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Monthly Documentation Report

The Israeli Violations and Demolition of the Palestinian Establishments

1- 30/4/2023



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 researching team of Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS. The report covers the period 1- 30/4/2023 in the West Bank, including Jerusalem and reflects the accumulated efforts of the organization's documentation and fieldwork teams.



April Overall Statistics:

During April 2023, Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS, documented targeting 50 Palestinian establishments, by the Israeli occupation authorities, through demolishing, confiscation, or notifications with demolishing orders to be targeted in the near future.

The major violation during April was in the form of demolishing, where 11 Palestinian establishments were demolished including commercial establishments, agricultural rooms, and poultry farm.

As for the notifications with demolishing orders, eviction, stop construction or other violations that ban Palestinians from benefiting from their establishments, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 37 establishments. The targeted establishments in this regard included houses, residential barracks, commercial establishments, and a religious establishment. Revising the distributed notifications would help to predict the future targeting of the Palestinian establishments.

The Israeli authorities confiscated 2 establishments (residential tent and mobile caravan).

Types of the Targeted Establishments:

The targeted establishments types are distributed as follows:

Table #1: Types Targeted Establishments (Demolishing, Confiscation, or Notifications)

Type	Number
Houses	24
Residential Tents	1
Residential Barracks	9
Agricultural Rooms	4
Commercial Establishments	7
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	2
Religious Establishments	1
Poultry Farm	1
Mobile Caravan	1
Total	50

Types Targeted Establishments (Demolishing, Confiscation, or Notifications)

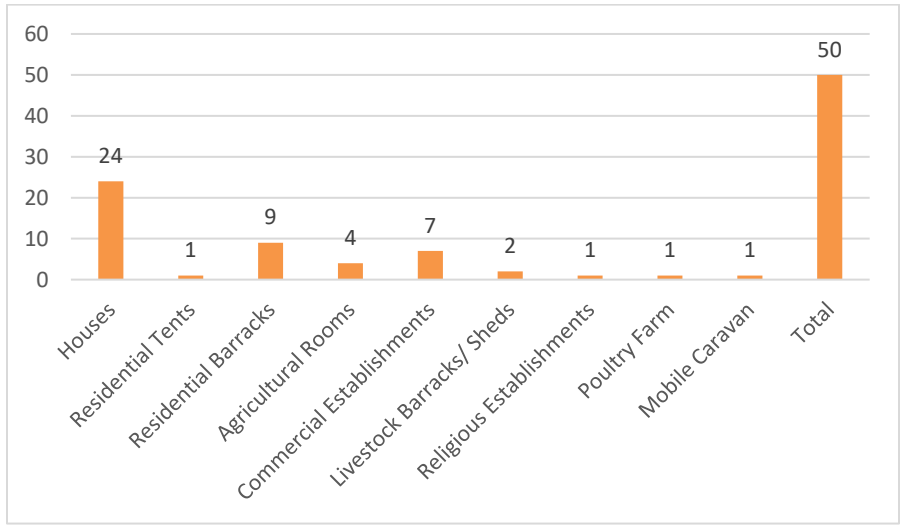


Table # 2: Types of Demolished Establishments

Type	Number
Agricultural Rooms	4
Commercial Establishments	6
Poultry Farm	1
Total	11

Types of Demolished Establishments

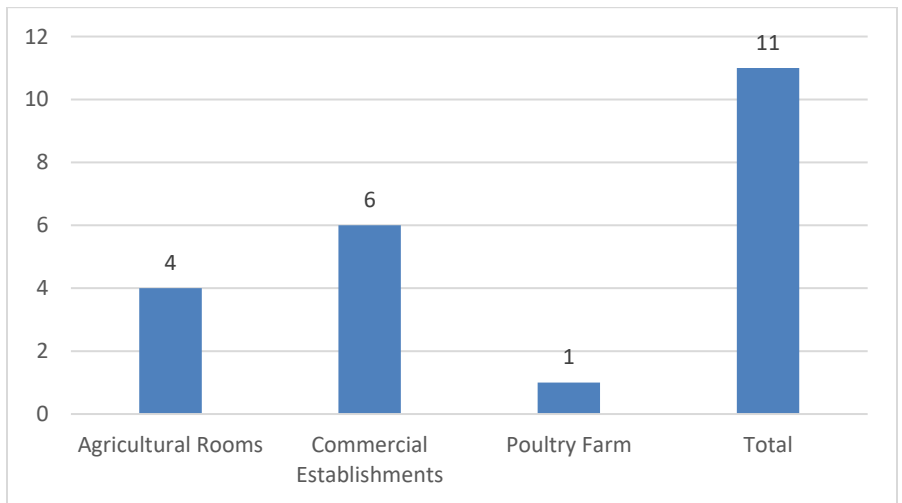


Table # 3: Types of Notified Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	24
Residential Barracks	9
Commercial Establishments	1
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	2
Religious establishments	1
Total	37

