



The monthly report on
Israeli violations in occupied Jerusalem
During December 2014

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The following table shows the number of Israeli violations and their nature according to location in occupied Jerusalem during December 2014:

Nature of violation	Location	No.
Home demolition		10
Inhabited residence	Isawiya	1
Residential barracks	Jabal al-Baba	4
Residential buildings	Jabal al-Baba	4
Residential barrack	Al-Tur	1
Structures demolition		20
Commercial shops	Shu'fat Camp	15
A butcher shop and a restaurant	Jabal al-Mukaber	2
Sheep barrack	Jabal al-Baba	2
Sheep barrack	Al-Tur	1
Home demolition		34
	Silwan	18
	Jabal al-Mukabbir	3
	Al-Siwwana	2
	Al-Tur	11
Threats on structures (demolition)		4
Cars parking	Ein el-Lawza /Silwan	1
Bakery and restaurant	Ein el-Lawza /Silwan	1
3 mechanic shops	Ein el-Lawza /Silwan	1
A supermarket	Ein el-Lawza /Silwan	1
Attacks on lands "trees"		150
Ravaging olives for the favor of colonial roads	Beit Safafa	150
Attacks on religious sites		16
Break-ins on al-Aqsa mosque and banning Muslims from praying inside	Al-Aqsa mosque	16

Violation of the right to Housing- home demolition

The occupation municipality demolishes a residence in al-Esawiya area:

The Israeli occupation authorities on December 2014 demolished a under construction residence belonging to citizen Ishaq Hamdan under the pretext of it being built on lands classified “green “ according to the occupation municipality. (classification green is given to lands on which building is prohibited)

The brother of the affected citizen Naem Hamdan told a researcher from Land Research Center the following:

"Construction work on the house started in June 2014; the residence is of 200m² in area. A one dunum plot was designated to the house which was being built by cement blocks. My brother Ishaq wanted to build a residence to be home for his 8 member family but he was arrested and sentenced two years due to unpaid taxes; ten days ago, the authorities of occupation came to the place and took photos before they had left.

At morning of December 01, 2014 two bulldozers relative to the occupation municipality embarked on demolishing the structure; demolition lasted for an hour. Today, the family resides in a small house other than the demolished one; their dream of owning a house became rubbles now".

He also added:

"This is the fourth time a demolition is carried on the same plot; first demolition took place in 1998 where second one was in 2002. In 2009, another demolition took place and in 2014 this very demolition was inflicted on the land by Israelis".

All demolitions came under the pretext of building without a permit or building on lands classified “green” but the real intention behind this vicious attack of orders is to expand the borders of French Hill colony at the expense of al-Isawiya lands.

“ Arab residence should be removed from the area for they affect the periphery of French Hill colony ” the godfather of colonization said ten days ago in a visit to the area accompanied by a member from the occupation municipality.



Hamdan's structure



Al-Tallih al-Faransia colony

The Israeli occupation demolishes 15 commercial shops in Shu'fat for the favor of the apartheid wall

Shu'fat camp on December 03, 2014 witnessed an unprecedented vicious attack; dozers of the occupation under heavy protection of special forces demolished a deserted building, 10 shops, and 3 storehouses that are located at the entrance of Shu'fat camp, north Jerusalem for the sake of expanding the nearby military checkpoint and the apartheid as well.

Hundreds of Israeli troops raided the area and were deployed in the camps' streets; snipers took positions on the roofs of high buildings at the camp's entrance. Shortly after, the Israeli force and dozers surrounded the building known as "al-kola" and embarked on demolishing the aforementioned structures.

It should be mentioned that structures were built in 2004, some of which are cars repair shops, vegetables shops, butcher shop in addition to commercial storehouses belonging to al-Dajani family.

Israel Supreme court made a decision regarding "al-kola" building in 2013 to be demolished in addition to its facilities, which are of 800m² in area. The confiscated building under the pretext of "security reasons" was established in 1963.

One of al-Dajani family members asserted that the occupation seeks to expand the checkpoint and the apartheid wall in the area. Therefore, the occupation confiscated a total of 11 dunums gradually as follows:

- 2 dunums were confiscated after the establishment of the wall
- 6 dunums were confiscated in 2008
- In 2012, an order was served to demolish structures and confiscate the rest of the area.



