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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 1/4/2021-30/4/2021 and is the outcome of relevant monitoring efforts carried out by "SHAMS" within the geographical scope defined as the West Bank and which includes Eastern Jerusalem.



-The General April Survey

Throughout April of 2021, “**SHAMS**” Center has monitored the targeting of (122) facilities owned by Palestinians and perpetuated the Israeli occupation forces, either in the form of demolition, confiscation, eviction, or distribution of notices that announce similar practices in the future.

The most prominent violations came in the form of demolitions, which took place in (20) facilities. Out of those, the owners of (2) facilities were forced to self-demolish their facilities on their own as they were threatened with fines and jail-time. Furthermore, the occupation forces confiscated and seized (14) facilities. For example, in the Wadi Al-Rakheem area in the village of Susya to the east of the town of Yatta, they confiscated two trailer parks owned by the citizen Ahmad Nasr Da’ajna under the pretext of their presence in areas C, which are under Israeli control (and yet populated by Palestinians). One of the trailer parks was used as a home whereas the other was a fodder storage unit. In the Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem, a group of settlers overtook 3 buildings and a 1.5-Dunum piece of land in the Central Neighborhood on behalf of the Ateret Cohanim settler organization. They placed two ready-for-occupation rooms and a new set of stairs on the building and opened up a new entrance in one of them. Two of the buildings are for the Awwad family and each consists of 4 floors. The third building is for the citizen Mustafa Abu Thiab and consists of 4 floors and a foundation.

Regarding demolition notices, the occupation forces notified **(88)** facilities of future demolitions, confiscations, or forced evictions. The majority of those facilities were housing units, in addition to others that were commercial and agricultural facilities as well as cattle barns/barracks.

The occupation forces resumed their policy of harassment against citizens in the Northern Jordan Valley in hopes of driving them out of these areas. On 22/4/2021, an occupation army force invaded the village

of Khirbat Ibzaiq in the Northern Jordan Valley and distributed notices to all the families there ordering them to evict their homes for a period of 4 days to make way for military training in their area. On 29/4/2021, another force invaded the Hamsa Al-Fouqa village and distributed notices to all the families there ordering them to evict their homes on Monday (3/5/2021) to make way for military training in their area as well.

- Distribution of facilities based on their type

The targeted facilities, whether by demolition, confiscation, eviction, or notices of future practices, are distributed as follows:

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

Type of facility	Number
Households	39
Tent Housing Units	21
Trailer Park homes	1
Retaining Walls	2
Commercial Facilities	2
Warehouses	2

Barns and farmhouses/cattle barracks	42
Horse Stables	2
Agricultural tin house/barrack-like building	2
Agricultural rooms/ chambers	1
Mobile Trailer Parks used as storage units	1
Agricultural canopies	1
Tents used as kitchens	6
Total	122

- 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 (12) facilities have been demolished. The Hebron Governorate, where (4) facilities have been demolished, came in second place, followed by the Bethlehem Governorate, where (3) facilities have been demolished. 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:

Governorate	Number of demolished facilities
Jerusalem	12
Hebron	4
Bethlehem	3
Qalqilya	1
Total	20

- Distribution of facilities targeted with notices based on their location with respect to the governorates.

Regarding notices that notify residents of demolitions, confiscations, evictions, orders to suspend construction activities and other practices that deprive Palestinians of their right to build and invest in their facilities, **(88)** cases have been recorded in different areas. These notices point to the future concentrated trends of the Israeli violations against Palestinians. The governorates of Tubas and Nablus were the two areas where that largest number of cases was documented as the table shows:

Table (3): Distribution of facilities targeted with notices based on their location with respect to the governorates

Governorate	Number of notified facilities
Tubas	63
Nablus	13
Salfeet	7
Jericho and the Valley	4
Hebron	1
Total	88

- Targeted Population

Since the violations against Palestinian facilities do not take place in isolation of the population, the number of targeted residents throughout April was (11), including at least (4) children and (1) woman, the suffering of whom which is amplified within the context of such violations

- Pretexts for the violations

Surveying the pretexts employed by "Israel," the occupying power, in an attempt to legitimize its crimes, we find that the number of facilities that were demolished under the pretext of unauthorized

construction in areas (C) was **(19)** out of **(20)** facilities that were demolished overall. The **(1)** remaining facility was demolished under the pretext of its proximity to a highway accessed by settlers. This facility is a 80-m² house that used to be owned by the citizen Shaker Nayef Ja'abees and was located (prior to its demolition) in the Ish Ghurab region in the city of Beit Sahour.

Regarding notices and confiscations, all the pretexts used pertained to unauthorized construction in areas (C). **(2)** Facilities were seized/confiscated under the pretext of lack of authorization, and **(12)** other facilities were confiscated under the pretext of their ownership by the Ateret Cohanim settler organization.

- 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 very 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.

