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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- 30/ 9/2023 in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and reflects the accumulated efforts of the organization's documentation and fieldwork teams.



Overall Statistics- September

During the current month, the Israeli authorities targeted 205 Palestinian establishments through demolishing, confiscation, or notifying with orders of demolishing and stopping construction, to be targeted in the near future.

The major form of violation was demolishing where 72 establishments were demolished. Four of the demolished establishments were within the policy of self- demolishing where the owners found no choice, but to demolish the establishments on their own to avoid paying high financial fines or being arrested until the fine is paid. One of the demolished establishments (all were under the claim of an unlicensed building) is owned by a woman; this establishment is located in Froush Beit Dajan- Nablus.

As for the notifications, the owners of 131 establishments were notified with demolishing or stop construction orders under the claim of unlicensed buildings. The notified establishments included houses, commercial establishments, car washing, warehouses, agricultural barracks, wooden pergolas, and a playground.

As for the confiscated establishments, they included two houses, one in the Old City of Jerusalem and the other in the Old City of Hebron.

Types of the Targeted Establishments:

The targeted establishments by demolishing, notification of demolishing/ stop construction, and confiscation, were according to the following table:

Table # 1: Types of Targeted Establishments (Demolishing, Notification with Demolishing or stopping construction orders, and Confiscation)

Type	Number
Houses	118
Residential Tents	1
Retaining Walls	1
Commercial Establishments	65
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	2
Car Washing	3
Wooden Pergola	2
Agricultural Barracks	3
Warehouses	7
Animal Farm	1
Family Saloon	1
Playground	1
Total	205

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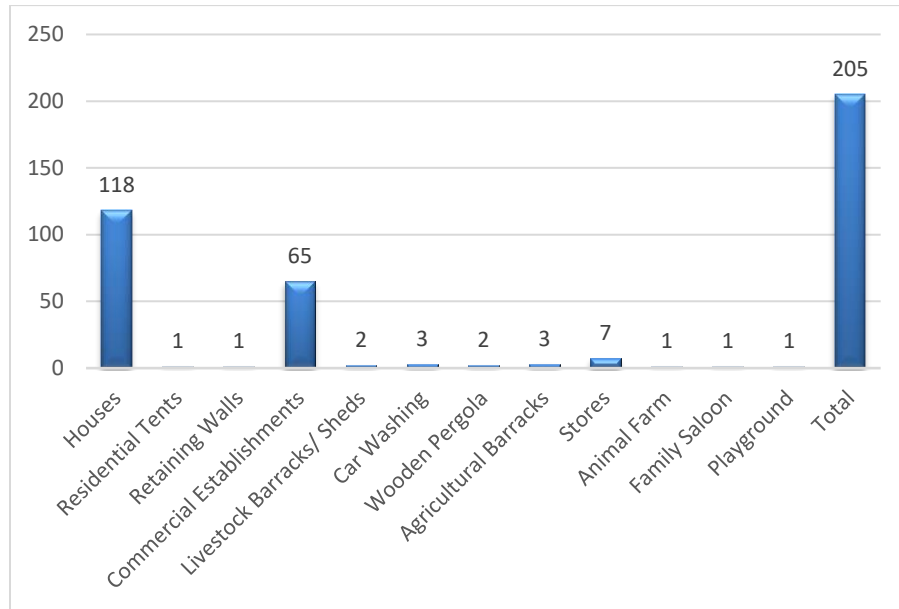


Table # 2: Types of Demolished Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	14
Retaining Walls	1
Commercial Establishments	51
Car Washing	2
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	1
Family Saloon	1
Warehouses	1
Animal Farm	1
Total	72

