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The following table explain numbers& types of Israeli violations in Jerusalem during January 2016:

Type of violation	Location	No.
Demolition of structures and residences		24
Demolition of a house on security claim	Jabal Al-Mukabir	1
Closing and confiscating the residence of a martyr's sister on security claim		1
Demolition of a residence on claim of "unlicensed construction"		1
Demolition of a residence on claim of "unlicensed construction"	Beit Hanina	1
Demolition of a residence on claim of "unlicensed construction"		1
Demolition of a house in finishing phase on claim of "unlicensed construction"	Silwan	2
Demolition of a residence on claim of "unlicensed construction"		1
Demolition of a residence on claim of "unlicensed construction"		1
Demolish barn		1
Demolition of a house	Sur Baher	1
Demolition of six residences (wood, metal slaps and caravans) on claim of "unlicensed construction"	Jabal Al-Baba Bedouin community	6
Demolition of five residential barracks and one for animal use	Abu Nowar Bedouin community	6
Partial demolition of a restaurant on claim of "unlicensed construction"	Beit Safafa	1
Colonists' attacks on residences		4

Type of violation	Location	No.
Poking holes in wall of a house threatened of takeover	Aqabat Al-Khaldyeh- Old City of Jerusalem	1
Seizing a two floor building through fraud	Baidoun neighborhood- Silwan	2
Cracks in walls of residences due to excavations	Wad Hilweh- Silwan	1
Colonial expansion- Roads		2
Opening two roads to link Nove Brat colony to a newly established outpost	Anata	2
Colonial Plans		2
A new light train route to link Gilo colony to Ramot	Beit Safafa, Sharafat, Beit Hanina and Beit Iksa	1
Ratifying plan no.172783 to build a colonial six floor building	Sheikh Jarrah	12 apartments
Colonists' attacks		2
Spray printing discriminative slogans on a church	Occupied Jerusalem	1
Guard of Antot colony kills a Palestinian girl on claim of " attempt to stab colonists"	Anata	1
Attacks on religious sites		12
Raids and break-ins on Al-Aqsa mosque and compound	Al-Aqsa mosque	12

Violation of the right to housing- House demolition

Israeli forces demolish the residence of martyr Bahaa I'lyyan

A massive force from the Israeli occupation army raided on January 04, 2016 the American Street in the Jerusalem town of Jabal Al-Mukabir and demolished the residence of martyr Bahaa I'lyyan after securing the whole area.



Noteworthy, the 120 m² residence (4bed rooms, 2bathrooms and a kitchen) is home for the martyr's 8 member family including two minors.

It should be marked that the demolition order was issued by the military commander of the Israeli army on the claim of "Security Purposes". The family, at time, objected to the order in Israel Supreme Court but the appeal was met with rejection on December 15, 2015. Also, the family was given a deadline until December 30, 2015 to evacuate the house before being demolished.

The brother of martyr I'lyyan, Khalil, told Land Research Center the following: *"A large number of police members and army troops raided at 5:00 in the morning the town and secured the area. The force then searched three houses by police dogs and ordered them evacuated. Some members from Israel Border Police and army troops demolished the walls of the buildings using manual hammers and digging equipments. They also ordered the owners not to remove the rubbles from inside the house; the house now is not suitable for moving in"*



Rubbles of martyr's Bahaa house

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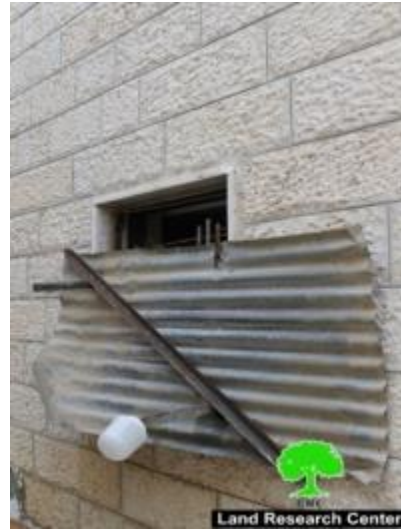
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Israeli forces pump cement into the residence of Martyr Alaa Abu Jamal's sister in the area of Jabal Al-Mukabir

Alice closed the residence of my daughter Safaa. Her residence is home for 4 member family and was targeted on the claim of it being owned by martyr Alaa”.

The Israeli Occupation Forces demolish 6 structures in East Jerusalem Bedouin community of Abu Nowar

A massive force from Israel Civil Administration and army troops accompanied by two military dozers on January 06, 2016 raided the Bedouin community of Abu Nowar and embarked on demolishing five residential barracks and another for animals.



