# The Monthly Report on Israeli Violations in Occupied Jerusalem -

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The following table explains the number and type of Israeli violations in occupied Jerusalem by date during February 2016:

Type of volition	Location	No.
Demolition of residences and structures		14
Demolition of a stone house on the claim "unlicensed construction"	Wad Al-Hummus- Sur Baher	1
Demolition of a stone house on the claim "unlicensed construction"	Wad Qaddum- Silwan	1
Demolition of metal slaps workshop for car maintenance on the claim "unlicensed construction"	Eastern entrance- Al- Isawiya	1
Demolition of 7 agricultural barracks, 2 retaining walls, 1 parking, and one office on the shape of a container	Al-Isawiya	11
Home closure		4
Military order to close and confiscate 4 residences on the claim of "Security reasons"	Sur Baher	4
Confiscation of Property		3
Dismantling and confiscating and agricultural and residential barracks	Jabal Al-Baba Bedouin community	2
Confiscation of a school composed of 5 classrooms	Abu Nowar Bedouin community	1
Threats of demolition		49
Issuance of 29 administrative demolition order on the claim of "unlicensed construction"	Al-Isawiya	29

Issuance of "additional opportunity to object a demolition" orders on the claim of "unlicensed construction"	Abu Falah Bedouin community	1
Issuance of 11 Stop-work order for residential and agricultural barracks in addition to a mosque on the claim of "unlicensed construction"	Jabal Al-Baba Bedouin community	15
Administrative demolition order on a house	Ein Al-luzeh	4
Seizures and attempts of takeover		18
Evacuation notice on a residential building (12 apartments) and two other buildings on the claim of "Jewish ownership of lands"	Batn Al-Hawa	18
Colonial Plans		
Reviving the cable car plan that travels in four stops\stations	Jerusalem	1
A plan to build new residential units in Ramot colony	Beit Hanina	57 units
Closures		
Closing the town's entrance	Al Ram	1
Colonists' attacks		1
Provocative tours	Wad Hilweh- Silwan	1
Attacks on religious site		15
Break-in on Al-Aqsa mosque and banning access to Muslim worshipers	Al-Aqsa mosque	15

### The occupation municipality demolishes a house in the village of Sur Baher

The occupation municipality's bulldozers demolished on January 02, 2016 a residential house owned by Eyad Abu Mahameed in the area of Wad Al- Hummus in the village of Sur Baher south of Jerusalem. Dozers of the occupation's municipality accompanied by big number of Policemen raided the area at dawn and demolished the structure. The house is 200 square meters and consists of 4 bedrooms and their facilities where the affected 7 member family including 5 children reside.

Citizen Eyad told Land Research Center that "I built the house to move in to it with my family. I intended to build a wall to surround the house for protection and security. On December 2015, a staff from the occupation's municipality arrived at the location and delivered me a demolition order on the house. That is when I sough attorney Hussein Ghannam to object to the order in the municipality's court. Today's morning, dozers of the occupation came, closed all roads leading to the house, and banned access to the area before brining my house down". See below photos of the demolition after





The occupation's municipality demolishes an under-construction residence in Wad Qaddum neighborhood

On February 02, 2016, the occupation dozers also demolished another residence in the Silwan neighborhood of Wad Qaddum, south Al-Aqsa mosque on the claim of

"unlicensed construction". Noteworthy, the targeted house is owned by Citizen Yahya Muhsin from the neighborhood.

Yahya told Land Research Center the following: "I constructed the house on May 2015 to be home for my eight member family because I used to live in my family house. The house is of 220m2 in area and I was planning to move in to it the moment it gets done. During construction, a staff from the municipality arrived at the location and hanged a stop-work order on the house. On the morning of Tuesday February 02, 2016, a massive force encircled the area, ransacked the residence and then demolished it".



The occupation uses all possible means to harass Jerusalemites to force them leave their residences, creating room for colonial plans of takeover and expansion. Demolition operations, threats and collective punishment are Israeli policies against civilians to continue occupational and colonial expansionist plans.

Israel municipality imposes extremely complicated and highly expensive procedures for construction in Jerusalem. Thus, Jerusalemites become forced to build without licenses and permits, which lead them to face the penalty of demolition. The Israeli Occupation Forces demolish a car workshop in Al-Isawiya village of Jerusalem

The dozers of the occupation demolished on February 03, 2016 a car workshop in the Jerusalem village of Al-Isawiya on the claim of "unlicensed construction". The

workshops (metal slaps and cement bricks) is reported to be of  $400\text{m}^2$  in area and is owned by citizen Haitham Mustafa.

