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During the month of October 2020, "SHAMS" Center monitored the Israeli occupation forces targeting **81** facilities owned by Palestinians, whether through demolition, confiscation, evictions, or notifications. The most prominent violations centered on demolition operations that affected **(36)** establishments, where **(2)** of them were self-demolition operations in which the victims were forced to demolish their facilities themselves, under threat of fines. While the occupation forces confiscated **(2)** establishments and seized them, and notified **(43)** establishments to be demolished, confiscated, or evacuated. Most of these facilities are educational, commercial, agricultural, recreational and medical. The facilities that have been targeted with different types of violations, whether by demolition, confiscation, eviction, or notifications, are distributed according to the following:

Type of facility	Number
Houses	40
Residential rooms	5
Residential Barracks	3
Residential tents	1

Residential Caravans	1
Schools	1
A security medical facility	1
Playground	1
Commercial establishments	8
Gardens, parks and nurseries	2
Warehouses	1
Agricultural rooms	4
Agricultural Tents	1
Livestock sheds	8
Retaining walls	2
Agricultural Caravans	1
Vegetable stalls	1

As for the geographical distribution of demolitions according to the regional indicator, Jerusalem governorate was the highest in terms of targeting with **(18)** facilities, followed by Hebron governorate with **(11)** establishments. **"SHAMS"**

Center monitored the demolitions according to the governorates in which they took place as follows:

Governorate	Number of demolitions (each targeted one or more facilities)
Jerusalem	9 Demolitions / 18 facilities
Hebron	5 Demolitions / 11 facilities
Bethlehem	1 Demolition / 3 facilities
Jenin	2 Demolitions / 2 facilities
Tubas	1 Demolition / 1 facility
Qalqilia	1 Demolition / 1 facility

In addition to the seizure of two facilities in Tulkarem. As for the notifications, whether of demolition, confiscation, eviction, or stopping construction work, and other things that prevent Palestinians from realizing their right to build, rebuild and invest their facilities, which refer to the concentration of upcoming Israeli targets for Palestinian facilities, the notifications were distributed as follows:

Governorate	Number of demolitions (each targeted one or more facilities)
Jerusalem	18
Bethlehem	11
Hebron	10
Ramallah	2
Salfit	2

And since these operations that target Palestinian establishments are not taking place in an isolated area from the population, the number of people affected by them during October reached **(110)** people, including children and women, whose suffering is greater in these cases.

Given the arguments used by "Israel" the occupying authority in its attempt to legalize the crime in October, the number of facilities that were demolished, confiscated, evacuated, or notified under the pretext of building without a permit in Areas (C) reached **(78)** establishments. Out of **(81)** establishments, **(2)** establishments were confiscated under the pretext of its proximity to the Apartheid Wall and other facilities as a collective punishment in violation of international law against families for their members' resistance to occupation.

By focusing on self-demolition, which represents a type of complex and centralized oppression. Whereby Palestinian citizens, the vast majority of whom are Jerusalemites, are forced to demolish their houses and facilities by their own hands, under threat of imposing heavy fines on them and bearing the cost of demolition doubled in case they did not do so. The previous approach of the Israeli forces is a striking identification with the tools of the racist Israeli system from courts, local bodies, army and police forces, and constitutes a crime in which victims are forced to participate in its execution against themselves. The number of facilities that the occupation authorities forced their owners to self-demolish during the month of October reached two establishments, a house in the Shuafat neighborhood owned by the Burgan family, and another in the town of Beit Hanina owned by the Al-Salaymeh family, and both are in occupied Jerusalem, where the occupation authorities have the greatest influence in the West Bank, and the targeting is most intense in it.