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## Preface:

Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that:

*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.*

Israeli colonization expanded on West Bank governorates including Jerusalem, and imposed control over the West Bank territories, defying all Humanitarian Laws and laws of The Israeli Occupation's government itself.

Palestinian people and government are now under a duplicated occupation: The Colonization Authority and the Occupation Authority, and there is no doubt that the occupation state and its military support colonization financially, morally and in security issues.

Why not? the occupation government is completely controlled by colonists supported by the American radical right administration.

Recognizing Jerusalem as Capital of the Occupation state and relocating the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, denying the refugees' right to return through ending aid to United Nation Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA), which accompanied Palestinian refugees all these years and witnessed their suffering, all these measurements make flagrant violations of international Humanitarian Law, and a perpetuation of Israeli occupation as a tool in the hand of Imperial colonization, while the national law is a clear reflection of the occupation's true racism.

Colonists' escalated their attacks against Palestinians and their land, They live freely as if it was their legitimate land, while tracking Palestinian new constructions or agricultural development in C area to provoke the Israeli government to quicken their arbitrary measurements.

2018 is a sad year, as 5 countries announced their recognition of Jerusalem as capital of Israel, and some of them relocated their embassies in the new "Capital", while the others are on their way.

Jamal Talab AlAmleh  
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## **The Land Research Center (LRC) – an overview**

LRC was established in 1986 as part of the Arab Studies Society; it is a nongovernmental, non-profit organization which aims at fostering sustainable development in Palestine through encouraging economic independence by urging people to have more control over their natural resources, improving their scientific and technical abilities, introducing more effective methods of natural resources management, and introducing up-to-date technologies.

LRC's activities cover all the West Bank, including Jerusalem, as well as the Gaza Strip. It has branches in Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus.

LRC is an active member of the Palestinian Civil Society as it promotes cooperation between local NGOs, international organizations, and the public sector.

LRC is specialized in conducting land and water researches and studies. It also provides governmental and nongovernmental bodies with important data needed to develop strategies pertaining to critical issues, the likes of land, colonization, and water.

### **The Human Rights Program**

It is viewed as one of the most crucial programs implemented on the national level. The program aims to monitor Israeli violations of Palestinians rights, gather detailed and precise information in this regard and make the information available to people all over the world in order to garner more support and mobilize solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

The Center has offered Palestinian families advisory opinions and recommendations in regard to confiscations, demolitions, and demolition threats. It has also adopted several cases where it provided financial, logistical, and legal support to victims.

LRC operates in cooperation with a large number of local and international organizations in order to support the Palestinians' right to adequate housing, guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

### **Sustainable Development Program**




The program focuses on land development and Palestinian people by carrying out activities that achieve sustainable development through developing natural resources that are pertaining, but not limited to, land development, nature protection, and optimal use of water towards the realization of food security and sovereignty accompanied by social and cultural empowerment to all members of the society in a way that ensures their having a decent life.

### **Information, Studies and Researches Program**

This program focuses on preparing, finding, and providing the credential scientific information in addition to undertaking applicable researches and studies that are related to the center activities and programs. Noteworthy, the activities are not only restricted to certain domains but they go beyond the following : soil preservation, agricultural lands development, environment, agriculture, biodiversity, soil science, water, vegetation and land usage, food security, and economic empowerment.



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## Methodology

Compilation of data is done in accordance with the International coalition for the right of property and residence: a specialized team of field observers follow up on Israeli violations. Information about ongoing violations is usually obtained from news agencies, victims' calls, interviews, and field visits.

Information is then classified and distributed to field observers based on location.

The latter conduct visits to targeted sites, record testimonies, take pictures, and ask victims to fill special survey to elicit as much information about an aggression as possible. The gathered information is used to conduct case studies, news feeds, and monthly and quarterly reports. All of the reported aggressions are recorded electronically on the LRC's central database. It is worth mentioning that produced reports include pictures and maps and/or aerial photos designed by the Geographic Information System (GIS) and Mapping unit at LRC in order to provide visual aid needed to better understand the extent and technical details of the aggression.

In the end, these reports are published on LRC's webpage [www.lrcj.org](http://www.lrcj.org) and the program's special website which is developed and maintained in cooperation with the Applied Research Institute – Jerusalem (ARIJ) [www.poica.org](http://www.poica.org) in both Arabic and English as well as being often published in the form of books and booklets.







**Chapter 1**  
**Israeli Violations of  
the Right to Housing**



## Demolition and Evacuation of Palestinian Houses and Structures... A Displacement policy

The Israeli occupation forces continue their discriminatory construction policies, which is reflected in demolishing Palestinian construction in C area according to Oslo accords (1993). The Occupation imposes endless complications on any Palestinian structure, rendering the process of getting a building permit almost impossible. Thus, many Palestinians are obliged to build without a permit, which leads them to the disastrous fate of being a victim to the Israeli occupation's demolitions. On the other hand, the occupation generously grants settlers building permits.

