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**The Israeli Violations and Demolishing against Palestinian Establishments and Houses**

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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- August:

SHAMS Center documented targeting 136 Palestinian establishments, during August, through demolishing, confiscation, or notification with demolishing orders in the near future.

The major form of violation was demolishing where (30) establishments were demolished including (5) within the policy of self-demolishing. Jerusalemites are forced to demolish their establishments on their own to avoid paying the costs of demolishing in case done by the Israeli authorities. Jerusalemites have no choices where either they pay or the owner will be arrested till the cost is paid. All the demolished establishments were under the claim of an unlicensed building. One of the demolished establishments is owned by a woman (named Maram Munjed Al- Iweivi) from Soba Village- Hebron, where the Israeli authorities demolished stone terraces that surround a three-donum agricultural piece of land, under the claim of an unlicensed building.

Concerning the notifications, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 103 establishments with orders to demolish or stop construction, under the claim of unlicensed buildings. The notified establishments included houses, commercial establishments, agricultural pergolas, and terrain walls.

The confiscated establishments included two mobile caravans and one health unit.

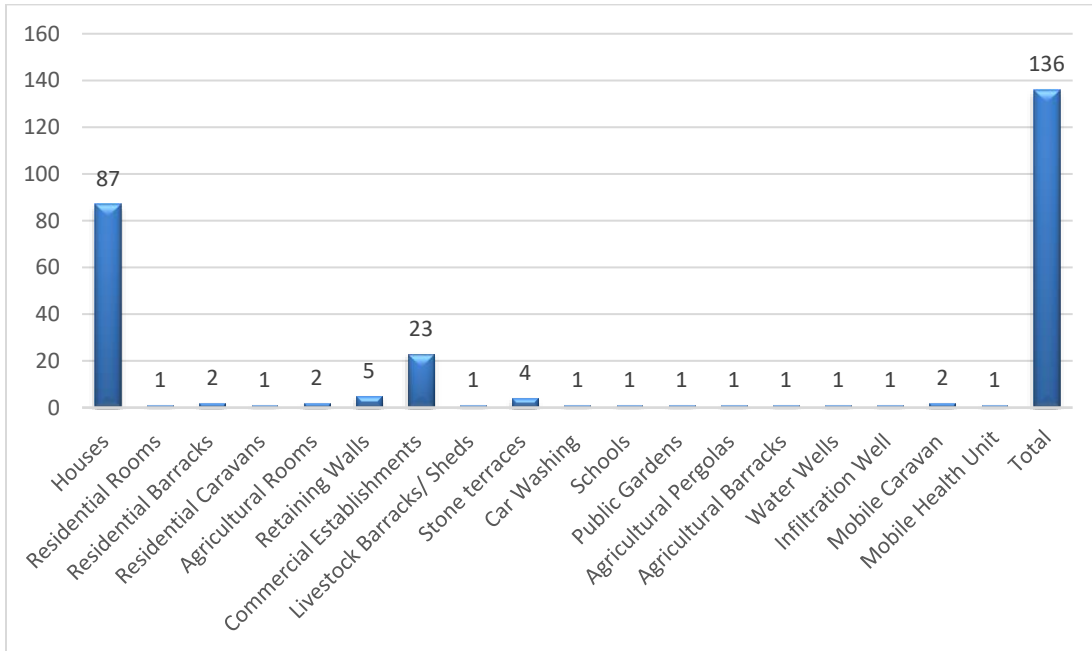
### Types of Demolished Establishments:

The following table includes a description of the types of the targeted establishments:

**Table # 1: Types of the Targeted Establishments**

Type	Number
Houses	87
Residential Rooms	1
Residential Barracks	2
Residential Caravans	1
Agricultural Rooms	2
Retaining Walls	5
Commercial Establishments	23
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	1
Stone terraces	4
Car Washing	1
Schools	1
Public Gardens	1
Agricultural Pergolas	1
Agricultural Barracks	1
Water Wells	1
Infiltration Well	1
Mobile Caravan	2
Mobile Health Unit	1
Total	136

