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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 1/9/2021-30/9/2021 and is the outcome of relevant monitoring efforts carried out by "SHAMS" within the geographical scope defined as the West Bank including East Jerusalem.



- September General Survey.

During the course of September, “SHAMS” has observed (12) 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.

- Categorization of Facilities Based on their Type

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

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

Type of facility	Number
Houses	9
Residential rooms	2
Wells, Ponds, Water systems and pipes.	1
Total	12

- 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. The Jericho and the Valley

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:

Governorate	Number of notified facilities
Jerusalem	6
Nablus	4
Bethlehem.	2

- Targeted Population

since these violations happen in inhabited areas, which affects the locals living in such areas, based on the available information (3) people were directly impacted by the demolition violations, including (1) woman, and (1) child.

- Pretexts for the violations

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), Regarding notices and confiscations, all the pretexts used pertained to unauthorized construction in areas (C). (not having a municipal permit for building)

- 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.

in September, the number of facilities which their owners were forced to self-demolish was (6) out of (12) in total, all of which are located in the Jerusalem governorate, consisting of (2) residential rooms, (2) houses in Silwan, (2) residential rooms in Jabal al Mukabir, (1) house in Sour Baher, and (1) house in Beit Hanina, all of which were demolished based on claims of building with no permits.

The Israeli occupation authorities had forced the Citizen of Jerusalem, Ayman Abu Wahdan, to Self-Demolish his home of 50 square meter, being notified beforehand, Ayman has demolished his home avoiding big fines if the demolition was carried out by the Israeli occupation forces, in addition to that, Abd Dwaik, a resident of Silwan, has as well demolished his own home to the south of the old city of Jerusalem, based on a court judgment. Fayez Hamdan as well has self-demolished parts of his home, located in Beit Hanina, the north of Jerusalem, based on ruling of the occupation municipality of Jerusalem. Mohammad Odeh Ibediah, from Jabal Al Mukabir, was also forced to demolish two rooms of his house, being notified beforehand, Mohammad mentioned that the (2) rooms demolished were a salon, and a bedroom for his daughter of 4 years old. Citizen of Kamel Abu Sarhan of Sour Baher, was as well forced to self-demolish his house in the same way, and for the same reasons mentioned previously.

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

No.	Description of Violation	Date	Location of Violation	The party whose rights were violated
1	Occupation authorities forced Kamel Abu Sarhan to Demolish his house, under threats, on the pretext that his house was built without a permit.	25/9/2021	Village of Sour Baher, Jerusalem Governorate	Citizen Kamel Abu Sarhan
2	Mohammad Ibediah, was forced to demolish 2 rooms of his house, one is a room for his 4 years old daughter, and the other is a salon, with the same pretext of building without a permit	21/9/2021	Jabal Al-Mukabir neighborhood, Jerusalem Governorate	Citizen Mahmoud Ibdeieh.
3	Citizen Abdullah Dwaik, has been forced to demolish his house in Silwan to the south of old city of Jerusalem, based on municipality rule for building without a permit.	7\9\2021	Silwan- Jerusalem governorate	Citizen Abdullah Dwaik
4	Fayez Izheman, has self-demolished parts of his home, in the context of being built without permit	5\9\2021	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem Governorate	Citizen Fayez Izheman
5	Ayman Abu Wahdan, was forced to self-demolish his 50 square meter house, by Israeli forcing hefty Fines if the demolition process were to be carried out by the occupation authorities themselves.	4\9\2021	Silwan- Jerusalem Governorate	Citizen Ayman Abu Wahdan.

6	A house belonging to Illayan Salah Zawahreh, was demolished by Israeli forces in the Village of Beit Tamor.	1\9\2021	Village of Beit Tamor- Bethlehem governorate	citizen illayan Salah Zawahreh
7	Israeli Forces Demolished a house under construction, belonging to Mohammad Sbaih in Village of Harmalah in Bethlehem	1\9\2021	Village of Harmalah- Bethlehem Governorate.	Citizen Nasri Mohammad Attiyeh Sbaih
8	Two houses were demolished in the village of doma by Israeli forces, belonging to Abdullah and Faris Salwadeh, in addition to a water well belonging to Fehmi Salawdeh.	1\9\2021	Village of Doma-Nablus governorate.	Citizens, Abdullah Salawdah, Faris Salawdah, And Fehmi Salawdah.
9	Israeli forces demolished an under-construction house belonging to Mohammad Abu Hamda	1\9\2020	Village of Doma, Nablus governorate	Citizen Mohammad Naser Abu Hamda