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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/ 3/2024 in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and reflects the accumulated efforts of the organization's documentation and fieldwork teams.



**Overall Statistics:**

In March 2024, SHAMS Center documented the targeting of 72 Palestinian establishments by the Israeli authorities, through demolishing, confiscating, or notifying with military orders of demolishing/ stopping construction, to be targeted shortly.

The major form of violation was demolishing as 48 establishments were demolished during the reporting period, including 4 establishments within the policy of self- demolishing where the owners are forced to demolish the establishments on their own to avoid the high financial fines or detention till the fine is paid in case the Israeli authorities demolish the establishment.

As for the notification orders, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 4 establishments (one house and 3 agricultural rooms) with military orders to demolish or stop construction.

The Israeli settlers confiscated 20 residential barracks from the area close to Al Muaarajat Road, northwest of Jericho, within the aggressive practices of the Israeli army and settlers against Palestinian Bedwin Gatherings to obligate them to evacuate the area and create new facts on the ground.

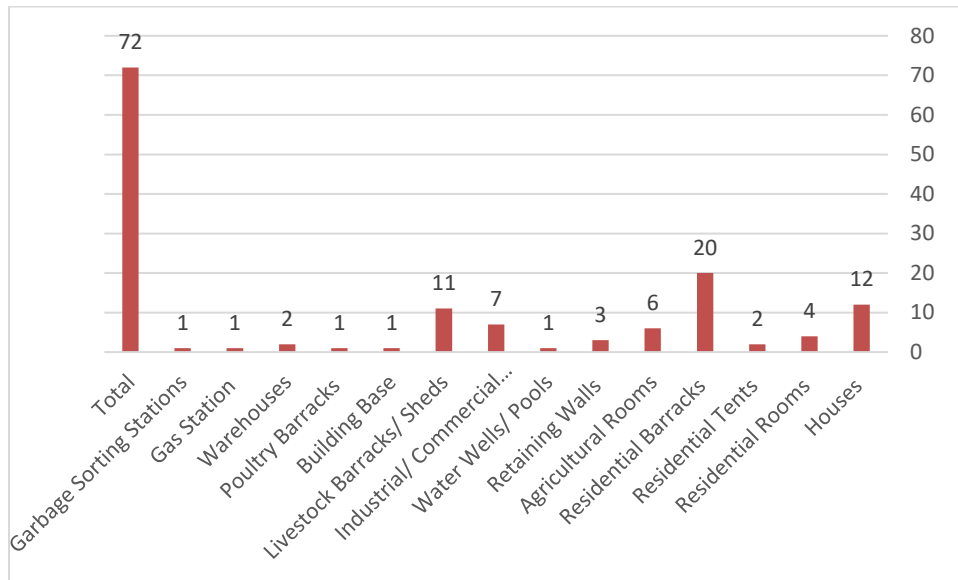
**Types of the Targeted Establishments:**

The types of the targeted establishments during March, are according to the following Table:

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

Type	Number
Houses	12
Residential Rooms	4
Residential Tents	2
Residential Barracks	20
Agricultural Rooms	6
Retaining Walls	3
Water Wells/ Pools	1
Industrial/ Commercial Establishments	7
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	11
Building Base	1
Poultry Barracks	1
Warehouses	2
Gas Station	1
Garbage Sorting Stations	1
Total	72

