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Observatory Report on Violations and Demolitions of Palestinian-owned Facilities by Israeli Occupation Forces.

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This report was written for the purposes 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\3\2022 – 31\3\2022 and is the outcome of relevant monitoring efforts carried by "SHAMS" within the geographical scope defined as West Bank including Jerusalem.



March General Survey:

In March 2022, "SHAMS" center has monitored that Israeli occupation forces have targeted (117) Palestinian-owned facilities, either in the form of demolitions, confiscations and notifications.

The most prominent violations were concentrated in the demolitions of (28) facilities, (2) of them were self-demolished under the threats of large financial penalties and imprisonment. The occupying forces in the municipality of Beit Hanina forced the citizen Ahmad Siam to self-demolish his home after receiving a notification previously, in avoidance of heavy fines in the case the occupying forces decided to demolish, under the pretext of unauthorized construction. This led to the displacement a family of 5 individuals, including a woman and 3 children. Also, the occupying forces in Beit Hanina forced Ra`ef Ra`fat Shewiki to demolish his house after receiving a notification of demolition in avoidance to pay a heavy fine if the Occupying forces demolish the house, under the pretext of unauthorized construction, which has also led to displace the family of Ra`ef including his wife and two children.

As for notifications, the occupying forces have notified (86) facilities to demolish or to suspend the working in the facilitates. The majority of them were residential, in addition to livestock barns, commercial facilities, schools, and retaining walls.

While the occupation forces confiscated (3) facilities. It has confiscated a caravan belonging to the Palestinian Civil Defense sector, in the village of Khalit Al-Mea located east of the township of Yatta in the Hebron. They have also confiscated a container of goods in the village of Ein-Al-Dweik Al Tahata near Jericho on the pretext of its being unlicensed (the owner was unknown). Moreover, an agricultural caravan was confiscated with its tools from a land owned by the Wuzwuz family in the village of Kherbat Qalqas south of Hebron.

Categorization of facilities based on their type:

Targeted facilities either in terms of demolitions, confiscations, and notifications are categorized as follows:

Table (1): Targeted facilities based on their type

Type of Facilities	Number of Facilities
Houses	74
Residential Barracks	14
Commercial Facilities	14
Retaining Walls	3
Livestock barns and Barracks	5
Horse Stables	1
Mobile Caravans	2
Agricultural Caravans	2
Warehouse	1
Schools	1
Total	117

The distribution of facilities targeted by demolition based on their location "governorate".

When it comes to the geographical distribution in accordance with the regional indicator, the majority of targets of demolished facilities were in Jerusalem Governorate, the number of demolished facilities in Jerusalem reached (18) facilities, followed by Jericho and Al Aghwar Governorate of (5) facilities were demolished. Noting that "SHAMS" Center has monitored demolitions in terms of the governorate in which they occurred as follows:

Table (2): Distribution of facilities targeted by demolition based on their location in specific Governates

Governorate	Number of demolished facilities
Jerusalem	18
Jericho and Al Aghwar	5
Hebron	2
Jenin	2
Tubas	1
Total	28

The Distribution of Facilities Targeted by Notifications based on Governorates

In view of notifications, either in terms of demolitions, evictions or orders to suspend construction activities and other violations that deprive Palestinians of their right to build and invest in their facilities, (86) notifications have been recorded in different areas. These notifications point to the intentions of Israel, the occupying power, in terms of targeting the Palestinian facilities ahead. The governorate of Jericho and Al Aghwar has the largest share of notifications this month, followed by the Governorates of Hebron and Salfeet as the table shows:

Table (3): The Distribution of Facilities Targeted by Notifications based on Governorates

Governorate	Number of notified facilities
Jericho and Al aghwar	27
Hebron	22
Salfeet	22
Jerusalem	9
Ramallah	3

Tubas	2
Bethlehem	1
Total	86

Targeted Population

As is well-known, the violations against Palestinian facilities do not take place in isolation from the population, the number of people affected by these practices throughout March were (126) individuals at least including (16) children and (11) women according to the available data.

