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The Israeli Violations and Demolishing against Palestinian Establishments and Houses

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The report is within the process of documenting the Israeli occupation authorities' violations against the Palestinian houses and establishments including demolition, notifying of demolition, and eviction. The report is based on the data collected from the field through the field and research team of Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS. The report covers the period 1- 31/ 5/2023 in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and reflects the accumulated efforts of the organization's documentation and fieldwork teams.



Overall Statistics:

During the current month, SHAMS Center documented targeting 32 establishments, owned by Palestinians, by demolishing, or notifications with demolishing orders, to be targeted in the near future.

The major form of violation was through demolishing where 28 Palestinian establishments have been demolished. 7 of the demolished establishments were within the policy of self-demolishing, where the owners were forced to demolish the establishments on their own to avoid paying exaggerated financial fines or being arrested till paying the fine, in case were demolished by the Israeli authorities. The demolished establishments were under the claim of unlicensed buildings. Two of the demolished establishments are apartments owned by a woman, where in Beit Hanina- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Palestinian woman named Fayza Al- Ubeidi to demolish two apartments (each one is 125 square meters), under the claim of being built without license.

Regarding the notification orders, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 4 houses with demolishing orders. The four houses were ordered demolished within the policy of collective punishments applied by the Israeli occupation against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation as a tool to deter others from involvement in the national resistance.

Types of Targeted Establishments:

The types of the targeted establishments (Demolished and Notified with Demolishing Orders) are according to the following tables:

Table #1: Types of Targeted Establishments (Demolished and Notification with Demolishing Orders)

Type	Number
Houses	24
Agricultural Rooms	1
Livestock Sheds/ Barracks	3
Warehouses	1
Commercial Establishments	2
Horses Stable	1
Total	32

Types of Targeted Establishments (Demolished and Notification with Demolishing Orders)

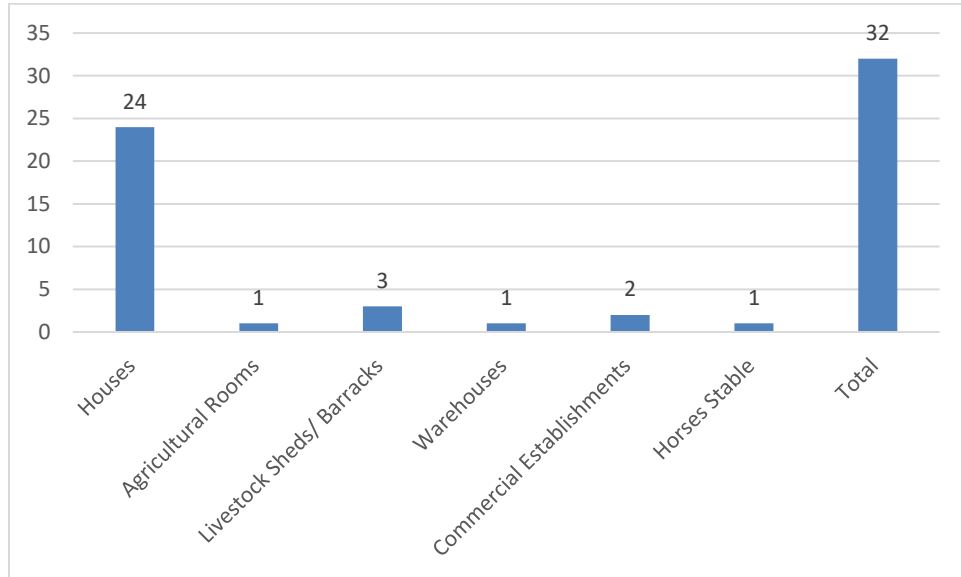


Table #2:

Types of Demolished Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	20
Agricultural Rooms	1
Horses Stable	1
Commercial Establishments	2
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	3
Warehouse	1
Total	28