### Types of Targeted Establishments

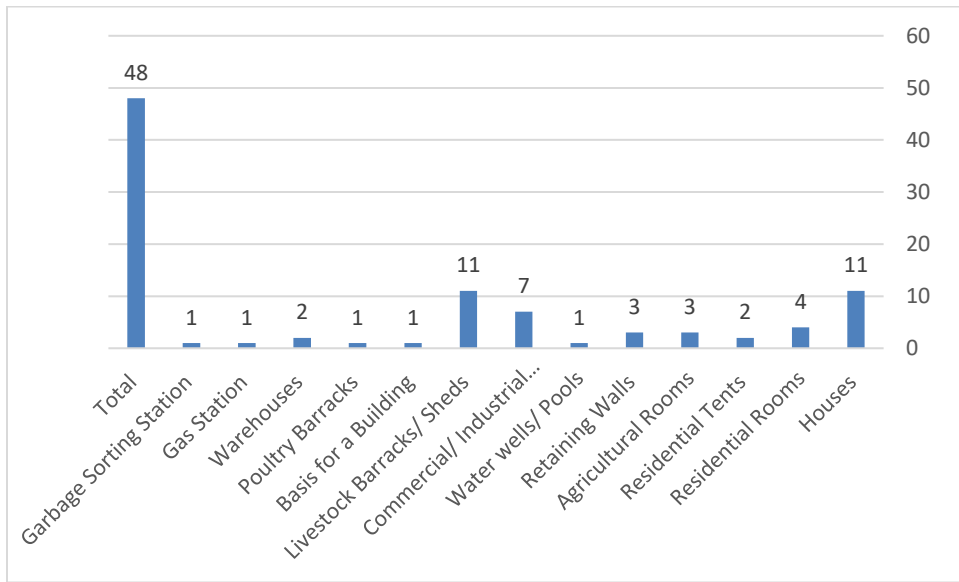


**Table #2:**

### Types of Demolished Establishments:

Type	Number
Houses	11
Residential Rooms	4
Residential Tents	2
Agricultural Rooms	3
Retaining Walls	3
Water wells/ Pools	1
Commercial/ Industrial Establishments	7
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	11
Basis for a Building	1
Poultry Barracks	1
Warehouses	2
Gas Station	1
Garbage Sorting Station	1
Total	48

