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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 1/5/2021-31/5/2021 and is the outcome of relevant monitoring efforts carried out by "SHAMS" within the geographical scope defined as the West Bank and which includes East Jerusalem.



-The General May Survey

Throughout May of 2021, “**SHAMS**” Center has monitored the targeting of **(30)** Palestinian-owned facilities by 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 (10) facilities. Out of those, the owners of (2) facilities were forced to self-demolish their own property as they were threatened with fines and jail-time. Furthermore, the occupation forces confiscated and seized (2) facilities. In the village of *Sebastia* (in the Roman ruins area) in the Nablus Governorate, the occupation forces confiscated a trailer park used for agricultural purposes and owned by the citizen Abdul-Aziz Rayeq Al-Nabulsi. They also confiscated in the *Kafrou* region near the village of *Tell* a container owned by the citizen Ghassan Al-Seifi, a resident of the village.

Regarding demolition notices, the occupation forces notified **(18)** facilities of future demolitions, confiscations, or forced evictions. The majority of those facilities were housing units, in addition to others that were commercial, agricultural, and medical facilities

- 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
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Households	14
Tent Housing Units	2
Commercial Facilities	1
Warehouses	6
Barns and farmhouses/cattle barracks	3
Agricultural trailer park	1
Mobile trailer park	1
Car wash	1
Medical facilities	1
Total	30

- 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 Hebron Governorate where (5) facilities have been demolished. The Bethlehem Governorate, where (4) facilities have been demolished, came in second place, followed by the Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate, where (1) facility has 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
Hebron	5
Bethlehem	4
Ramallah	1
Total	10

- 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, **(18)** cases have been recorded in different areas. These notices point to the future concentrated trends of the Israeli violations against Palestinians. The governorates of Ramallah 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
Ramallah	11
Nablus	6
Hebron	1
Total	18

- Targeted Population

Since the violations against Palestinian facilities do not take place in isolation of the population, the number of targeted residents throughout May was (15) individuals at the least.

- Pretexts for the violations

Surveying the pretexts employed by "Israel," the occupying power, in an attempt to legitimize its crimes, we find that all of the (10) demolished facilities this month were demolished under the pretext of unauthorized construction in areas (C), which are under Israeli control and yet populated by Palestinians.

As for delivered demolition notices, (10) facilities were targeted under the pretext of proximity to the Apartheid Wall. The occupation forces delivered demolition notices to 10 Palestinian houses in the towns of *Ni'lin* and *Dayr Qaddis* in the Ramallah Governorate in central West Bank. *Ni'lin's* mayor Imad Al-Khawaja said the forces delivered notices to 2 houses in the *Al-Mhallal* region to the south of *Ni'lin* and 8 other houses in the adjacent town of *Dayr Qaddis*. The occupation forces is using the pretext that these houses pose a "danger to the location where they're built" due to their proximity to the Apartheid Wall.

(7) other facilities received demolition notices under the pretext of unauthorized construction in a (C)-designated area. The Israeli occupation forces delivered a notice of demolition to a medical clinic in the *Beirain* region to the east of *Yatta* and a 96-hour demolition notice to 6 warehouses owned by the citizen Ahmad Abu Zaid, a resident of *Deir Sharaf* in the Nablus Governorate under the pretext of unauthorized construction in an area (C).

(1) facility was given a demolition notice under the pretext of a shooting incident that had taken place at the *Za'tara* Checkpoint. The notice of demolition was delivered to the family of the prisoner Muntasir Shalabi in the town of *Turmus Aya* the Ramallah Governorate. According to army's spokesperson, the family was given a period of time to appeal the decision before a court. The occupation forces accuse Shalabi of having conducted a drive-by shooting more than 2 weeks prior.

As for confiscations, (2) facilities were confiscated and/or seized under the pretext of the lack of authorization.

- Self-demolition

Self-demolition represents a particular type of systemic and concentrated subjugation. Palestinian residents (mostly in Jerusalem, but also in other areas) 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 May, the number of facilities whose owners were forced to self-demolish was (2) out of (10) that were demolished overall. The two facilities are a house and a cattle barn owned by the same individual in the village of *Freidis* in the Bethlehem Governorate, who was ordered to demolish them on his own under the pretext of unauthorized construction. The citizen is Mahmoud Al-Wah-sh, and he was coerced into self-demolishing his 40-m² sheep farm and 60-m² house. He had been notified earlier that if the demolition process were to be carried out by the occupation forces themselves, he would have to pay extremely hefty fines.