Throughout April, the number of facilities whose owners were forced to self-demolish was **(2)** out of **(20)** that were demolished overall. Both facilities were houses located in the Jabal Al-Mukaber neighborhood in the city of Jerusalem. The first house was owned by the citizen Amjad Muslim Ja'abees and was still under construction. The second was a 90-m² house owned by the citizen Amer Salim Shqeirat, who lived there with his wife and four children. Both citizens had been notified that they would have to pay extremely hefty fines if the demolition process were to be carried out by the occupation forces themselves.

Appendix: detailed table of violations against Palestinians' facilities throughout April 2021

Number	Description of the violation	Date	Location of the violation	Individuals whose rights were violated
1	The occupation forces invaded the Hamsa Al-Fouqa village in Northern Jordan Valley and distributed notices to all the families there ordering them to evict their homes on Monday (3/5/2021) to make way for military training in their area	29/4/2021	Hamsa Al-Fouqa village, Tubas Governorate	Residents of the village
2	The occupation forces demolished in the town of Al-Eizariya a tin-house owned by one of the citizens under the pretext of unauthorized construction.	28\4\2021	Al-Eizariya, Jerusalem Governroate	-
3	An occupation army force invaded the village of Khirbat Ibzaiq in the Northern Jordan Valley and distributed notices to all the families there ordering them to evict their homes for a period of 4 days to	22/4/2021	the village of Khirbat Ibzaiq, Tubas Governorate	Residents of the village

	make way for military training in their area			
4	The occupation forces confiscated in the Wadi Al-Rakheem area in the village of Susya to the east of the town of Yatta two trailer parks owned by the citizen Ahmad Nasr Da'ajna under the pretext of their presence in areas C, which are under Israeli control (and yet populated by Palestinians). One of the trailer parks was used as a home whereas the other was a fodder storage unit.	20/4/2021	the village of Susya, Yatta, Hebron Governroate	The citizen Ahmad Nasr Da'ajna
5	The occupation forces distributed in the town of Qabalan 13 notices that ordered the demolition and suspension of construction of houses in the town under the pretext of unauthorized construction. The houses are a home for the citizen Suhail Abdulra'ouf Az'ar, occupied by two families consisting of 13 members including 5 children, and a home owned by the citizen Ashraf Abdullah Snoubar	20/4/2021	The town of Qabalan, Nablus Governorate	Citizens Suhail Abdulra'ouf Az'ar, Ashraf Abdullah Snoubar, Omar Jawhar Mousa, Muhammad Abdulaziz Snoubar, Rima Abdulmuttalib Yassin Bakr

	and in which he lives with his 11-member family (including 5 children): Omar Jawhar Mousa, Muhammad Abdulaziz Snoubar, Rima Abdulmuttalib Yassin Bakr Muhammad Al-Jalil, Basil Al-Az'ar, Muhammad Sameeh Al-Umla, Isa Al-Aqra', Iyad Abdul-Mun'im Az'ar, Usama Hassan Abed, Naser Najjar, Qais Basem Hilal Az'ar.			Muhammad Al-Jalil, Basil Al-Az'ar, Muhammad Sameeh Al-Umla, Isa Al-Aqra', Iyad Abdul-Mun'im Az'ar, Usama Hassan Abed, Naser Najjar, and Qais Basem Hilal Az'ar .
6	The occupation forces coerced in the city of Jerusalem the citizen Amjad Muslim Ja'abees, a resident of Jabal Al-Mukaber neighborhood, into self-demolishing his own house (under construction) after he had been notified prior that he would have to pay extremely hefty fines if the demolition process were to be carried out by the occupation forces themselves.	19/4/2021	Jabal Al-Mukaber neighborhood, Jerusalem Governroate	The citizen Amjad Muslim Ja'abees

7	The Israeli occupation forces invaded the region of Khallat Taha to the south of the city of Dura (south-west of Hebron) and disassembled two iron-and-cloth tents (each 10 m ² in area) and a metal fence used in a sheep barn and owned by the citizen Eid Suleiman Saleem Sarai'a under the pretext of unauthorized construction.	12/4/2021	Khallat Taha, the city of Fura, Hebron Governroate	Citizen Eid Suleiman Saleem Sarai'a
8	The occupation forces handed a notice in the village of Susya to the east of the town of Yatta in the Hebron Governorate to the citizen Khalil Husein Muhammad Shreih that orders him to suspend the construction of his house (200 m ² in area) under the pretext of unauthorized construction in area C	12/4/2021	the village of Susya, Yatta, Hebron Governroate	Citizen Khalil Husein Muhammad Shreih
9	The occupation forces demolished in the Masafir region located to the east of the town of Yatta in Hebron a housing tent owned by the citizen Younis Ash-shamisli	12/4/2021	The Masafir region, Yatta, Hebron Governorate	Citizen Younis Ash-shamisli