It should be marked that a force from Israel Nature Authority and Jerusalem Municipality accompanied by Hyundai dozer raided the village from its eastern entrance, declared the area inaccessible and embarked on demolishing the workshop and ravaging its foundations.

Citizen Haitham told Land Research Center the following: "I established the workshop one year ago; it is of  $400m^2$  in area and is built by metal slaps. Two families of 14 members including 5 children live off of this workshop. The occupation claimed the workshop located in an area confiscated for National Park plan, which Israel Nature Authority intends to implement on 700 dunums from Al-Isawiya and Al-Tur villages. I was surprised to see the massive force raiding the village to demolish my structure because was not served a demolition notice\order"

### Reinforcing siege on Al-Isawiya and closing its entrances:

It should be marked that Israel Police and Border Police have been conducting daily raids on AL-Isawiya village since the beginning of Al-Quds Intifada on September 2015. As a result, the entrances of the village got closed, tens of youth detained and demolition orders were issued against Palestinian residences. The said measures were taken to implement a Talmudic park in the area. See below photos





The Israeli Occupation Forces carry out a demolition and ravaging campaign in Al-Isawiya town

The Israeli occupation municipality in Jerusalem and Israel Nature Authority conducted on February 17, 2016 a massive demolition and ravaging campaign in the Jerusalem town of Al-Isawiya. These measures came within the "National Park" plan that the municipality works hard to implement on Al-Isawiya and Al-Tur towns' lands.

The dozers were reported to ravage vast area of lands cultivated with several plants and trees and to demolish barracks for sheep and chicken. Not only, walls and water networks were damaged and a parking lot was ravaged during the attack. The following table shows information about the affected citizens and properties:

#	Affected person	No. of demolished	Area of demolished	Others	Nature of structure
		structures	structure		
1	Saed Obeid	1	50		Barrack for sheep
				Uprooting	A room for workers
				30 trees (	
2	Raed Obeid	1	12	olive+	
				citrus+	
				almonds)	
		1	200	Retaining	A wall surrounding a 1.5
		1	200	wall	all dunum plot
3	Nasri Mheisin	1	1500	Parking lot	Ravaging a 1.5 dunum plot
		1	12	Office	A container used as an
		1	12		office
	Murad Mustafa	4	structure  50  Barrack for sheep  Uprooting A room for workers  30 trees ( 12 olive+ citrus+ almonds)  Retaining A wall surrounding a 1.5 dunum plot  1500  Parking lot Ravaging a 1.5 dunum plot  A container used as an	A barrack	Barrack (50 sheep +
4					chicken) + three rooms for
5	Sh'ban Obeid	Obeid 1	50		Demolishing a wall and
6	Adnan Darwish			Uprooting	A plot cultivated with olive
				50 trees	and citrus trees
7	Saleh Turk	1	600		A barn
Tota	1	11	2724		

Source : Field observation- Department of Monitoring Israeli Violations- Land Research Center-2016 The damages resulted due to the latest attack are detailed as follows:

- 1. Demolition of seven agricultural structures (one room and six barracks for sheep and horses) with a total area of 1112 m<sup>2</sup>. The structures provided living for 28 members including 15 children.
- 2. Demolition of two walls surrounding and protecting 2 dunum plots
- 3. Demolition of two commercial structures (a 1.5 parking space and a caravan office)
- 4. Ravaging ten dunum area and uprooting 80 trees

Citizen Saed Obeid told Land Research Center the following: "We have ownership documents on the land, my brother and I established two barracks; one for sheep and the other for chicken on the plot. We also cultivated the land with olive, almond and citrus trees. But Israel Nature Authority confiscated the land for it is located within the plan of National Park as they claimed. On October 2014, I received a demolition order and immediately sought attorney, who managed to halt the demolition for a year. Before the demolition deadline draws close, the attorney applied for an extension but the municipality court approved the demolition effective. First demolition took place on October 2015"

**He added:** "The second demolition occurred during a large-scale campaign on the area. A massive force from Israel Police, Nature Authority and three dozers raided the area at dawn and embarked on demolishing several structures"

The Israeli Occupation Forces ravaged a parking owned by citizen Nasri Mheisin, who was given a 24 hour deadline to evacuate his 1.5 dunum plot. Today, the dozer embarked on ravaging the plot and demolishing container that was used as an office.