### Types of Demolished Establishments

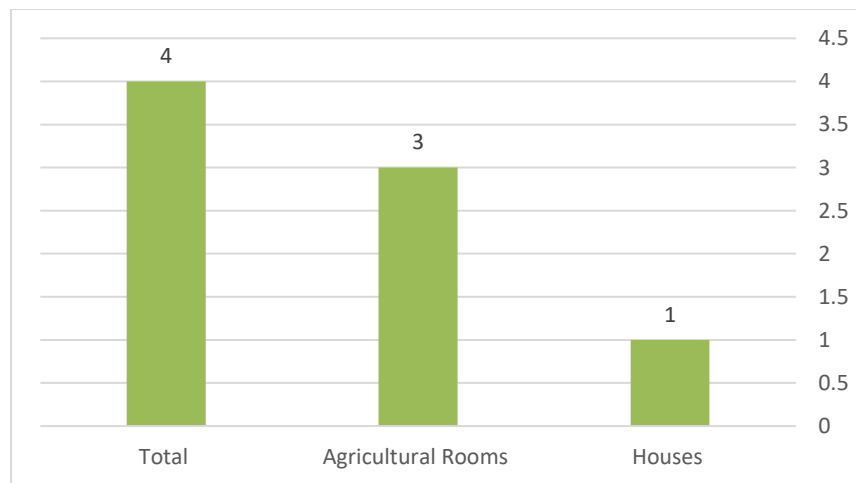


**Table # 3**

### Types of Notified Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	1
Agricultural Rooms	3
Total	4

### Types of Demolished Establishments



**Table # 4:**  
**Confiscated Establishments**

Type	Number
<b>Residential Barracks</b>	20
<b>Total</b>	20

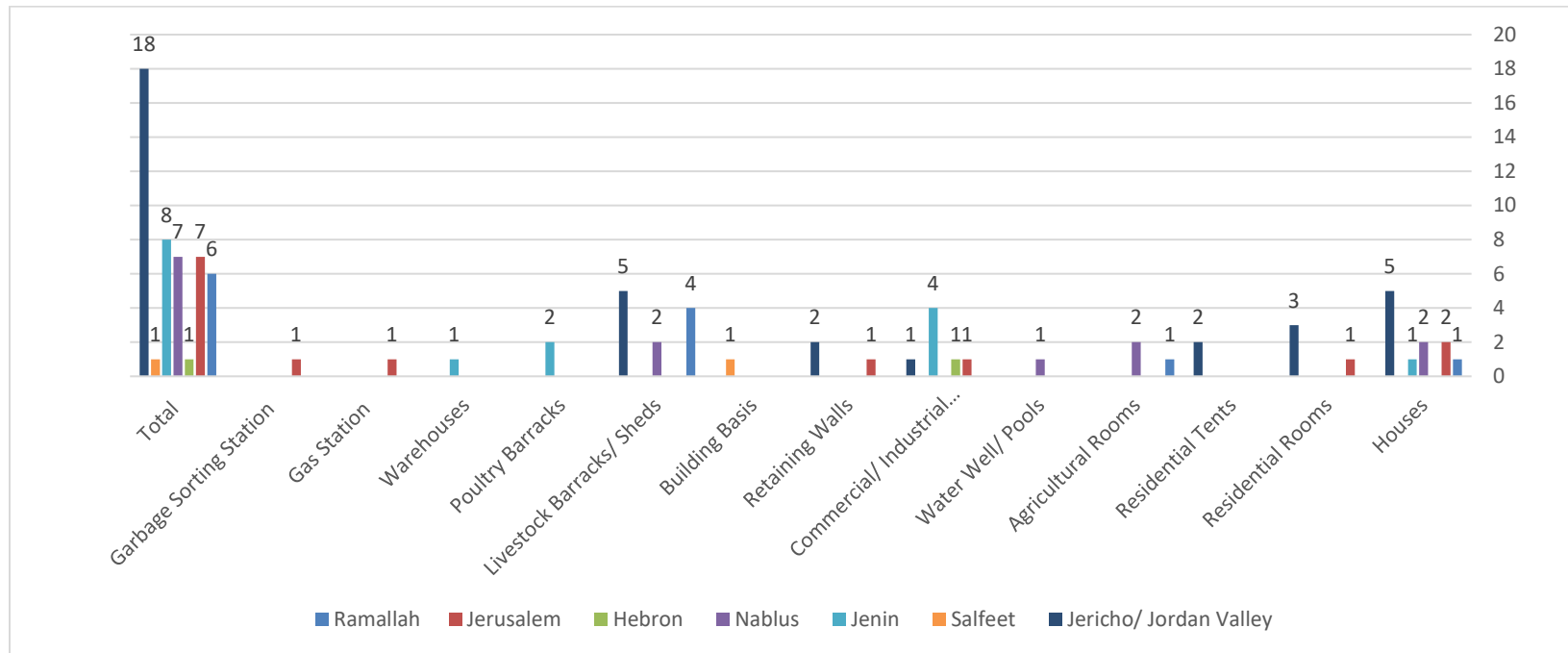
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- **Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments:**

Regarding the geographical distribution of the demolished establishments, the majority were in Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate, (18 establishments) while there were 8 in Jenin. The term establishment refers to any type of those described in table # 5 above. In its documentation process, SHAMS Center documents the targeted establishments per government and the distribution of the demolished establishments during March, as described in the following table:

Governorate	Houses	Residential Rooms	Residential Tents	Agricultural Rooms	Water Well/ Pools	Commercial/ Industrial Establishments	Retaining Walls	Building Basis	Livestock Sheds	Barracks/ Sheds	Poultry Barracks	Warehouses	Gas Station	Garbage Sorting Station	Total
Ramallah	1			1					4						6
Jerusalem	2	1				1	1						1	1	7
Hebron						1									1
Nablus	2			2	1				2						7
Jenin	1					4					2	1			8
Salfeet								1							1
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	5	3	2			1	2		5						18

### Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments



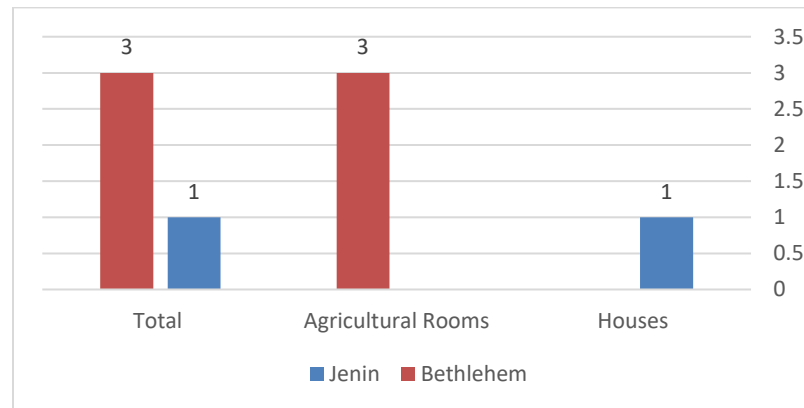
- **Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments:**