Types of Demolished Establishments

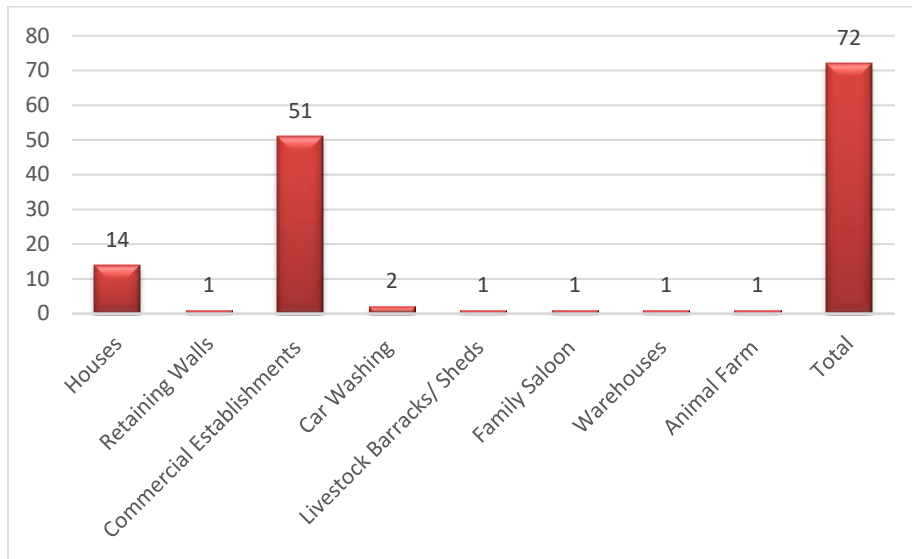


Table # 3: Types of Notified Establishment

Type	Number
Houses	102
Residential Tents	1
Car Washing	1
Warehouses	6
Agricultural Barracks	3
Commercial Establishments	14
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	1
Agricultural Pergola	2
Playground	1
Total	131

Types of Notified Establishment

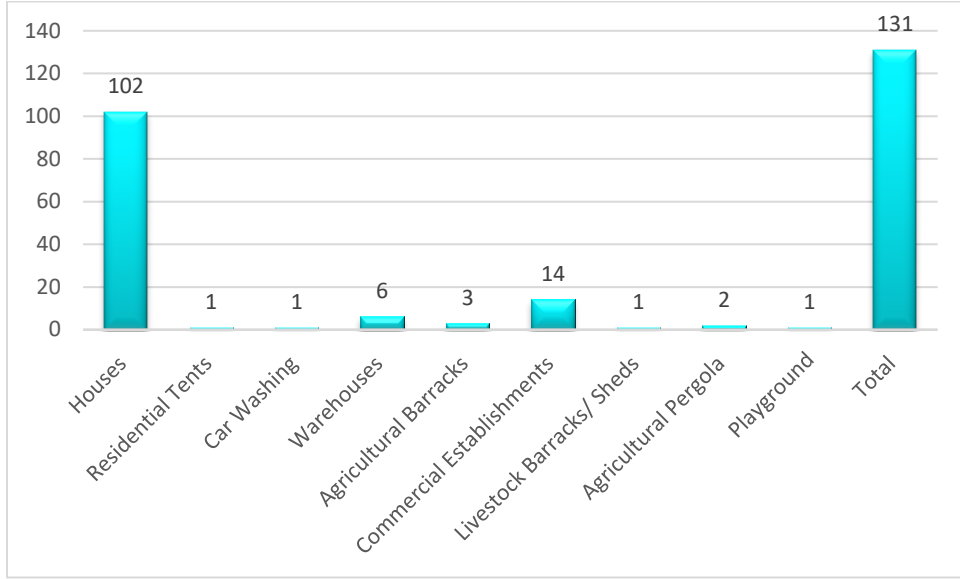


Table #4: Types of the Confiscated Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	2
Total	2