Also, the dozers reached out a barrack for sheep and horses owned by citizen Murad Mustafa. Not only, an area of 8 dunums cultivated with olive, almond and citrus trees was ravaged. The lands owner, Adnan Darwish, said that more than 50 tree were destroyed as a result.

Al-Isawiya follow-up committee member , Mohammad Abu Al-Humus, told Land Research Center the following:

"The occupation is seeking to empty the area from structures and people as well to implement its plan of National Park, which devoured hundreds of dunums despite being officially and legally owned by Palestinians"

The area of Al-Isawiya is suffering from Israeli measures and restrictions seen in closures, checkpoints and harassments. Kids, women and elderly suffer from soldiers where dozens of youth get detained on daily basis. Houses and structures get demolished and sabotaged as a result. See below photos





### Violations against the right to housing- Home closures

The Israeli Occupation Forces order four residences demolished in the Jerusalem village of Sur Baher and revoke the residency permits of three detainees

A commander in the Israeli Occupation Forces issued on February 06, 2016 demolition orders on four houses belonging to detainees arrested on September 2015 for allegedly killing a colonists by throwing stones at his car on September 12, 2016. It was reported that the colonist's car deviated and crashed leaving the colonist dead. The following table shows information about the affected detainees:

#	Name	Area\m <sup>2</sup>	Family	Minors
1	The family of detainee Mohammad  Abu Kaf	120	2	5
2	The family of detainee Abed Dwayyat	80	2	0
3	The family of detainee Mohammad  Al-Taweel	100	5	2
4	The family of detainee Firas Al-Atrash	100	7	3
	Total	400	16	10

Source : Field observation- Department of Monitoring Israeli Violations- Land Research Center-2016

The demolition orders mentioned that such measure "is needed to deter other future attackers". Maps showing the location of the targeted houses were attached to the orders.

The office of Israel Minister of Interior made a decision to revoke the residency permits of the following three detainees:

- 1. Abed Dwayyat
- 2. Al-Waleed Al-Atrash
- 3. Mohammad Abu Kaf

The father of Mohammad Abu Kaf told Land Research Center the following: "On September 12, 2016, a car accident occurred on the main road perpendicular to the village. The car deviated and ran into a pole; the driver died as a result. Israel media said it was a normal car accident but the Israeli Occupation Forces raided the area on September 24, 2015 and arrested my son Mohammad(18) and thirty other people. Two days after the detention of lads, Israel media said that the car accident was due to stones pelted at the car and featured the names and photos of the attackers namely: (Abed Dwayyat, Al-Waleed Al-Atrash, Mohammad Abu Kaf). The information about two other minor suspects were not revealed who were later identified as Mohammad Al-Taweel(16) and Ali Issa.

He also added: "Five Knesset members requested maximum penalties on the detainees such like stopping their social benefits and services, demolishing their structures and

revoking their residency permits. Not only, the members asked for capital punishment to be applied on the detained lads.

We then sought attorney to defend the youth, especially after the occupation took advantage of the case to impose new measures and security procedures on Jerusalem.

One month after the detention, a force from Israel Police and Intelligences Services raided the area, photographed the detainees' residences and took measurements of the houses from inside in preparation to demolish them soon"

**He continued:** "The attorney delivered us on January 2016 a decision stating the revocation of three detainees' residency namely Abed Dwayyat, Al-Waleed Al-Atrash, and Mohammad Abu Kaf. The decision was approved by Israel court on January 21, 2016. Noteworthy, a plea was submitted to halt this decision but was eventually rejected.

On Friday February 06, 2016, the attorney delivered us a demolition order for the houses of four detainees. We therefore submitted a plea to Israel Supreme court after getting the first plea rejected in District Court"



Abu Kaf family, whose residence is threatened of demolition

The affected families set up protest tents to object Israel's policy against Jerusalemite young men and their families. The Israeli occupation authorities threatened the tent of removal and said that if in case protesters would not dismantle the tent, a fine of 10,000 NIS will be imposed on the organizers.

It should be marked that the order was issued in reference to the British Emergency Law for the year 1945, taking into consideration that this law was abolished. "Confiscation and demolition" according to article 119 of the law indicates that it is not allowed to reconstruct in the demolition location.