At time of attack

Israel Civil Administration and army demolish 6 residential and agricultural structures in the Bedouin community of Jabal al-Baba

Dozers relative to the Israeli occupation army on December 22, 2014 demolished four residences (barracks) and two sheep barns in the area of Jabal al-Baba, southeast occupied Jerusalem . Citizen Attallah asserted that a massive force from the Israeli occupation raided the location and forced a siege on the area before it expelled Bedouins out and embarked on demolishing the structures.

The following table shows information about the owners of demolished structures:

Affected citizen	Area\m²	No. of structures	Family	Minors	Nature of structure
Maliha Jahalin	50	1	5	5	Residential barrack
	80	1	-	-	Sheep barrack(150 sheep)
Salim Jahalin	50	1	6	-	Residential barrack
Khalid Jahalin	50	1	5	3	Residential barrack
Adnan Jahalin	50	1	6	4	Residential barrack
Oudeh Mazar'a	85	1	-	-	Sheep barrack(100 sheep)
Total	365	6	22	7	

Demolishing residential and agricultural barracks in al-Tur neighborhood:

Dozers of the occupation municipality on December24, 2014 demolished two barracks belonging to citizen Ramadan Shabanah in the neighborhood of al-Tur, east of Jerusalem under the pretext of unlicensed construction.

Shabanah asserted that a massive force from the Israel occupation army raided his land at morning and embarked on demolishing the fence surrounding it; dozers then reached out a cave and a residential barrack with an area of 70m². In addition, a sheep barrack(40m²) was also demolished.

Shabanah also pointed out that demolition took place without any previous warning or notices, taking into consideration that the court of the occupation municipality issued a decision to halt a demolition order served on his land. Despite the decision, the municipality staff carried out the demolition.

The citizen asserted that this is the third time his structures get demolished; two previous demolitions took place in 2009 and 2012. Shabanah made it clear that he will re-build what has been destroyed to protect his land from occupational plans .

A vicious attack on Palestinian residences in the area of Jabal al-Mukabbir..... a wide-range demolitions operation

Dozer of the occupation municipality in Jerusalem on December 30, 2014 demolished four houses (under construction) in the area of Jabal al-Mukabbir in addition to a restaurant , butcher shop and a retaining wall.

It is reported that the Israeli bulldozers accompanied by army troops and special forces raided the area at 5:30 a.m. and forced a siege on it. Dozers then embarked on demolishing the following residences :

1. The houses of al-Halasih family :

The first house belong to citizen Iman Halasih and is of 60m² in area. The residence is supposed to be home for five members including 4 minors. The other residence belongs to Wafa Halasih and is of 60m² in area; the residence is supposed to be home for Wafa and her daughter. Noteworthy, construction on the houses started three months ago.

Iman's brother told Land Research Center the following:

We did not receive any demolition order before, but yesterday, we accidentally pumped onto an administrative demolition order left in a yard in front of our house. We intended to seek an attorney next day for help but the occupation surprised us at the early morning to demolish our structures.



Halasih's residence

2. The residence of Imad Abu Maiyalih :

It was reported that dozers of the occupation reached out a house belonging to citizen Imad Abu Maiyalih and embarked on demolishing it. The house is of 110m² in area and is composed of three rooms with a kitchen and bathrooms;



this residence was supposed to be a home for 7 members including 5 minors. Noteworthy, construction on the house started 3 months ago, taking into consideration that it has not been served any demolition order throughout the whole period of construction.



Abu Maiyalih's residence

3. The residence of Ali Rwaidi :

Dozers of the occupation went further and demolished a residence that is still under construction belonging to citizen Ali Rwaidi under the pretext of it being built without a permit. Noteworthy, the house is of 150m² in area. Also, the bulldozers demolished a retaining wall surrounding the residence; troops of the occupation fired sound grenades and rubber-coated bullets to disperse people who gathered in the area.

4. Demolishing a butcher shop and a restaurant:

The butcher shop belonging to citizen Aziz Ja'abis has not been served any demolition order by the occupation municipality before. Despite that, a staff from the municipality accompanied by troops from the army raided the place and ordered the owner to vacate the interior of his structure. Aziz was asked to dismantle his structure (self-demolish it) to carry out the municipality order. Noteworthy, the structure is of 150m² in area and is a source of income for 7 members including 5 minors.





