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Monthly Documentation Report on the Israeli Violations against Palestinian Establishments:

Demolishing, Evacuation, Confiscation, and Notifications with Military Orders to be Targeted in the Future.

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The report is dedicated to documenting the Israeli violations against Palestinian establishments and houses. The violations include demolishing, evacuation, confiscation, and notifications with military orders to be targeted shortly. The report is based on the information and data collected by the team and field researchers of Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS, for the period 1- 31/5/2024. The geographical scope of the report is the West Bank, including Jerusalem.



Overall Statistics:

In May 2024, SHAMS Center documented the targeting of 85 Palestinian establishments, by the Israeli authorities, through demolishing, confiscation, closure, and notification with military orders to be targeted shortly. The major form of violation was demolishing, which affected 65 establishments, including 10 within the policy of self-demolishing, as the owners decided to demolish their establishments on their own to avoid paying the exaggerated financial fines, or being detained, till the fine is paid, in case the Israeli authorities did the demolishing.

Regarding the notified establishments, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 13 establishments with military orders to demolish under the allegation of unlicensed buildings. The notified establishments included houses, retaining walls, and a livestock shed.

Concerning the confiscated establishments, a group of Israeli settlers seized 6 residential barracks, from Al Muaarajat area, owned by Palestinians from Arab Caabna Bedwin Gathering, to the northwest of Jericho. The residents of these barracks have been displaced by force since November 2023.

In the Old City of Hebron, the Israeli forces closed the doors of the old building of Hebron Municipality in Ain Al Muaaskar area (welded) as a step to hand it over to the Israeli settlers under the allegation of being Jewish property.

Types of Targeted Establishments:

The types of the targeted establishments during May (demolishing, notifications with demolishing/ stopping construction orders, confiscation, or closure) were according to the following table:

Table # 1

Types of Targeted Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	45
Residential Barracks	6
Agricultural Rooms	2
Water Wells	1
Retaining Wells	6
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	4
Industrial/ Commercial Establishments	12
Car Wash Garages	3
Warehouses	2
Agricultural Barracks	1
Family Saloon	1

Greenhouse	1
Municipality Building	1
Total	85

Types of Targeted Establishments

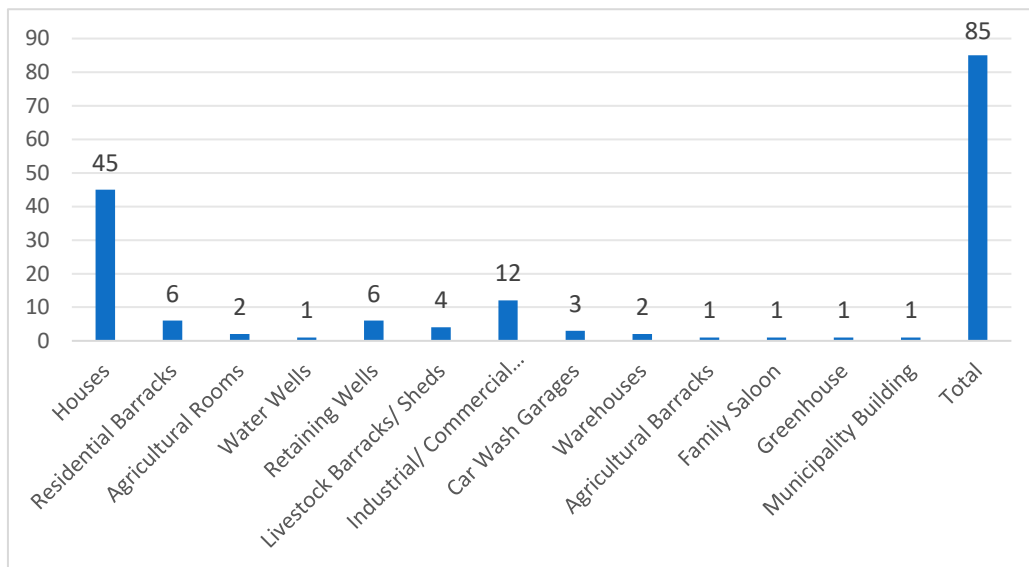


Table # 2:

Types of Demolished Establishments:

Type	Number
Houses	37
Agricultural Rooms	2
Water Wells	1
Retaining Walls	2
Commercial/ Industrial Establishments	12
Car Wash Garages	3
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	3
Warehouses	2
Agricultural Barracks	1

Family Saloon	1
Greenhouse	1
Total	65

Types of Demolished Establishments

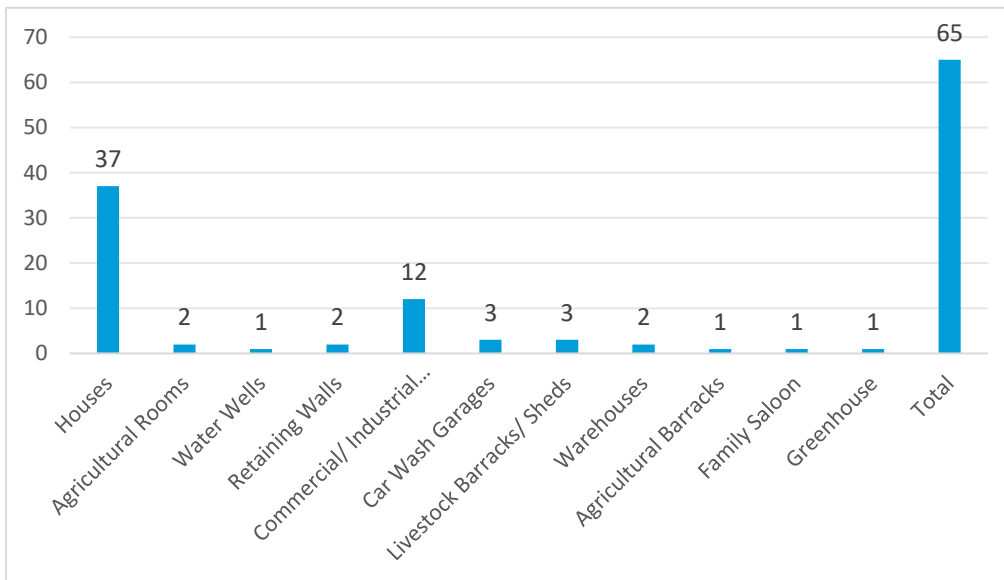


Table # 3:

Types of Notified Establishments

Type	Number
Houses	8
Retaining Walls	4
Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	1

Total	13
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Types of Notified Establishments