It should be marked that the demolition took place despite that owners obtained a injunction from Israel Supreme Court to halt the demolition order. This is to say that the occupation ignored the order made by its Supreme Court. A number of families were rendered homeless as a result.

The community of Abu Nowar that is located on lands of Al-Eizariya town, southeast Jerusalem has been a constant target for the occupation attacks and violations that aim at displacing residents and emptying the area for the favor of Maale Adummim colony's expansion.

"Go make the Supreme Court stop me", said the Civil Administration officer to the chieftain of Abu Nowar, Dawood Jahalin, at time he tried to object to the demolition, using the injunction he obtained from the Supreme Court.

Dawood told Land Research Center that the "Israeli violations on the community are barbaric and inhumane. They are considered a violation of all international conventions and humanitarian laws. Despite all, we will build new barracks to shelter our kids from cold".

It should be marked that some residents were assaulted during the demolition operation and others were detained until the operation ended. The following table shows information about affected people :

Affected citizen	Family	Minors	Area\m ²	Type of structure	Damage
Hasan Jahalin	7	5	120	Residential barrack	Entire ravaging and demolition
Ashraf Jahalin	2	0	80	Residential barrack	Entire ravaging and demolition
Ashraf Jahalin	2	0	40	Barrack for chicken	Entire ravaging and demolition
Ali Jahalin	5	3	96	Residential barrack	Entire ravaging and demolition
Ibrahim Jahalin	8	6	96	Residential barrack	Entire ravaging and demolition
Suliman Jahalin	10	8	60	Residential barrack	Entire ravaging and demolition
Total	34	22	492		

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

Photos illustrating the demolition operation





The Israeli Occupation dozers demolish part of a restaurant in Jerusalem

The dozers of the Israeli Occupation Forces on January 07, 2016 demolished part of the Mediterranean Restaurant in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Safafa on the claim of "unlicensed construction".

The owner of the restaurant, Emad Ahmad Burqan, told a researcher from Land Research Center the following: *"The restaurant was opened in 2010 and serves sea food; it is of 80m2 in area. As a result to customers turnout, I annexed a 144m2 room to accommodate more people in the restaurant. The new room was built by Gibson boards . At the morning of Thursday, I received a phone call informing me that the Israeli occupation dozers embarked on demolishing the annexed part . The demolition lasted until 8:00 in the morning".*

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The municipality of the Israeli occupation in Jerusalem demolishes a residence in Silwan

The Israeli occupation dozers demolished on January 07, 2016 a residence that was still under construction in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Al-Sheikh on the claim of “unlicensed construction”

It should be marked that the house belongs to citizen Amal Abu Diab and was supposed to be home for her 3 member families (the mother and two kids; 8 and 4 year old).

The house is of 80m² and is composed of two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. With a 50m² basement below it, the house was built by cement.

The uncle of the affected, Abu Khalil Qara'in, told Land Research Center the following: *“The residence was built on November 2015 (two month before getting demolished) to be home for Amal and her kids. The house was built without a building permit because it is impossible to obtain one from the occupation’s municipality. The municipality never issues building permits for Jerusalemites on different claims such like building in area not located within municipal borders. Also, the cost of obtaining a building permit is extremely expensive, which is something no one can afford”.*

He also added: *During the construction process on November, a staff from the municipality arrived at the location and delivered us a stop-work order. As a result, we sought an Israeli attorney to follow up on our case; he was able to delay the demolition for a month. Shortly after, we managed to delay the demolition until January 28, 2016.*

At 7:00 in the morning of Thursday, a massive force from the Israeli police accompanied by dozers arrived at the location and embarked on the demolishing the residence. The demolition happened after the officer of the force verbally informed the owners”

The occupation municipality in Jerusalem demolishes an under construction house in the neighborhood of Ein Al-Luzeh

The dozers of the Israeli occupation forces demolished on January 07, 2016 a residence that is still under construction in the Silwan neighborhood of Ein Al-Luzeh on the claim of “unlicensed construction”. It should be marked that a large number of Police members raided the neighborhood and embarked on demolishing the residence of Nadia Abu Diab.