Geographical Distribution of the Targeted Establishments

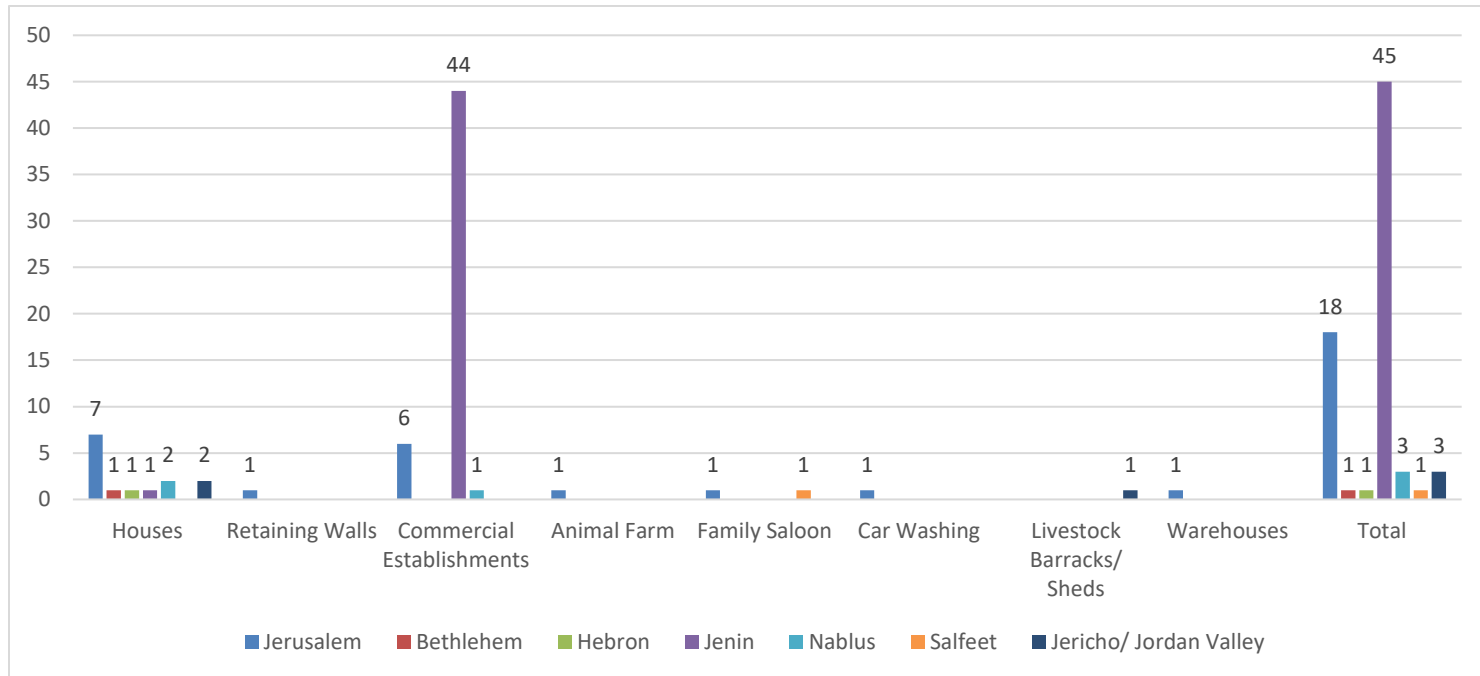
Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments

Regarding the geographical distribution of the demolished establishments, the majority was in Jenin Governorate where 45 establishments were demolished and there were 18 in Jerusalem. The term establishment refers to any type of establishment described in Table 5. As for distributing the demolished establishments among the West Governorates, it was as follows:

Table # 5: Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments

Governorate	Houses	Retaining Walls	Commercial Establishments	Animal Farm	Family Saloon	Car Washing	Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	Warehouses	Total
Jerusalem	7	1	6	1	1	1		1	18
Bethlehem	1								1
Hebron	1								1
Jenin	1		44						45
Nablus	2		1						3
Salfeet					1				1
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	2						1		3

Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments



Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments:

As for the notified establishments, whether with demolishing, stop construction, or evacuation orders as well as other violations that deprive Palestinians of utilizing their establishments and assets, the majority was in Salfet (76 orders) and 27 in the Jordan Valley. Revising the notifications would contribute to predicting the future targeting of the Palestinian establishments. The geographical distribution of the notified establishments is according to the following table:

Table #6: Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments:

Governorate	Houses	Residential Tents	Car Washing	Commercial Establishments	Agricultural Barracks / Sheds	Agricultural Barracks	Warehouses	Wooden Pergola	Playground	Total
Jerusalem	24									24
Hebron	4									4
Salfet	57		1	14	1			2	1	76
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	17	1				3	6			27

Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments:

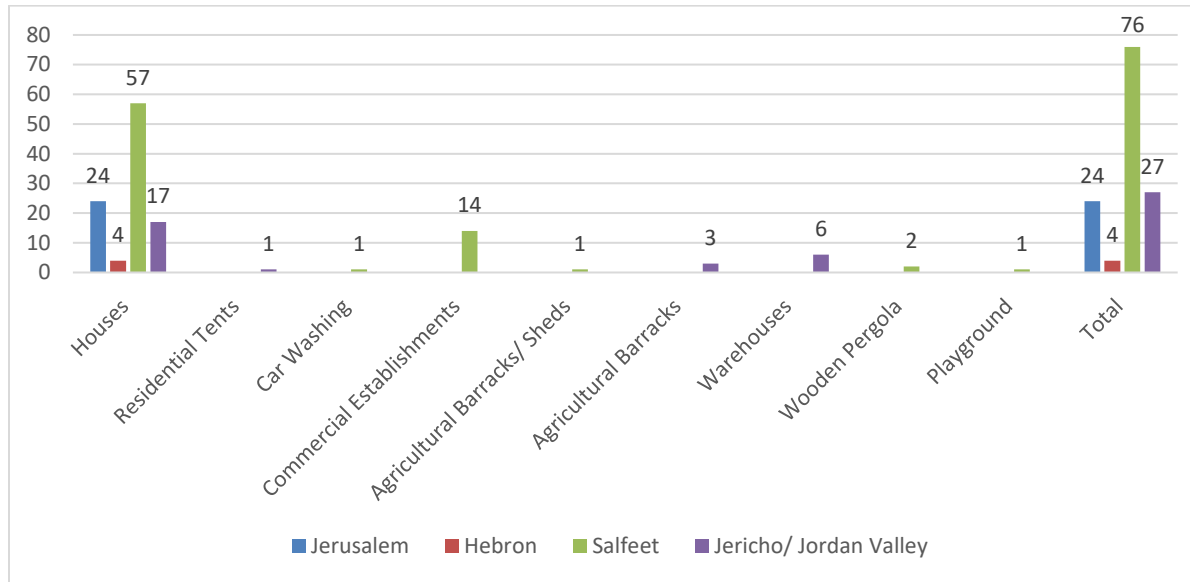


Table # 7: Geographical Distribution of the Confiscated Establishments

Governorate	Houses	Total
Hebron	1	1
Jerusalem	1	1

Self- Demolishing

The self-demolishing represents a form of structured oppression. Palestinian Jerusalemites are obligated to demolish their establishments on their own and take part in the crime against themselves. In case the establishment is demolished by the Israeli authorities, then the owner is obligated to cover the cost of the demolishing process as estimated by the Israeli authorities themselves and might be arrested till the amount is paid. Usually, the Israeli authorities usually exaggerate in estimating the costs. For that, Palestinians prefer to demolish the establishments on their own as the costs are less. The self- demolishing is a policy that is applied by various Israeli institutions, including the municipality in Jerusalem, the Police, and the judiciary system.

During the current month, the Israeli authorities obligated 4 persons to demolish their establishments on their own, under the claim of an unlicensed building

Table #8: Self- Demolishing

Governorate	Houses	Commercial Establishments
Jerusalem	3	1

Demolishing During Raiding the Palestinian Localities

While raiding the Palestinian cities, towns, and refugee camps, the Israeli authorities tend to damage the Palestinian houses and establishments in addition to demolishing water, electricity, and sewage networks. The demolished establishments within such a policy during the current month were according to the following table:

Table # 9: Demolishing during raiding the Palestinian localities:

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected persons
1	During the invasion of the Jenin refugee camp and surrounding the house of Muhammad Abu Al Heija, the Israeli authorities fired a missile towards two houses leading to set them on fire	19/9/2023	Jenin Refugee Camp- Jenin	Muhammad Abu Al- Heija
2	During the raid of Aqqaba Village, the Israeli forces demolished a house that was surrounded to arrest a Palestinian citizen from inside it	1/9/2023	Aqaba- Jenin	Abdul- Razeq Qasem Muhamad Abu Ara

Targeted Population:

All the targeted establishments are owned by Palestinians and during September, tens of Palestinians, including men, women, and children were affected by the Israeli crimes.

