



The Monthly Report on Israeli Violations in Occupied Jerusalem during August 2016

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

Type of violation	Location	No.
Demolition of structures and residences		15
Demolition of women society	Nabi Samuel	1
Demolition of a residence	Wad Ad-Damm- Beit Hanina	1
Self-demolition	Ras Al-Amud	1
Demolition of horses stable	Al-Mukabbir	1
Demolition of residential room and barns	Al-Ma'azi Bedouin community- East Jerusalem	10
Demolition of a residence	Sur Baher	1
Demolition threats		30
Stop-work threats on residences and structures	Al-Hathrorah Bedouin community- East Jerusalem	12
Demolition threats	Abu Nuwwar Bedouin community-East Jerusalem	8
Administrative demolition orders on structures and residences	Silwasn	10
Closures and raids		2
Raiding and evicting the headquarters of Red Cross	Sheikh Jarrah	1
Closing Sa'ad Educational Institute	Jerusalem	1
Colonial plans- residential units		62

Ratifying new constructions in Pisgat Zev colony	Beit Hanina	62
Construction bids for hotel and parks in Maale Adumim colony	Abu Dis	2
Confiscation of land for the favor of Nov Zion colony	Jabal Al-Mukabbir	2
Closures		2
Closing the eastern and western entrances of Hizma town	Hizma	2
Attacks on religious sites		9
Attacks and injuries	Al-Aqsa mosque	13
Raids and break-ins		15
Isolation from Jerusalem		1

Violation against the right to housing- Home demolition

Dozers of Israeli Occupation Forces demolish women society in Nabi Samuel village

On August 02, 2016 the dozers of Israeli Occupation Forces demolished the headquarter of a women society in the village of Nabi Samuel on the claim of "unlicensed construction". It is reported that a massive force from Israel Police and two dozers raided the place and carried out the demolition.

The chairwoman of the society, Nawal Barakat, told Land Research Center the following:

"The society was established one year ago; it was built by metal slaps with 11000 dollar funds to rehabilitate the headquarter that is 200m². The place was prepared to implement activities, events, trainings and workshops for students and youth. At night times, the society was used as a youth club for guys.

Shortly after being constructed and used, Israeli Occupation Forces arrived at the location and demolished the society without any previous warning or notice. We were banned from saving any of the interior"





Demolition of caravan in the Jerusalem town of Beit Hanina

The dozers of the Israeli occupation forces demolished on August 03, 2016 a caravan in the Beit Hanina neighborhood of Wad Al-Damm on the claim of "unlicensed construction". Noteworthy, police force accompanied by a dozer carried out the demolition order that was issued by the so-called Israel Civil Administration.

It should be marked that the caravan belongs to citizen Izzedin Abu Nijmeh. Noteworthy, this is the sixth demolition on Abu Nijmeh's residence.

The affected citizen told Land Research Center the following:

" In 2014, Israeli Occupation Forces demolished my caravan under the pretext of unlicensed construction. Representatives from a Norwegian Society gifted me a 50m² caravan, which is composed of kitchen, bathroom and a hall. My wife, two sons and I lived in that caravan as a home"

One year ago, employees from the so-called Israel Civil Administration arrived and threw a demolition order in the area. I immediately sought attorney Suliman Shaheen to object to the order since the caravan is set up on wheels and is gifted from an international body. A file was opened in the court of Israel municipality to be followed-up on".

He added:

" One morning, I was in the hospital with my wife when I received a phone call from my neighbors telling me that a force from Israel police and a dozer were preparing to demolish the caravan. I immediately headed to the place and requested the responsible officer to talk to my lawyer on phone. The officer pointed out that the demolition is being carried out based on a military order and gave the affected fifteen minutes to evacuate the caravan. The operation lasted from 8:30 until 9:30 in the morning; it is when the dozer and the force withdrew".



Israeli Occupation Forces ravage a plot used as Car Yard in Jerusalem

Israeli Occupation Forces ravaged on August 09, 2016 a car yard on the claim that the plot is owned by the Jewish National Fund, which is run by Israel Lands Authority. Noteworthy, the Lands Authority set up a signboard at the entrance of the car yard, claiming it Israeli ownership.