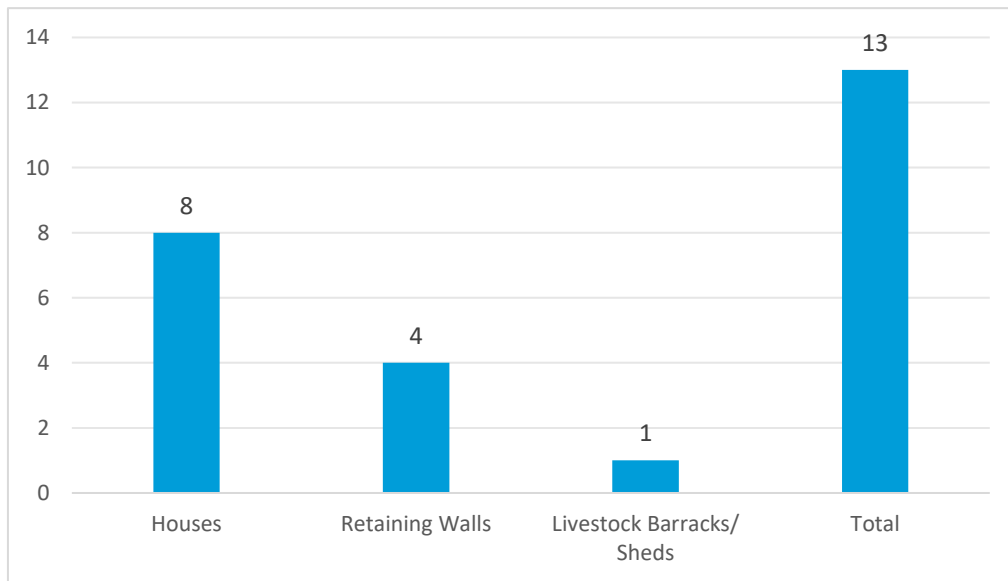


Table # 4

Types of Confiscated Establishments

Type	Number
Residential Barracks	6

Total	6
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Table # 5

Types of Closed Establishments

Type	Number
A municipality Building	1
Total	1

Geographical Distribution of the Targeted Establishments

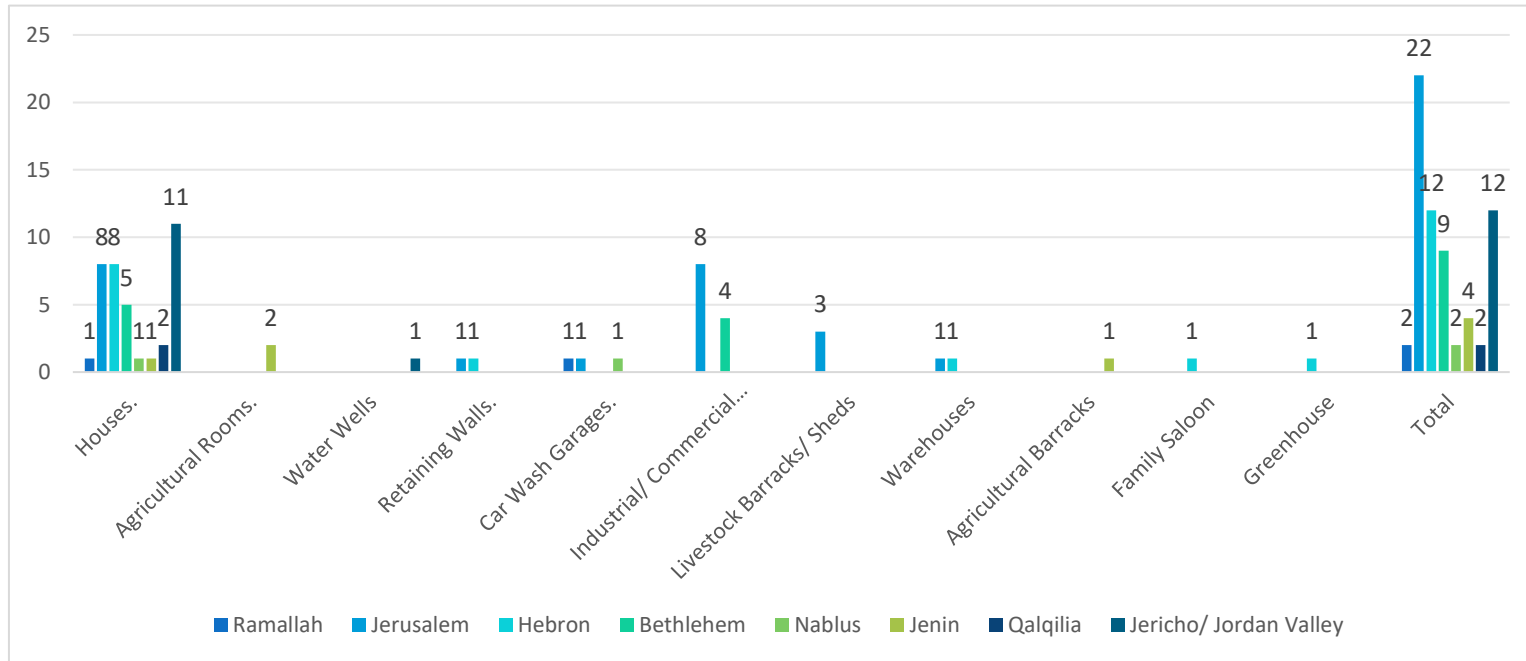
- **Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments**

Based on the indicator of the geographical distribution of the demolished establishments, the majority was in Jerusalem Governorate (22 establishments) while there were 12 establishments in Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate. The term establishment refers to any type of those mentioned in Table 1 above. SHAMS Center documents the violations in light of the geographical distribution among the various governorates of the West Bank. During May, the distribution of the targeted establishments was according to the following table:

Table # 6: Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments:

Governorate.	Houses.	Agricultural Rooms.	Water Wells	Retaining Walls.	Car Wash Garages.	Industrial/ Commercial Establishment	Livestock Barracks/ Sheds	Warehouses	Agricultural Barracks	Family Saloon	Greenhouse	Total
Ramallah	1				1							2
Jerusalem	8			1	1	8	3	1				22
Hebron	8			1				1		1		12
Bethlehem	5					4						9
Nablus	1				1							2
Jenin	1	2							1			4
Qalqilia	2											2
Jericho/ Jordan Valley	11		1									12

Geographical Distribution of the Demolished Establishments



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

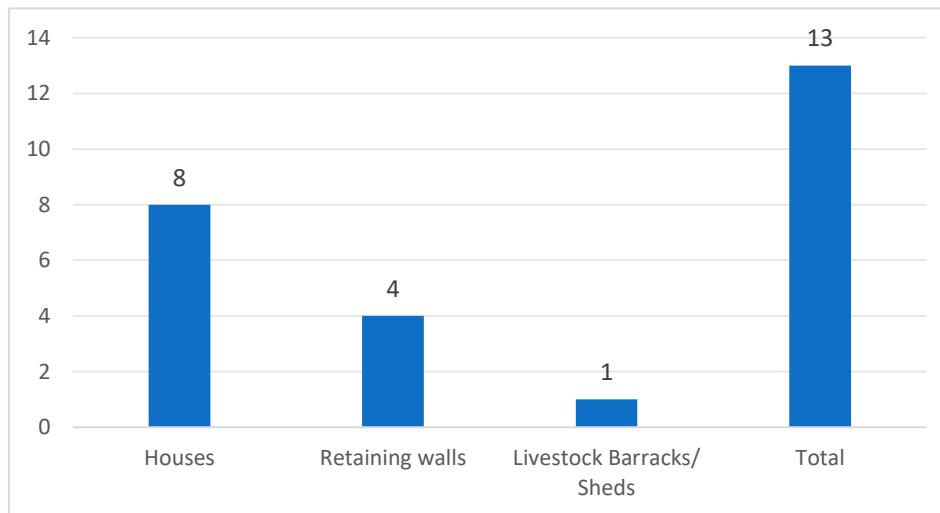
Regarding the notifications with military orders of demolishing, stopping construction, and other orders that deprive Palestinians of utilizing and benefiting from their properties and assets, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 13 establishments in Ramallah with demolishing orders. Revising the geographical distribution of the notifications will contribute to predicting the future trend of targeting Palestinian establishments.

Table # 4

Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments

Governorate	Houses	Retaining walls	Livestock Sheds	Barracks/	Total
Ramallah	8	4	1		13

Geographical Distribution of the Notified Establishments



Demolishing and Notifications with Demolishing Orders for Security Reasons

The Israeli occupation applies the policy of home demolishing as collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation and as a tool to deter others from enrollment in resistance. During the current month, the Israeli authorities demolished one house in Jerusalem within this policy, as detailed below:

Table # 8
Demolishing for Security Reasons

No.	Violation	Location	Governorate	Date	Description
1	Demolishing	Shufaat Refugee Camp	Jerusalem	10/5/2024	The Israeli forces exploded the house of martyr Muhammad Jamjoum Family in Shufaat Refugee Camp. The house is an apartment on the eighth floor of a ten-floor residential building that includes 30 apartments. His family, which consists of his wife and four children, became homeless. Martyr Jamjoum is accused of a shooting operation in the so-called Kiryat Malachi Settlement on February 16, 2024.

Self- Demolishing:

The self-demolishing is a structured oppressive policy applied against Palestinians by the Israeli occupation. Palestinians are obligated to demolish their houses and establishments on their own because if the Israeli authorities accomplish the demolishing, then the owner has to pay the costs of the process as estimated by the occupation. The owner has no choice, either to pay or be detained till the fine is paid. Therefore, Jerusalemites find it cheaper to demolish the establishments on their own. Self-demolishing represents a racist policy in which all the Israeli parties: police, municipality, and judiciary authority are involved. Palestinians are forced to take part in the crimes committed against them.