Claims for the Violations:

Within its attempt to legalize the crimes against the Palestinian establishments, all the demolished establishments during September were under the claim of unlicensed buildings in areas classified as (C).

As for the notifications, the notified establishments (131) were under the claim of an unlicensed building in the areas classified as (C). The two confiscated houses were under the claim of being owned by Jews.

Detailed Table of the Demolished Establishments

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected persons
1	The Israeli authorities demolished 44 kiosks close to Al- Jalama Checkpoint- Jenin- and confiscated their contents.	29/9/2023	Al- Jalama Checkpoint- Jenin	
2	In Um Rukba area- Al- Khader Village- Bethlehem, the Israeli authorities demolished the base of a house under construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	26/9/2023	Al- Khader Village- Bethlehem	Yousef Abu Laban
3	In Nweima Village- Jericho, the Israeli authorities demolished a 204 square meters house under construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building in an area classified as (C). In addition, a barrack to breed livestock was demolished.	25/9/2023	Nweima Village- Jericho	Taleb Daoud Zayed Rashaayda
4	Close to the entrance of Oudala Village- Nablus, the Israeli authorities demolished a store to sell building materials, under the claim of an unlicensed building	21/9/2023	Oudala Village- Nablus	Thaer Dweikat
5	In Jetlek Village- Jericho, the Israeli authorities demolished a house under construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building	18/9/2023	Jetlek Village- Jericho	Abdul- Raheem Bani Ouda
6	Close to the entrance of Hares Village- Salfet, the Israeli authorities demolished a car washing garage, under the claim of an unlicensed building	18/9/2023	Hares Village- Salfet	Baraa Jawdat Aqel
7	In Froush Beit Dajan- Nablus, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses (one of them under construction and the other is inhabited), under the claim of unlicensed buildings	18/9/2023	Froush Beit Dajan- Nablus	Samar Haj Muhammad (woman), Yaser Abu Al- Kibash
8	In Jabal Al- Mkabber- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a citizen and his son, to demolish their house, on their own, under the claim of an unlicensed building. The house is inhabited by 8 persons, including 4 children and two women	15/9/2023	Jabal Al- Mkabber- Jerusalem	Saeed Hassan Basheer and his son Zeid.

9	In Jabal Al- Mkabber- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a store under the claim of an unlicensed building.	13/9/2023	Jabal Al- Mkabber- Jerusalem	Muhammad Mattar.
10	Close to Sousia Village- Yatta- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished the base of a house (under construction), under the claim of an unlicensed building	12/9/2023	Sousia Village- Yatta- Hebron	A citizen from Abu Qbeita Family
11	In Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a citizen to demolish his store, on his own, under the claim of an unlicensed building. The owner was notified earlier with a demolishing order (under the claim of an unlicensed building) and he decided to demolish the establishment on his own to avoid the exaggerated financial fines.	8/9/2023	Silwan- Jerusalem	Nafez Zaitoun
12	In Al- Beqaan Quarter- Anata- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished 13 commercial establishments, livestock sheds/ barracks, and residential units, under the claim of an unlicensed building. The demolished establishments included two buildings, each of them consisting of two floors and included: Family salon, car washing garage, a warehouse, a wall, 2 commercial barracks, parking, a store to sell car spare parts, and an animal farm.	6/9/2023	Anata- Jerusalem	Zakaria Yacoub Hamdan, Muhammad Zakaria Hamdan, Mahmoud Mousa Hamdan, Muhammad Hassan Hamdan, Waheed Kayyali, and members of Gheith Family
13	In Toora Village- Jenin, the Israeli authorities demolished a house under construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	4/9/2023	Toora Village- Jenin	Ahmad Muhammad Khader Qabaha
14	In Jabal Al- Mukaber Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a citizen to demolish a 40 squared meter annexed to his existing house, under the claim of an unlicensed building. The owner was notified earlier with a demolishing order and he decided to demolish it, on his own, to avoid the high financial fines or being detained until the fine is paid.	2/9/2023	Jabal Al- Mukaber- Jerusalem	Rajae Hussein