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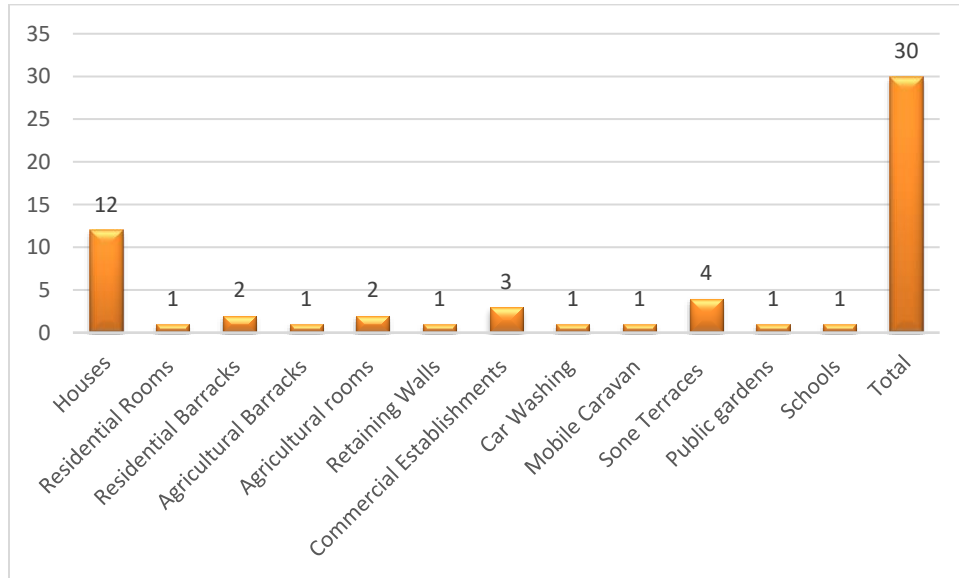


**Table# 2:**

### Types of Demolished Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	12
Residential Rooms	1
Residential Barracks	2
Agricultural Barracks	1
Agricultural rooms	2
Retaining Walls	1
Commercial Establishments	3
Car Washing	1
Mobile Caravan	1
Sone Terraces	4
Public gardens	1
Schools	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

### Types of Demolished Establishments

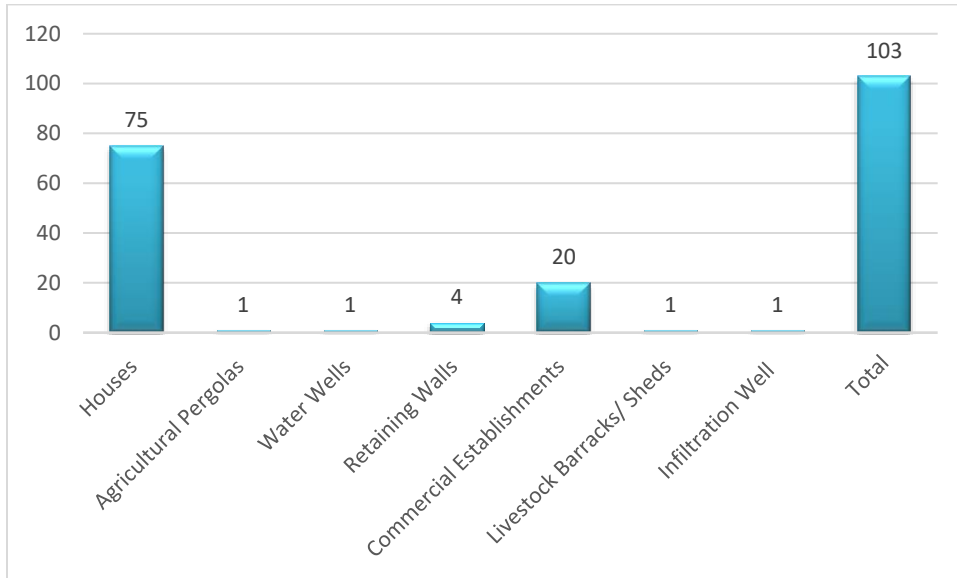


**Table # 3:**

### Types of Notified Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	75
Agricultural Pergolas	1
Water Wells	1
Retaining Walls	4
Commercial Establishments	20
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	1
Infiltration Well	1
Total	103