The father of Nadai told Land Research Center the following: *“The residence was built in 2015 to be home for my daughter and her 5 member family. The stone house is of 130m² in area and is composed of three bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a living room. We built the house without a permit because it is impossible to obtain one from the occupation’s municipality. The municipality never issues permits on different claims such like building in area not located within municipal borders. Also, the cost of obtaining a building permit is extremely expensive, which is something no one can afford.*

During the construction process on September, a staff from the municipality arrived at the location and hanged a stop-work order on the window of the house. As a result, we sought an Israeli attorney to follow up on our case in the municipality court”.

He also added: *“At 6:00 in the morning of Thursday, a massive force from the Israeli police accompanied by dozers arrived at the location and embarked on the demolishing the residence. The demolition lasted until 10:30 in the morning”.*



The occupation Municipality oblige Jerusalem man to self -demolish his barn

The occupation Municipality in Jerusalem obliged on January 17, 2016 citizen Mahmoud Al-Abbasi to self-demolish his sheep barrack on the claim of "unlicensed construction".



If the affected fails at carrying out the demolition, heshe will be fined of 40,000 NIS. Not only, the municipality will carry out the demolition operation and the charges will be billed to the affected.

Al-Abbasi told Land Research Center the following: *" The barrack was constructed 6 months ago to be used for sheep; it is of 30m2 in area. Six members including 4 children live off of this facility. The municipality and Israel Nature Authority gave my brother a deadline until the end of January to demolish the structure or the municipality will carry the demolition out"*

Silwan town suffers from the Israeli policy of demolition and self-demolition usually conducted by Israel Nature Authority and Municipality. Not only, the town is under the spot of takeover, given the notable activity of colonial groups that work hard to seize structures through fraud and forged documents.

The Israeli occupation dozers demolish a residence in Beit Hanina

The dozers of the Israeli occupation demolished on January 20, 2016 a residence that is still under construction in the Beit Hanina neighborhood of Al-Ashqariya on the claim of "unlicensed construction".

It is reported that a massive force from Israel Police raided the neighborhood at early hours of morning and embarked on demolishing a residence belonging to citizen Hiba Abu Asab.

Citizen Hiba told Land Research Center the following: *"Construction works on the house started on November 2015; it is of 50m2 in area. My kids(4) and I planned to move to the new house that is located in Beit Hanina and is next to Rekhes colony that is founded on lands from the neighboring town of Shu'fat. "Without any previous warning, the dozers of the occupation arrived at the location, closed all roads leading to house and embarked on demolishing it. Noteworthy, the force demolished parts of the wall surrounding the house and destroyed the gate before demolishing the structure itself"*

Citizen Hiba asserted that the Israeli occupation authorities forced her to demolish a house of her own in the same location in 2014. She was fined 20,000 NIS, which she is still paying until today for building without a permit.

The occupation dozers demolish an under construction residence in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Wad Qaddum

The dozers of the Israeli Occupation Forces demolished on January 20, 2016 a residence that is still under construction in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Wad Qaddum on the claim of "unlicensed construction" . It should be marked that a force from Israel Police and two dozers raided the neighborhood and brought the residence of Samer Nassar down.

Nassar told Land Research Center the following: *" Construction works started on September 2015. The 300m2 residence cost 180,000 NIS and was supposed to be home for my family. The Israeli force on January 20, 2016 raided the neighborhood with two dozers. Police members closed all roads and declared the area inaccessible. The dozer then demolished my house without even serving any demolition notices before"*

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.



The Israeli Occupation Forces demolish Bedouin residences funded by EU

A force from the Israeli occupation army and a staff from the Civil Administration accompanied by two dozers raided at dawn of January 21, 2016 the Bedouin community of Jabal Al-Baba, east Al-Eizariya town and embarked on demolishing six residences founded there.

It should be marked that the attacked Bedouin community is taken care of by EU, which provides residents with metal slaps caravans to be shelters for their families. Residents of the area thought that the structures of EU were immune from demolition by the occupation until they discovered the opposite.

One of the affected citizens, Ghassan Jahalin, told Land Research Center the following:
"The occupation forces raided the area at dawn and stormed our residences while we were asleep. We were forcibly evicted of our residences and some of us were beaten up at time demolition took place"

The demolition operation reached out six caravans (metal slaps) belonging to the following people :

1. Ali Abu Kteifeh : he owned the residence that is built by metal slaps and wood for over 30 years. The structure is of 100m² in area. Also the citizen got his 50m² caravan demolished; the caravan was donated by EU and ACF to be home for the citizen's four member family including 2 children.
2. Suliman Jahalin: he owned a residential barrack (40²) that is home for the citizen's seven member family including 5 children. The structure is gifted by EU .Nayef Jahalin: he owned a metal slaps structure (30m²) that is home for his nine member family including 7 children.
3. Imteira Jahalin: she owned a metal slaps structures (20m²) that is home for the citizen and her sister
4. Talib Jahalin: he owned a metal slaps structures (20m²) that is home for the citizen and his wife

The representative of Jabal Al-Baba community, Atallah Mazar'a, told Land Research Center that the occupation raided the area and carried out the demolition operation without any previous warning or notice. "We didn't expect the demolition because the court halted the order a year ago", said Atallah.

