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This report was written for the purpose of monitoring violations conducted by the Israeli occupation forces against Palestinians' households and facilities, including demolitions, evictions, confiscations, and notices of such activities in the future. The report was prepared in accordance with ground observations collected by staff members and researchers of the Human Rights & Democracy Media Center "SHAMS" throughout the period 1/10/2021-31/10/2021 and is the outcome of relevant monitoring efforts carried out by "SHAMS" within the geographical scope defined as the West Bank including East Jerusalem.



- October General Survey.

During October 2021, “SHAMS” has observed (186) violations by Israeli armed forces on Palestinian owned facilities, whether by direct demolition, or by forcing owners to self-demolish their homes under threats of fines and imprisonment.

The most prominent violations were documented in the demolitions of (58) facilities, (7) of which the owners were forced to self-demolish under the threat of fines and imprisonment. While the occupation forces confiscated (13) facilities, the occupation forces dismantled and confiscated 5 residential tents, two tents used as kitchens, a livestock tent, and two bathrooms, in the Bedouin community located east of the village of Al-Mughayer, owned by the citizens: Ahmed Muhammad Habshan Al-Kaabneh, Suleiman Ahmed Muhammad Al-Kaabneh, Ammar Ahmad Muhammad Al-Kaabneh, Omar Ahmed Muhammad al-Kaabneh, Suleiman Ibrahim Habshan Abu Rashid al-Kaabneh, Ali Ibrahim Habshan Abu Rashid al-Kaabneh, and Muhammad Yassin Abu Kharbish, and seized a residential apartment in the Wadi al-Rababa neighborhood of Silwan in the city of Jerusalem, owned by Nidal Farroukh, and confiscated in the Ghaziwa area near the settlement.” Susiya", which was built in the east of Yatta town, is a mobile agricultural house (caravan) owned by Ahmed Issa Rabei the orphan. As for the notifications, the occupation forces have notified (115) Facilities and structures of demolition or halting work, most of which are residential, in addition to animal barns and agricultural facilities.

- Categorization of Facilities Based on their Type

Facilities targeted by demolition in Oct 2021 are categorized as follows:

Table (1): Targeted facilities based on their types:

Type of facility	Number
Houses	98
Residential Rooms	2
Residential Cents	5
Residential Caravans	1
Residential Barracks	6
Agricultural Rooms	13

Water wells, Ponds, Water pipes.	3
Commercial Facilities	33
Tents used as Kitchens.	2
Retaining Walls.	2
Livestock Barns.	5
Car Wash Facilities.	2
Mobile Caravan	1
Agricultural Caravan	1
Gas Station	1
Sewage rooms	4
Agricultural Barracks	1
Medical Facility	1
Cemeteries	2
Woman's Center	1
Class Room	1
Solidarity tent	1
Total	186

- The distribution of facilities targeted with demolition based on their location with respect to the governorates.

When it comes to the geographical distribution of the demolitions in accordance with the regional indicator, the majority of the targets were in the Jerusalem governorate where (24) facilities have been demolished. Jericho governorate, where (14) facilities have been demolished, came in second place, followed by the Hebron and Nablus Governorates, where (9) facilities have been demolished in each. The facilities referenced here include any of the types mentioned in table (1), and “SHAMS” Center has monitored demolitions with respect to the governorates in which they have occurred as follows:

Table (2): The distribution of facilities targeted with demolition based on their location with respect to the governorates:

As for the geographical distribution of demolitions according to the regional indicator, the peaks of targeting were in the Jerusalem governorate (45) facilities, followed by the Ramallah and Hebron governorates with (4) facilities in each. Note that the facility includes any type of what is mentioned in Table No. (1) Where "SHAMS" Center monitored the demolitions according to the governorates in which they took place as follows:

Governorate	Number of notified facilities
Jerusalem	45
Ramallah	4
Hebron	4
Tubas	2
Jenin	1
Bethlehem	1
Salfeet	1
Total	58

- The distribution of facilities targeted with notifications based on their location with respect to the governorates.