### Types of Notified Establishments



**Table #4:**

### Types of Confiscated Establishments

Type	Number
<b>Residential Caravans</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mobile Caravan</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mobile Health Unit</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

**Geographical Distribution of the Targeted Establishments:**

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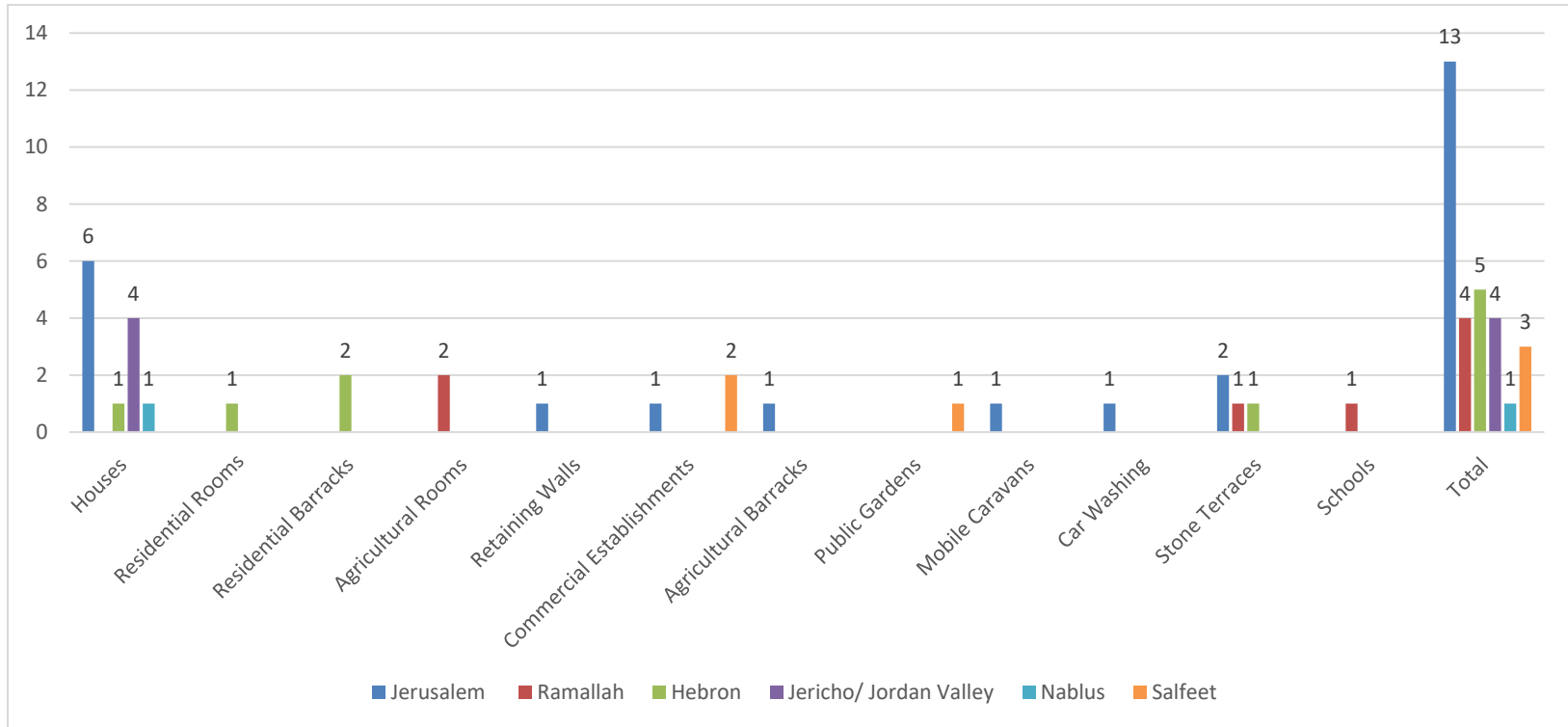
As for the geographical distribution of the targeted establishments, the majority was in Jerusalem (13) while there were (5) in Hebron Governorate. The term “establishment” refers to any type of establishments detailed in table 5. The distribution of the demolished establishments among the various governorates, was as follows:

**Table # 5: Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments**

Governorate	Houses	Residential Rooms	Residential Barracks	Agricultural Rooms	Retaining Walls	Commercial Establishments	Agricultural Barracks	Public Gardens	Mobile Caravans	Car Washing	Stone Terraces	Schools	Total
Jerusalem	6				1	1	1		1	1	2		13
Ramallah				2							1	1	4
Hebron	1	1	2								1		5
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	4												4

Nablus	1													1
Salfeet						2		1						3

### Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments



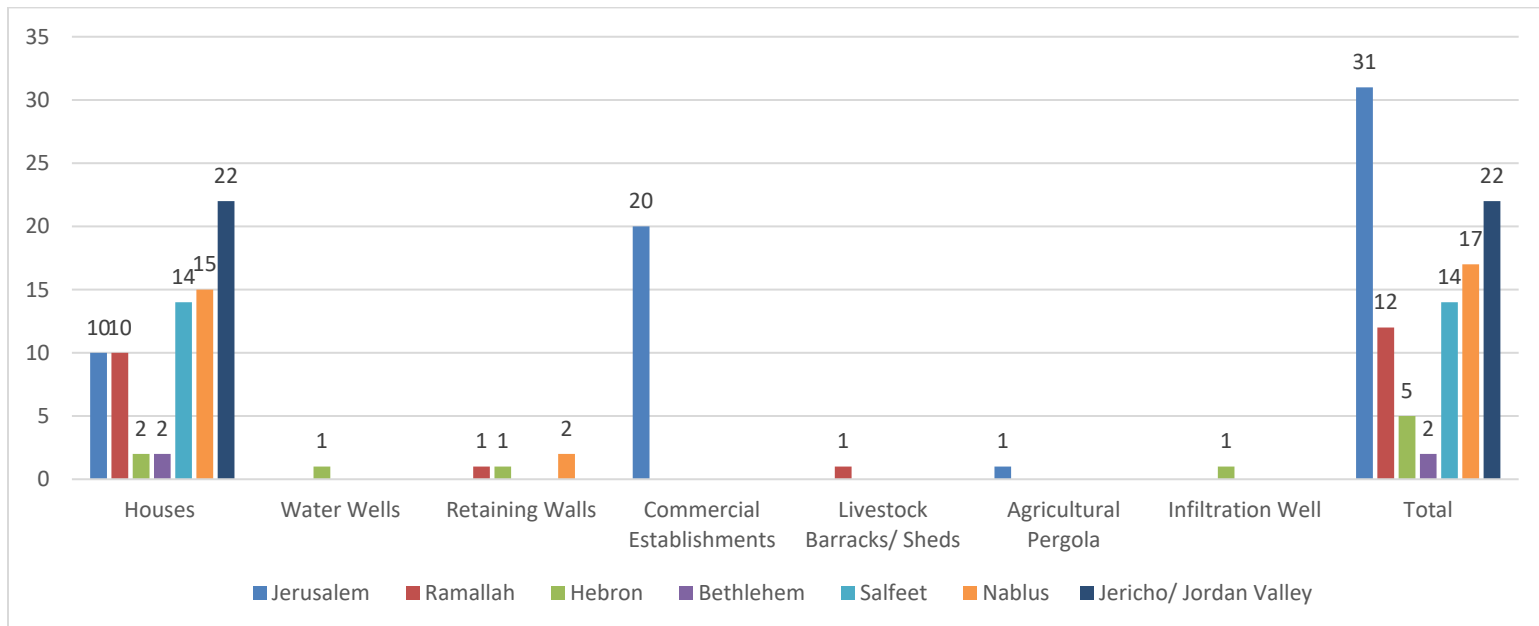
- **Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments:**