Pretexts for Violations

With regards to the pretext employed by "Israel" the occupying power, in an attempt to legitimize its crimes. We find that (26) demolished facilities out of (28) were demolished under the pretext of unauthorized construction in area (C). Also, (2) of demolished facilities were demolished as a collective punishment policy which follows against people who execute operations of resistance against it. During an invasion of the Israeli military in the village of Selit Al Harithya of Jenin, the occupying forces blew up 2 houses that belonged to two Palestinian prisoners: Gaith Ahmad Yassin Jaradat and Mohamad Yousef Jaradat, under the pretext of collective punishment policy carried out against those who are accused to implement acts of resistance against Israel, the occupying power. This led to the displacement of 3 families consisting of 13 individuals; among them were 3 children and 5 women.

In terms of notifications, (86) is the total of notified facilities, and the confiscated facilities were a total of (3) notified facilities under the pretext of unauthorized constructions and their presence in the area C.

Self – Demolition

Focusing on self – demolition, which represents a particular type of semantic, complex, and concentrated oppression. This policy forces the Palestinian citizens to demolish their own houses and facilities under the threat of heavy fines and bearing them additional costs of demolition of their own facilities if they do not demolish their facilities with their own hands. These practices show the excessive oppression practiced by all the components of the racist Israeli system in which courts, local bodies, army, and police forces, also, it constitutes a crime whose victims are forced to participate in its execution against themselves.

During the month of March, the number of facilities that the occupation authorities forced their owners to self-demolish reached (2) out of (28) facilities. It was for homes in the township of Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, it was demolished under the pretext of

unauthorized construction. Israeli forces in Beit Hanina forced the citizen Rae'f Ra'fat Shweiki to self-demolish his own home, after receiving a notification previously, in avoidance of the hefty fine that he will be charged with if the Occupying forces execute themselves the demolition. This led to the displacement of the family of Rae'f which consists of him, his wife and two children. Also, the occupying authority forced, Ahmad Siam, in the township of Beit Hanina to demolish his own home, after receiving a notification previously, in avoidance of the hefty fine that he will be charged with if the Occupying forces themselves execute the demolition, which led to the displacement of a family of 5 individuals, among them was a woman and 3 children.

The detailed table of violations committed against Palestinian' facilities during March 2022

No.	Violation Description	Date	Location of violation	People affected by violations
1	IOF ¹ handed a notice of demolishing and removing Barracks of Livestock in the northern region of Borqin, a town west of Salfeet belonging to the citizens: Mohamad Amer and Mahmoud Barakat.	31/3/2022	Borqeen – Salfeet	The citizens: Mohamad Amer, and Mahmoud Barakat
2	IOF notified to suspend the work activity in 2 houses, a barracks, and a retaining wall in AL-khaldeya south-east of the town Yatta, south of Hebron. The ownership of these are the brothers: Ahmad, Khalil, Mohamad, Ibrahim Issa Alyateem.	29/3/2022	Al-Khaldeya – Hebron	Brothers: Ahmad, Khalil, Mohamad, Ibrahim Issa Alyateem
3	IOF delivered a notice of suspension of construction activity on a residential house in the village of Tuwana, south of Hebron.	27/3/2022	Tuwana – Hebron	-
4	IOF notified to demolish a residential apartment building consists of 8 apartments in Ashkariya neighborhood in the township of Beit Hanina in Jerusalem.	24/3/2022	Beit Hanina – Jerusalem	-
5	IOF demolished 2 houses of brick and metal plate under the pretext of unauthorized construction in the Bedouin community of Arab Ka'bnah that located in west of Aloga. The houses belonged to the two brothers, Mohamad and Atta-Allah Yousef Ka'abnah. The demolition led to the homelessness of 12 individuals.	23/3/2022	Gathering of Arab Ka'bnah – Jericho	Brothers: Mohamad and Atta-Allah Yousef Ka'abnah
6	IOF notified to demolish 2 livestock barns in Khirbet Yazzra in Tubas, belonging to Hafith Naem Mosa'ed.	22/3/2022	Khirbet Yazzra – Toubas	Citizen: Hafith Naem Mosa'ed
7	IOF confiscated an agricultural caravan and equipment from a land owned by the Wuzwuz family, in Khirbet Qalqes south of Hebron.	22/3/2022	Khirbet Qalqes – Hebron	Citizen for the Wuzwuz family
8	IOF demolished 2 residential homes in Al Morajat, west of Jericho, under the pretext of unauthorized construction, which belong to the citizens: Malihat and Al Badawia Family, which include 12 individuals.	20/3/2022	Al Morajat- Jericho	Malihat Family
9	IOF notified to suspended construction activities of 2 residential houses belonging to Najeh Harb and Ali Abd-alhameed Ahmad.	17/3/2022	Kofr AlDeek Town – Salfeet	Citizen: Najeh Harb and Ali Abd-alhameed Ahmad