Reviewing notifications, whether of demolition or halting construction work and other violations that prevent Palestinians from completing their right to build, reconstruct and invest their facilities, the number of notifications reached (115) notifications in different areas. The notifications indicate trends revealing the orientations of the upcoming Israeli targeting of Palestinian facilities, and the governorates of Jerusalem and Bethlehem came first, according to the following table:

Governorate	Number of notified facilities
Jerusalem	61
Bethlehem	25
Hebron	9
Nablus	18
Ramallah	1
Salfeet	1
Total	115

- Targeted Population

Since these operations targeting Palestinian facilities do not take place in an isolated area, the number of the affected population during the month of October reached at least (95) people, including (53) children and (6) women, according to the available information.

- Pretexts for the violations

As for the pretexts used by the Israeli Occupation in its attempt to legitimize the crime - in the month of October, the facilities that were demolished by the occupying forces under the pretext of building without a permit in areas (C) were (56) out of (58), and (2) Established

under the pretext of building a settlement project, the occupation forces razed graves in the Yusufiya cemetery located near Bab Al-Asbat (one of the doors leading to Al-Aqsa Mosque) in the Old City of Jerusalem, in preparation for turning it into a biblical garden. Then, the Israeli occupation municipality bulldozers continued with the natural and parks authority, bulldozing and excavation work in the cemetery in the following week and proceeded to erect an iron wall around it, and placed soil in large quantities inside it to hide its features, according to what the Israeli court allowed them, in its previous decision.

As for the notifications, all of the (115) notifications were under the pretext that they were not licensed and were located in areas (c). And all the (13) establishments that were seized and confiscated under the pretext of non-licensing.

- Self-demolition

Self-demolition represents a particular type of systemic and concentrated subjugation. Palestinian residents of Jerusalem are often forced to demolish their own homes and facilities under the threat of hefty fines. If they refuse to do so, they are over-charged with the costs of the demolition of their own facilities. This practice noticeably displays the alignment of all the components of the racist Israeli establishment: courts, local bodies, the police and army forces. It also is a crime the victims of which are forced into committing against themselves.

During the month of October, the number of facilities that the occupation authorities forced their owners to self-demolish reached (7) out of (58) facilities, all of them in the Jerusalem governorate. Wadi al-Joz, a house in the town of Beit Hanina, a house in al-Tur neighborhood, and a house in Sur Baher were all demolished on the pretext of lack of building permit.

The occupation authorities in Al-Thawri neighborhood in Jerusalem forced the citizen, Muhammad Yaqoub Ismail Yaghmour, to demolish part of his house, which is a 50 sqm living room, after notifying him earlier, in order to avoid paying heavy fines in the event of the demolition by the occupation authorities. Under the pretext of non-licensing.

The occupation authorities in the village of Sur Baher forced the citizen, Muhammad Ahmed Al-Khatib, to personally demolish his 80 sqm (under construction), after notifying him earlier, in order to avoid paying heavy fines in the event that the occupation authorities carry out the demolition, on the pretext of not having a license.

The occupation authorities in the Al-Tur neighborhood in Jerusalem forced the citizen Salman Abu Sbeitan to personally demolish his house, after notifying him earlier, in order to avoid paying heavy fines in the event that the occupation authorities carried out the demolition, on the pretext of not having a permit, and he was supposed to live in it with his wife and child.

The occupation authorities in the Wadi al-Joz neighborhood in Jerusalem forced the two brothers, Hamza and Muhammad Bazbet, to demolish an additional 60 sqm living room in their house, after notifying them earlier, in order to avoid paying heavy fines in the event of the demolition. It forced the citizen, Nader Jaber, to demolish his 40-year-old home, after notifying him of its demolition and forcing him to pay a heavy fine if he did not demolish it himself. They forced the citizen, Ismail Aramin, to personally demolish his house, after notifying him earlier, in order to avoid paying heavy fines in the event that the occupation authorities carried out the demolition, in the pretext of unlicensed building.