Land Research Center documented 520<sup>1</sup> cases of house demolition, dismantle or/ and confiscation through firsthand field observation only in 2018.

The main reason of targeting Palestinian construction is to evacuate Palestinian people, to give Israel the space for their colonial schemes. The Israeli Occupation Authorities legalized and acknowledged 15 outposts, while targeted 83 Palestinian communities with its arbitrary demolition measurements. The cases are as the following:

- 187 houses, with an overall area of 20,185 m<sup>2</sup>, inhabited by 776 people, among them 347 children, 84 of them were built of stones, 52 built of bricks and cement, 11 are tents and /or metal rooms, 26 are built of bricks and steal sheets, 5 caravans, 5 houses' foundations, 4 built of processed plastic.
- 333 facilities, beneficial for 2,028 people among them 1,045 children:
  - 112 barns, Shacks and agricultural rooms, of which 64 barns containing more than 2,964 heads of cattle, 48 shacks used for sleeping during cultivation seasons, stores for feeds and other uses.
  - 33 retaining walls to protect agricultural lands and/or residences.
  - 92 commercial facilities.
  - 45 water harvesting cistern, pool or reservoir.
  - 22 other facilities (garages, outdoor bathrooms and etc...).
  - 3 electricity networks.
  - 9 educational institutions "school and kindergarten".
  - 9 plant nursery.
  - 3 roads.
  - 5 cemeteries.

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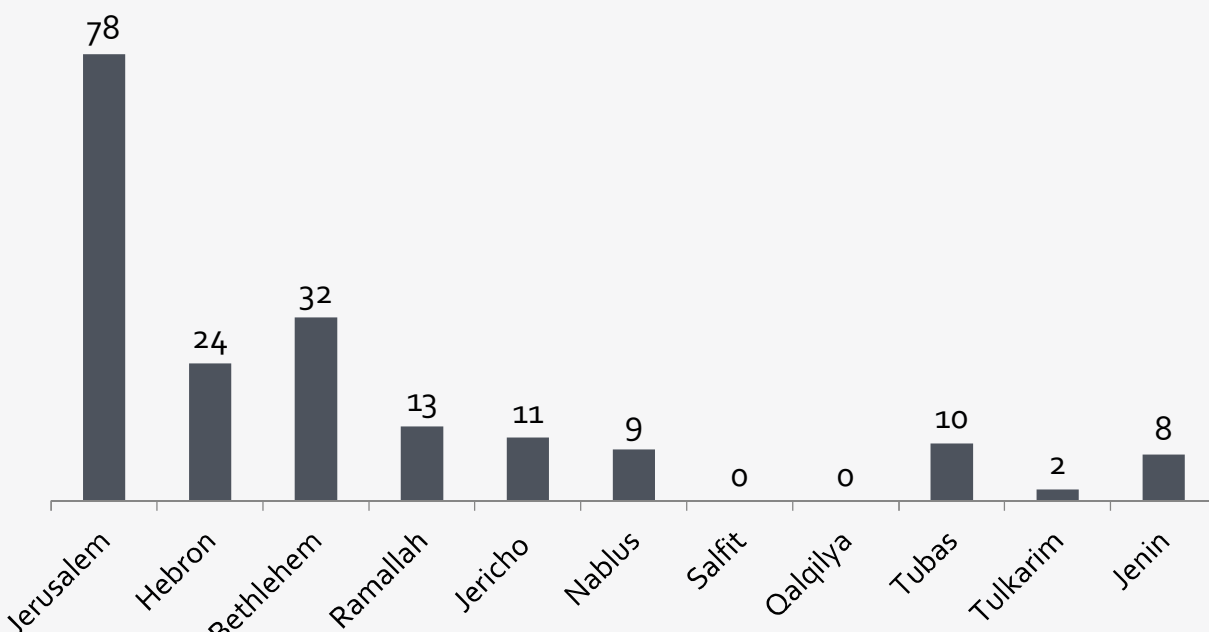
<sup>1</sup> of which 57 facilities dismantled and confiscated by the occupation forces.

Demolished residences in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, in 2018- by governorate:

Governorate	Residences	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Victims	Including children
Jerusalem	*78	9,254	363	178
Hebron	24	1,836	133	54
Bethlehem	32	3,800	51	23
Ramallah	13	1,880	47	23
Jericho	11	855	55	33
Nablus	9	544	51	15
Salfit	0	0	0	0
Qalqilya	0	0	0	0
Tubas	10	625	34	13
Tulkarm	2	106	5	2
Jenin	8	1,285	37	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>187**</b>	<b>20,185</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>347</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

\* including 20 residences demolished by their owners who were forced by the occupation's municipality.