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10	On Tuesday, IOF notified to demolish 7 homes upon its invasion of Al Dweaik Al Tahta Village, west of Jericho. Under the pretext that it lays on land of the 'Israeli Government'. These houses are recently built and made up of cement, and the owners are not local to Jericho, but they stay in the house at the end of week. The owners of the houses are Raed Samarat, Arafat and his brother Hisham Milhaat, and Maher Qanbar.	15/3/2022	Al Dweaik Lower Village- Jericho	
11	IOF notified in to demolish the house belonging to the citizen, Yacoub Ali Ghazal (5 individuals reside in this house)	14/3/2022	Kissyvan village east of Bethlahem	Yacoub Ali Ghazal
12	IOF notified to demolish Al-Batm elementary co-educational School in Shaab Al-Batm Village in Yatta, attended by more than 50 students. IOF also notified to suspend the construction on 8 homes that belong to the following citizens: Ezzat Gabriel Al Najjar, Ashraf Ezzar Al Najjar, Hatem Mousa Jabrein, Mahmoud Yousef Jabrein, Issa Ishaq Mahmoud, Jabrein, Jihad Ahmad Mohammad Jabrein, Fadel Mousa AlNajjar, Ibrahim Jabrein Jaber AlJabarein.	14/3/2022	Shaab Al Batm Village – Hebron	Citizens Ezzat Gabriel AlNajjar, Ashraf Ezzar AlNajjar, Hatem Mousa Jabrein, Mahmoud Yousef Jabrein, Issa Ishaq Mahmoud, Jabrein, Jihad Ahmad Mohammad Jabrein, Fadel Mousa AlNajjar, Ibrahim Jabrein Jaber AlJabarein.
13	IOF notifies 20 families in Al Dweik Village in Jericho to demolish their homes, under the policy of forced displacement with the aim of emptying out from local indigenous population for the settlement expansion. 10 of the houses were demolished which sheltered more than 60 citizens, mostly children.	10/3/2022	Al Dweik lower Village – Jericho	-
14	IOF confiscated a container of transporting goods in Al Dweik Al Tahta village near Jericho, on the pretext of the absence of a license (the owner is unknown)	10/3/2022	Al Dweik lower Village – Jericho	-
15	IOF demolished in Al Dweik Al Tahta village near Jericho retaining walls that belong to the citizen; Mohammad AlFaqeh under the pretext of no permit.	10/3/2022	Al Dweik lower village – Jericho	Mohammad AlFaqeh
16	IOF invaded the Bedouin community of Em AlDarj in Msafr in Yatta and notified to suspend construction of 5 houses that belong to Attallah Yousef AlKaabna, Salama Ali Altaymen, Mohammad Ibrahim Al taymen, Abd Al rahman Ahmad Al Taameyat, and Qasem Al Taameyat.	9/3/2022	Em AlDarj Complex – Hebron	Attallah Yousef AlKaabna, Salama Ali Altaymen, Mohammad Ibrahim Altaymen, Abd Alrahman Ahmad AlTaameyat, and Qasem AlTaameyat
17	IOF demolished in Khala Aleida along the bypass street east of Hebron, a 100-square-meter house owned by Saddam Jawad Jaber on the pretext of unauthorized construction.	9/3/2022	Khala Aleida – Hebron	Saddam Jawad Jaber
18	IOF delivered a final notice of demolition of a residential barracks, housing Bilal Ahmad Ibrahim Jahalin, his wife, and new born baby. Under the pretext of not having authorization, and they have been given 7 days for demolition.	9/3/2022	Abu AlNowar Complex – Jerusalem	Bilal Ahmad Ibrahim Jahalin
19	IOF invade Kofr AlDeek and delivered notification of suspension on the building of 3 houses in AlSheab under the pretext of not licensing. Belong to the citizens: Mohammad Anwar AlDeek, Fares Mohamad Nayef AlDeek.	9/3/2022	Kofr AlDeek – Salfeet	Mohammad Anwar AlDeek, Fares Mohamad Nayef AlDeek