As for the notified owners of the establishments with demolishing or stopping construction or evacuating, as well as other violations that violate Palestinians' right to utilize their assets, the majority was in Jerusalem (31) while there were 22 establishments in Jericho and Jordan Valley. Revising the notifications would contribute to predicting the future targeting of the Palestinian establishments. The following table details the geographical distribution of the notified establishments:

**Table #6: Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments:**

Governorate	Houses	Water Wells	Retaining Walls	Commercial Establishments	Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	Agricultural Pergola	Infiltration Well	Total
Jerusalem	10			20		1		31
Ramallah	10		1		1			12
Hebron	2	1	1				1	5
Bethlehem	2							2
Salfeet	14							14
Nablus	15		2					17
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	22							22

### Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments



**Table # 7: Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishment**

Governorate	Residential Caravans	Mobile Caravan	Mobile Health Unit	Total
Hebron		1	1	2
Toubas	1			1

**Demolishing and Notifications with Demolishing orders for Security Reasons:**

The Israeli Occupation utilizes the policy of home demolition as a collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation. Through such policy, the occupations seeks to deter Palestinians from being involved in the national resistance. During August, the Israeli authorities demolished a house in Nablus and notified the owner of another house with a demolishing order within this policy, as described in the table below:

**Table #8:**

**Demolishing and Notifications with Demolishing Orders for Security Reasons**

Number	Violation	Area	Governorate	Date	Description
1	Notification	Ras Al- Amoud	Jerusalem	3/8/2023	The Israeli Authorities upheld the decision to demolish the house of martyr Khairi Alqam in Shyah Quarter- Ras Al- Amoud- Jerusalem  Martyr Alqam is accused of shooting operation close to the so- called Navieh Yacoub Settlement on 27/1/2023
1	Demolishing	Askar Refugee Camp	Nablus	8/8/2023	The Israeli authorities exploded the house of the family of Martyr Abdul Fattah Kharousha. The house is inhabited by 6 persons including a woman. Martyr Kharousha is accused of a shooting operation during February 2023, and later on, he was assassinated by the Israeli army in Jenin Refugee Camp

**Self-Demolishing:**

Self-demolishing represents a structured form of oppression practiced by the Israeli occupation against Palestinians. Jerusalemite Palestinians are obligated to demolish their establishments on their own because if they do not do, then they should pay the cost of the demolishing process if done by the Israeli authorities. In this case, the Israeli authorities estimate the costs with exaggeration and the owner of the establishment would be arrested till the amount is paid. The Israeli authorities are pushing Jerusalemite Palestinians to participate in the crimes committed against them.

During August, the owners of 5 houses were forced to demolish them on their own (out of 30 demolished establishments) to avoid paying the exaggerated financial fines.