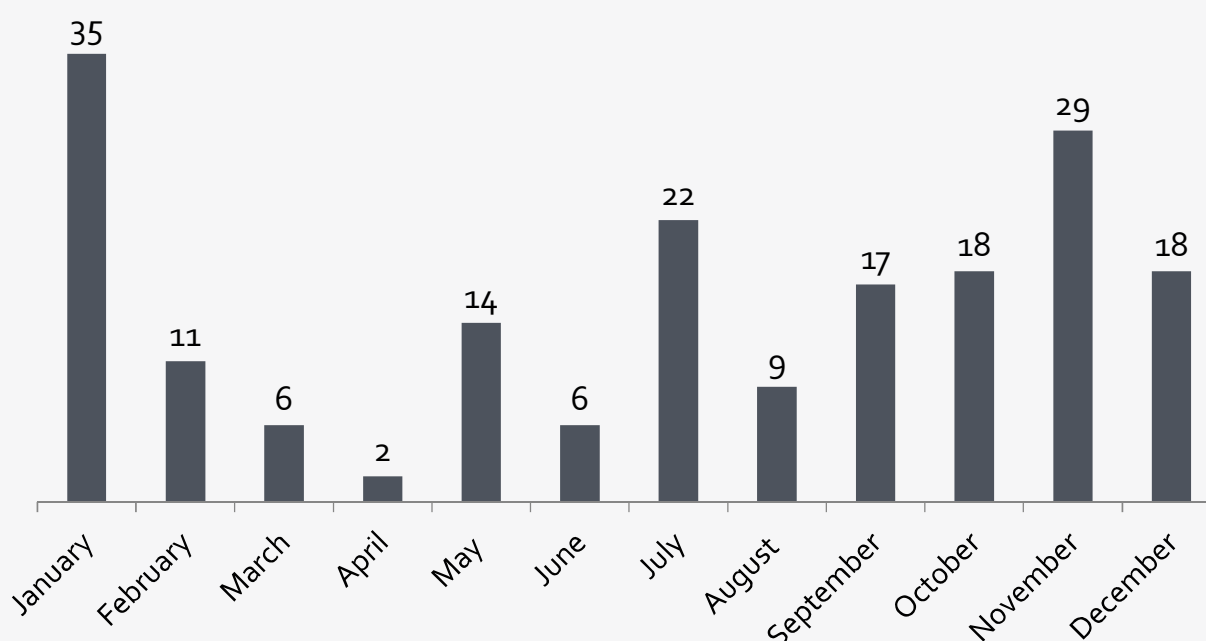


The graph reflects the demolished houses in the West Bank in 2018- by governorate

Demolished houses in the West Bank in 2018- by month:

Governorate	Residences	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Victims	Including children
January	35	4,062	67	28
February	11	1,805	57	29
March	6	555	34	13
April	2	270	13	4
May	14	756	68	21
June	6	475	28	14
July	22	1,865	132	70
August	9	913	49	25
September	17	1,572	85	37
October	18	1,452	101	51
November	29	4,598	65	23
December	18	1,862	77	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>20,185</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>347</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.



The graph illustrates the demolished houses in the West Bank in 2018- by month

*Hebron – Beit Kahil: The occupation's heavy machineries demolishing a building that belongs to Anwar Sonuqrot – February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018*



### **Self-Demolition is a Crime against Humanity:**

Definition: When an owner of a structure is forced to demolish his property by himself, it is called «self demolition» or «silent demolition». It used to be carried out in quiet or in silence as the name suggests. But recently, due to their increased number of cases, victims have come to disclose that such type of demolition exists and that it is their only choice and speak out about the inhumanity of the Israeli occupation for forcing such a practice.

This kind of demolition is mainly imposed on Palestinians in Jerusalem in efforts to displace them and Judaize the city.