The car yard is reported to be owned by citizen Mohammad Elyyan; it is founded on a 500m² leased plot. The car yard was opened in 2015.

It should be marked that a massive force from the Israeli occupation police accompanied by a military dozer arrived at the location at dawn and embarked on demolishing a caravan that was used as an office. Not only, the dozer ravaged the plot where some police members confiscated an electricity generator.





Israel Municipality forces a Jerusalemite to self-demolish his structure in Ras AL-A'mud neighborhood

Citizen Ahmad Barakat self-demolished on August 09, 2016 his house that was still under construction as per implementing the order of the occupation's municipality. Noteworthy, the house is located in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Ras AL-A'mud; it is a second floor apartment built on a 130m² and is composed of three bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom.

Citizen Ahmad Barakat told Land Research Center the following:

" Two months ago, I decided to build a house on top of my parents residence in Ras Al-A'mud neighborhood because it is small and we numbered 9 in that house. When I started construction works on the second floor, employees from the occupation municipality arrived at the location, photographed the structure and hanged a demolition order on the door. Also, I was requested to appear before court but I didn't do so and continued the construction. Ten days later, employees from the municipality and hanged another stop-work order on the building.

On August 08, 2016 I received a self-demolition order issued by the municipality with a 72 hour deadline to complete the procedure otherwise the municipality carries out the demolition and all expenses that mount up to 80,000 NIS will be billed to me.

I self-demolished my structure on August 09, 2016 as per the municipality's order of demolition"

The Israeli occupation municipality demolishes a stable for horses in Jerusalem

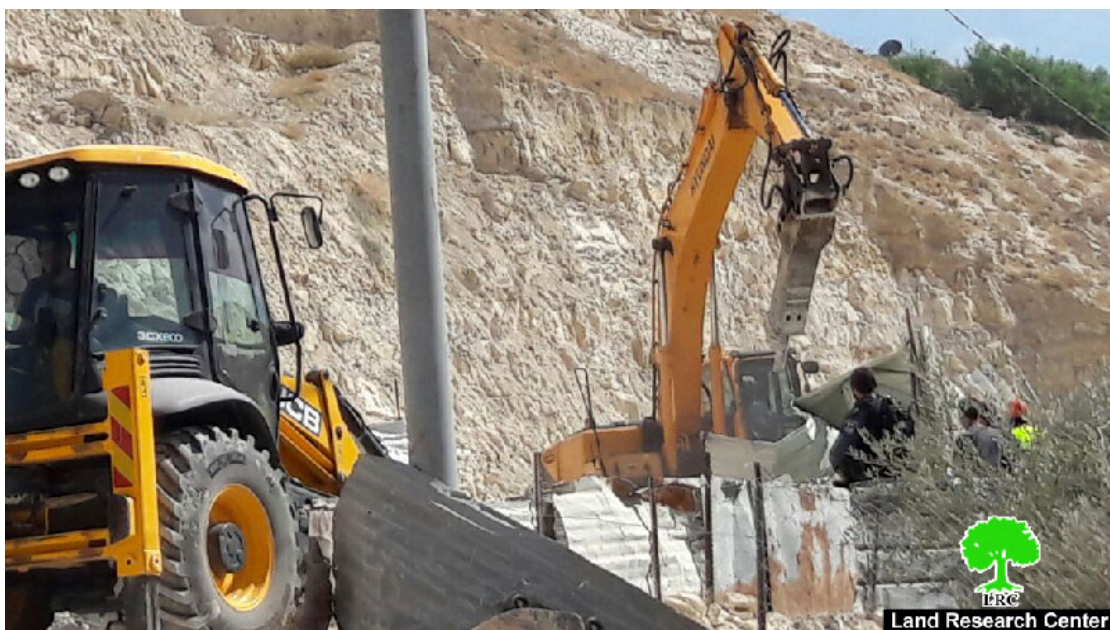
The dozers of the Israeli occupation municipality demolished on August 19, 2016 a stable for horses in Al-Mukabir neighborhood of Al-Sal'a on the claim of "unlicensed construction".