It should be marked that the occupation justifies demolition operations on the usual claim of "unlicensed construction". The real intent behind such measure is to empty the area of east Jerusalem from Bedouins to implement the so-called plan of E1, which aims at expanding Maale Adummim colony and linking it to the colonies in East Jerusalem namely (Ramat Eshkol, Givat Shapira, Givat Amir and Givat Zeev). Noteworthy, the area that separates between the aforementioned colonies is of 12,000 dunums that are relative to the Palestinian towns of Abu Dis, Al-Eizariya and Al-Isawiya .

The occupation is reported to build thousands of residential units in Maale Adummim in addition to touristic centers, hotels, universities, road networks and a new police station instead of the one located in Jerusalem.

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'ayem 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.

Land Research Center calls upon the EU to immediately interfere to stop such violations and to save what remained of aids given in the community.





Israel municipality in Jerusalem forces Dabsh family to self-demolish their residence

On January 22, 2016, the family of Dabsh, residing in the Jerusalem town of Sur Baher, had to self-demolish their residence to avoid paying huge financial fines for the municipality as per carrying out the demolition itself. Noteworthy, the 80m2 house was built 20 years ago and is currently inhabited by a lady from the affected family.

It is reported that the occupation municipality had issued a final self-demolition order on the house. If not implemented by the owners, the staff of the municipality will conduct the act and a financial fine in addition to the demolition fees will be imposed on the owner.

The Israeli Occupation Forces demolish two residences in Jerusalem

A massive force from the occupation army accompanied by a staff from the municipality and two dozers raided on January 27, 2016 the location of Jabal Al-Mukabir and demolished the residence of citizen Ali Musa Sabri. Noteworthy, the 60m2 house was ready for moving in.

Sabri told Land Research Center the following: *" The house was constructed on May 2015, my eight member family including five children and I were planning to move in to it on December 2015. To my surprise, I found a demolition order left by the structure later that time. On Wednesday January 27, 2016, I received a phone call from my neighbors informing me that the dozers of the occupation embarked on demolishing my residence. When I arrived at the place, I was denied access to the location of demolition. The demolition operation lasted for two hours"*



signs of the demolition aftermath

Demolition of Al-Rishiq residence in Beit Hanina town:

On the same day, the doers of the occupation municipality demolished the residence of Citizen Karim Al-Rishiq in the area of Khallet Al-Snad from Beit Hanina town. The 150m² house was built in 2000 and is home for eighteen members including twelve children.

It should be marked that the house was served a stop-work order in 2001 on the claim of "unlicensed construction". It is when the owner applied for a building permit through attorney Sami Irsheid. The municipality said that the land on which the house was built is classified "green" or for public services, which means that any urban construction is banned in such area. The lawsuit of Al-Rishiq family lasted until December 2015 and the court ordered the house to be demolished.

The son of the house owner, Rami, told Land Research Center the following: " A total of 75,000 NIS worth of fines on my house has been paid for the municipality. At 7:30, a massive force from Israel Police and Special Forces accompanied by two dozers raided the area,

traumatized families and kids and evacuated some of the targeted house interior before bringing it down. The demolition operation lasted an hour and half. When the force withdrew, they assaulted and pepper sprayed us"



From the demolition operation on Al-Rishiq's

An attempt to demolish Al-Hawareen residence

It is reported that the residence of Rajeh Hawareen was served a demolition order and that the occupation forces were a step away from bringing it down. But the court of the occupation's municipality delayed it until April 31, 2016. It should be marked that the 150 m² house was built in 2001 and is currently inhabited by seven members including one child. Noteworthy, the court's order was issued in the last moment and the dozers withdrew from the location as a result

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Right to Housing- Colonists' attacks on residences

Colonists poke holes in the walls of Sub laban residence in the Old City of Jerusalem

The family of Sub Laban on January 03, 2016 was shocked to discover holes poked in the walls of their residence founded in the area of Aqabat Al-Khaldiya in the Old City of Jerusalem.