20	IOF demolished an under construction house owned by Abu Suhaib Al- Saa'o in the Ras Khamis neighborhood of Shu'fat camp in Jerusalem, on the grounds that it was not authorized.	9/3/2022	Shu'fat camp – Jerusalem	Abu Suhaib Al-Saa'o
21	IOF demolished a house east of Hebron, which led to displace two families consist of 11 individuals, including 3 women and 7 children.	8/3/2022	Hebron city – Hebron	-
22	IOF blew up 2 houses during their invasion of the town of Al-Sila al-Harithiya in Jenin. The houses belong to the prisoners: Ghaith Ahmed Yassin Jaradat and Mohammed Yusuf Jaradat as part of policy of collective punishment followed by Israeli occupation against those who implement acts of resistance against Israel, the occupying power. This led to the displacement of 3 families consist of 13 individuals, including 3 children and 5 women.	7/3/2022	Al-Sila al-Harithiya – Jenin	The prisoners: Ghaith Ahmed Yassin Jaradat and Mohammed Yusuf Jaradat
23	IOF forced Ahmad Siam to self-demolish his house belonging to Ahmad Siam, after he was notified previously of the demolition order in avoidance of heavy fines in the event of the demolition is executed by the occupation authorities, on the grounds of non-authorization, which led to displace a family of five, including a woman and three children.	7/3/2022	Bait Hanina – Jerusalem	Ahmad Siam
24	IOF forced Raif Raafat Shweki to self- demolish his house, after reciving a notification of demolition. In order to avoid paying heavy fines in the event of the occupation authorities demolished his house by their equipment, on the pretext of unauthorized building, which led to displace the family of Raif which consists of Raif, his wife and their two children.	4/3/2022	Bait Hanina – Jerusalem	Raif Raafat Shweki
25	IOF demolished an agricultural barracks of 600 square meters in the village of Bardla in the northern Valleys under the pretext of unlicensed. the Property owned by the citizen: Mohammed Ali Faqa.	3/3/2022	Bardla – Tobas	Mohammed Ali Faqa
26	IOF confiscated a caravan belonging to the Palestinian Civil Defense Service in the village of Khala al-Mayeh, east of the town of Yatta in Hebron.	2/3/2022	Khala al-Mayeh – Hebron	-
27	IOF notified to demolish and to suspend the construction of 15 houses in the town of Kafr Al-Deek on the pretext of unauthorized construction due to its location in Area (c) that's under the Israeli control.	2/3/2022	Kafr Al-Deek – Salfeet	-
28	IOF notified to suspend the construction activities in three houses in al-Jawaya area east of Yatta, south of Hebron, one of them for Ismail Hussein Al-Nawaja, which has an area of 170 square meters.	2/3/2022	Al-Jawaya area – Yatta, Hebron	Ismail Hussein Al-Nawaja and other citizens

29	IOF demolished in the town of Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, a commercial facility with an office and a concrete pump stand owned by the Al-Kaswani family and a Horses barracks, owned by the citizen: Ibrahim Abu Al-Ja'an	2/3/2022	Bait Hanina – Jerusalem	Al-Kiswani family, and Ibrahim Abu Al-Ja'an
30	IOF demolished 10 facilities, which are source of livelihoods for 13 families in Hizma in Jerusalem, that was used as a mechanical shop for vehicles near the main street of the village on the pretext that the area is under Israeli control and unauthorized building.	2/3/2022	Hizma – Jerusalem	-
31	IOF notified to demolish 3 commercial facilities in Silwad near the entrance to the town owned by citizens: Ashraf Mustafa Hamed, Haitham Hammad Ayad, and Mahab Abdul Ghani Hammad.	1/3/2022	Silwad – Ramallah	Ashraf Mustafa Hamed, Haitham Hammad Ayad, and Mahab Abdul Ghani Hammad.
32	IOF demolished barracks, a 280 meters warehouse and retaining walls surrounding it in Sur Baher village in Jerusalem owned by the citizen Rauf Shaqirat, on the pretext of not licensing.	1/3/2022	SurBaher Village – Jerusalem	Rauf Shaqirat