The owner of the stable, Mohammad Obydat, told Land Research Center the following:

" I built this structure in May with a total cost of 80,000 NIS on an area of 60m² to be home for my four member family. After moving in to the structure, employees from the occupation's municipality arrived at the location and handed a demolition order on the structure. I then turned the structure into a stable for horses . I demolished some of the walls to become suitable to accommodate horses. On August 19, 2016 a force from the occupation's police and army troops arrived to the structure's location and brought it down. The force also demolished a 35meters of retaining walls that surrounded the structure"

It should be marked that the occupation harasses Jerusalemites to push them leave the city through humiliating and violating means. Such means came with feeble claims and justifications that can never be believed or even considered true. Issuing demolition order is not limited to Israel Municipality but can be done by Israel Nature Authority, Ministry of Interior, Civil Administration or even by colonial organizations such like Ateret Cohanim. This shows the proxy given to such organizations to determine the future of Occupied Jerusalem.

What Israel does of demolitions in east Jerusalem and West Bank is a clear-cut violation of human rights and all of the international laws and covenants. Israel only aims at displacing Palestinians for sake of serving the colonial expansion plans.





Demolition of residences and structures in the Bedouin community of Al-Maa'zi

A massive force from the Israeli occupation army accompanied by a military dozer raided the Bedouin community of Arab AL-Maa'azi, north Jaba' town- Jerusalem governorate and carried out a demolition operation on some residences and structures. Note that Adam colony is only 200 from Bedouin community.

It should be marked that the force imposed a closure on the area before the vast demolition operation took place. A metal-slaps room donated by Ministry of Wall Affairs and a number of barns were demolished as a result.

It is reported that the community witnessed a demolition operation on August 30, 2015 that rendered a number of residences and agricultural structures demolished.

In addition to the aforementioned, the community was served a number of Stop-Work orders in 1998 and 2013 but given that the area is classified as " Public domain lands", which have no ownership documents, it was hard for the residents of the community to obtain legal licenses and permits for construction in the area despite residing there for over 40 years.





views from the demolition operation

The following table shows information about the affected people and properties:

Affected citizen	Family	Minors	No. of sheep	Demolished structure			Remarks
				Room\area	Barn	Related items	
Fahimeh Barakat	1	0	0	12	0	----	Had structures demolished before
Ahmad Saray'a	7	5	34	30	40	Water tank 2m ³	Had structures demolished before
Younes Saray'a	2	0	15	30	0	---	Had structures demolished before
Raed Saray'a	9	7	45	30	100	Two solar cells	Had structures demolished before
Najeh Saray'a	9	7	20	30	50	----	Had structures demolished before
Total	28	19	114	132	190		

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

About Arab Al-Maa'zi:

The Bedouin people residing in the area of northern Jaba' town are reported to be there since 30 years ago and never been attacked or targeted before. In 2013, the Israeli occupation authorities started a series of harassments and attacks on the area, targeting residents and their properties as well.

The residents of this area hail from Negev but were displaced in the aftermath of the 1948 war to the areas of Palestinian Jordan Valley (Al-Ghoor). Now, the occupation is working so hard to empty the areas of Al-Ghoor to serve colonial expansion plans.

About Arab Al-Maa'zi community:

It is located on lands from Jaba' town in east Jerusalem. The community is bounded by the bypass road no. 458 from the east, bypass road no.60 from the west, Adam colony from the south and Shei'r Benyamin colony from the north.

The community accommodates 8 Bedouin families including 60 members since 1974.

Israel Municipality demolishes a residence in Sur Baher village

The occupation bulldozers demolished on August 30, 2016 a house in the village of Sur Baher south of Jerusalem owned by Wasim Atyeh under the pretext of "unlicensed construction"

Wasim Atyeh explained that the occupation municipality's bulldozers demolished his house without prior notice. He explained that he built his house and moved-in a year ago with his family of 5 individuals (wife and three children aged between 4-8 years).