### Violations against the right to housing- Demolition threats

The Israeli Occupation Forces demolish a car workshop in Al-Isawiya village of Jerusalem

A massive force from Israel Police accompanied by a staff from the municipality raided on February 01, 2016 Al-Isawiya village and delivered twenty administrative demolition orders on residences and structures in the northeastern side of the village.

A member of the village follow-up committee ,Mohammad Abu Al-Humus, told Land Research Center the following: "Workers from the municipality under the protection of Police members headed to the northeastern part of the village and took photos of structures founded there. The force then randomly delivered "unaddressed" twenty demolition orders. The affected houses belong to the families of Ilyyan, Mohammad, Mujadid and Abdelghani, taking into account that those house are registered for the municipality and that they were built 20-25 years ago, which means that they are not new construction. This measure of randomly serving demolition orders that are unaddressed to a certain owner was first used in Silwan. The orders mention a phone number of a municipality worker. The affected shall call the number for further information"

The undressed orders created a state of confusion and uncertainty among the residents of Silwan, especially those who got their residences constructed without a building permit obtained from the municipality. First conducted in Silwan, the policy reached out Isawiya village.

The administrative orders are issued in reference to the article number 212/2/65 of the Israeli Planning and Construction Law.

Land Research Center reminds the affected people by the municipality's orders to seek human rights organizations concerned in such violations to prevent further measures and negative results.

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### The Israeli Occupation Forces threat a residence of Demolition in East Jerusalem

The Israeli occupation authorities served on February 10, 2016 an "additional opportunity to object demolition" notice on the residence of Citizen Mohammad Abu Dahook in the Bedouin community of Arab Abu Falah, east Jerusalem. Noteworthy, this order was served following the previous demolition order number 392377.

It is reported that Israel Civil Administration accompanied by an army patrol raided the community and delivered the notice to citizen Mohammad, granting him a three day deadline to object to the order in Israeli courts.

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Photo 1: the recently served order

Photo 2: residence of Abu Dahook family





It should be marked that the order mentioned that a stop-work order was served on July 25, 2013 and that the Regional Inspection Committee – the Israeli Occupation Civil Administration granted the affected a three day deadline to object.

The affected house is reported to be built by metal slaps with a total area of 25m<sup>2</sup>. It is home for six members including four children.

Abu Dahook is now concerned about the future of his family if the demolition gets approved effective. This will certainly render the family homeless.

It should be marked that demolitions are usually carried out on the claim of unlicensed construction within area classified "C" according to Oslo Accords, knowing that permits and licenses are never granted for Palestinians in such areas.

### **Uncertain future:**

The case of Abu Dahook residence dates back to 2013 when the citizen was delivered a demolition order following some modifications\ rehabilitation works on the house. Israel Civil Administration considered such modifications illegal and unlicensed constructions.

Abu Dahook sought Israel attorney Shlomo Leiker to follow up on his case. The attorney managed to obtain an injunction, halting the demolition until Israel Supreme Court reaches a final decision on the case.

It should be marked that a 72 hour (three days) deadline is not sufficient to prepare a legal file with all documents needed to obtain building permits and license from Israel Civil Administration. This policy is conducted by the occupation to render Palestinians hopeless.

#### **Under surveillance:**

It should be marked that Abu Dahook is living nearby the high way that links Jerusalem to Jericho. This means that any rehabilitation works on the house would cause the citizen's house to get demolished as a result.

Israeli Occupation Forces notify 11 residences and a mosque of demolition and confiscate two barracks in Jabal Al-Baba Bedouin community

The Israeli Occupation Forces notified on February 16, 2016 eleven residences and a mosque of demolition in the Al-Eizariya area of Jabal Al-Baba. It is reported that three vehicles relative to Israel Civil Administration and Border Police raided the Bedouin community of Jabal Al-Baba at 11:30 in the morning and left military orders next to targeted houses. Noteworthy, the targeted structures were photographed by the force. Not only, a barrack(45m2) belonging to citizen Yousef Jahaleen was confiscated in addition to three pieces of shade cloth.

It should be marked that the confiscated barrack was set up by the owner to accommodate people who attended his mother's funeral.