Regarding the geographical distribution of the notified establishments with military orders to demolish or stop construction, and other violations that deprive Palestinians of utilizing their properties and establishments, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 4 establishments with orders to demolish and stop construction, in Bethlehem and Jenin. Revising the distributed notification orders contributes to predicting the future targeting of the Palestinian establishments:

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

Governorate	Houses	Agricultural Rooms	Total
Jenin	1		1
Bethlehem		3	3

**Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments**



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

The Israeli Occupation applies the policy of home-diminishing as collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation as a means to deter others from being involved in the national resistance. In March, the Israeli authorities notified the owner of a third house with a demolishing order, for security reasons:

**Table # 7****Demolishing and Notification with Demolishing orders for Security Reasons:**

No.	Violation	Location	Governorate	Date	Details
1	Notification	Jenin Refugee Camp	Jenin	13/3/2024	The Israeli Authorities notified the family of the wanted young man Ahmad Barakat, with a military order to demolish the house under the claim that he was involved in several attacks against the Israeli occupation. The Israeli army already identified the dimensions of the house to demolish it and arrested the father of Ahmad, Ayman Barakat (to press him to hand over himself).
2	Demolishing	Kufur Dan Town	Jenin	3/3/2024	The Israeli authorities demolished the house of prisoner Abdullah Yahya Massad in the village of Kufur Dan, which is located to the West of Jenin City, in the West Bank. Prisoner Abdullah and his brother Abdul Aziz have been arrested since last August and they are at Oufer Prison, to the West of Ramallah. The Israeli occupation accuses prisoner Abdullah of providing help to prisoner Usama Bani Fadel, who is, in turn, accused of commencing an attack against the Israeli soldiers and settlers in Hiwara Town, to the south of Nablus, last August. The house is three floors with an area of 330 square meters and is inhabited by 13 persons.
3	Demolishing	Nablus City	Nablus	3/3/2024	The Israeli authorities exploded an apartment in a residential building, owned by the family of martyr Muaath Al Masri, who is accused of participating in a shooting attack in the Jordan Valley on April 7, 2023

**Self-Demolishing:**

Self- Demolishing represents a form of structured oppression, where Palestinian Jerusalemites are obligated to demolish their establishments on their own to avoid paying exaggerated financial fines or being detained till the fine is paid, in case the demolishing was accomplished by the Israeli authorities themselves. Usually, the Jerusalemites are forced to pay the cost of the demolishing process as estimated by the Israeli authorities, in case they do the demolishing by these authorities. Therefore, Jerusalemites find it less costly to demolish the establishments on their own. All the Israeli authorities: police, judiciary authority, municipality, and army are involved in this racist crime committed against Palestinians.

During March, the Israeli authorities obligated the owners of four establishments in Jerusalem, to demolish their houses on their own.

**Table #8: Self- Demolishing**

Governorate	Houses	Residential Rooms	Commercial Establishments
Jerusalem	2	1	1

**Demolishing During Invasion of Palestinian Localities:**

During the invasions of the Palestinian localities, the Israeli forces tend to destroy Palestinians' properties and destroy the infrastructure, including water and electricity networks as well as sewage systems. During the current month, the damage caused by the Israeli authorities against Palestinians' properties was according to the following table:

**Table # 9: Demolishing During Invasions:**

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected Persons
1	During the invasion of Nourshams Refugee Camp- Tulkarem, the Israeli forces demolished part of a house in the middle of the camp. Additionally, the Israeli forces destroyed the area around Iktaba Junction to the east of Tulkarem City as well as demolished the street opposite the Camp. Additionally, the Israeli forces demolished the infrastructure in the area around the Camp and demolished the memorial of martyr Saif Abu Libda, close to the entrance of the Camp.	21/3/2024	Nourshams Refugee Camp	Samer Jaber
2	The Israeli forces excavated the main street close to Nourshams Refugee Camp during an invasion of the area. Additionally, the Israeli forces demolished stores and shops at the entrances of some shops in the street as well as destroyed the infrastructure in the schools' area and Al Maqbara Street. The Israeli forces demolished a taxi station at the entrance of the Camp, and six shops around it were partially demolished.	4/3/2024	Nourshams Refugee Camp- Tulkarem	