He said:

" In July 2015, I started construction and built an area of 120m². It is when employees from the occupation's municipality arrived at the location and hanged a stop-work order on the house. Despite all, I continued the construction and finished the house in late 2015. In January 2016, I received an administrative demolition order from the municipality. Shortly after, I sought attorney Hussein Ghanayem who managed to obtain a delay on the demolition and set up for a hearing session on October 30, 2016. The aforementioned date was assigned for the hearing session on August 28, 2016."

He added:

"The occupation forces raided my house in the early morning and evacuated the residents by forces. They took out some of the furniture and demolished the house on top of the rest. The bulldozers also demolished the wall around the land and the outside gate."

Atyeh's wife is now residing with her family until the husband finds a place for rent so that the family can be reunited under one roof.



Violations against the right to housing- Demolition threats

Stop-work orders on kindergarten, residential and agricultural structures in Jericho

The Bedouin community of Al-Hathrorah, southwest Jericho witnessed on August 21, 2016 an Israel attack implemented by the so-called Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Civil Administration.

It should be marked that a force from the Israeli occupation army accompanied by the civil administration raided the Bedouin community of Arab Al-Hamadin and embarked on serving stop-work orders on metal rooms gifted by Ministry of Wall Affairs to provide relief for the residents affected by previous demolition.

In addition to that, the force notified a kindergarten of stop-work; the structure is a residential tent of 72m² that is used to educate 11 children from the community. A room used for gatherings in the community was also served a stop-work notice alongside with a number of tents and agricultural tents that are used for sheep.

According to the orders, the affected were given a deadline until September 04, 2016 to complete all licensing procedures. This comes in time with the hearing session of the Inspection Sub-Committee of the Israeli Civil Administration in the Israeli court of Beit El colony to consider the status of the notified structures.

Moreover, Israeli occupation forces confiscated on June 05, 2016 six residential tents and a mobile room from families of the same community on the claim of them being located in "closed military zone".



views from the targeted community



the "gatherings room" and the kindergarten



The following table shows information about the affected people and properties:

Affected citizen	family	Minors	Notified structures			No. Of order	Remarks
			Metal room\m ²	Sheep tent\m ²	tenRelated stuff		
Abadallah Hamadin	2	0	32	0	0	181717	
Kindergarten			0	0	72	181717	72m ² structure to educate 11 children
A room for gatherings			0	0	60		60m ² metal room gifted by Ministry of Wall Affairs
Ali Hamadin	7	3	30	0	0	181719	
Mohammad Hamadin	6	2	0	45	0	181720	
Kamal Hamadin	2	0	30	0	0	181721	
Mousa Hamadin	3	1	30	0	0	181722	
Ishteivi Hamadin	6	4	30	60	24	181723	12m ² metal slaps kitchen and 12m ² storage unit
Total	24	10	182	105	156		



Map of the Bedouin community

Israeli Occupation Forces notify eight families of demolition in Al-Eizariya town

On August 18, 2016, a staff from Israel Civil Administration distributed demolition orders on families from the Bedouin community of Abu Nuwwar, east Al-Eizariya town.

The chairman of the community protection committee, Dawoud Jahaleen, said that some employees from Israel Civil Administration raided the community and delivered demolition orders for the owners of some structures. The orders gave a three day deadline to object to the demolition in Israel Supreme Court.

It should be marked that the orders targeted seven residences built by metal slaps and a barrack for livestock. Residents of the houses (35 members) have been living there for tens of years. The owners are reported to be (Darwish Jahaleen, Ayman Jahaleen, Fiddeyyeh Jahalin, Yousfe Jahaleen, Salim Jahaleen, Mousa Jahaleen and Suliman Jahaleen).

Mr. Dawoud also said that the dozers of the occupation demolished five residences since the beginning of the year and a mixed-gender school on February 2016.

It should be marked that the communities of Abu Nuwwar are four in numbers and are inhabited by 113 families consisting of 630 members. The communities are threatened of forcible displacement and eviction due to Israeli colonial plans in the area.