It became clear the Israeli Occupation Forces have been targeting the area on the claim of it being "military zone" or unlicensed constructions"

The representative of Jabal Al-Baba community, Atallah Mazar'a, told Land Research Center the following: "The Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Civil Administration serve stop-work orders on the community and follow them with demolition order within a week only; this is real threat on the residents"

#	‡	Name	No. of threatened structures		Family	Minors	threatened	No. of order	Nature of construction material
1	l	Khamees Mazar'a	1	50	6	4	Residence	200820	Metal slaps
2	2	Hussein Mazar'a	1	150	8	6	Residence	200824	Metal slaps
3	3	Adnan Mazar'a	1	100	2	0	Residence	200816	Metal slaps
4	1	Meryam Mazar'a	1	40	1	0	Residence		Metal slaps

5	Hasan Mazar'a	1	50	5	3	Residence		Metal slaps
6	Ghazi Mazar'a	1	50	8	6	Residence	200822	Metal slaps
7	Iyad Mazar'a	1	30	5	3	Residence	200823	Metal slaps
7	Mohammad Mazar'a	2	60 25	9	7	Shed	200813	Metal slaps
9	Mahmoud Jahaleen	2	50 50	8	7	Barrack	200815	Metal slaps
10	Abdelkarim Mazar'a	1	60	10	8	Residence	200814	Metal slaps
11	Jaser Mazar'a	1	50	5	3	Residence	200818	Metal slaps
12	Ahmad Jahaleen	1	50			Residence	200817	Metal slaps
13	Mosque	1	50	0	0	Mosque	200819	Metal slaps
To	otal	15	210	67	47			

Source : Field observation- Department of Monitoring Israeli Violations- Land Research Center-2016.

See below photos





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# The Israeli Occupation Forces confiscate agricultural and residential barracks in Jabal Al-Baba community

The Israeli occupation authorities on February 16, 2016 confiscated two barracks (agricultural and residential) belonging to citizen Yousef Jahaleen from the Bedouin community of Jabal Al-Baba, east Jerusalem. Noteworthy, the affected is a herder and depends on the barrack to protect and shelter his sheep. ACTED organization donated the barracks, which were confiscated without even them been used.

It is reported that a force from the Israeli military accompanied by three vehicles from the Civil Administration and Border Police raided the area and confiscated the targeted barracks.

It should be marked that Citizen Yousef got his residence demolished in 2014 on the claim of "unlicensed construction" on a "state land".

### Jabal Al-Baba: Closed military zone:

The Israeli Occupation Forces claim structures founded in the community of Jabal Al-Baba as built in "closed military zone". It should be marked that the community witnessed many demolition operations and displacement plans. Noteworthy, the occupation has been recently confiscating structures donated by the EU on feeble and illegal pretexts and claims. The act of providing humanitarian aid to such areas is now considered illegal by the occupation.

### The E1 plan:

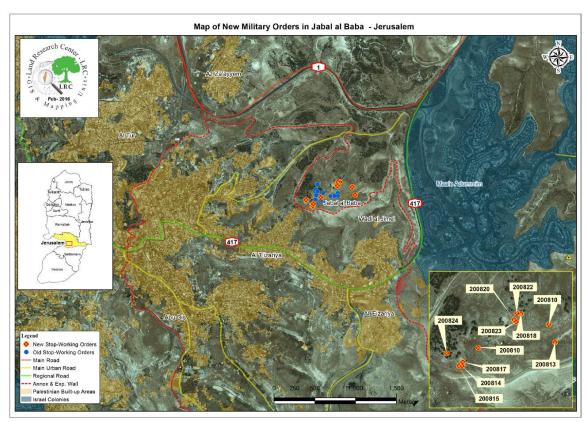
It should be marked that the Israeli occupation authorities have been working to relocate Bedouins from Jabal Al-Baba to implement the so-called E1 plan that aims at building hundreds of colonial units to accommodate new colonists.

### **About Jabal Al-Baba:**

The community is inhabited by 56 families (300 members) all hailing from the area of Beir Al-Saba'. Those Bedouins were displaced in the aftermath of 1948 war.

Jabal Al-Baba is edged by Al-Eizariya town from the west, Al- Za'ayyem town from the north, Maale Adummim colony from east and Wad Al-Jimal community from the south.

The community has a total built-up of 27 dunums. Primary and secondary school students of the community study in Al-Eizariya schools that are 2km far in distance; they go to schools on feet. Most roads of the community are agricultural and unpaved.