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

Number	Description of the violation	Date	Location of the violation	Individual/s whose rights were violated
1	The occupation forces demolished in the <i>Masafir</i> region located to the east of the town of <i>Yatta</i> in the Hebron Governorate a house owned by the citizen Ibrahim Jibreel Awadh under the pretext of unauthorized construction in area (C)	31/5/2021	<i>Masafir Yatta</i> , Hebron Governorate	Citizen Ibrahim Jibreel Awadh
2	<p>The occupation forces delivered demolition notices to 10 Palestinian houses in the towns of <i>Ni'lin</i> and <i>Dayr Qaddis</i> in the Ramallah Governorate in central West Bank.</p> <p><i>Ni'lin's</i> mayor Imad Al-Khawaja said the the forces delivered notices to 2 houses in the <i>Al-Mhallal</i> region to the south of <i>Ni'lin</i> and 8 other houses in the adjacent town of <i>Dayr Qaddis</i>. The occupation forces is using the pretext that these houses pose a "danger</p>	31/5/2021	The towns of <i>Ni'lin</i> and <i>Dayr Qaddis</i>	-

	to the location where they're built" due to their proximity to the Apartheid Wall			
3	The occupation forces confiscated in the <i>Kafrou</i> region near the village of <i>Tell</i> a container owned by the citizen <i>Ghassan Al-Seifi</i> , a resident of <i>Tell</i>	31/5/2021	The village of <i>Tell</i> - Nablus Governorate	Citizen <i>Ghassan Al-Seifi</i>
4	The occupation forces disassembled in the village of <i>Al-Bwaib</i> to the North-East of <i>Yatta</i> 4 tents owned by the citizen <i>Ibrahim Jebreen Awad Al-Mahani</i> . 2 of the tents were occupied by his 15-member family, and the other two were used as a cattle barn that houses 100 sheep	31/5/2021	the village of <i>Al-Bwaib</i> , Hebron Governorate	Citizen <i>Ibrahim Jebreen Awad Al-Mahani</i>
5	The Israeli occupation forces delivered a notice of demolition to a medical clinic in the <i>Beirain</i> region to the east of <i>Yatta</i> , located to the south of Hebron in the West Bank, under the pretext of unauthorized construction in area (C)	30/5/2021	The <i>Beirain</i> region, Hebron Governorate	-
6	The occupation forces coerced in the village of <i>Al-Freidis</i> (located to the east of the city of Bethlehem) the citizen <i>Mahmoud Al-Wah-sh</i> into self-demolishing	29/5/2021	The village of <i>Al-Freidis</i> ,	Citizen <i>Mahmoud Al-Wah-sh</i>

	his own 40-m² sheep farm . He had been notified earlier that if the demolition process were to be carried out by the occupation forces themselves, he would have to pay extremely hefty fines.		Bethlehem Governorate	
7	The occupation forces coerced in the village of <i>Al-Freidis</i> (located to the east of the city of Bethlehem) the citizen <i>Mahmoud Al-Wah-sh</i> into self-demolishing his own 60-m² house . He had been notified earlier that if the demolition process were to be carried out by the occupation forces themselves, he would have to pay extremely hefty fines.	29/5/2021	The village of <i>Al-Freidis</i> , Bethlehem Governorate	Citizen <i>Mahmoud Al-Wah-sh</i>
8	The occupation forces delivered a 96-hour demolition notice of 6 warehouses owned by the citizen Ahmad Abu Zaid, a resident of <i>Deir Sharaf</i> in the Nablus Governorate	25/5/2021	The town <i>Deir Sharaf</i> , Nablus Governorate.	Citizen <i>Ahmad Abu Zaid</i>
9	The occupation forces demolished an old and abandoned house near the entrance of the <i>Jalazone Camp</i>	20/5/2021	The <i>Jalazone Camp</i> , The Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governroate	-

10	<p>The Israeli occupation army delivered a notice of demolition to the family of the prisoner <i>Muntasir Shalabi</i> in the Ramallah Governorate. According to army's spokesperson, the family was given a period of time to appeal the decision before the court.</p> <p>The occupation forces accuse <i>Shalabi</i> of having conducted a drive-by shooting more than 2 weeks prior.</p>	19/5/2021	The town of <i>Turmus-Aya</i> , Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate	Prisoner <i>Muntasir Shalabi</i>
11	<p>The occupation forces confiscated in the village of <i>Sebastia</i> (in the Roman ruins area) a trailer park used for agricultural purposes and owned by the citizen <i>Abdul-Aziz Rayeq Al-Nabulsi</i></p>	9/5/2021	The village of <i>Sebastia</i> , Nablus Governorate	The citizen <i>Abdul-Aziz Rayeq Al-Nabulsi</i>
12	<p>The occupation forces demolished in the region located between <i>Beit Jala</i> and the village of <i>Al-Khadr</i> (near the <i>Nafaq</i> "Tunnel" checkpoint) a car washing workshop and a tin-constructed building used as a workshop for vehicles' repairmen and maintenance. Both facilities were owned by the sons of the citizen <i>Hussein Muhammad Abu Ghalion</i> and were</p>	4/5/2021	Near the <i>Nafaq</i> "Tunnel" checkpoint, The Bethlehem Governorate	Sons of the citizen <i>Hussein Muhammad Abu Ghalion</i>

	demolished under the pretext of unauthorized construction.			
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