

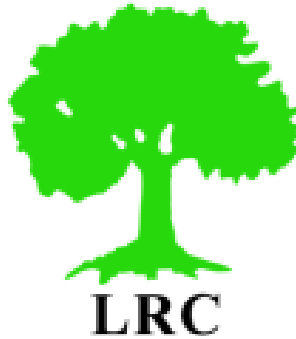


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Violation against the right to housing- Home demolition

A Jerusalemite self-demolishes part of his home in Old City of Jerusalem

The Jerusalemite Samer Idkeidek was forced on October 03, 2016 to self-demolish part of his home in the Old City of Jerusalem following an order issued by the occupation municipality under the pretext of building without a permit.

A year ago, Samer built two rooms on the roof of his house (30 square meters) for his three children. He explained that municipality employees raided his house at the end of last June and handed him an administrative demolition order under the pretext of building without a permit.

He added that the occupation municipality threatened to impose building violation fees in addition to the demolition costs if he doesn't self-demolish his house. Samer said he was forced to demolish it since the municipality is known to impose high fines he can't afford; he is an employee at a factory and has two children in college.

Dozers of Israel Municipality demolish a building in the Jerusalem town of Silwan

Dozers of the Israeli occupation municipality demolished on October 26, 2016 a residential building in Silwan town, south AL-Aqsa mosque on the claim of "unlicensed construction".

It should be marked that the building consisted of four residential apartments that belong to Ja'afreh family. Having been established 17 years ago, each apartment totaled 130m² in area. The following families lived in the building:

#	Citizen	Area of apt.	Family	Minors
1	Isa Mohamad Ja'afreh	130	8	6
2	Mousa Mohamad Ja'afreh	130	5	3
3	Bassam Mohamad Ja'afreh	130	10	8
4	Ahmad Mohamad Ja'afreh	130	5	3
Total		520	28	20

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

Citizen Isa told Land Research Center the following:

" The building was constructed in 2000 to be home for my brothers' families and my family as well. The building is of two floors and consists of four apartments. Each apartment is composed of three bedrooms, hall, kitchen and bathroom.

In 2008, we received demolition order from the municipality and were requested to appear before court. The court considered the structure unlicensed and ordered it demolished. We appealed to the decision but to no avail since the court always claims the structure's location as green area, where construction is prohibited. Not only, the municipality imposed a 60,000 NIS violation fine on us. Despite all attempts to stop the demolition by lawyers, the order was approved effective and demolition eventually took place".

He also added:

" One day before demolition, an officer from Israel police arrived at the location and verbally gave us a deadline until 3:00 a.m. in the morning to evacuate the building. At 3:30 a.m., a force arrived to the area with a dozer and brought the building down. The demolition lasted until 8:00 in the morning. As a result, we became homeless and we have to start from the scratch all over again".



Dozers of Israel Municipality demolish 3 residences in Beit Hanina

The occupation authorities demolished 3 residences in Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem under the pretext of building without a permit.

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

#	Affected citizen	Area of structure\m ²	Family	Minors	Type of structure	Remarks
1	Naser Awad Rajabi	60	8	6	Cement bricks residence	
2	Ahmad Siam	100	5	3	Cement bricks residence	
3	Thaer Siam	75	0	0	Container	Furnished but not inhabited
Total		235	13	9		

Ahmad Siam's home

Ahmad Abdelrazek Siam explained that occupation bulldozers demolished his 95m² home (built from bricks and roofed with tin plates) without prior notice. Noteworthy, the house is founded on a 1500m² plot.

He added that his house was built two years ago where he has been living with his wife and three children.

The municipality crews raided the house without prior notice when the family was not home. They were unable to reach their home until the demolition was over; it was executed on top of most of their furniture.

Thaer Siam's home

Thaer Siam explained that the municipality bulldozers demolished his 60-square meters home which is a container that was established 11 years ago.

Thaer explained that his home was demolished without prior notice and he had never received any demolition orders. Also, ten trees founded in the area were totally damaged and a number of pet cats were ran over by the force vehicles.

Naser Rajabi's home

The occupation authorities demolished the home of Naser Rajabi which is 60m².

Rajabi explained that the demolished was carried out in the morning and that he was banned from approaching the place and even talk to the officer.

The family of Naser is now divided since he lives with his relative while his wife and kids live in the house of his father-in-law.

Citizen Siam and the remains of his house



The rubbles of Siam residence



It should be marked that the demolished residences are located in front of Rekhes Shu'fat colony, where tens of colonial units are being illegally built in a step to expand the area at the expense of Palestinian lands.



Pisgat Zev colony expanding at the expense of Palestinian lands

Colonial plan

The Israeli government revealed on October 08, 2016 a plan to build three residential buildings(nine floors each). The building are reported to be of nine floors each and are composed of 142 residential units. Noteworthy, this plan will be implemented on in the colony of Jabal Abu Ghnim on an area of 4.5 dunums.

Closures

Israeli Occupation Forces close main road in Isawiya

Part of the collective punishment policy practiced against Jerusalem, the occupation forces closed on October 13, 2016 the main entrance of the village of Isawiya with cement blocks under the pretext of throwing stones and Molotov Cocktails towards the street leading to Maale Adomim settlement.

Abu Hummos said that the entrance was closed on Tuesday because of “Yom Kippur” and was opened on Wednesday night for 20 minutes only before being closed again; the forces threatened to impose more sanctions on the locals.