A photo illustrating the locations of targeted structures in Jabal Al-Baba community

### The occupation confiscates the school of Abu Nowar Bedouin community

A massive force from the occupation army stormed on February 20, 2016 the Bedouin community of Abu Nowar, southeast Al-Eizariya area and confiscated five caravans used as a school. Noteworthy, the caravans were donated by Action against Hunger ACF organization and were set up two days before the confiscation operation.

It is reported that the confiscation started at late night of February 20, 2016 and lasted until early hours of dawn of the next day.

It should be marked that the Israeli force was composed of 30 military vehicle from Border Police and the Civil Administration in addition to a dozer, four trucks, hundreds of soldiers and tens of workers.

The caravans were classrooms for the first and a second grades, a canteen, principle's room and a kitchen. The  $205m^2$  caravans were located within the boundaries of Abu Nowar kindergarten that accommodates 30 kids.

The representative of the Bedouin community Abu Imad Jahaleen told Land Research Center the following: "The Israeli Occupation Forces aim at destroying the educational sector in the Bedouin areas and try hard to ban any aid, which might improve the life conditions of such communities"

Al-Jahaleen denied receiving Stop-Work notices by Israel Civil Administration and affirmed that the attacking force left a Stop-work order and a minute of confiscation right after finishing the confiscation operation.

The educational future of the kids of Abu Nowar community remain uncertain. The kids are the sole responsibility of Ministry of Education. It is unclear whether the ministry will establish a new building to accommodate the students in place of the old building, given that the area is surrounded by Maale Adummim colony from the east and a military camp from the north.



Photo1: the school before confiscation



At time of confiscation

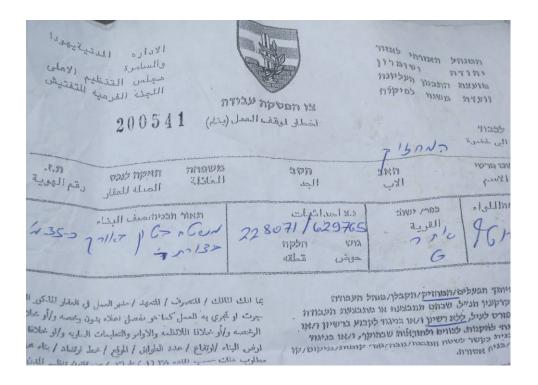




Photos 3+4: The foundation of the school and some students play next to the rubbles



Photo 5: an overview of Abu Nowar community



The order no. 200541

### The Israeli occupation municipality issues administrative demolition orders in Al-Isawiya

On February 24, 2016, a joint force from the occupation's municipality and Israeli Special Forces hanged administrative demolition orders on residences in the Jerusalem town of Al-Isawiya.

Al-Isawiya follow-up committee member, Mohammad Abu Al-Humus, said that the force raided Abu Reyaleh neighborhood, photographed the area and structures and hanged the orders on nine residences.

The targeted houses were reported owned by families namely (Abu Reyaleh, Naser and Abu Khalaf).

Noteworthy, some of the targeted houses are licensed by the municipality and have been established tens of years ago.

## The Israeli occupation municipality issues administrative demolition order on a building in the Silwan neighborhood of AL-Luzeh

Joint crews of occupation municipality and Israeli police raided on February 27, 2016 the neighborhood of Ein Al-Luzeh in Silwan and served administrative demolition orders on residential establishments.

It is reported that the occupation forces and municipality's crews raided Ein Al-Luzeh and took pictures of its streets and some establishments and then hung several administrative demolition orders on them.

Nihad Abbasi, one of those affected, explained that the municipality crews raided the family's residential building and took pictures and then handed him an administrative demolition order under the pretext of "expired building permit" as one of municipality's employees told him with explaining what that means.

Abbasi explained that the building consists of 4 residential apartments where each is 110 square meters and was built in 2002. Nihad Abbasi and his family of six individuals, Jalal Abbasi and his family of 5 individuals, Yousef Abbasi and his wife, a tenant and his wife and three children live in the building. Abbasi added that the occupation municipality imposed a 140-thousand NIS building violation fee on the family which was paid in full. The family has been trying to obtain a building permit from the municipality for their residential building.