### Claims of the Violations:

Concerning the claims proposed by the Israeli Authorities to legalize the crimes against Palestinian establishments, 35 establishments, out of 48 demolished establishments during March, were under the claim of unlicensed buildings in areas classified as (C). Two establishments were demolished within the policy of collective punishment applied against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation and as a mean to deter others from being involved in the resistance. One establishment was demolished for no reason and without prior notification. 10 establishments were demolished to expand the settlements and settlement spots and to evacuate Palestinians from their land.

أما فيما يتعلق بالإخطارات، أخطرت قوات الاحتلال (3) منشآت بوقف البناء، بحجة عدم الترخيص، و(1) منشأة هدمت كعقوبة جماعية ضمن سياسة الاحتلال التي تتبعها تجاه منفاذي العمليات ضدها وكوسيلة ردع لأي عمل مقاوم للاحتلال.

Within the attacks of the Israeli settlers and army against Palestinians, 20 establishments were confiscated from the area close to Al Muaarajat Road, northwest of Jericho aiming at evacuating Bedwin Palestinians from their lands to use these lands by settlers.

### Demolished Establishments During March 2024.

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	The Settlements Council in the Jordan Valley demolished Palestinian establishments in the area called Matallet Al Dib. The families that were living in this area were forced to leave under the ongoing attacks of the Israeli settlers and they moved to the nearby village- Fassayel. The demolished establishments include 5 barracks to breed livestock, two residential tents, and three residential rooms built of clay. The targeted area is part of 3000 Hectares areas that is threatened to be confiscated to expand the settlements and settlement spots and evacuate Palestinians from the Jordan Valley.	29/3/2024	Al Jiftlek Village/ Jericho	
2	In Wadi Risha area- Idna- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished an establishment under the claim of an unlicensed building.	21/3/2024	Idna- Hebron	
3	In Issaweya Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Palestinian to demolish a room and a garage for a carwash, on his own. The owner was notified earlier with a demolishing order and he decided to demolish on his own to avoid paying high financial fines or being arrested till the fine is paid.	21/3/2024	Issaweya Village- Jerusalem	Mahmoud Derbas.
4	To the east of Jericho City, the Israeli authorities demolished walls that surround two houses, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	18/3/2024	Jericho/ Jordan Valley.	Citizens from Al Rabadi and Murra Families.
5	In Al Ram Town- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished the garbage Sorting Station, owned by the Municipality. The station has been built on a 3-hectare area since 35 years, close to nearby Jabaa Village. The station was demolished suddenly with no precaution	18/3/2024	Al Ram Town- Jerusalem	
6	To the east of Jericho City, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	18/3/2024	Jericho/ Jordan Valley.	Zaki Zaitoun and Zaghoul Shwaiki .
7	In Qabalan Village- Nablus, the Israeli authorities demolished two agricultural rooms and a water well, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	14/3/2023	Qabalan Village- Nablus	Dib Sulaiman Najim and Khairi Issa Alqam
8	In Bartaa Village- Jenin, the Israeli authorities demolished two barracks to breed sheep and two barracks used as warehouses, and three commercial establishments (containers), under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	14/3/2024	Bartaa Village- Jenin	Badran Ahmad Qabaha, Mahmoud Al Haj Saeed Qabaha, Muhamma