It is reported that colonists took over a house adjacent to Sub Laban's and that they poked six holes in the wall of the residence using manual equipments that make no noise.

The son of the house owner, Ahmad, told Land Research Center the following: “ *We went back home at night and found six holes in the wall that separates our house from the recently taken over residence. This attempt is to sneak into our residence to take it also over. Note that our house is threatened of takeover on the claim of it being a Jewish property*”

He also said: " We immediately called Israel Police, who arrived at the place and saw the holes. They only asked colonists to seal off the holes without taking any lawful action against them"

Sub Laban family waits for the court's decision following a plea they submitted to halt an eviction order. The eviction order was the first step to take over the residence and transfer it to a colonial group that claims the house a Jewish estate before the 1948. The pretext of "Jewish Property Ownership" is commonly used by colonists and colonial group that are active in Jerusalem aiming at seizing more Palestinian properties.

The following photos illustrate the incident:



Siam family evicts its residence in the area of Wad Hilweh after cracks appeared due to excavations under beneath it

On January 2016, the family of Siam had to evacuated its residences in the Silwan neighborhood of Wad Hilweh, south Al-Aqsa mosque due to cracks in the walls caused by excavations conducted by colonial groups. The excavations come within a plan to establish networks of underground tunnels.

Um Mahmoud Siam told Land Research Center the following:

" Cracks appeared on the walls a month ago; cracks are not caused due to winter, they are there because of the constant works of excavations. My sons and I evacuated the house with help from neighbors after it became dangerous to live in it. We lived in constant fear that the walls will fall on our heads. We disconnected electricity off of the house so that it doesn't catch fire after water leaked into the walls".

Land Research Center ,through testimonies and field visits, documented similar cases of cracks during February 2015 in the areas of Hush Osaileh and the nearby of the western side of Al-Aqsa mosque. The occupation's municipality in Jerusalem evaded from the responsibility when houses in the area of Burj Laqlaq fell apart and others in Bab Hutta and Al-Sa'diya neighborhood sustained cracks.



Land Research Center believes that the occupation's municipality is responsible of :

- All financial losses and damages that followed residences
- Rehabilitating and reconstructing the damaged residences
- Dumping earth into the underground tunnels , which caused many buildings and houses to sustain cracks and formed imminent threat on Jerusalemites' lives.
- Providing and guaranteeing the right to housing for Palestinians, which is proved by Geneva Fourth Convention.



Elad colonists seize a residential building in Silwan

A residential building was seized on January 20, 2016 in the neighborhood of Baydoun in Wadi Hilweh –Silwan south of Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Information Center of Wadi Hilweh explained in a statement that nearly 35 settlers from Elad settlement organization supported by occupation Special Forces raided the neighborhood of Baydoun in Silwan and entered the residential building through its main gate easily without any resistance or objection by its owners who were not even in the area.

The center pointed out that the settlers had the keys of the building. The center also explained that the building consists of two floors in which the first floor was established before the occupation of Jerusalem while the second floor was built and completed few weeks ago after the “protected tenant” left the apartment on the first floor.

The center added that a big land surrounded the seized building which is adjacent to the settlement outpost seized in 2014.

Wadi Hilweh Information Center also added that the “leaked” building was owned by Ahmad Abu Ter who sued the tenant few years ago in order to evacuate him. Few weeks ago, he was able to evacuate the tenant after paying him an amount of money. After Abu Ter succeeded in evacuating the tenant, he started building the second floor during which the municipality crews never came to stop him from building like what usually happens in the neighborhoods of Silwan.

In the case of building without a permit, municipality crews usually raid the area and hand the owner a demolition order and confiscate the construction equipment; this did not happen in the case of Abu Ter which clearly shows that he is involved in the “leaking” process of the building which was handed-over to settlers after the completion of construction. Before the settlers entered the building, they demolished the wall that separates the building from another settlement outpost that was seized back in 2014 to facilitate movement between the settlement outposts. Seizing the building of Abu Ter formed a series of three settlement outposts in the area. As of now, the center explained the presence of 9 settlement outposts in the neighborhood of Baydoun including houses, residential buildings and wide areas of land; the first outpost was seized in the 1990’s.

Colonial expansion

Colonists open two roads on Palestinian private property

On January 20, 2016, fanatic colonists opened two roads on Palestinian private property that is relative to citizens from Anata village, north Jerusalem governorate. It should be marked that one of the road is 320*15m and that Israel Civil Administration claimed the issuance of a demolition order one road and a stop-work order on the other.