### Right to Housing- Seizures and takeover attempts

### Atert Cohanim delivers evacuation judicial reports on two Palestinian buildings

The colonial organization of Atert Cohanim delivered on February 23, 2016 an evacuation judicial report on buildings relative to AL-Rajabi family in the Silwan neighborhood of Batn Al-Hawa on the claim that the lands on which the buildings are founded are Jewish property.

The notice mentioned that the family should evacuate the land within a thirty day deadline, claiming it property of some Yemeni Jews, who had lived in Palestine before the 1948.

The two building are reported to belong to the family of late Awad Abdelfattah Al-Rajabi. First building (three apartments) is inhabited by the following:

- 1. Citizen Ayed Al-Rajabi and his 7 member family including 5 children
- 2. Citizen Naser Al-Rajabi and his 9 member family including 7 children
- 3. A female citizen from Al-Rajabi family

As for the second building, the three apartments are inhabited by the following:

- 1. Wife of late Abdelfattah Al-Rajabi
- 2. Citizen Wael Al-Rajabi and his 8 member family including 6 children
- 3. Citizen Jber Al-Rajabi and his 6 member family including 5 children.

It should be marked that colonists' attempts at taking over lands and properties in Batan AL-Hawa neighborhood started nine years ago. Colonists used various fraud and forging methods to reach their goal.

### Judicial reports to evacuate 12 residential apartments where 92 individuals live

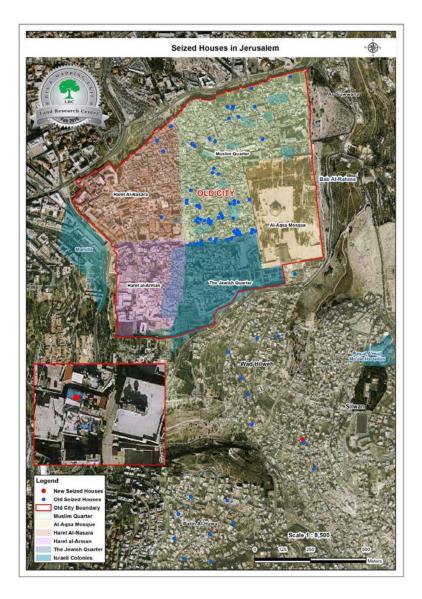
The settlement organization "Atert Cohanim" handed the sons of late Abdel Majid Rajabi judicial reports asking them for their land in the neighborhood of Batn Al-Hawa in Silwan south of Al-Aqsa Mosque which also has a building established on it with 12 residential apartments where 93 individuals including 64 children reside.

It is reported that Ateerat Cohanim organization handed the sons of the building owner namely (Fathi Rajabi, Harbi Rajabi, Talal Rajabi and Yaccoub Rajabi) judicial reports asking them for their land. The family was given a 20 day deadline to respond to the organization's claims at court; they claim that the land is owned by three Jews from Yemen who used to live and own the land before 1948.

Yaccoub Rajabi, one of those affected, explained that the residential apartments are between 60-70 square meters each where 93 individuals live including 64 children.

He also added that most of the families in the neighborhood of Batn Al-Hawa are at risk of being evacuated from their home in favor of Atert Cohanim settlement organization that claims that Jews from Yemen own the lands. They have received judicial orders and are fighting their cases in the Israeli courts to prove their ownership and refute the colonists 'claims.

It should be marked that Rajabi family building at risk of being seized fall within the plan of Atert Cohanim to seize 5000 square meters from the area of "Batn Al-Hawa". The plan claims that Yemen Jews owned the lands since 1881. The area is into 6 sections numbered 73, 75, 88, 95, 96 and 97.. Court acknowledged Yemen settlers' ownership of the land of Batn Al-Hawa. See Map below



### Colonial plan

### Israeli Authorities Revived the "Cable car" project in Jerusalem city

On the 16th of February 2016, the Israeli newspaper "Haaretz" revealed that the so called "Jerusalem Development Authority" and the "Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem" revived the project to establish "cable car" in Jerusalem city. Noted that the cable care system it's not a new project, where the first time the Israeli Authorities revealed the plan was in the year of 2013, where they hired a French company named "SAFEGE", but after two years of involvement in the project during the feasibility-study stage, the French company decided to forgo any further participation for political reasons

Nowadays, the Israeli Authorities hired a new French company (CNA) specializing in the construction of cable cars.