During May, 10 establishments (out of 65 demolished ones), were within the policy of self-demolishing.

Table # 9
Self-Demolishing

Governorate	Houses	Industrial/Commercial Establishments
Jerusalem	1	5
Bethlehem		4

Demolishing During Invasions:

While invading and raiding the Palestinian cities, villages, refugee camps, and towns, the Israeli forces tend to attack Palestinian houses and other establishments, as well as destroy the infrastructure, including streets, water, electricity, and sewage networks. Within this policy, during May, the following destruction was caused by the Israeli forces during invasions and raids:

No.	Description of the Violation	Date	Location	Affected People
1	During the invasion of Jenin City and Jenin Refugee Camp, the Israeli forces demolished a two-floor house (280 square meters area) inhabited by 10 persons.	21/5/2024	Jenin Refugee Camp Jenin Governorate	Martyr Ahmad Hani Family
2	During the invasion of Kufur Nima village, the Israeli forces demolished an agricultural barrack.	19/5/2024	Kufur Nima Village Ramallah Governorate	Ali Al Abed Asar
3	While invading Tulkarem City and Tulkarem Refugee Camp, the Israeli forces exploded 5 houses.	6/5/2024	Tulkarem City Tulkarem Governorate	Mahmoud Mousa Mahmoud Msaimi, Kamal Abdul-Rahman Muhammad Salem, Ahmad Mahmoud Zaidan, Ziad Kamel Abdul Ghani Ghurab, and Ashraf Eid Daher Nafe.
4	In Dair Al Ghussoun Village- Tulkarem, the Israeli authorities demolished a two-floor house, using bulldozers. The house was surrounded and shelled with Energa grenades, leading to kill 5 persons.	4/5/2024	Dair Al Ghussoun Tulkarem Governorate	Salama Basheer Badran.

Allegations for Violations:

As for the claims proposed by the Israeli occupation to legalize the crimes against Palestinian establishments, 64 establishments (out of the 65 demolished ones during May), were under the claim of unlicensed buildings in areas classified as (C) while 1 establishment was demolished within the policy of collective punishment against Palestinians involved in resisting the occupation and to deter others from being involved in the national resistance.

As for the notifications, the owners of 13 establishments were notified with demolishing orders under the allegation of unlicensed buildings.

The Israeli settlers confiscated 6 residential barracks owned by members of Caabna Family from a Bedwin Gathering in Al Maaarajat Area to the northwest of Jerich. The confiscation was within the ongoing attacks of the Israeli settlers against Palestinians.

In the Old City of Hebron, the Israeli authorities closed the doors of the old building of Hebron Municipality, as a step to confiscate the building and hand it over to the Israeli settlers, under the claim that Jews own it.

Detailed Table of Demolished Establishments:

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	In Toura Village- northwest of Jenin, the Israeli forces demolished an agricultural room in the area inside the annexation wall, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	30/5/2024	Toura Village- Jenin Governorate	Talaat Muhammad Abdul-Rahman Qabaha.
2	In Um Al Rihan Village, inside the annexation wall to the northwest of Jenin, the Israeli forces demolished an agricultural room, under the allegation of an unlicensed building.	30/5/2024	Um Al Rihan Village- Jenin Governorate	Soud Ali Zaid Abu Issam and Muhammad Qabaha.
3	In Faqouaa Village- Jenin, the Israeli authorities demolished a house under the claim of an unlicensed building.	30/5/2024	Faqouaa Village- Jenin Governorate	Aboud Al Nadi
4	Close to the solar eclipse station to the west of Jericho City, the Israeli authorities demolished an artesian water well and filled it with concrete.	30/5/2024	Jericho City. Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate.	
5	In Al Murashahat area, the Israeli authorities demolished a house (under construction), under the claim of an unlicensed building.	28/5/2024	Al Murashahat Area Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate.	Tareq Jameel Njoum.
6	In Issaweya village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Palestinian citizen to demolish his 120 squared meters house on his own under the allegation of an unlicensed building. The owner was notified earlier with a demolishing order and decided to demolish it on his own to avoid being subject to a high financial fine or being	30/5/2024	Issaweya village- Jerusalem Governorate	Ibrahim Muhammad Derbas.