Violation of the Right to Housing- Demolition threats

Threatening 41 structures in Jerusalem during December 2014

December 2014 witnessed a brutal attack on the Palestinian building that was represented in demolitions and demolitions threat. Land Research Center documented 34 threats of demolition on residential flats in different locations in occupied Jerusalem; Silwan neighborhood got the biggest share of the demolition threats where around 18 flats were threatened of demolition in the same time colonists took over tens of buildings in Silwan through forgery and fraud.

The following table shows information about the threatened residences and their owners:

Affected citizen	Date of threat	Location	Area\m ²	No. of threatened flats	Family	Minors
Ziad Zaidani	09/12/2014	Al-Bustan neighborhood\ Silwan	290	2	13	5
Khalil al-Abbasi	09/12/2014	Ein al-Lawzeh\ Silwan	160	1	9	5
Sabri Abu Diab	09/12/2014	Ein al-Lawzeh\ Silwan	80	1	3	0
Ahmad	09/12/2014	Jabal al-Mukabbir	80	1	7	2

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Iwaisat						
Amir Iwaisat	09/12/2014	Jabal al-Mukabbir	80	1	7	2
Said Abu al-Jamal	09/12/2014	Jabal al-Mukabbir	70	1	10	5
Family of Martyr Mu'taz Hijazi	15/12/2014	Al-Thawri	120	1		
Dr. Jamal Amro	15/12/2014	Al-Suwwana	210	2	19	11
Shadi Samrin	17/12/2014	Wad Helwih\Silwan	130	1	Uninhabited	Uninhabited
Family of Martyr Saleh Abu Isnainih	17/12/2014	Wad Rababa\Silwan	100	1	3	0
I'layan Family	17/12/2014	Ein Lawzeh\Silwan	50	1	Uninhabited	Uninhabited
Abbasi, Awwad, Oudeh, Abdo, Rishiq, Abu Snainih, Samrin	17/12/2014	Silwan neighborhoods	450	9	70	40
Hani Ghaith	17/12/2014	Wad Helwih\Silwan	60	1	7	2
Akram el-Sharafa	22/12/2014	Al-Tur	68	1	5	2
Talal Saiad , Basil Saiad, Nadia Moghrabi, Abdullah Hadra, Marwan Hussein, Mahmoud and Abu el-	22/12/2014	Al-Tur	500	10	50	20

Hawa families						
Total			2448	34	154	75

The following table shows information about the threatened residences that have been served administrative demolition orders by the occupation municipality:

Affected citizen	Date of threat	Location	Area\m ²	No. of threatened flats	Nature of structure
Khilail Abbasi	09/12/2014	Ein al-Lawzeh\Silwan	40	1	Cars park
Silwan residents	09/12/2014	Ein al-Lawzeh\Silwan	80	2	Bakery and restaurant
Huessien Zalloum, Khilaid al-Zeir, Monther I'lyan, Walid al-A'our	09/12/2014	Ein al-Lawzeh\Silwan	120	3	3 Car repair shops
Shwaiki family	17/12/2014	Ein al-Lawzeh\Silwan	100	1	Supermarket
Total			340	7	

Attacks on lands

The occupation dozers ravage hundreds of trees in Beit Safafa to implement an occupational plan

The Israeli occupation authorities ravaged around 150 fruitful olive trees in the village of Beit Safafa , south occupied Jerusalem for the sake of opening the bypass road no. 4; the road is to link Jerusalem colonies with those in the West Bank, not mentioning that the road will split Beit Safafa into two.