Appendix: Table of detailed violations against Palestinians' facilities throughout October 2021

NO.	Violation's description	Date	Location	Citizens affected by Violation
1	The IOF has demolished a commercial booth at the entrance of Ya'bad, belonging to Mohammad Khalid Atatra, in the pretext of not having a license.	28/10/2021	Ya'bad- Jenin Governorate	Mohammad Khalid Atatra
2	The IOF has notified (4) agricultural rooms to be demolished, belonging to Fuad Saeed Shusheh, Mohamad abdufatah Shosheh, and Nabeel Saeed Shosheh, and two Barracks owned by Jalal Raja Ziadeh	27\10\2021	Wadi Rahhal Village- Bethlehem Governorate	Foad Saeed Shosheh, Mohammad abdufatah Shusheh, Nabeel Saeed Shusheh, Jalal Raja Ziadeh.
3	The IOF notified to stop the building of 4 houses in ithna village in the west of Hebron, Adnan Ibrahim Awad was notified to stop building his house of 100 squared meter, at Shaeb Mohammad Area, and they notified another house belonging to his sister Saadiya, the as well notified Abdulfatah ahmad to seize working in his building of 270 meter squared, Jamal Ahmad Nofal as well was notified to stop building his 170 sqm, under the pretext of unlicensed building	26\10\2021	Ithna Village- Hebron governorate	Adnan Ibrahim Awwad, Saaydia Ibrahim Awwad, AbdulFatah Ahmad Salem, Jamal Ahmad Ismaeel Nofal.

4	IOF continued excavation works in al-Shuhadaa' Cemetery adjacent to al-Yousifiyah Cemetery in al-Asbat Gate area in central occupied East Jerusalem, to turn it later into a Torah Garden, they installed a metal wall to surround the Area, and filled it with huge amounts of soil, as well as hiding landmarks and distinctive features of the area, based on the decision of the Israeli courts issued a week before.	26\10\2021	Old City Jerusalem- Jerusalem Governorate.	
5	The IOF has demolished (4) commercial stores, consisting in total of 300 sqm under the pretext of being built on (c) area.	26\10\2021	Deir Kiddis Village, Ramallah and Al- Bireh Governorate.	Ayman Adnan Staih.
6	The IOF has notified 12 houses to stop construction works, under the pretexts of Building in (c) areas	25\10\2021	Doma Village- Nablus Governate	-
7	IOF has forced Ismaeel Arameen in Wadi Al- Jouz to self-demolish his own house after being notified before, where he and his wife and 2 children lives, he demolished the house, avoiding large amounts of fines	25\10\2021	Wadi al Jouz- Jerusalem Governorate.	Ismaeel Arameen.
8	IOF has demolished a tent in Twana village near Yatta, a 50 sqm, it was set by activists from the area to support the village locals	25\10\2021	Twana village- Hebron Governorate.	

	in the east of the city, the demolition came under the pretext of unlicensed building.			
9	The IOF has dismantled (2) Barracks in the northern Jordan Valley area, to the east of Tubas governorate, each 25 M square, one of them was used as a class room, under the pretext of being in built (c) area.	25\10\2021	Al Maleh Area- Tubas Governorate.	
10	The IOF has notified Citizen Ghanem Hussein Alhraini to stop construction works in his 370 m square house, water well of 70 m cubic capacity owned by Fouad Fadel Omor, and a livestock barn made of cloth, a bathroom built of tin, belonging to Ghandi Naeem Omor, in the pretext of unlicensed building.	24\10\2021	Twanna Village, Yatta- Hebron governorate.	Ghanem Hussein Al Hraini, Fouad Fadel Omor, Ghandi Naeem Omor.
	The Israeli Municipality in Jerusalem has approved a plan to “upgrade work area”, confiscated 45 donums in At-Tur neighborhood, with demolition and removal notifications, on the plan to build 54 residential units in what’s so called “The American Street”	23/10/2021	At-Tur- Jeruslaem Governorate.	
11	IOF forced Nader Jaber to self-demolish his 40 years old house after being notified of demolition, facing hefty fines if not.	23/10/2021	Wadi Al-Jouz- Jerusalem Governorate	Nader Jaber