	under the pretext of unauthorized construction.			
10	The occupation forces demolished in the Al-Bireh region in the town of Al-Khadr in Bethlehem an agricultural chamber owned by the citizen Lutfi Salah and his siblings under the pretext of unauthorized construction.	12/4/2021	The town of Al-Khadr, Bethlehem Governroate	Citizen Lutfi Salah and his siblings
11	The occupation forces demolished in the Ish Ghurab region in the city of Beit Sahour a 80-m ² house owned by the citizen Shaker Nayef Ja'abees under the pretext of its proximity to the highway.	12/4/2021	Beit Sahour, Bethlehem Governorate	Citizen Shaker Nayef Ja'abees
12	The occupation forces demolished in the Al-Bireh region in the town of Al-Khadr in Bethlehem an agricultural canopy (for the second time in a row) owned by the citizen Salah-Aldeen Salah under the pretext of unauthorized construction	11/4/2021	The town of Al-Khadr, Bethlehem Governroate	Citizen Salah-Aldeen Salah

13	<p>A group of settlers in the Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem overtook 3 buildings and a 1.5-Dunum piece of land in the Central Neighborhood on behalf of the Ateret Cohanim settler organization. They placed two ready-for-occupation rooms and a new set of stairs on the building and opened up a new entrance in one of the buildings. Two of the buildings are for the Awwad family and each consists of 4 floors. The third building is for the citizen Mustafa Abu Thiab and consists of 4 floors and a foundation</p>	8/4/2021	Silwan neighborhood, Jerusalem Governorate	Citizen Mustafa Abu Thiab and members of the Awwad family
14	<p>The occupation forces in the Al-Ras Al-Ahmar region in the Northern Jordan Valley submitted demolition and suspension of construction notices to 63 facilities (including 18 housing tents, 6 kitchens, and 39 cattle-rearing barns) and a notice to suspend work in a 3200-meter agricultural strip</p>	7/4/2021	Al-Ras Al-Ahmar, Tubas Governorate	--

15	<p>The occupation forces' bulldozers demolished two farms, a house, 3 tin houses, 2 trailer parks, a commercial store, and walls in the areas of Az-Za'roura and Habael Al-Arab in the town of Al-Isawiya, to the north east of East Jerusalem under the pretext of unauthorized construction.</p> <p>In detail, the occupation forces invaded a farm owned by the citizen Majid Diab and a small 70-m² house consisting of two rooms and their accompanying facilities erected within that farm. Majid Diab, his wife, and his three children lived in the house. After the invasion, the occupation forces demolished the house, a heavy machinery garage (which has been in place for 7 years), and a tin house used as a stable for horses. They then demolished the wall surrounding the farm.</p> <p>After that, they destroyed another farm and demolished 2 trailer parks (one was</p>	7/4/2021	Al-Isawiya, Jerusalem Governorate	Citizens Majid Diab, Adeeb Jameel Abu Al-Hummus, and Farouq Mustafa.
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	<p>used as a warehouse for vehicle parts, the other as a stable for horses) owned by the citizen Adeeb Jameel Abu Al-Hummus.</p> <p>Before leaving the town, the forces then demolished a wall and a tin building owned by the citizen Farouq Mustafa</p>			
16	<p>The occupation forces notified the citizen Omar Muhammad Id'ais in Jiftlik in the Jericho Governorate that he is ordered to self-demolish 2 housing units and 2 agricultural tin houses within 2 weeks</p>	7/4/2021	The village of Jiftlik, Jericho Governorate	Citizen Omar Muhammad Id'ais
17	<p>An occupation army force invaded the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan and distributed notices that order the demolition of 7 housing facilities under the pretext of unauthorized construction.</p> <p>The facilities are owned by citizens Fadl Ibrahim Izzat, Ayman Nabeel Mar'I, Jalal Kan'an, Mifleh Mar'I, Saleem Muhammad</p>	6/4/2021	Qarawat Bani Hassan, Salfeet Governorate	Citizens Fadl Ibrahim Izzat, Ayman Nabeel Mar'I, Jalal Kan'an, Mifleh Mar'I, Saleem Muhammad Saleem, Ayub Fathi Asi, and

	Saleem, Ayub Fathi Asi, and Mousa Ibrahim Saleem.			Mousa Ibrahim Saleem.
18	The occupation forces demolished a commercial facility (A store that sells construction materials) owned by the citizen Muhammad Sukkar in the town of Jinsafut in Qalqilya	5/4/2021	The town of Jinsafut, Qalqilya Governorate	Citizen Muhammad Sukkar
19	The occupation forced coerced in the Jabal Al-Mukaber neighborhood in the city of Jerusalem the citizen Amer Salim Shqeirat into self-demolishing his 90-m ² house in which he lives with his wife and 4 children. Shqeirat had been notified earlier that he would have to pay extremely hefty fines if the demolition process were to be carried out by the occupation forces themselves.	3/4/2021	Jabal Al-Mukaber neighborhood, Jerusalem Governorate.	Citizen Amer Salim Shqeirat

