sup> 20104, three right-wing colonists attempted to abduct citizen Ahlam Awadallah(26) while she was heading back to her home in Shu'fat. Colonists drove a Mitsubishi that pulled over by the citizen and started cursing at her using profanity. Colonists tried to pull her to the car but residents of the area managed to stop them after they heard her screams.

*The ongoing assaults and attacks carried out by colonists are undeniable crimes that should not be stand silent for. Those criminal acts are based on terrorism rooted deep down in the mentality of right-wing colonists. For example, the crime of abducting and burning the kid Muhammad Abu Khdair alive was carried out by colonists in addition to the other kidnapping attempts that were also implemented by extreme colonists, who , the Israeli government, consider "civilians", taking into consideration that they are armed and permitted to use weapons for self-protection. Instead, those colonists use their machine guns and weapons to violate and assault Palestinians wherever they exist.*

## Attacks on religious sites

### **Ongoing violations of the religious sites by the occupation:**

The authorities of the occupation continued its attacks on al-Aqsa mosque through intensively "pumping" right-wing colonists into the courtyards of the mosque during August as well as to other months of the year. It became clear to the public that the occupation has the intention of dividing the mosque in terms of time and place. As a result, colonists, who are supported by the Israeli Intelligences, extreme members of the Cabinet, presidents of religious parties, were allowed in the courtyards of al-Aqsa mosque almost every day except for Friday and Saturday after denying Palestinians

access to the place for the sake of performing prayers. Palestinian who stay in al-Aqsa mosque as an attempt to defy such attacks were arrested and expelled from the area of al-Aqsa for a period not less than two months.

**During the month of August , colonists break-ins on al-Aqsa mosque were documented as follows:**

- On August 4<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops allowed tens of extreme colonist to access the courtyards of al-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate at 7:00am.
- On August 5<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops set checkpoints at the entrances of al-Aqsa mosque and allowed tens of right-wing colonists in.
- On August 7<sup>th</sup> 2014, police troops banned women for access the mosque from 7:00 to 11:00 am and allowed extreme colonists instead in.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation police brought a huge number of its member to the courtyards of al-Aqsa to disperse women who stood for colonists breaking into the mosque.
- On August 12<sup>th</sup> 2014, the authorities of the occupation set checkpoints at the entrances of the al-Aqsa mosque and detained a number of worshipers.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops allowed tens of extreme colonist in al-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate and Sensilih "chain" gate to wander in the courtyards where other Palestinians were denied access to the place.
- On August 17<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops set checkpoints at the entrances of al-Aqsa mosque and allowed tens of right-wing colonists in.

- On August 18<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops denied Palestinians access to al-Aqsa mosque whereas tens of extreme colonists were allowed to wander the place freely.
- On August 19<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops allowed tens of right-wing colonists in al-Aqsa mosque through Dung and al-Sensilih "chain" gates.
- On August 20<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation authorities set checkpoints at the entrances of al-Aqsa mosque and detained worshipers' IDs.
- On August 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation authorities issued an order banning citizens namely Alaa Zughayer, Ahmad Hashlamoun, Muath Idris, and Wahid Bakri from entering al-Aqsa mosque for a period of month under the pretext of hindering police work and defying colonists.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops allowed tens of right-wing colonists in al-Aqsa mosque through Dung and al-Sensilih "chain" gates.
- On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, the occupation troops allowed tens of right-wing colonists in al-Aqsa mosque through Dung and al-Sensilih "chain" gates.
- On August 31<sup>st</sup> 2014, the occupation troops denied Palestinians access to al-Aqsa mosque whereas tens of extreme colonists were allowed to wander the place freely.

***Land Research Center sees that this policy of the occupation aims at changing facts on the ground regarding al-Aqsa mosque through which the so-called "Jewish Right" in al-Aqsa mosque will be acknowledged at the expense of the religious Arab Palestinian Islamic right in the mosque. The strategies of oppression, expel, and detentions are means to force a the Israeli policy on Jerusalemites.***