12	IOF notified Mohammad Ibrahim Ebayat to stop construction works in his house in Khalayel Area to the south of Bethlehem, they as well notified Fadi Adel Ebayat of Caravans removal.	23/10/2021	Khalayel A-Nahleh- Bethlehem Area	Mahmoud Ibrahim Ebayat, Fadi Adel Ebayat.
13	IOF demolished Foundations of a house belonging to Hamza Ibrahim Ebayyat under the pretext of unlicensed building.	20/10/2021	Khalayel Allouz- Bethlehem governorate	Hamza Ibrahim Ebayyat.
14	IOF demolished a car wash facility in Silwan Neighborhood belonging to Abu Hussein family, and a retaining wall belonging to Hatem Abbasi, under the pretext of unlicensed building.	20/10/2021	Silwan- Jerusalem Governorate.	Hatem Abbasi, Abu Huseein Family.
15	IOF has notified Ahmad Mousa Thwaib of demolition of his under-construction house under the pretext of unlicensed building.	19/10/2021	Ghazara Town- Bethlehem Governorate	-
16	IOF notified a building for a feminist center of demolition, and notified Bilal Wasfi Al-Jamal of demolition of his own house.	19/10/2021	Beit Sourik- Jerusalem governorate.	Bilal Wasfi Jamal, Woman's center of Beit Sourik
17	IOF notified 4 agricultural rooms to seize works in Artas village to the south of Bethlehem under the pretext of building without license, one of their owners is Mohammad Al-Qasas	19/10/2021	Artas Village- Bethlehem Governorate.	Mohammad Qassas and others.

18	IOF notified A barracks in al Jeser area in Silwan of demolition, owned by Ja'afra family, they demanded the family of self-demolition forcing fines if not, under the pretext of unlicensed building.	18/10/2021	Silwan Town- Jerusalem Governorate.	Jaafra Family.
19	IOF delivered the family of Asma Shyoukhi in Al-Wusta neighborhood in Silwan a demolition notification under the pretext of unlicensed building, 9 members of her family live in that house.	18/10/2021	Silwan- Jerusalem Governorate.	Asmaa Al shyoukhi.
20	IOF has demolished a house under finishing works in Farsh Alhawa in Hebron, in addition to a water well belonging to Iyad Amr, under the pretext of unlicensed building.	18/10/2021	Farsh Alhawa- Hebron Governorate.	Iyad Amr.
21	IOF demolished an under-construction house in Sikka Village to the west of Hebron, build of bricks, 130 sqm, belonging to Ahmad Issa Taha, that was supposed to shelter 6 family member including (4) children, under the pretext of unlicensed building.	18/10/2021	Sikka Village- Hebron Governorate.	Ahmad Issa Taha Jawadah
22	IOF has notified the demolition of (3) houses under-construction in Al-Minia Village in Bethlehem, owned by AbedRabbou Kawazbeh, each consisting	16/10/2021	Al-Minia Village- Bethlehem Governorate.	AbedRabbou Kawazbeh.

	of two floors, with total floor area of 500 sqm.			
	IOF forced Salman Abu Sbetan to self-demolish his house in al tour neighborhood, under the pretext of unlicensed building.	16/10/2021	At-tour neighborhood- Jerusalem governorate	Salman Abu Sbaitan.
23	IOF forced Bazbazat Family to self-demolish a 60 sqm living room under the pretext of unlicensed building	16/10/2021	Wadi Aljouz- Jerusalem Governorate.	Brohters Hamza and Mohammad Bazbazat.
24	IOD has dismantled and confiscated 5 residential tents, 2 tents used as kitchens, livestock tent, water tanks, belonging to Ahmad Mohamma Habshan Kaabneh, Suliman Ahmad Kaabneh, Ammar Ahmad Kaabneh, Ali Ibrahim Habshan Abu Rshaid, Mohammad Yasin Abu Kharbish, (40) civilians were harmed, including (26) children.	14/10/2021	Al-Mughayyer Village- Ramallah Governorate.	Ahmad Mohammad Habshan Kaabneh, Sulaiman Ahmad Kaabneh, Ammar Ahmad Kaabneh, Omar Ahmad Kaabneh, Sulaim Ibrahim Habshan Aburshaid, Rashi Kaabneh, Ali Ibrahim Abu Rshaid, Yasin Abu Kharbish
25	IOF demolished 30 commercial facilities: removed approximately 27 commercial stands, demolished Al-ikhwah grocery belonging to Al-Jaber Family, Al-Nawras car wash, and a fuel station in Abu-Shaheed Intersection, near Qalandia military Check Point, under the pretext of unlicensed buildings	14/10/2021	Near Qalandia Military Checkpoint- Jerusalem Governorate.	