	detained until the fine is paid, in case the Israeli authorities did the demolishing.			
7	In Ain Al Duyouk Al Tahta Village, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses, owned by Jerusalemite Palestinians, and demolished the basis of a third house (under construction), under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	28/5/2024	Ain Al Duyouk Al Tahta Village Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate.	Muhammad Ahmad Smairat and two other citizens from Jerusalem
8	In Issaweya Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a car wash garage and a printing shop, under the claims of unlicensed buildings.	28/5/2024	Issaweya village- Jerusalem Governorate	Muhammad Ulayan and another citizen.
9	In Ain Al Louza- Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished a three-floor residential building, inhabited by three families, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	28/5/2024	Silwan- Jerusalem Governorate	Ismaeil Al Halhouli.
10	In Ain Al Louza- Silwan- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Jerusalemite Palestinian to demolish his commercial establishment on his own. The owner was notified earlier with a demolishing order, under the claim of an unlicensed building, and he decided to demolish it on his own to avoid paying the exaggerated financial fine or being detained till the fine is paid, in case the Israeli authorities did the demolishing.	27/5/2024	Silwan Jerusalem Governorate	Imad Issawy.
11	In Hezma Village- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished two commercial establishments, under the allegation of unlicensed buildings.	27/5/2024	Hezma Village Jerusalem Governorate	Bassam Fazaa Al Umari

12	In Aqraba Village- Nablus, the Israeli authorities demolished a car wash garage, under the allegation of an unlicensed building.	21/5/2024	Aqraba Village Nablus Governorate	Yousef Bani Fadel.
13	In Attan area- Irtas Village- Bethlehem, the Israeli authorities demolished a four-floor building, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	20/5/2024	Irtas Village Bethlehem Governorate	Yousef Ahmad Al Attrash.
14	In Idna Town- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished the Salon of Al Hayawi Family (550 square meters, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	16/5/2024	Idna Tow Hebron Governorate	
15	In Idna Town- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	16/5/2024	Idna Town Hebron Governorate	Mahmoud Yousef Abu Jhaisha and Taher Muhammad Abu Zaltta.
16	In Bait Ummar Town- Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses and a greenhouse, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	12/5/2024	Bait Ummar Town Hebron Governorate	Ibraheem Muhammad Abu Maria, Adham Ibraheem Ouda Sabarna, and Majed Mahmoud Abu Maria.
17	In Al Nweima Village, the Israeli authorities demolished 3 houses (under construction), under the claim of unlicensed buildings	12/5/2024	Al Nweima Village Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate.	Members of Al Khrabsha Family.
18	In Azzoun Town, the Israeli authorities demolished two houses, one of a two-floor building and the other is one floor, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	12/5/2024	Azzoun Town- Qalqilia Governorate.	Thaer Badwan and Rasheed Inaya
19	In Bait Ummar, the Israeli authorities demolished a 150-square-meter house (inhabited by 6 persons), under the allegation of an unlicensed building.	11/5/2024	Bait Ummar Town Hebron Governorate	Prisoner Nadeem Sabarna.