It is clear that the occupation is not intending to carry out the issued orders since the colonists embarked on opening on of the roads in 2012 despite the served order.

It is reported that the second road links the colony of Nove Brat with a random outpost in the area. This step comes in preparation to expand the colony. Noteworthy, the opening of the road (780m) started in 2014. Despite being served a demolition "removal" order, work on the road continued.

A researcher of colonization, Droor Atix, said that colonists function as an undeclared hand of the government in the process of expanding colonization in the West Bank.

Colonial Plans

Israel Municipality in Jerusalem” approves the New 20km route of the Jerusalem Light Rail

On the 27th of January 2016, the Israeli Jerusalem Municipality's Planning Committee approved a plan to construct a new light rail line that will link some of the city's more peripheral neighborhoods to the city's center with each other.

According to the Israeli Resources, the new light Rail path (Blue Line), will connect the Israeli settlement of Gilo, which located south of Jerusalem city, to the Israeli Settlement of Ramot, at the northern part of the city. The new path length will be about 20 kilometers (over 12 miles) and will serve some 250,000 passengers.



Israel Municipality in Jerusalem approves the construction of a colonial building in Al-Skeikh Jarrah neighborhood

On the 15th of January 2016, the Israeli Planning and Construction committee in the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem published, through AL-Sunarah newspaper, the approval on the plan scheme No: 101-0172783 to construct new housing building in Ash-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. According to the plan a 6 story building with 12 housing units will be constructed on 2051.85 square meters of Land. The building will include underground parking and stores





Colonists' attacks on religious sites

"Kill Christians and send them to hell"; a graffiti spray-printed on the walls of Dormition Abbey by colonists in Jerusalem

Extreme colonists on January 17, 2016 wrote anti-Christian graffiti on the walls of the Dormition Abbey in Mount Zion of occupied Jerusalem. Some of the messages translate as " Hell to Christians"

The bishop of the abbey, in a press release, said that it is a new act of vandalism against Christians in Jerusalem, questioning when would such violations stop.

The bishop, Abu Nassar, said that the inhabitants of the abbey heard weird noises at night and was surprised next day morning to see the graffiti on the walls.

The messages written in Hebrew on the walls and doors of the monastery included *"erase the name and the memory of the bastard,"* and *"death to the heretic Christians, enemies of Israel."*

Lately, many attacks and violations occurred against churches, shrines and cemeteries in Jerusalem. This happened in time when colonial organizations called upon sending Christians out of Jerusalem and burn down their churches.

The head of Lahava organization, rabbi Benitsi Gobishtain, recently called upon burning down Christian churches in Jerusalem. This happened in synchronization with the New Year celebrations.



The guard of Antot settlement shoot Palestinian kid dead in the Jerusalem town of Anata

A Palestinian girl was shot dead on January 23, 2016 in the village of Anata by the guard of Antot settlement under the pretext of carrying out a stabbing attack; note that the settlement is established on the lands of the village of Anata. The Martyr is 13-year old Ruqaya Eid Abu Tabikh.

The police spokeswoman, Luba AL-Summari, said in a press release the following:

" At eight a.m. of Saturday, the Palestinian female who turned out to be 13-years old arrived with a knife in her hand and ran towards the guard at the entrance of Antot colony who shot bullets at her, causing her immediate death"

Attacks on religious sites

The Israeli occupation continued on with attacks on Al-Aqsa mosque and the right to worship during January 2016:

- January 03, 2016: The Israeli occupation allows tens of colonists inside Al-Aqsa mosque
- January 04, 2016: colonist break into Al-Aqsa mosque amidst intense police protection
- January 05, 2016: the Israeli occupation assaults Palestinians and allows colonists inside Al-Aqsa mosque
- January 10, 2016: The Israeli occupation allows tens of colonists inside Al-Aqsa mosque

- January 11, 2016: The Israeli occupation denies access for Palestinians to Al-Aqsa mosque
- January 13, 2016: The Israeli occupation allows colonists inside Al-Aqsa mosque from Dung gate
- January 14, 2016: colonist break into Al-Aqsa mosque amidst intense police protection.
- January 17, 2016: The Israeli occupation denies access for Palestinians to Al-Aqsa mosque
- January 21, 2016: Jewish rabbis break into the compound of AL-Aqsa mosque amidst police protection
- January 27, 2016: colonist break into Al-Aqsa mosque amidst intense police protection
- January 31, 2016: the Israeli occupation ban female stationers from entering Al-Aqsa mosque