Detailed Table of the Demolished Establishments

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected persons
1	In Masha Village- Salfeet, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 15 houses with military orders to stop construction under the claim of unlicensed buildings. The notified establishments included 3 houses (one of them ready and the other 2 are still under construction), a playground, and 11 barracks used for commercial purposes.	27/9/2023	Masha Village- Salfeet	
2	In Sartta Village- Salfeet, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 22 establishments, with military orders to stop construction, under the claim of unlicensed buildings. The notified establishments included 18 houses, (15 inhabited and 3 under construction), 4 barracks (3 for commercial purposes and ne for breeding livestock)	24/9/2023	Sartta Village- Salfeet	
3	In Ras Al- Amood – Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of a house with a demolishing order, under the claim of an unlicensed building	23/9/2023	Ras Al- Amood – Jerusalem	Bader Dandees
4	In Qarawa Bani Hassan Village- Salfeet, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 23 houses with military orders to stop construction, under the claim of unlicensed buildings in areas classified as (C)	20/9/2023	Qarawa Bani Hassan Village- Salfeet	
5	In Al- Mattar area, Jericho, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 3 agricultural barracks and one residential tent, with demolishing orders, under the claim of an unlicensed building	18/9/2023	Al- Mattar area, Jericho	Jamal Muhammad Jaed haleen and his two sons, Daoud and Ahmad
6	In Massafer Yatta- Hebron, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of a house, to stop construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building	14/9/2023	Massafer Yatta- Hebron	Jebreel Muhammad Al-Adra
7	In Al- Ouja Village- Jericho, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of six warehouses built since 2020, with demolishing	12/9/2023	Al- Ouja Village- Jericho	Muhammad Issa Hussein Rumaneeen

	orders under the claim of unlicensed buildings close to street number 90			
8	In Dyouk Tahta Village- Jericho, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 3 houses with demolishing orders in addition to stopping the construction of another 4 houses, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	12/9/2023	Dyout Tahta Village- Jericho	
9	In Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities, notified the owners of 3 houses with demolishing orders under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	7/9/2023	Silwan- Jerusalem	Khaled Zaitoun, Jumaa Ouda, Shehda Qweider
10	In Suwwana Quarter- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 20 houses, with demolishing orders, under the claim of unlicensed building	6/9/2023	Suwwana Quarter- Jerusalem	
11	In Qarawa Bani Hassan Village- Salfeet, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 13 houses and one wooden pergola, with orders to stop construction, under the claim of an unlicensed building in areas classified as (C).	6/9/2023	Qaraewa Bani Hassan Village- Salfeet	
12	In Haris Village- Salfeet, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of a car wash with a demolishing order, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	4/9/2023	Haris Village- Salfeet	
13	In Jabal Al- Rama- Hebron City- Hebron, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of a house (3 floors with 170 square meters area of each floor) with a demolishing order, under the claim of an unlicensed building	4/9/2023	Jabal Al- Rama- Hebron City- Hebron	Nabeel Al- Saheb

Detailed Table of the Confiscated Establishments

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected persons
1	In the Old City of Hebron, a group of settlers took possession of a house, under the claim of being owned by Jews. The settlers put concrete barriers to prevent Palestinians from accessing the house.	19/9/2023	Old City of Hebron	Jarboun Family
2	In the Old City of Jerusalem, the Israeli settlers took possession of Saleh Idrees house, by the protection of the Israeli police, under the claim of being owned by Jews. The settlers made use of the fact that the owner was outside the house as he is receiving treatment in a hospital, and they took over the house and closed its entrances, and prevented Palestinians from entering it.	11/9/2023	Old City- Jerusalem	Saleh Idrees