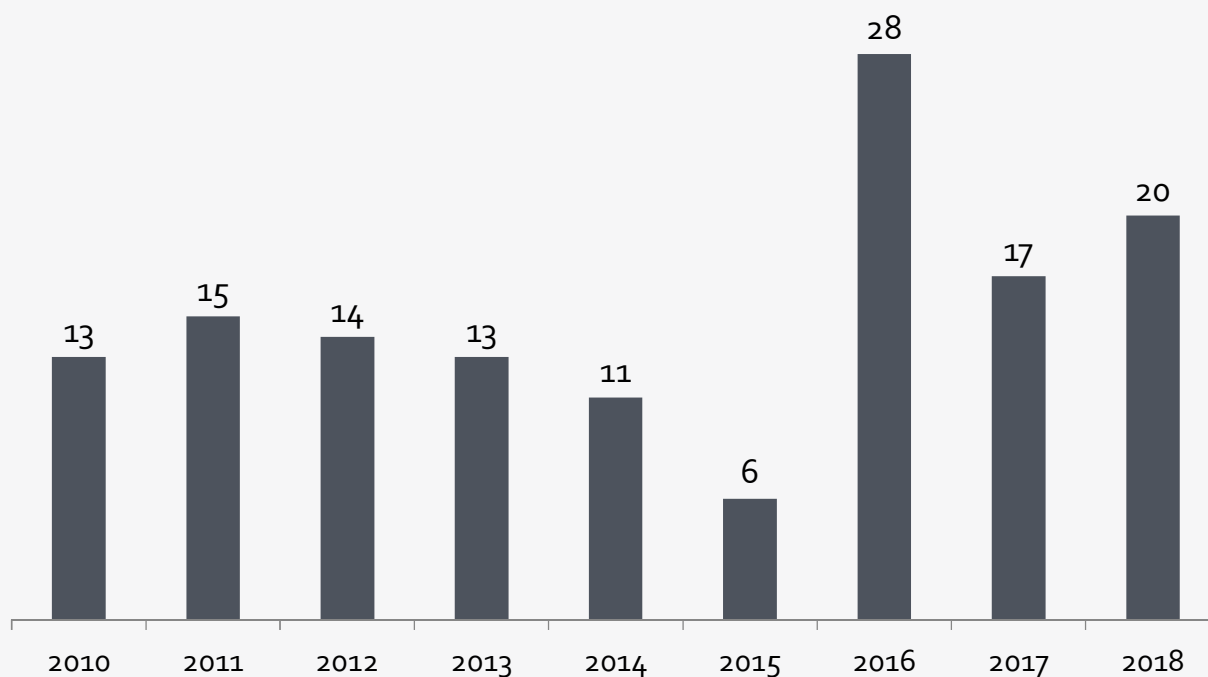
The Israeli occupation always justifies that type of demolition, which is a blatant contravention of the right to residence and a crime against humanity, on the pretext of unlicensed construction.

If your house has been built without a building permit, then it is legal and you have to destroy it and remove the wreckage as soon as possible. You also have to take pictures of the destroyed structure and send them to the Inspection Department of the Planning and Construction Committee in the occupying municipality to verify the act. There is a fixed date regarding when you have to carry out the demolition operation and this is a red line you cannot cross. There is a second date set by the municipality court of local affairs to check if you have abided by the demolition order or not. In case you do not comply, the municipality will demolish your residence at your expense. If you cannot pay, you will be jailed, so the lesser of two evils becomes the self-demolition choice.

LRC field observers kept a close eye on the matter and recorded 100 cases where the owners had to demolish their property by themselves during the past seven years (2010 -2018) making 848 civilian citizens, more than 455 of whom are children, homeless and lacking security and stability.

Residences that were demolished by their owners (self-demolition) during (2010-2018):

Years	Number of houses	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Number of family members	Number of children
2010	13	827	102	61
2011	15	700	88	56
2012	14	984	92	53
2013	13	822	107	64
2014	11	605	88	31
2015	6	380	31	14
2016	28	1,999	125	56
2017	17	1,325	90	55
2018	20	1,976	125	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>455</b>



*The chart illustrates the residences that were demolished by their owners (self-demolition) during (2010-2018)*

**Negative effects of self demolition on families:**

The self or silent demolition causes great pain and feelings of oppression. When the Israeli occupation carries out a demolition operation, the family gets more united in the face of injustice, especially children who become aware of the reality of the occupation. But when the father carries out the demolition, children become confused and view their caretaker as weak and helpless. This may lead to fragmentations, clashes and instability within the family, and children might suffer psychologically and lose trust in the family, society and future. Let alone the loss of money and efforts on the part of the breadwinner and the family.

Objectives of imposing self- demolition on Palestinians by the Israeli occupation:

**To kick out Palestinians from the occupied city of Jerusalem so Jews become a majority;**

- Portray Palestinians as self-destructive, demolishing their residences by themselves in a gesture of admitting their wrongdoing;
- Exonerate the Israeli occupation from accusations of eviction and demolition;
- Spare the Israeli occupation from complications, confrontations and embarrassments during demolition;
- Generate money (by fining people thousands of shekels);
- Conceal the true number of demolition cases;
- Make negative psychological effects on Palestinian families;
- Get rid of the infamous stereotype known for centuries about the Jews that they destroy their own houses by themselves.

**What does the Israeli occupation do if a Palestinian owner does not demolish his residence by himself?**

- The Israeli occupation demolishes the residence without any prior warning and usually at the early hours of the day.
- The occupation sets perimeters around the targeted area and invades it with armed forces. It also imposes curfew on the residents of the neighborhood until the task is complete.
- The Israeli occupation forces use tear gas canisters and rubber-coated bullets against masses or people who try to get near them.
- While driving bulldozers, soldiers try to inflict as much damage as possible not only on the targeted house but also on nearby structures.