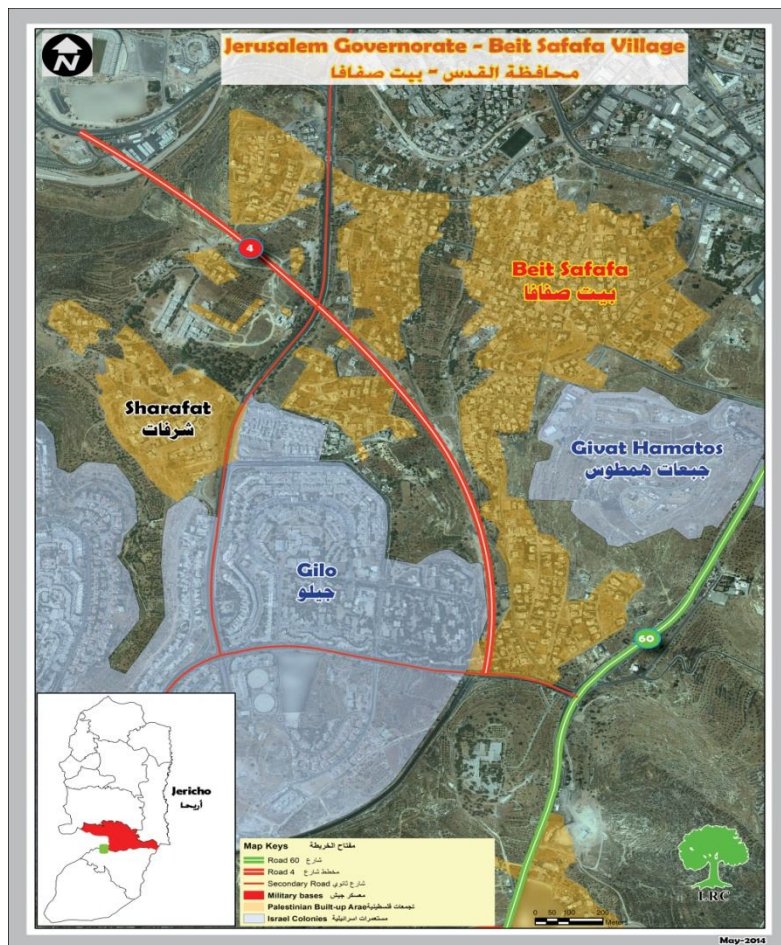
Also, dozers of the occupation uprooted and ravaged a number of fruitful trees in the village of Shu'fat, north occupied Jerusalem for the sake of opening new occupational roads holding the numbers 20 and 21. Noteworthy, the number of uprooted trees reached 150 , where a big number of other trees are threatened of ravaging as per continuing the roads' opening. It should be marked that the Israeli authorities moved the uprooted trees to an unidentified place via trucks relative to the army.



Beit Safafa trees before being uprooted



Occupation dozer open the bypass road no.29 on lands of Beit Safafa



Attacks on religious sites

Colonists continue breaking into al-Aqsa mosque amidst intense protection of Israeli police troops

There is no doubt that the year 2014 witnessed the worst political violations inflicted on al-Aqsa mosque. The escalation increased in aftermath of the "uprising" resulted by kidnapping and burning the kid Abu Khdair alive. Israeli **Knesset** members encouraged breaking into al-Aqsa mosque to impose full Israeli sovereignty, not mentioning extreme parties' calls on colonists to enter the mosque again to hold prayers. Break-ins on al-Aqsa mosque were documented during December 2014 as follows:

- December 01, 2014 : Tens of colonists broke into al-Aqsa mosque and wandered in its compound.
- December 02, 2014: Israeli police allowed colonists inside al-Aqsa mosque to wander through Dung gate.
- December 03, 2014 :Tens of colonists broke into al-Aqsa mosque and provokingly wandered in its compound.
- December 08, 2014: Israeli police banned entry to al-Aqsa mosque and detained the IDs of Palestinian female worshipers, where colonists were allowed inside the mosque.
- December 09, 2014 :Israeli police allowed colonists inside the mosque amidst chants of Allahuakbar by Muslim worshipers.
- December 10, 2014: Israeli occupation banned entry to Muslims where colonists were allowed in freely.
- December 12, 2014: the occupation troops set up checkpoints at the entrance of al-Aqsa and banned Muslims entry to it.
- December 14, 2014: tens of colonists broke into the mosque via Dung gate amidst chants of Allahuakbar by Muslim worshipers

- December 15, 2014: the Israeli occupation banned Muslim entry to al-Aqsa mosque and allowed access for Jewish colonists only.
- December 16, 2014: Israeli police allowed colonists inside al-Aqsa mosque to wander through Dung gate.
- December 18, 2014 :Tens of colonists broke into al-Aqsa mosque and provokingly wandered in its compound.
- December 21, 2014: Israeli police banned entry to al-Aqsa mosque and detained the IDs of Palestinian female worshipers, where colonists were allowed inside the mosque.
- December 22, 2014: the occupation police allowed colonists inside al-Aqsa mosque
- December 23, 2014: the occupation allowed colonists inside al-Aqsa mosque to wander its compound
- December 24: colonists continue breaking into al-Aqsa mosque
- December 29, 2014: the occupation banned Palestinians entry to al-Aqsa mosque where colonists were granted access freely.