According to the plan, the cable care is expected to pass near sensitive sites, including the Old City and Al Aqsa mosque. The plan is to have the car running through four stations: near the Old Train Station at the northern end of Emek Refaim Street in the German Colony neighborhood, outside the Old City by the Dung Gate, and near the Seven Arches Hotel on the Mount of Olives, and at the Garden of Gethsemane. The cost of the project is estimated as NIS 125 million (\$31 million), and the length of the cable care is about 2.5 km. The cable-car system will transport tourists and visitors (an average of 6000 an hour) to and from the so-called Western Wall (Al-Buraq Wall).

### Israeli plan to build 57 colonial units in Ramot colony

Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Municipality of Jerusalem on February 23, 2016 deposited a plan for discussion that aims at the expansion of Ramot colony through the annexation of 57 new residential units. This step comes within the plan number TPS 6576.

#### Closures

### The occupation continues on closing Al-Ram checkpoint in Occupied Jerusalem



For the third day in row, Al-Ram checkpoint is still closed where neither entry nor exist from and to the town is allowed by the occupation army. Not only, humanitarian cases like ambulances moving sick and injured people are banned to

head to Ramallah to receive medical care. Same case applies on university students and employees.

### Photos 1-2: a traffic jam due to the closure of Al-Ram checkpoint

It should be marked that Al-Ram checkpoint was set up in the after night of second Intifada of 2000. It is considered one of 572 checkpoints set up all over the areas of the West bank.

The checkpoint is reported to link Al-Ram to the southern part of the West Bank through the bypass road number 60, not mentioning its importance as an entrance to Ramallah city. The closure is believed to create a massive and daily traffic jam and to hinder employees and students from reaching their destinations. This will cause residents to take substitute and more lengthy and tiring roads to their daily affairs.

### Colonists' attacks

### A tour for the Minister of Agriculture and colonies supporters in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan

The Israeli Minister of Agriculture and Chairman of the Jewish National Fund along with the head of Elad settlement organization carried out a tour in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan on February 16, 2016.

It should be marked informed that the Minister of Agriculture (Uri Ariel), Chairman of the Jewish National Fund (Dani Atar), the head of Elad settlement organization (David Berry) and a group of settlers and settlement supporters carried out a tour in the neighborhood of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan. They also toured inside the tunnels network underneath the neighborhood which poses a threat of collapse to the neighborhood's establishments. Witnesses added to the center that the tours carried out by Ariel and Atar were separate and under heavy protection by Special Forces that closed some streets and were deployed in the neighborhood before and during the tour.

### Attacks on religious sites

The Israeli occupation goes on with attacks on Al-Aqsa mosque during February 2016:

Colonial groups of fanatic colonists kept on attacking Al-Aqsa mosque under protection of Israel Police and with support of the government. During February 2016, big numbers of extreme colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound many times with support of Jewish organizations.

Raids and break-ins on Al-Aqsa mosque were reported as follows:

- February 01, 2016: Israeli occupation troops allow tens of colonists inside of Al-Aqsa compound from Dung gate.
- February 02, 2016: groups of tens of colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compounds
- February 02, 2016: Islamic Endowment department revealed the occupation's intention to expand the praying space for Jews at Al-Buraq wall via a new plan
- February 03, 2016: Israel Police ban Muslim worshipers access to Al-Aqsa mosque and allow colonists inside of the compound
- February 09, 2016: Israel Police assault female worshipers stationing at the doors of Al-Aqsa compound and allow tens of colonists to wander inside.
- February 10, 2016: the occupation troops assault number of worshipers at AL-Aqsa doors and detain some of them
- February 14, 2016: colonists publish a fake photo of AL-Aqsa mosque demolished and A Temple in its place

- February 17, 2016: tens of colonists break into Al-Aqsa compound amid intense Police protection at time Muslims were denied access
- February 21, 2016: the occupation detains number of Palestinians and send others away from Al-Aqsa mosque at time colonists were allowed to freely wander the compound
- February 22, 016: the occupation denies access for Palestinian worshipers to Al-Aqsa mosque and assaults them
- February 23, 2016: A Jewish rabbi breaks into Al-Aqsa mosque compound amid Police protection
- February 24, 2016: the occupation allows tens of colonists inside AL-Aqsa compound
- February 25, 2016: tens of colonists break into Al-Aqsa compound amid intense
   Police protection at time Muslims were denied access
- February 29, 2016: the occupation troops assault number of worshipers at AL-Aqsa doors and detain some of them