### **During the demolition, the Israeli occupation does the following:**

- Hire a demolition contractor and workers to evacuate residents.
- Assign a military force, often with detection dogs, to accompany and guard the contractor.
- Carry out content and furniture that workers often deliberately destroy during evacuation.
- Attack people who get near the building, even the owners themselves, by unleashing sniffer dogs.
- Beat a member of the family as it is usually the case. In response to people's anger or protestation, the Israeli occupation forces hit or detain some.

### **Present the family with demolition bills that include the following:**

- Wages of the contractor and workers
- Safeguard expenses
- Expenses of renting detection dogs
- Risk costs
- Fines in case the owner does not remove the wreckage of his house within 48 hours.
- Fines if the owner does not comply with the municipality's order and fails to demolish his residence by himself

### **Security Demolition:**

In November 12th 2015, the Israeli Occupation forces activated security demolition as a collective punishment policy, the Israeli Occupation's Supreme court ratified this policy in reference to a British mandate Emergency Law number 119 for 1945. The Supreme court recommended demolishing houses of Palestinians who are suspects of carrying out operations against Israeli targets, taking into consideration that the law was abolished as it is considered a violation of international agreements and conventions.

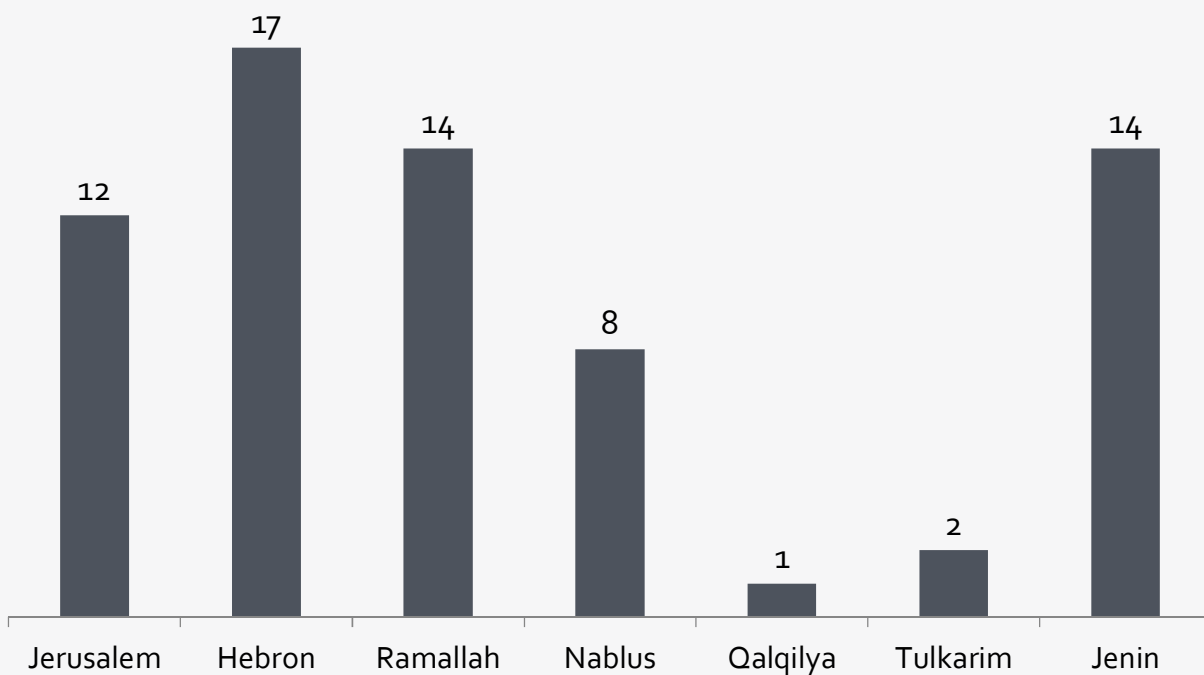
Land Research Center sees Israeli practices and measures as a collective punishment against the families of martyrs and prisoners. The occupation seeks to traumatize and humiliate Palestinian families through such practices.

Since Al-Quds uprising of 2015 until the date of this report, Israeli Occupation Forces demolished 68 residences, of which 14 were demolished in 2018. Demolitions were carried out as a collective punishment on the families of those accused of resisting the Israeli occupation.