**Table #9  
Self-Demolishing**

Governorate	Houses
Jerusalem	5

**Demolishing During Raiding Palestinian Localities**

During raiding the Palestinian cities, refugee camps, villages, and towns, the Israeli authorities tend to damage the Palestinians' houses and properties in addition to damaging the water, electricity, and sewage networks. During August, the damage caused by the Israeli forces to the Palestinian properties as follows:

**Table # 10  
Demolishing During Raiding**

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected Persons
1	The Israeli forces exploded an apartment owned by Abdullah Abu Shalal in Balata Refugee Camp used as a headquarters for Fateh Movement. The apartment was exploded during a raid of the camp to arrest Palestinians accused for resisting the occupation	15/8/2023	Balata Refugee Camp- Nablus	Abdullah Abu Shalal and Fateh Movement
2	During raiding Jenin City, the Israeli army demolished part of a house and a nearby bakery	16/8/2023	Jenin City- Jenin	Akram Al- Qanba Al- Castouni

**Compulsory Displacement:**

Within the policy of compulsory displacing of Palestinians, the Israeli authorities obligated 6 Palestinian families from Al- Qabboun Bedwin Gathering to evacuate their residential places, on 6/8/2023. The Bedwin Gathering is located to the east of Ramallah and the residents were subject to ongoing harassment by the Israeli army and settlers. 36 Palestinians were forced to leave their residential places. The displaced Palestinians are from Caabna Family, which was uprooted from their residential places in the year 1948, during the Nakba.

**Targeted Population:**

All the targeted establishments are owned by Palestinians where during August, at least 21 persons were affected by the Israeli occupation crimes, including at least 3 women and 7 children.

**Claims for the Violations:**

As for the claims proposed by the occupation authorities to legalize the crimes against the Palestinian establishments, 28 establishments (out of 30 demolished establishments), were demolished under the claim of unlicensed building in an area classified as (C) while one establishment was demolished within the policy of collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation. The last establishment was demolished under the claim of being built on an archeological site.

Concerning the notified establishments, the owners of 102 establishments were notified under the claim of unlicensed building in an area classified as (C), while the owner of one establishment was notified with a demolishing order within the policy of collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation.

The 3 confiscated establishments were under the claim of unlicensed buildings.

**Detailed table of the Demolished Establishments During August 2023**

No.	Description of the Violation	Date	Location	Affected population
1	In Souba Village- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished stone terraces that surround 3 donum piece of land, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	1/8/2023	Souba Village- Hebron	Maram Munjed Al- Iweiwi
2	In Deir Baloutt Village- Salfeet, the Israeli authorities demolished a 200 square meters commercial establishment under the claim of an unlicensed building in an area classified as (C)	1/8/2023	Deir Baloutt Village- Salfeet	Ahmad Khalil Abdullah
3	The Israeli Authorities obligated a Palestinian family in Salaa Quarter- Jabal Al- Mukabber- Jerusalem, to demolish their house on their own under the claim of unlicensed building	3/8/2023	Jabal Al- Mukabber- Jerusalem	
4	The Israeli forces exploded the house of martyr Abdul- Fattah Kharousha from Askar Refugee Camp- Nablus. The house is inhabited by 6 persons including a woman. Martyr Kharousha is accused for a shooting operation during February 2023 and he was assassinated by the Israeli army in Jenin Refugee camp after weeks since the shooting operation took place.	8/8/2023	Askar Refugee Camp- Nablus	The family of martyr Abdul- Fattah Kharousha
5	In Abasiya Quarter- Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished agricultural barrack, stone terraces, and wooden beams under the claim of an unlicensed building	9/8/2023	Silwan- Jerusalem	Khaled Al- Zier
6	In Beit Hanina- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Jerusalemite Palestinian to demolish ad addition to his house (45 square meter) on his own. The owner was notified earlier with a demolishing order under the claim of an unlicensed building. The owner demolished the annexed part to the house on his own to avoid paying the high financial cost of the demolishing or being arrested in case not paid. The house is inhabited by two families of five persons including two women.	10/8/2023	Beit Hanina- Jerusalem	Tamer Al- Bakri