				Farouq Qabaha, and others.
9	On the main street of Al Ouja- Jericho, the Israeli authorities demolished a 140 square meters restaurant, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	13/3/2024	Al Ouja- Jericho	Atta Ahmad Roumanin.
10	In Al Jeftlik Village- Jericho, the Israeli authorities demolished 3 houses under the claim of unlicensed building.	11/3/2024	Al Jeftlik Village- Jericho	Abdul Kareem Abdul Razeq Masaeed, Yousef Abdullah Hassan Abu Suliman, and Muhammad Ahmad Kassab.
11	In Faqouaa Village- Jenin, the Israeli authorities demolished a barrack for a poultry farm and another barrack used as a blacksmith, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	7/3/2024	Faqouaa Village- Jenin	Muhammad Abdul-Kareem Abu Hamed.
12	In Al Ras Area- Qarawa Bani Hassan Village- Salfet, the Israeli authorities demolished the basis of an agricultural room under the claim of an unlicensed building.	6/3/2024	Qarawa Bani Hassan Village- Salfet	Hamza Hatem Assi.
13	In Ain Al Louza area- Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a retaining wall and swept a piece of land, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	6/3/2024	Silwan- Jerusalem	Burkan Family.
14	In Nablus City, the Israeli authorities demolished two- floor house, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	5/3/2024	Nablus City	Faseeh Ahmad Al Massri.
15	In Burqa Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished a barrack used to breed sheep.	5/3/2024	Burqa Village- Ramallah	Ammar Saleh Isaila.
16	In Shuqba Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished an agricultural room and 3 barracks to breed sheep, under the claim of unlicensed building.	5/3/2024	Shuqba Village- Ramallah	Saadat Shalash.
17	In Shuqba Village- Ramallah, the Israeli authorities demolished a house (under construction), under the claim of an unlicensed building.	5/3/2024	Shuqba Village- Ramallah	Abdullah Qadah.
18	In Kufur Dan Village- Jenin, the Israeli authorities demolished the house of prisoner Abdul- Rahman Massad. He was arrested with his brother Abdul Aziz last August where they are held in Oufur Prison- Ramallah. The Israeli authorities accuse prisoner Massad of helping prisoner Usama Bani Fadel, accused of commencing an attack in Hiwara Town last August. The house is 330 square meters three- floor and is inhabited by 13 persons.	4/3/2024	Kufur Dan Village- Jenin	Family of prisoner Abdul- Rahman Massad

19	In Wadi Qadoum area- Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated Hamdan Family to demolish their house on their own as they were notified earlier with a demolishing order. The family decided to demolish the house on their own to avoid paying high financial fines or being arrested till the fine is paid, in case it was demolished by the Israeli authorities themselves. The house was demolished under the claim of an unlicensed building.	4/3/2024	Silwan- Jerusalem	Hamdan Family.
20	The Israeli authorities exploded an apartment in a residential building, owned by the family of martyr Muaaz Al Massri. Martyr Muaaz is accused of participating in a shooting operation toward the Israeli settlers in Al Hamra area- Jordan Valley.	3/3/2024	Nablus City	Family of Martyr Muaaz Al Massri.
21	In Jabal Al Mukabber Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a gas station, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	3/3/2024	Jabal Al Mukabber Village- Jerusalem	
22	In Issaweya Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a citizen to demolish his two-floor house on his own, under the claim of an unlicensed building. The owner decided to demolish the house on his own to avoid paying an exaggerated financial fine or being arrested till the fine was paid, in case the house was demolished by the Israeli authorities.	1/3/2024	Issaweya Village- Jerusalem	Nidal Ulayyan.

#### Notified Establishments During March 2024.

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	The Israeli authorities notified the family of Ahmad Barakat (wanted by the Israeli army), from Jenin Refugee Camp, with a military order to demolish the family's house. He is accused of participating in several attacks against Israeli forces. The Israelis already identified the house to be demolished and the father (Ayman Barakat) was arrested.	13/3/2024	Jenin Refugee Camp- Jenin	The family of Ahmad Barakat
2	In Mrah Mualla Village- Bethlehem, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of three agricultural rooms, with military orders of demolishing, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	10/3/2024	Mrah Mualla Village- Bethlehem	Ahmad Hassan Taqatqa and his two brothers Muhammad and Mahmoud.

**Confiscated Establishments During March 2024.**

#	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	The settlers from the settlement spots confiscated 20 residential barracks owned by the Bedwin Gatherings close to Al Muaarajat Road. The barracks were inhabited by Palestinians from Al Caabna Tribe and confiscating them was within the policy of the Israeli army and settlers to evacuate Palestinians from their land.	19/3/2024	Al Muaarajat Area- Jericho/ Jordan Valley.	Al Caabna Tribe