Distributing demolition notices to residential establishments

Joint crew of occupation municipality and Israeli forces raided the village of Silwan on August 20, 2016 and distributed “demolition notices before submitting indictments” under the pretext of building without a permit.

It is reported that the occupation municipality along with Israeli forces raided several neighborhoods in Silwan and took pictures of establishments and the entrances of neighborhoods before distributing “demolition notices” to residential establishments in the neighborhoods of Wadi Hilweh, Ein Al-Lozeh and Wad Yasool before submitting indictments against the owners.

It should be marked that the municipality targeted residential apartments within buildings in Wadi Hilweh that have been established for 15 years and are owned by the families of Abu Nab, Siam, Gheith; 20 individuals live in those apartments.

Demolition notices to residential establishments...stopping renovation works at the “sit-in tent”

It should be marked that municipality crews protected by Israeli forces raided the neighborhoods of Wadi Hilweh, Ein Al-Lozeh, Bi’er Ayoub, Al-Bustan and Batn Al-Hawa in Silwan and took pictures of establishments as well as the entrances of the above mentioned neighborhoods. They raided several residential establishments and handed the owners demolition notices under the pretext of building without a permit; they requested some of them to head to the official departments at the municipality.

Requesting to stop renovation works at the “sit-in tent”

A member of Al-Bustan Committee, Mousa Odeh, explained that municipality crews raided the sit-in tent in the neighborhood of Bi’er Ayoub and requested to stop the ongoing renovation works. They also asked to remove the tile under the pretext of conducting renovation works without a permit. Nearly two hours later, they raided the tent once again to make sure the renovation works had stopped. He also explained that the tent was established in February 2009 after the Israeli authorities threatened to demolish Al-Bustan neighborhood to build national parks.

Demolition notices to residential houses, warehouses and walls

It is reported that municipality crews handed Baha' Adnan Zaytoon a demolition notice to his apartment in "Hosh Zaytoon - Bi'er Ayoub" where he lives with his family (wife and three children). His house was established two years ago and he only moved-in nearly a month ago. The apartment consists of two rooms and their facilities.

Municipality crews also handed Mohammad Zaytoon a demolition notice to a wooden establishment in Bi'er Ayoub that he started building only two weeks ago.

A demolition notice was also handed to a family in Hosh Maragha in Bi'er Ayoub to demolish the walls around their land; they requested to lower the wall to only one meter.

Municipality crews also handed Salah Kash'am a demolition notice to his residential building in Batn Al-Hawa in Silwan. The building was established in 1994 and consists of three floors where each one is 150 square meters; five families live in the building.

Arafat Abu Al-Hammam also received a demolition notice to a container sitting on wheels and a room in Ein Al-Lozeh; they were set up two months ago and are used for storage.

closures

The occupation forces evacuate the headquarters of Red Cross in Sheikh Jarrah by force

The occupation forces raided on August 16, 2016 the headquarters of the Red Cross in the neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah in Jerusalem and evacuated it from demonstrators using force; they were protesting in solidarity with prisoners currently on hunger strike.

The Jerusalemites prisoners' families committee and Prisoner's Club in Jerusalem explained that armed occupation police surprisingly raided the headquarters of the Red Cross and requested all demonstrators to immediately evacuate the headquarters claiming that the Red Cross administration filed a claim saying that young men stormed into its headquarters to organize a protest.

They added that the forces used force to evacuate to the protestors who are mostly family members of prisoners including elderly people. The forces also stormed into the headquarters with police dogs.

The police threatened to arrest anyone who protests inside the headquarters of the Red Cross.



The occupation closes “Sa’ed” Institute for Educational Consulting

The Israeli police closed on August 08, 2016 Sa’ed Institute for Educational Consulting in Jerusalem under the pretext of “supporting terrorism”.

The Israeli police had requested Sheikh Jamil Hamami, member of Supreme Islamic Commission and Islamic Culture Society and executive director of Al-Iman Schools, to Al-Maskobyeh police center in West Jerusalem and handed him an order to close the Institute; the order was signed by general inspector of Israeli police.