20	In Jabal Al Mukabber- Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities obligated a citizen to demolish his commercial establishment on his own, under the claim of an unlicensed building. He was notified earlier of the demolishing order and decided to demolish it on his own, to avoid paying a high financial penalty or being arrested till it is paid, in case the Israeli authorities did the demolishing.	10/5/2024	Jabal Al Mukabber- Jerusalem Governorate	Ghazi Hussein Srour.
21	In Shufaat Refugee Camp, the Israeli authorities exploded the house of the martyr Fadi Jamjoum Family. The house is an apartment on the eighth floor of a ten-floor residential building (with 30 apartments). The family, consisting of the wife and 4 children, were pushed outdoors. Martyr Jamjoum is accused of a shooting operation in the so-called Kiryat Malachi Settlement, on February 16 th , 2024.	10/5/2024	Shufaat Refugee Camp Jerusalem Governorate	Family of Martyr Fadi Jamjoum.
22	In Wadi Al Baqar area- Nahaleen- Bethlehem, the Israeli authorities obligated a Palestinian citizen to demolish four barracks. One of them is used as a blacksmith, and one is an Aluminum workshop, one is used as a garage to repair cars, and one is used as a restaurant. The owner was notified earlier with a demolishing order and decided to demolish the establishments on his own to avoid paying exaggerated financial fines in case the Israeli authorities did the demolishing. The barracks were demolished under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	8/5/2024	Nahaleen- Bethlehem Governorate.	Muhammad Issa Musallam.
23	In Jouqet Azeez area in Bait Taamar village- Bethlehem, the Israeli authorities demolished a three-floor house (under construction), under the allegation of an unlicensed building.	8/5/2024	Bait Taamar village- Bethlehem Governorate	

24	In Al Jeftlek village, the Israeli authorities demolished four houses under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	8/5/2024	Al Jeftlek village Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate.	Bani Ouda, Jahaleen, and Caabna Families.
25	In Froush Bait Dajan Village, the Israeli authorities demolished a 100 squared meters house, under the allegation of an unlicensed building.	8/5/2024	Froush Bait Dajan Village Nablus Governorate.	Hisham Abu Thabet.
26	In Al Tuwana Village, the Israeli authorities demolished an 85-square-meter house and the walls around it as well as a warehouse, under the allegation of unlicensed buildings.	7/5/2024	Al Tuwana Village Hebron Governorate	Khaled Rabah Ribee
27	In Al Jawaya Village- Yatta, the Israeli authorities demolished a two-floor house with 300 squared meters area, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	7/5/2024	Al Jawaya Village- Yatta Hebron Governorate	Ahmad Hamdan Al Nawajaa
28	In Ras Karkar Village, the Israeli authorities demolished the second floor of a two-floor building and a car wash garage, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	5/5/2024	Ras Karkar Village Ramallah Governorate.	Nawwaf Hashim Samhan and Amjad Samhan.
29	In Silwan, the Israeli authorities obligated a Jerusalemite Palestinian to demolish his 3 stores on his own as he was notified earlier with a demolishing order, under the claim of unlicensed buildings. The owners decided to demolish them on their own to avoid being subject to a high financial penalty or being detained till the fine is paid, in case the Israeli authorities demolish the stores.	2/5/2024	Silwan Jerusalem Governorate	Ali Qassem Al Khateb, Yousef Mahmoud Mlaihat, and Azeez Shihada.
30	In Khalet Al Furn, close to Bireen Village, to the west of Bani Niem Town, the Israeli authorities demolished a two-floor house, under the claim of an unlicensed building.	1/5/2024	Bani Niem Town Hebron Governorate	Hamza Ayeshe Zain

31	In Jabal Al Mukabber, the Israeli authorities demolished a barrack and a retaining wall, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	1/5/2024	Jabal Al Mukabber Jerusalem Governorate.	
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Detailed Table of Notified Establishments

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	In Nileen Village, the Israeli authorities notified the owners of 8 houses, a barrack to breed livestock, and 4 retaining walls, under the claim of unlicensed buildings.	21/5/2024	Nileen Village Ramallah Governorate.	

Detailed Table of Confiscated Establishments

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	A group of Israeli settlers seized 6 residential arracks owned by Palestinians from Caabna Bedwin Tribe in Al Muaarajat area. The barracks were disfigured during November 2023 and the residents were displaced at that time.	7/5/2024	Muaarajat area Jericho/ Jordan Valley Governorate.	

Detailed Table of Closed Establishments

No.	Description	Date	Location	Affected People
1	In the Old City of Hebron, the Israeli authorities closed the doors of the old building of Hebron Municipality, in Al Muaaskar area as a step to hand the building over to the	8/5/2024	Hebron City Hebron Governorate	Hebron Municipality.

	Israeli settlers under the allegation of being a Jewish property.			
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