26	IOF handed notices to demolish, stop construction working in an agricultural room, and remove a container to 5 citizens in Wadi Foukin, Bethlehem.	13/10/2021	Wadi Foukin- Bethlehem.	Al Jaber Family and Others.
27	IOF stopped construction working in a house belonging to Mahmoud Tayseer, under the pretext of unlicensed building	12/10/2021	Deir Ballot- Salfeet Governorate.	Mahmoud Tayseer
29	IOF demolished an agricultural greenhouse belonging to brothers Osama and Bilal Shamlawi under the pretext of unlicensed building	12/10/2021	Kifl Hareth- Salfeet Governorate.	Osama and Mohammad Shamlawi.
30	IOF handed a notice to stop construction working in retaining walls belonging to Ahmed 'Awad Ahmed Mustafa under the pretext of unlicensed building.	12/10/2021	Ni'lin- Ramallah Governorate	Ahmad Awad Ahmad Mustafa
31	IOF Dismantled a 45 sqm dwelling belonging to Soliman al-Jahalin which is inhabited by his family "his wife and their 6 children" in Abu Nowar Bedouin Compound, east of al- 'Izzariya village, east of occupied East Jerusalem, for the second time and confiscated it.	12/10/2021	Abu Nowwar Compound- Jeruslaem Governorate.	Soliman Al-Jahaleen.

32	IOF continued excavation works in al-Shuhadaa' Cemetery adjacent to al-Yousifiyah Cemetery in al-Asbat Gate area in central occupied East Jerusalem. As a result, bones and bodies of those who were buried there appeared.	10/10/2021	Jerusalem Old's City- Jerusalem Governorate.	-
33	IOF continued excavation works in al-Shuhadaa' Cemetery adjacent to al-Yousifiyah Cemetery in al-Asbat Gate area in central occupied East Jerusalem. As a result, bones and bodies of those who were buried there appeared.	7/10/2021	Bab- Al Shams Village- Jerusalem Governorate.	Murad and 'Omran Mohammed Za'atrah
34	IOF took over a house belonging to Nedal Froukh in Al-Rababeh Neighborhood, in Silwan	6\10\2021	Silwan- Jerusalem Governorate	Nidal Froukh
35	IOF notified to demolish 3 Houses in Al-Bostan Neighborhood, in Silwan	6\10\2021	Al-Bustan Neighborhood Jerusalem Governorate	-
36	IOF took over an agricultural caravan in Yatta belonging to Ahmad Issa Al-Yateem	6\10\2021	Yatta- Hebron Governorate	Ahmad Issa Rab'I Alyateem.

37	In Al-Lahf Kafet al-Faras area in Huwara village. IOF notified to demolish six facilities under the pretext of illegal construction in Area (c).	6\10\2021	Huwwara- Nablus Governorate	Akef Fayez Mustafa Odeh, Omar Mohammad Ali, Nawras Tawiq Mahmoud Odeh.
38	IOF demolished a 60-sqm house belonging to Mohammad Mahmoud Saleem Matar who used to live with his wife and their 5 children, under the pretext of unlicensed construction.	6\10\2021	Silwan- Jerusalem Governorate	Mohammad Mahmoud Saleem Mattar
39	IOF handed Mahmoud Ahmed Nawaj'ah a notice to demolish a 40-sqm unroofed agricultural room of bricks within 7 days, noting a family of 3 was supposed to live in it.	5\10\2021	Susya Village- Hebron Governorate.	Mahmoud Ahmad Nawajaah
40	IOF forced Al-Khatib to self-demolish his 80-sqm house which is still under construction, under the pretext of unlicensed construction.	4\10\2021	Sour Baher, Jerusalem Governorate.	Mohammad Ahmad Al-Khateeb

41	IOF forced Al-Rajabi to self-demolish his 50-sqm house comprised of 2 bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom, under the pretext of unlicensed construction	2\10\2021	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem Governorate	Arafat Rajabi
42	Mohammed Ya'qoub Yaghmour self-demolished part of his family house; in order to avoid heavy fines if the IOF demolished it, under the pretext of unlicensed construction.	1\10\2021	Al- Thawri Neighborhood- Jerusalem Governorate	Mohammad Yaccouq Ismael Yaghmour.