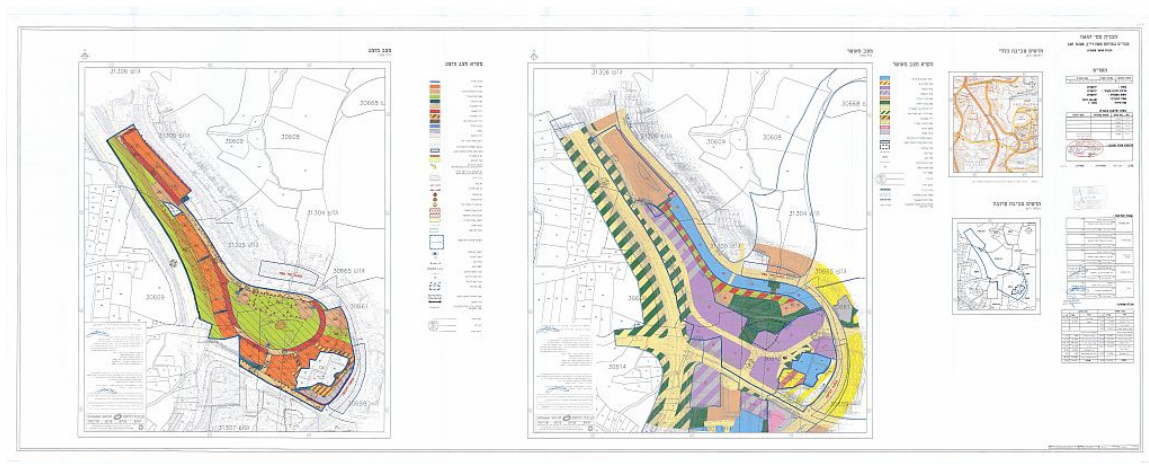
Hamami denounced the closure decision and confirmed that the institute is focused on providing educational counseling for teachers. He pointed out that this is the second time the institute gets closed as it was previously closed nearly three years a

Colonial plan

Israel ratifies the construction of 62 colonial units in Pisgat Zev colony

The Israeli newspaper, WALA, mentioned on August 10, 2016 that the Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Municipality ratified the construction of 62 colonial units in Pisgat Zev colony.

The construction was reported to be some buildings of nine floors. This very construction comes within a major plan no. TPS11647, which was previously advertised for the construction of 652 units on an area of 110 dunums from Beit Hanina town.



The Israeli occupation opens construction bids for Maale Adummim colony

It should be marked that the Israeli Land Authority and the Maale Adummim Economic Development Company on August 19, 2016 opened four tenders for establishing a hotel, and constructing a park in the illegal Israeli colony of Maale Adummim.

Two tenders were published to lease land for renewable 49-year contracts, while the others were for building a hotel and park near the industrial zone of the colony, according to the Israeli newspaper Kol Hair.

The six-story hotel will reportedly be the first in the colony, and is planned to be built over 2,300 square meters. It will also be located near the mall.

A park taking over 100 dunams of land is planned to the east of the industrial zone to serve the residents of Maale Adummim.

Maale Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel said in a statement that the industrial zone was expected to double its capacity over the next decade, Kol Hair reported.

In a similar context, the Planning and Construction Committee- Israel Municipality confiscated a 1225 meters plot near Jabal Al-Mukabbir for the favor of constructing a synagogue and medical center.

Closures

Israeli Occupation Forces keep on closing Hizma town entrance

Israeli Occupation Forces keeps on sealing of the entrances of Hizma town; more specifically the eastern and the western ones. Closure is maintained through cement and road blocks that hinder the movement of the town's residents.

In the evening of August 02, 2016, a massive force from the Israeli occupation army raided Hizma town and obliged shops owners to close while another unit of the army sealed off the western and eastern entrances of the town via road blocks. As a result, 9000 people got isolated from their Palestinian periphery.

It should be marked that such closure occurred many times during the past couple of months as a collective punishment on the residents of the town to strike their economic status.