The following table shows information about demolition for security claims in 2015-2018:

Governorate	Number of demolished houses	Partial damage	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Family members	Children
Jerusalem	12	9	1,319	71	27
Hebron	17	9	2,341	70	30
Ramallah	14	11	2,145	52	15
Nablus	8	26	1,000	53	26
Qalqilya	1	2	145	6	4
Tulkarim	2	0	106	5	2
Jenin	14	7	2,070	81	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>9,126</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>123</b>

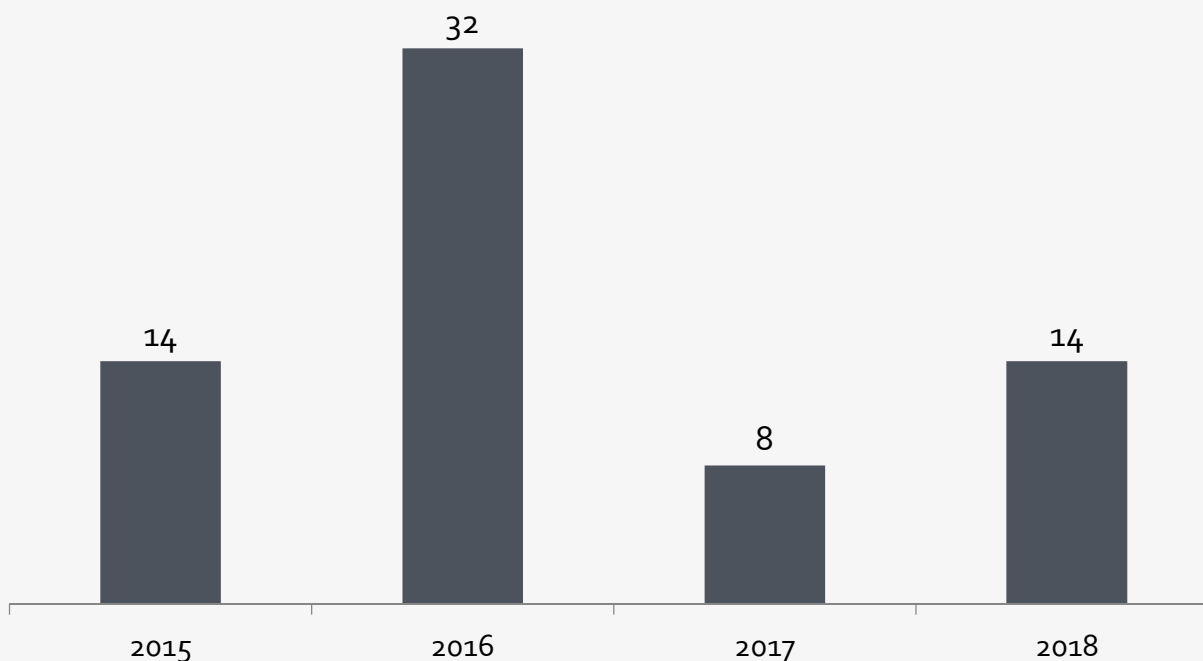
Source : Israeli violations monitoring system – LRC – Arab studies society 2018



The graph illustrates the number of demolished residences on the claim of "Security Purposes" in 2015- 2018, considering governorates

The Following table shows numbers of demolished houses under security claims in West Bank governorates (including Jerusalem) between (2015-2018), according to years:

Years	Demolished houses	Partial damages in nearby homes due to pumping / ravaging	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Family members rendered homeless	Children rendered homeless
2015	14	36	1,826	69	31
2016	32	16	4,194	177	65
2017	8	6	1,080	34	13
2018	14	6	2,026	58	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>9,26</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>123</b>