Types of Demolished Establishments

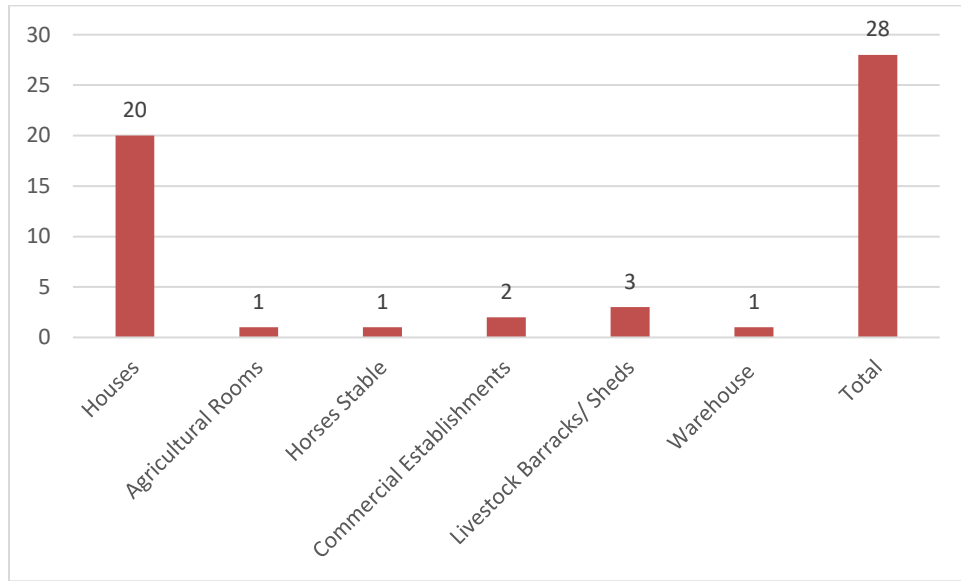


Table # 3

Types of Notified Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	4
Total	4

Geographical Distribution of the Targeted Establishments

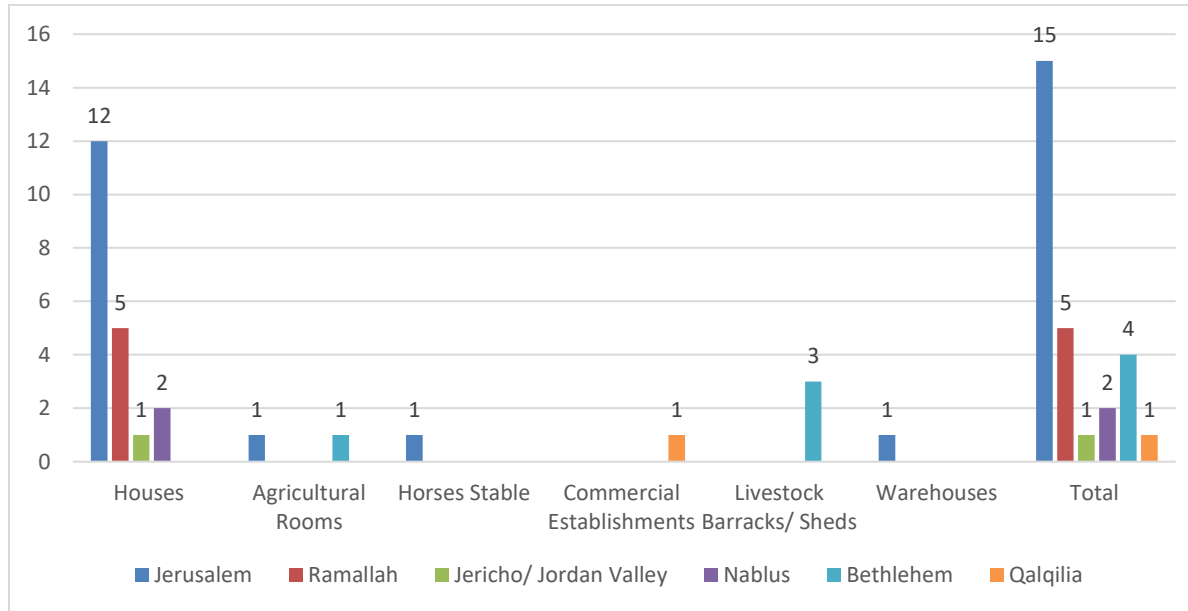
- **Demolished Establishments**

The majority of the demolished establishments were in Jerusalem (15) and there were 5 establishments in Ramallah. The term establishment refers to any types of those mentioned in table number 4. The distribution of the demolished establishments among the governorates was as follows:

Table #4: Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments

Governorate	Houses	Agricultural Rooms	Horses Stable	Commercial Establishments	Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	Warehouses	Total
Jerusalem	12	1	1			1	15
Ramallah	5						5
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	1						1
Nablus	2						2
Bethlehem		1			3		4
Qalqilia				1			1

Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments



- **Notified Establishments:**

As for the notifications with demolishing orders, stopping construction, or other violations that deprive Palestinians of utilizing their establishments, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of four houses in Ramallah with demolishing orders. Revising the notifications will help predict the future targeting of the Palestinian establishments

Table #5: Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments :

Governorate	Houses	Total
Ramallah	4	4

Demolishing for Security Reasons:

The Israeli authorities apply the policy of home demolishing as a collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the Israeli occupation, to deter others from being involved in the national resistance. During October, 5 houses were demolished within such a policy in addition to notifying the owners of four houses with demolishing orders.

Table # 6:

Demolishing for Security Reasons

No.	Violation	Area	Governorate	Date	Details
3	Notification	Silwad	Ramallah	20/10/2023	The Israeli authorities identified three houses to be demolished. One of the houses is owned by Abduld- Majeed Al- Natour, the brother of prisoner Farah, who is deported to the Gaza Strip. The second house is owned by Abdul-Raheem Hamed, the father of prisoner Nidal who was released and deported to the Gaza Strip and the third house is the house of Hamed’s brother.
1	Demolishing	Aroura	Ramallah	30/10/2023	The Israeli forces demolished the house of Salih Al- Arouri, the vice president of Hamas Political Office Chairperson. The Israeli authorities accuse Al- Arouri of participating in planning of Toufam Al- Aqsa Operation.
1	Demolishing	Askar RC.	Nablus	28/10/2023	The Israeli authorities demolished two floors house, owned by the family of martyr Hassan Qatnani. Martyr Qatnani is accused for participating in a shooting operation in the Jordan Valley, during the month of Ramadan.

1	Notification	Aroua	Ramallah	27/10/2023	The Israeli authorities notified the owners with a demolishing order of the house of Salih Al- Arouri, the vice-president of the Hamas Political Office. Al- Arouri is accused of participating in planning for Toufam Al- Aqsa Operation
1	Demolishing	Aqbat Jaber R.C	Jerico	21/10/2023	The Israeli authorities demolished a two- floor house, owned by the family of Prisoner Maher Al- Hashlamoun. Al- Hashlamoun is accused for participating in a shooting operation close to the Dead Sea, which resulted in killing a settler.
1	Demolishing	Oureef	Nablus	19/10/2023	The Israeli authorities exploded the house of martyr Khaled Mustafa Sabbah who is accused for participating in a shooting operation on 20/6/2023
1	Demolishing	Qebia	Ramallah	19/10/2023	The Israeli authorities demolished the house of the family of Ahmad Gheithan. The martyr was sot dead by the Israeli soldiers in Kufur Qaddoum Village- Qalqilia, during July 2023, under the claim that conducted a shooting operation in the area.

Self- Demolishing:

As for the self- demolishing, the Israeli authorities obligated the owners of 7 establishments, to demolish them on their own. Self- demolishing is a structured form of oppression where the owners are obligated to participate in the crimes against themselves and it represents a form of racism where all the arms of the Israeli authorities (police, courts, and municipality) participate in applying such inhumane oppressive policy. The owners demolished the establishments on their own to avoid paying the exaggerated financial fines; usually in Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligate the owners to pay the cost of demolishing their establishments in case they were demolished by the Israeli authorities. The Israeli authorities exaggerate in estimating the costs of the demolishing. The owner is arrested till the amount is paid. The demolished houses in this regard were under the claim of unlicensed buildings.