Types of Notified Establishments

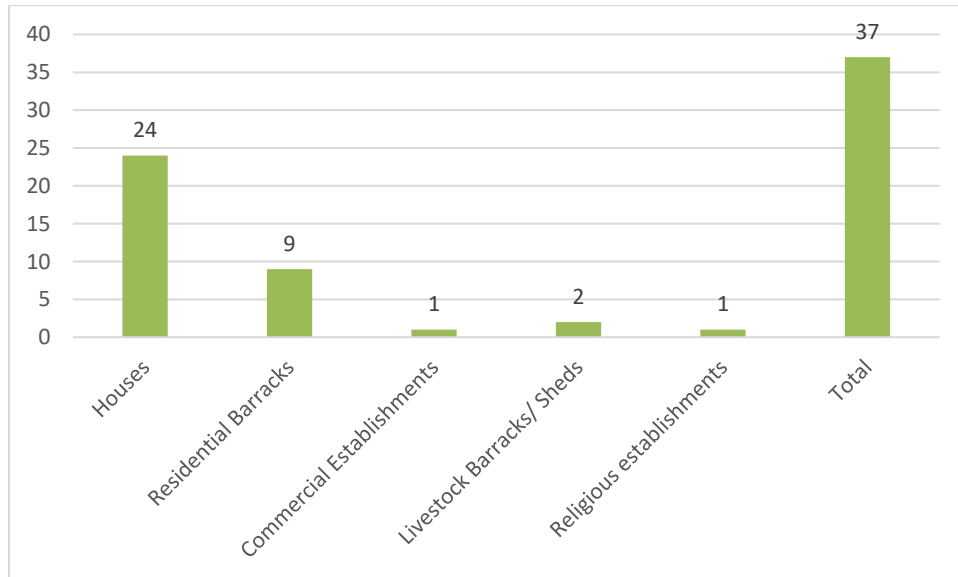


Table # 4: Types of Confiscated Establishments:

Type	Number
Residential Tents	1
Mobile Caravans	1
Total	2

Geographical Distribution of the Targeted establishments

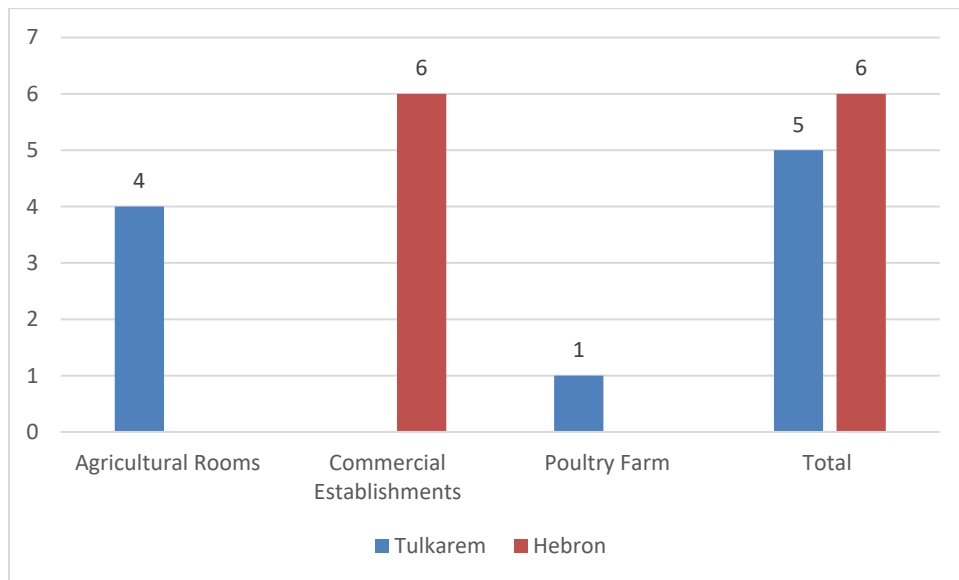
* Demolished Establishments:

The demolished establishments were distributed among the various governorates of the west Bank where the majority was in Hebron Governorate (6) while there were (5) in Tulkarem. The term establishment here refers to any type of establishments described in table # 5. According to the data collected by SHAMS Center, the distribution of the targeted establishments among the various governorates is in accordance with the following table:

Table #5: Distribution of the Demolished Establishments among the Governorates:

Governorate	Agricultural Rooms	Commercial Establishments	Poultry Farm	Total
Tulkarem	4		1	5
Hebron		6		6

Distribution of the Demolished Establishments among the Governorates



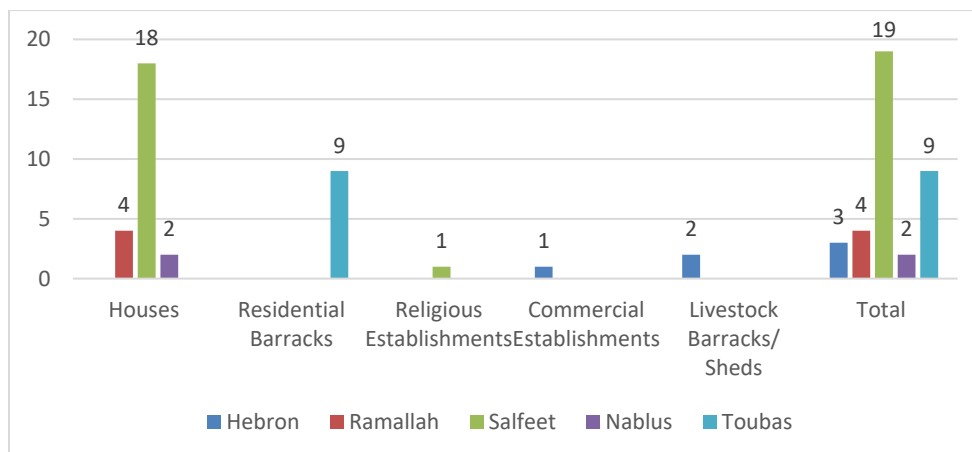
Distribution of the Notified Establishments among the Governorates:

Regarding the notifications (demolishing, stop construction, eviction, or other violations) that deprive Palestinians from utilizing their establishments, the majority was in Salfet (19) while there were (9) in Toubas. Revising the notifications distribution, as stated earlier, would contribute to predict the future targeting of the Palestinian establishments. The geographical distribution of the targeted establishments is according to the following table:

Table #6: Distribution of the Notified Establishments among the Governorates:

Governorate	Houses	Residential Barracks	Religious Establishments	Commercial Establishments	Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	Total
Hebron				1	2	3
Ramallah	4					4
Salfet	18		1			19
Nablus	2					2
Toubas		9				9

Distribution of the Notified Establishments among the Governorates



Distribution of the Confiscated Establishments among the Governorates:

During this month, the Israeli occupation authorities confiscated two establishments in Jericho/ Jordan Valley and Hebron, according to the following table

Governorate	Residential Tents	Mobile Caravan	Total
Hebron	1		1
Jericho/ Jordan Valley		1	1

Demolishing and Notifications with Demolishing Orders for Security Reasons:

The Israeli occupation applies the policy of home demolishing as a collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation. Such policy is applied to deter other Palestinians from participating in the national resistance. During the current month, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of two houses in Nablus and one in Ramallah with demolishing orders as detailed in the following table:

Table # 8: Notifications with demolishing orders for Security Reasons:

Number	Violation	Area	Governorate	Date	Description
1	Notification Order	Nablus City	Nablus	21/4/2023	The Israeli Authorities notified the family of prisoner Usama Al-Taweel from Nablus City under the justification that he participated in a shooting operation towards Israelis close to Nablus
1	Notification Order	Nilin Village	Ramallah	21/4/2023	The Israeli Authorities decided to demolish the house of martyr Mutaz Al- Khawaja from Nilin Village, to the West of Ramallah. Martyr Al- Khwaja was killed during an operation of shooting towards Israelis in Tel- Aviv City that resulted in killing an Israeli and injuring others. The family was given a week to appeal against the decision. The Israeli authorities are still holding the body of martyr Al- Khawaja
1	Notification Order	Nablus City	Nablus	28/4/2023	The Israeli authorities notified the family of prisoner Kamal Al- Jouri with a demolishing order of their house. Prisoner Al- Jouri is accused for participating in a shooting operation close to Nablus that targeted Israelis.