Closing Printing Press in the village of Al-Ram

The occupation forces closed on October 20, 2016 Al-Rayan Printing Press in the village of Al-Ram north of Jerusalem following a military order.

The occupation army said the press was printing banners for Martyr Musbah Abu Sbeih and considered it inciting.

The forces stormed into the press after breaking the front door; they confiscated the equipment used to print banners.

Colonists' attacks

Colonists break into the Jerusalem neighborhood of Al-Thori

Colonists protected by occupation forces raided on October 13, 2016 the house of Mahdi Abu Nijmeh in the neighborhood of Al-Thori in Silwan.

Abu Nijmeh explained that a group of colonists along with Israeli forces suddenly raided his house in a provocative way and attempted to assault the residents. Mosques in the area appealed for locals to help Abu Nijmeh family and young men quickly responded and confronted the colonists. Clashes erupted and Israeli soldiers fired rubber bullets and tear-gas canisters at Jerusalemites to withdraw from the area.

Colonists attack Mohammad Al-Razem with a knife

On October 14, 2016 a group of colonists attacked the 26-year old Mohammad Khalil Al-Razem with a knife and batons while walking in “Bar Elan” Street in Jerusalem.

Mohammad explained that he was driving his motorcycle in Bar Elan Street around 10:30 on Friday night. When he stopped at the traffic light, he was surprised by 5 colonists attacking him with knives and batons. He said: “Within minutes, I tried to flee the area but I couldn’t after falling off my bike. I was able to get up and defend myself.”

He added: “A police vehicle passed by and the colonists quickly ran away after assaulting me.”

He explained that he was stabbed in his thigh and was bruised in his leg after falling off his bike. He was transferred to Shaare Zedek hospital for treatment.

He added that he filed a claim to the police regarding being assaulted in order to hold the assailants accountable.

A colonist assaults the child Qusai Rajabi

On October 30, 2016 a colonist assaulted 6-year old Qusai Jadallah Rajabi while he was near his house in the neighborhood of Batn Al-Hawa in Silwan.

Jadallah Rajabi, the child’s father, explained that one of the colonists present in Batn Al-Hawa pushed his 6-year old son Qusai towards a wall and punched him on his eye for no reason when he was playing with his cousins outside their home; he had a red eye and suffered some pains.

Attacks on religious sites

Attack on Bab Al-Rahma historical cemetery

Israeli Nature and Parks Authority forces demolished two graves inside a Palestinian cemetery in occupied East Jerusalem on October 23, 2016. Also, the responsible of guards unit was arrested in the process.

Sheikh Omar al-Kiswani, the director of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound explained that forces from the Nature and Parks Authority raided the Bab al-Rahma cemetery -- which runs along the eastern wall of Jerusalem's Old City -- demolished two Palestinian graves and arrested a guard

Al-Kiswani also said that they contacted Israel Police to stop the work of Nature Authority but to no avail. The arrested guard was released half an hour after being detained.

Israeli authorities claimed the graves and gravestones were constructed on “confiscated land” belonging to the Israeli Nature and Parks Authority.

Al-Kiswani countered the claim, citing official documents that state the graves that were demolished were owned by the al-Husseini and al-Ansari families.

Attacks on religious sites

Colonists raids and break-ins on Al-Aqsa mosque during October 2016 were as follows:

- October 04, 2016 :73 colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound through Dung gate and provocatively wandered the place at time Muslim worshipers were detained at gates for check.
- October 10, 2016 : 151 colonists including 20 students and three intelligences officers broke into Al-Aqsa compound in successive groups.
- October 11, 2016: tens of colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound under protection of Israeli Police marking "Yum Kippur" religious festival.
- October 12, 2016: Israel Police releases citizen Naser Qous after being arrested for two days under the condition of isolation from Jerusalem for 45 days.
- October 16, 2016: around 64 fanatic colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound in groups and provocatively wandered the place.
- October 18, 2016: around 195 fanatic colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound in groups and provocatively wandered the place.
- October 19, 2016: 300 colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound through Dung gate and provocatively wandered the place at time Muslim worshipers were detained at gates for check.
- October 20, 2016: around 315 backed with rabbis and guides break into Al-Aqsa compound in groups under the protection of SWAT teams.
- October 23, 2016: around 242 colonists into Al-Aqsa compound through Dung gate and provocatively wandered the place at time Muslim worshipers were detained at gates for check.
- October 23, 2016: Israeli occupation authorities opened a café on the street that leads to A-Aqsa mosque from the Old City of Jerusalem. 50, 000 NIS were gifted by a colonial group for this end. The café is intended to serve drinks and coffee for soldiers and colonists for free during the week of religious festivals. Noteworthy, the café is founded in the street that Muslim worshipers take to reach Al-Aqsa mosque; the setting up of the café was intended to harass and provoke Muslim passersby.
- October 24, 2016 : around 67 fanatic colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound in groups from Dung gate and provocatively wandered the place.

- October 26: around 44 fanatic colonists broke into Al-Aqsa compound in groups and provocatively wandered the place.
- October 30, 2016: a fanatic rabbi, Hbron Shilo led a break-in on Al-Aqsa compound with a group of colonists protected by Israel Police to perform some religious rituals.