Table #8: Self- Demolishing

Governorate	Houses	Horses Stable
Jerusalem	6	1

Demolishing During Raiding the Palestinian Localities:

During raiding the Palestinian cities, refugee camps, and towns, the Israeli forces, intentionally, tend to destroy the Palestinian buildings and properties as an interpretation of the collective punishment policy. Additionally, the Israeli occupation forces demolish the infrastructure such as water, electricity, and sewage networks. During October, the Israeli forces demolished the following within this policy:

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1.	The Israeli authorities demolished a memorial of martyr Ibrahim Al- Nabulsi in Dheishe Camp- Bethlehem while raiding the camp	30/10/2023	Dheishe Camp- Bethlehem	
2.	During the attack on Jenin Refugee Camp, the Israeli air forces shelled a house owned by Al- Qneiri Family and the Israeli Drones targeted several facilities inside the camp. Additionally, during the raiding of Jenin City, the Israeli forces demolished parts of the external wall of Khalil Suliman Governmental Hospital.	30/10/2023	Jenin City and Jenin Camp	Al- Qneiri Family
3	In Burqa Village, the Israeli authorities demolished a house under construction owned by the family of martyr Khaled Seif. The house was used as a military base by the Israeli forces during raiding the village.	29/10/2023	Burqa Village- Nablus	Martyr Khaled Seif Family
4	During the invasion of Jenin Refugee Camp, the Israeli air forces shelled Al- Anssari Mosque in Dumage Quarter	21/10/2023	Jenin Camp- Jenin	
5.	During the invasion of Nourshams Refugee Camp- Tulkarem, the Israeli forces shelled a house with ENERGA anti-tank rifle grenade	20/10/2023	Nourshams Refugee Camp- Tulkarem	
6.	Close to Nilin Checkpoint, the Israeli bulldozers demolished several kiosks.	12/10/2023	Nilin Village- Ramallah	

Affected People:

All the targeted establishments are owned by Palestinians and so, during October, tens of Palestinians were affected as a result of the violations of the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian establishments

Claims for Targeting the Palestinian Establishments:

The Israeli authorities propose several claims in order to legalize their crimes against the Palestinian establishments. 20 of the 28 demolished establishments, during October, were under the claim of unlicensed buildings in areas classified as (C). 5 establishments were demolished within the policy of collective punishment applied against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation and to deter others from being involved in resisting the occupation. 2 establishments were demolished under the claim of being built close to a street used solely by the Israeli settlers.

As for the notified establishments, the owners of 4 establishments were notified with demolishing orders within the policy of collective punishment applied against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation.

Demolished establishments During October

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1.	In Aroua Village- Ramallah, the Israeli forces demolished the house of Salih Al- Arouri, the vice president of Hamas Political Office. Al- Arouri is accused of participating in planning for Toufan Al- Aqsa Operation	30/10/2023	Aroua Village- Ramallah	Salih Al- Arouri
2.	In Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus, the Israeli authorities demolished a two-floor house owned by the family of Hassan Qattanani. The martyr is accused of participating in a shooting operation against settlers in the Jordan Valley during the month of Ramadan 2023.	28/10/2023	Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus	Family of Martyr Hassan Qattanani
3	In Beit Hanina- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated three brothers to demolish their houses on their own. Each house is 70 square meters. The owners were notified earlier with demolishing orders under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	28/10/2023	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem	Omar, Kalil, and Nassar Al- Hussein.
4	In Soor Baher- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses under the claim of unlicensed buildings	28/10/2023	Soor Baher- Jerusalem	Hamza and Daoud Bkeirat.
5	In Jalazoun Refugee Camp- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished a two- floors house under the claim of an unlicensed building.	28/10/2023	Jalazoun Refugee Camp- Ramallah	Prisoner Bajis Nakhla
6	In Qalqilia City, the Israeli authorities demolished a shop under the claim of an unlicensed building.	26/10/2023	Qalqilia City	Ayman Al- Ashqar
7	In Beit Hanina, Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Palestinian to demolish his house on his own after being notified of a demolishing order early. The owner decided to demolish the house on his own to avoid paying the high financial fine in case the house was demolished by the Israeli authorities or being arrested till the fine is paid. The house is ordered demolished under the claim of an unlicensed building.	25/10/2023	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	Irahim Al- Malhi
8	In Sheikh Jarah- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a house, inhabited by 9 persons, under the claim of an unlicensed building	25/10/2023	Sheikh Jarah- Jerusalem	Ishaq Abu Jibna
9	In Jabal Al- Mukabber- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a house under the claim of an unlicensed building.	24/10/2023	Jabal Al- Mukabber- Jerusalem	Fadi Jaafar
10	In Soor Baher Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a store under the claim of an unlicensed building	24/10/2023	Soor Baher Village- Jerusalem	Majed Attoun