Justifications for Targeting the Palestinian Establishments:

Regarding the justifications given by the occupation authorities to legalize the crimes against Palestinian establishments, all the 11 demolished establishments during April were under the justification of unlicensed building in areas classified as (c).

Regarding the notifications, the owners of 28 establishments were notified under the justification of unlicensed building in areas classified as (c) while 5 establishments were notified under the justification

of building in an area closed for military purposes. 3 houses were notified within the policy of collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation. The owner of one establishment was notified under the justification that it is a Jewish property since the period before 1948.

The two confiscated establishments were under the justification of unlicensed building in areas classified as (c).

Detailed Table of the Violations against Palestinian Establishments During April 2023

a. Demolished Establishments

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected Persons
1	Under the protection of the Israeli soldiers, a group of Israeli settlers demolished 5 shops in the Old City of Hebron in order to confiscate the land and build settlement on it	19/4/2023	Old City- Hebron	
2	The Israeli authorities demolished a shop in the Gold Street in the Vegetables Market area (closed) in the Old City of Hebron	18/4/2023	Old City- Hebron	
3	In Shoufa Village- Tulkarem, the Israeli settlers demolished 4 agricultural rooms built of stones and wood with metal roof. The settlers demolished the contents of the rooms that include agricultural tools in addition to destroying a poultry farm, under the justification of unlicensed building	2/4/2023	Shoufa Village- Tulkarem	

b. Notified Establishments for April, 2023

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected Persons
1	The Israeli Authorities notified the family of prisoner Kamal Al- Jouri with a demolishing order of their house under the justification that he participated in a shooting operation towards Israelis close to Nablus	28/4/2023	Nablus City- Nablus Governorate	The family of prisoner Kamal Al- Jouri
2	The Israeli Authorities notified the owner of a carpentry in the old city of Hebron to evict the place in order to be handed to the Israeli settlers under the justification that it is a Jewish Property from the period before 1948	27/4/2023	Old City of Hebron- Hebron Governorate	Abdul- Muhdi Abu Eisheh

3	In Al- Fariseya area- Toubas/ Jordan Valley, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of a residential establishment with a demolishing order under the justification of unlicensed building	26/4/2023	Al- Fariseya area- Toubas/ Jordan Valley	Bajes Saeed Daraghma and Raddad Hamed Daraghma
4	The Israeli authorities notified the owners of residential establishment in Ein Al- Hilwa Bedwin Gathering-Northern Jordan Valley, as a final notice, with a demolishing order under the justification of unlicensed building.	25/4/2023	Ein Al- Hilwa Bedwin Gathering-Northern Jordan Valley	Hilal and Muhammad Adel Daraghma (two brothers)
5	The Israeli authorities decided to demolish the house of martyr Mutaz Al- Khawaja family from Nilin Village, to the West of Ramallah. Martyr Al-Khawaja conducted a shooting operation in Tel- Aviv that resulted in killing an Israeli and injuring others. The family was given a week to appeal against the decision through the Israeli courts.	21/4/2023	Nilin Village-Ramallah	The family of martyr Mutaz Al-Khawaja
6	The Israeli Authorities decided to demolish the house of Prisoner Usama Al- Taweel Family from Nablus City under the justification that he participated in a shooting operation against Israelis close to Nablus City	21/4/2023	Nablus City-Nablus Governorate	The family of prisoner Usama Al- Taweel
7	In Nilin Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of two houses and livestock barrack to stop construction under the justification of unlicensed building	19/4/2023	Nilin Village-Ramallah	Ahmad Subhi Amira, Hamad Muhammad Mousa, Mahmoud Muhammad Mousa, Mukhless Shahwan
8	In Zaweya Village- Salfet, the Israeli Authorities notified the owners to stop construction in 18 houses and a mosque under the justification of unlicensed building	18/4/2023	Zaweya Village-Salfet	
9	In Wadi Al- Joufa- Toubas/ Northern Jordan Valley, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 5 houses to stop construction under the justification of being built in a closed area for military purposes.	31/4/2023	Kherbet Humssa-Toubas/ Northern Jordan Valley	

c. Confiscated Establishment- April 2023

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected Persons
1	The Occupation Authorities (during invasion of Jericho City) confiscated a mobile caravan from the area close to Hisham Palace	30/4/2023	Jericho City- Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate	
2	In Ein Maeen area- Masafer Yatta-Hebron , a group of settlers stole a residential tent owned by a Palestinian citizen	16/4/2023	Masafer Yatta- Hebron	Ali Hamamda