7	In Al- Musrara Quarter- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Jerusalemite Palestinian to demolish his house on his own as he was notified earlier with a demolishing order. The house was demolished under the claim of an unlicensed building and the owner demolished it on his own to avoid paying high financial fines in case was demolished by the Israeli authorities themselves.	14/8/2023	Al- Musrara Quarter- Jerusalem	Muhammad Al- Qaq
8	In Beit Seira Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished two agricultural rooms and stone terraces and uprooted fruitful and olive trees in a 6 donum area piece of land in addition to damaging a fence and water network, under the claim that the land is state land owned by Jews.	14/8/2023	Beit Seira Village- Ramallah	Najeh Diab Anqawi, Haitham Sami Anqawi, Muhammad Ismaeil Anqawi, Khaled Anqawi, Fayez Anqawi, Muhammad Issa Anqawi, and Issa Abu Safeya
9	In Beer Abu Ammar archeological site in Qarawa Bani Hassan Village- Salfet, the Israeli authorities demolished a public garden under the claim of being built in an archeological site while the Israeli authorities plan to confiscate the place to establish a settlement post.	15/8/2023	Qarawa Bani Hassan Village- Salfet	
10	In Al- Adhra Area- Yatta- Hebron, a group of settlers from the so-called Maoun Settlement, demolished an agricultural room	16/8/2023	Yatta- Hebron	Muhammad Ali Al- Shawaheen
11	In Ein Samia area- Kufur Malek Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished Ras Al- Tein School, which serves several Bedwin Gatherings in the area.	17/8/2023	Kufur Malek Village- Ramallah	
12	During raiding Sartta Village- Salfet, the Israeli authorities demolished a blacksmithy shop under the claim of unlicensed building	17/8/2023	Sartta Village- Salfet	Mahmoud Ali Sarsour
13	In Ein Dyouk Tahta Village- Jericho, the Israeli authorities demolished 4 houses under the claim of an unlicensed building	21/8/2021	Ein Dyouk Tahta Village- Jericho	Shafeeq Rawagh, Mahmoud Tannous and other owners

14	On the entrance of Beddo Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished 150 square meters house under the claim of an unlicensed building	21/8/2023	Beddo Village- Jerusalem	Bajes Hussein Al- Sheikh
15	In Beddo Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a brick factory under the claim of an unlicensed building. The estimated loss of the owner is hundreds of thousands of NIS.	21/8/2023	Beddo Village- Jerusalem	Muhannad Ghamem Abu Eid and his brother Muhammad
16	In Beddo Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished stone terraces and a mobile caravan in addition to destroying agricultural land, under the claim of an unlicensed building	21/8/2023	Beddo Village- Jerusalem	Abdul- akim Muhammad Ayyash
17	In Sur Baher Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Jerusalemite Palestinian to demolish his house on his own after being notified earlier with a demolishing order, under the claim of an unlicensed building. The owner decided to demolish the house to avoid paying the exaggerated demolishing cost in case it was done by the Israeli authorities.	24/8/2023	Sur Baher Village- Jerusalem	Ayman Dabash
18	In Issawya Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished car wash garage under the claim of an unlicensed building	24/8/2023	Issawya Village- Jerusalem	Adam Yousef Muheisen
19	In Saediya Quarter- Old City- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Jerusalemite Palestinian to demolish his house on his own after being notified earlier with a demolishing order, under the claim of unlicensed building. The owner decided to demolish the house to avoid paying the exaggerated demolishing cost in case it was done by the Israeli authorities	29/8/2023	Old City- Jerusalem	Hamza Jaafar
20	In Bweira area- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished two- floors house under the claim of an unlicensed building	29/8/2023	Bweira area- Hebron	Bader Shukri Sultan Al- Tamimi
21	In Tarqoumia Town- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished two brick houses “roofed” with metal. and 70 square meters area each). The two houses were demolished under the claim of an unlicensed building.	30/8/2023	Tarqoumia Town- Hebron	Atta Jami Jaafra and another citizen