11	In Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Jerusalemite Palestinian to demolish a horse stable on his own, under the claim of an unlicensed building	23/10/2023	Silwan- Jerusalem	Ibrahim Siam
12	In Aqbat Jaber Refugee Camp- Jericho, the Israeli authorities demolished a two- floor house under the claim of an unlicensed building. The house is owned by the family of prisoner Maher Shloun, who is accused of participating in a shooting operation close to the dead Sea, which resulted in the killing of a settler.	24/10/2023	Aqbat Jaber Refugee Camp- Jericho	Family of prisoner Maher Shloun
13	In Oureef Village- Nablus, the Israeli authorities exploded the house of martyr Khaled Mustafa Sabbah family, who is accused of participating in a shooting operation on 20/6/2023	19/10/2023	In Oureef Village- Nablus	Family of martyr Khaled Mustafa Sabbah
14	In Qebia Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished the house of the family of martyr Ahmad Gheithan. Martyr Gheithan was shot dead by the Israeli forces on 6/7/2023, close to Kufur Qaddoum Village- Qalqilia claiming that he participated in a shooting operation in the area.	19/10/2023	Qebia Village- Ramallah	Family of Martyr Ahmad Gheithan
15	In Beit Hanina- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a warehouse owned by a Palestinian company, under the claim of being an unlicensed building. The owners were not allowed to take out the contents of the warehouse and it was demolished over them.	18/10/2023	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem	Qteish Family
16	In Beit Hanina- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a 140 square meters house, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	18/10/2023	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem	Suhaib Rajya
17	In Beit Hanina- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a house inhabited by 6 persons, under the claim of an unlicensed building	18/10/2023	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem	Omar Al- Rajabi
18	In the wild area around Tqou' Town- Bethlehem, the Israeli settlers demolished an agricultural room and they imposed control on the land for the purpose of expanding the settlement.	15/10/2023	Tqou' Town- Bethlehem	Mfare' Family.
19	In Rahwa area, close to Ubeidiya Village- Bethlehem, the Israeli authorities demolished three barracks to breed sheep, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	12/10/2023	Ubeidiya Village- Bethlehem	Salama Muhammad Safi and Adel Ali Safi
20	In Al- Jania Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses under the claim of being built close to a road used solely by the settlers from Telmon Settlement, built on the lands of the village.	12/10/2023	Al- Jania Village- Ramallah	Jadallah Nassar and Abdul- Kareem Abu Fkheida
21	In Beit Hanina- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Palestinian woman to demolish two apartments (125 square meters each), on her own, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	1/10/2023	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem	Fayza Hussein Atta Al-Ubeidi

Notified establishments During October

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	In Silwad- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities identified 3 houses to be demolished	30/10/2023	Silwad- Ramallah	Abdul- Majeed Al- Nator, the brother of prisoner Farah who was released and deported to the Gaza Strip and Abdul- Raheem Hamed, the father of prisoner Nidal Hamed, who was also released and deported to the Gaza Strip, and the house of the brother of Nidal
2	The Israeli authorities notified the family of Salih Al- Arouri with a demolishing order of his house. Al- Arouri is the vice- president of Hamas Political Office and he is accused for participating in planning for Toufan Al- Aqsa Operation.	10/10/2023	Aroura Village- Ramallah	Family of Salih Al- Arouri.