Noteworthy, one of the distinguished closure occurred during May and lasted for two continuous weeks. The closure was enforced via road blocks and earth mounds. Such closures are implemented on the claim of "Security Purposes".



the western entrance of Hizma town closed via road blocks



the eastern entrance of Hizma town closed via road blocks

About Hizma:

It is 8km to the northeast of Jerusalem; it populates 9256 people on a built-up area of 1000 dunums out of its 18000 dunums total land area.

According to Oslo lands classification of 1993, a small part of the village's area -- the built-up area-- is classified as area "B" that is under Palestinian control where the rest is classified "C" that is administratively run by the occupation municipality of Jerusalem .

The occupation confiscated 2500 dunums of Hizma for the expansion of various colonies namely (Pisgat Zev, Pisgat Amir, Adam and Nevi Yaacov)

It should be marked that the apartheid wall travels 4km on the lands of Hizma town, isolating 40% of the village's total area behind its construction.

Noteworthy, closures on the town have been applied on the town ever since the first intifada of 2000. Such measure was meant as a collective punishment on the town's residents.

Excavations

In August 16, 2016, sources revealed excavations 100 meters to the south of Al-Aqsa mosque and 40 meters south to the historical wall of Jerusalem city.

According to Qpress, the so-called Israel Antiquities Authority embarked on excavation works funded by Elad colonial group at the entrance of Wad Hilweh area in Silwan town. The works were reported to be of 25m in length and 10 meters width.

Depth of the excavations reached 4 meters; extracted earth was moved to unidentified area.

Such measure is considered part of the Judaizing plan that aims at taking over the area , forging the Palestinian history and claiming Jewish trace in the area.

Qpress reported said that the excavations links the sub-roads network of Givati Park and David City, which the Jewish people use as Talmudic tourist roads.

Attacks on religious sites

The ongoing attacks of the Israeli occupation on AL-Aqsa mosque during June 2016

Colonial fanatic groups kept on breaking into Al-Aqsa mosque under intense protection of Israel Police. It is reported that most of the raids and break-ins were supported by the government itself and fanatic institutions.



It is reported that 1898 colonists, policemen and army troops broke into AL-Aqsa compound during 2016. The raids were reported as follows:

- August 02, 2016: around 46 colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound from Dung gate and wandered the place under protection of Israel Police.
- August 02, 2016: One of AL-Aqsa mosque guards was injured after Israel Special Forces assaulted him at time standing up against Talmudic rituals being held in the compound
- August 03, 2016: resources revealed excavations south to Al-Aqsa mosque with serious implications.
- August 07, 2016: Israel Inelegancies arrested one of Al-Aqsa mosque guards, Loay Abu Al-Sa'd, and made a decision to isolate him from the mosque for 4 months.
- August 07, 2016: small groups successively broke into Al-Aqsa compound from Dung gate.
- August 08, 2016: an expert from Israel Antiquities Authority broke into the dome of the rock mosque and took photos of the renovation works being conducted in there.

- August 08, 2016: colonists and rabbis broke into Al-Aqsa compound and performed some Talmudic rituals under protection of Israel Police. At time, six employees of Islamic Endowment were arrested and renovation works inside the mosque were stopped.
- August 09, 2016: 120 colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound from Dung gate under intense protection of Israel Police.
- August 10, 2016: 13 experts of Israel Antiquities Authority and some tens of colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound from Dung gate under intense protection of Israel Police.
- August 11, 2016: 129 colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound in groups and wandered the place .
- August 14, 2016: 401 colonists broke into AL-Aqsa mosque in memory of the Temple Day.
- August 17, 2016: 38 colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound in groups and provocatively wandered the place.
- August 21, 2016: groups of colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound in memory of it being burned down.
- August 23, 2016: 46 colonists and 10 policewomen broke into AL-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate and provocatively wandered the place.
- August 24, 2016 :23 colonists broke into AL-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate and provocatively wandered the place.
- August 30, 2016: a group of colonists broke into AL-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate and provocatively wandered the place.
- August 31, 2016: 65 colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound amidst police protection. Clashes erupted and some Jerusalemite youth were injured as a result.