**Detailed table of the Notified Establishments During August 2023**

No.	Description of the Violation	Date	Location	Affected population
1	In Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of an agricultural pergola with a demolishing order under the claim of an unlicensed building	2/8/2023	Silwan- Jerusalem	Khaled Al- Zier
2	The Israeli authorities upheld the decision to demolish the house of the family of martyr Khairi Alqam in Shiyah Quarter- Ras Al-Amoud- Jerusalem. Martyr Alqam is accused of conducting a shooting operation close to the so-called Nevieh Yacob Settlement on 27/1/2023.	3/8/2023	Ras Al- Amoud- Jerusalem	Family of martyr Khairi Alqam
3	In Yetma Village- Nablus, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 15 houses to demolish and stop construction, under the claim of unlicensed buildings	6/8/2023	Yetma Village- Nablus	
4	In Yetma Village- Nablus, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of two walls in an agricultural land, with a demolishing order under the claim of an unlicensed building	6/8/2023	Yetma Village- Nablus	
5	In Sartta Village- Salfeet, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 14 houses with orders to demolish and stop construction, under the claim of unlicensed buildings	8/8/2023	Sartta Village- Salfeet	
6	In Um Safa Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of a house with a demolishing order under the claim of an unlicensed building.	8/8/2023	Um Safa Village- Ramallah	Ubaida Mohammad Al-Ibiyat
7	In Al-Khader Village- Bethlehem, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of two houses with demolishing orders under the claim of an unlicensed building. One of the two houses is under construction while the other is inhabited by 5 persons	8/8/2023	Al- Khader Village- Bethlehem	Samih Ahmad Salah

8	In Sinjel Town- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 8 houses with orders to demolish and stop construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building	9/8/2023	Sinjel Town- Ramallah	
9	In the Industrial Zone- Wadi Al- Jouz- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 20 commercial establishments with demolishing orders under the claim of unlicensed building	14/8/2023	Wadi Al- Jouz- Jerusalem	
10	In Bweib Village- Hebron, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of a house with an order to stop construction under the claim of an unlicensed building. The house was built to shelter a family of seven persons, including 5 children	16/8/2023	Bweib Village- Hebron	
11	In Deirat Area- Yatta- Hebron, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of a house with an order to stop construction under the claim of an unlicensed building	16/8/2023	Yatta- Hebron	Muhammad Yaser Al-Adra
12	In Yatta Town- Hebron, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of a water well (under construction), retaining walls, and infiltration well to stop construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	16/8/2023	Yatta Town- Hebron	Amjad Abu Iram
13	In Kouper Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of a house, wall, and livestock barrack, with a demolishing order, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	16/8/2023	Couper Village- Ramallah	
14	In Ein Dyouk Tahta Village- Jericho, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of four houses with demolishing orders, under the claim of an unlicensed building in an area classified as (C)	21/8/2023	Ein Dyouk Tahta Village- Jericho	Muhammad and Fadi Thaher and Asaad and Muhammad Ali
15	In Jericho City, the Israeli authorities notified the owners to stop construction in 17 houses (some have been built and inhabited for years and some are under construction), under the claim of an unlicensed building	29/8/2023	Jericho City	
16	In Al- Basateen Quarter- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 9 houses with demolishing orders, under the claim of an unlicensed building	31/8/2023	Al- Basateen Quarter- Jerusalem	

**Detailed table of the Confiscated Establishments During August 2023**

No.	Description of the Violation	Date	Location	Affected population
1	In Zief Village- Hebron, the Israeli authorities confiscated a mobile caravan under the claim of an unlicensed building	15/8/2023	Zief Village- Hebron	A citizen from Abu Mreir Family
2	In Humssa Hamlet- Northern Jordan Vally- Toubas, the Israeli authorities disfigured and confiscated a mobile residential caravan and a mobile toilette, under the claim of an unlicensed building	15/8/2023	Humssa Hamlet- Northern Jordan Vally- Toubas	Jaafar Abdul- Basset Bisharat