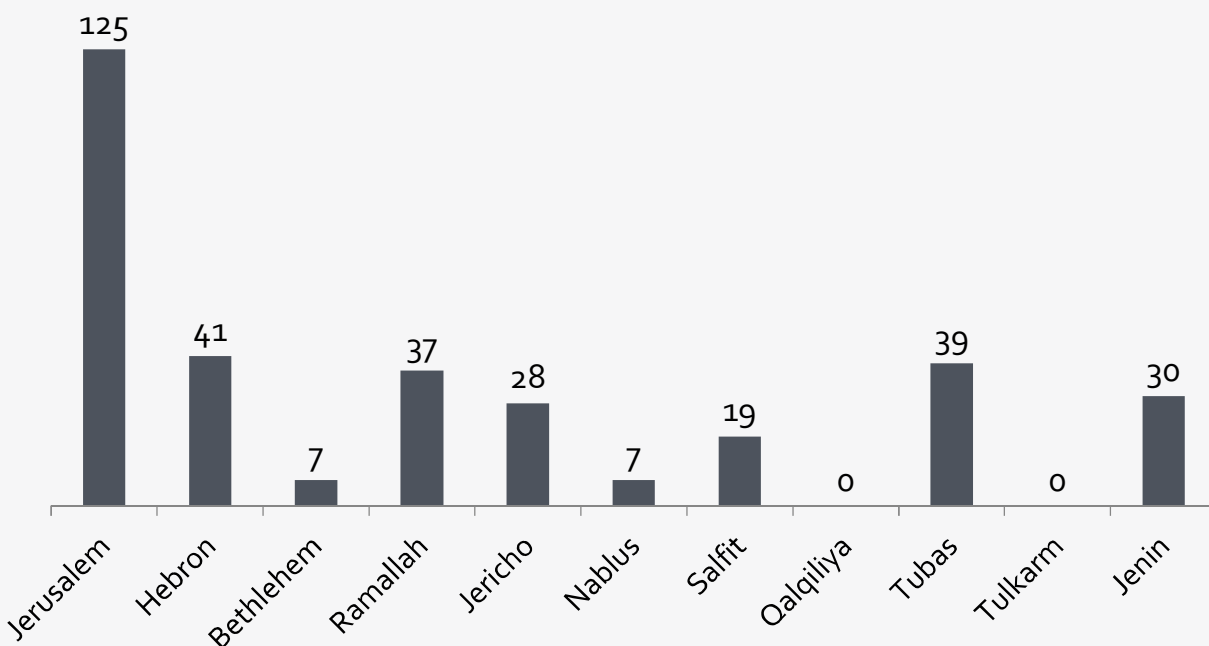


*The graph illustrates the number of demolished residences on the claim of "Security Purposes", considering years 2015- 2018*

Demolished facilities in the West Bank cities, including Jerusalem in 2018- by type:

Governorate	Educational Institutions	Cisterns & reservoirs	Retaining walls	Shacks, barns and tents	Agricultural rooms	Commercial buildings	Electricity networks	Outbuildings (of houses)	Roads	Nurseries	Cemeteries	Total
Jerusalem	3	0	10	15	10	64	0	11	2	9	1	125
Hebron	4	10	7	14	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	41
Bethlehem	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
Ramallah	0	5	9	3	5	9	1	5	0	0	0	37
Jericho	0	7	3	7	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	28
Nablus	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Salfit	0	0	0	14	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	19
Qalqiliya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas	2	19	0	12	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	39
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenin	0	4	1	8	6	9	0	1	0	0	1	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>333</b>

Source: Israeli violations monitoring section – LRC – Arab studies society 2018

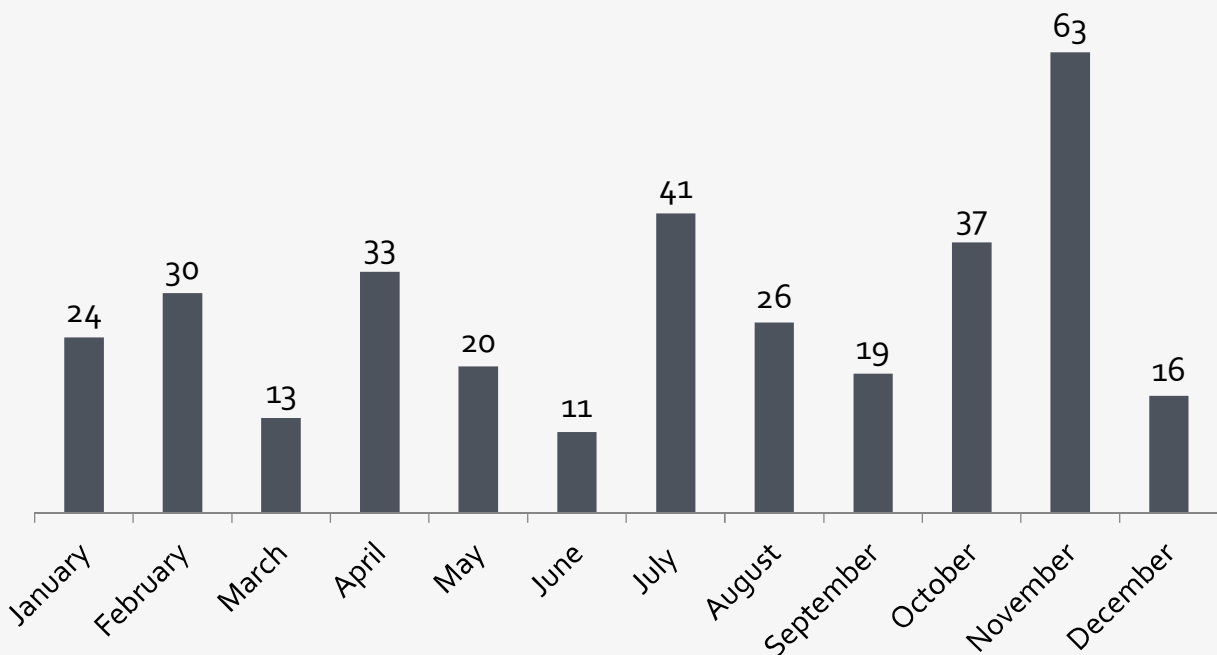


The graph illustrates demolished facilities during 2018 according to governorates

Demolished facilities in the West Bank cities, including Jerusalem in 2018- by months:

Month	Educational Institutions	Cisterns & reservoirs	Retaining walls	Shacks, barns and tents	Agricultural rooms	Commercial buildings	Electricity networks	Outbuildings (of houses)	Roads	Nurseries	Cemeteries	Total
January	0	4	3	7	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	24
February	1	4	2	14	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	30
March	0	0	1	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	3	13
April	2	0	7	0	5	15	0	4	0	0	0	33
May	0	3	0	5	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	20
June	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	11
July	3	12	3	10	2	7	0	0	0	4	0	41
August	0	4	0	5	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	26
September	0	5	3	3	2	1	1	3	0	0	1	19
October	1	7	7	15	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	37
November	1	5	4	15	7	27	0	3	0	0	1	63
December	1	1	0	2	0	6	1	5	0	0	0	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>333</b>

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The graph illustrates demolished facilities during 2018 - by month

*Hebron governorate – Yatta town –  
Khallet Ad-Dabe'a school  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 2018*



*Hebron governorate – Yatta – At-Tuba  
The occupation machineries demolish  
a barn that contains 120 heads of  
cattle – July 30, 2018*



House demolitions contradict with all the International conventions and Humanitarian laws including:

Article 17 of the (1948) Universal Declaration of Human Rights stating: *"Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property."*

Section "G" of article 23 of the (1907) The Hague Conventions asserting: *"In addition to the prohibitions provided by special Conventions, it is especially forbidden to destroy or seize the enemy's property, unless such destruction or seizure be imperatively demanded by the necessities of war."*

Article 53 of the Geneva Fourth Convention (1948) declaring: *"Any destruction by the Occupying Power of real or personal property belonging individually or collectively to private persons, or to the State, or to other public authorities, or to social or cooperative organizations, is prohibited, except where such destruction is rendered absolutely necessary by military operations."*

Section 1, Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966): *"The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including adequate food, clothing and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions. The States Parties will take appropriate steps to ensure the realization of this right, recognizing to this effect the essential importance of international co-operation based on free consent."*

### Demolition Threats for Palestinian Residences and Structures:

The Israeli occupation through the Civil Administration in the West Bank and/or the state municipality in the occupied city of Jerusalem works hard to restrict any Palestinian construction, urban expansion or development by demolishing unwanted structures. The Civil Administration and the occupying municipality have issued hundreds of demolition orders on Palestinian structures under the pretext of unlicensed construction; adjacency to the Apartheid Wall; military closed zones among others, ignoring the fact that the land along the structures on it are Palestinian property.

The official body that serves military orders against Palestinian construction in area C is the Civil Administration-Judea and Samaria, Supreme Planning Council, Inspection Sub-committee while the occupying municipality does so in East Jerusalem. Both work hand in hand in hindering any Palestinian urban development and expansion.

An Israeli inspector, usually guarded by Israeli forces, hangs demolition orders on targeted houses and takes pictures of them before leaving. Sometimes the order is handed to any Palestinian around without showing any respect to the owner and without any formal way to inform the victims.

The first order that is usually issued is called “stop-work”; such orders usually do not include the name of the owner, as if he did not exist, but include information like coordinates and a description of the “infringement” as well as a fixed date for a hearing session to be held in regard to the structure, typically within 45 days.

In case the owner fails to attend the hearing session or fails to obtain a construction permit, which is the most likely scenario, the Israeli Occupation Civil Administration issues what is called “final stop-work order”.

In rare cases, the Israeli Occupation Civil Administration issues a third order entitled “additional opportunity to object to a demolition order” which grants the victim 3 additional days to respond to the accusations held against him and obtain a construction permit.

Another type of military orders that has been specifically used for areas in the eastern part of the West Bank and to the south of Hebron is entitled: “eviction from a closed military zone” and issued by the Israeli Occupation Civil Administration.

The order forces people to evict the designated areas within a short period of time and warns the targeted that if they do not comply with the orders, they will be evicted by force and their belongings confiscated.

According to LRC field staff, over than 356 military orders were issued in 2018 including 206 stop-work orders; 54 final stop-work notes; 7 additional opportunity to object to a demolition order notices and 7 eviction orders for closed areas, 4 notices to stop sabotaging antiquities, 1 order to stop violating the space of a road, 4 security notice, 1 a threat of removal, 66 demolition orders, 592 Palestinian structures were targeted on the pretext of lacking a building permit including:

- 347 houses, rendering 1726 people homeless, among them 862 children.
- 244 facilities, beneficial for 7,197 people, among them 4,180 children.



Threatened residences in 2018 - by type of military order:

Governorate	Stop-work order	Final stop-work order	Additional opportunity to object to a demolition order	A notice to evict a closed zone	Closure and confiscation notice "security"	Administrative demolition orders	Notices to stop sabotaging antiquities	Total
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	48
Hebron	61	17	1	3	1	0	9	92
Bethlehem	56	16	0	0	0	16	1	89
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
Jericho	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	18
Nablus	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	12
Salfit	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Qalqilya	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Tubas	13	2	2	36	0	0	0	53
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Jenin	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>347</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2018

Threatened structures in 2018 by type of military order:

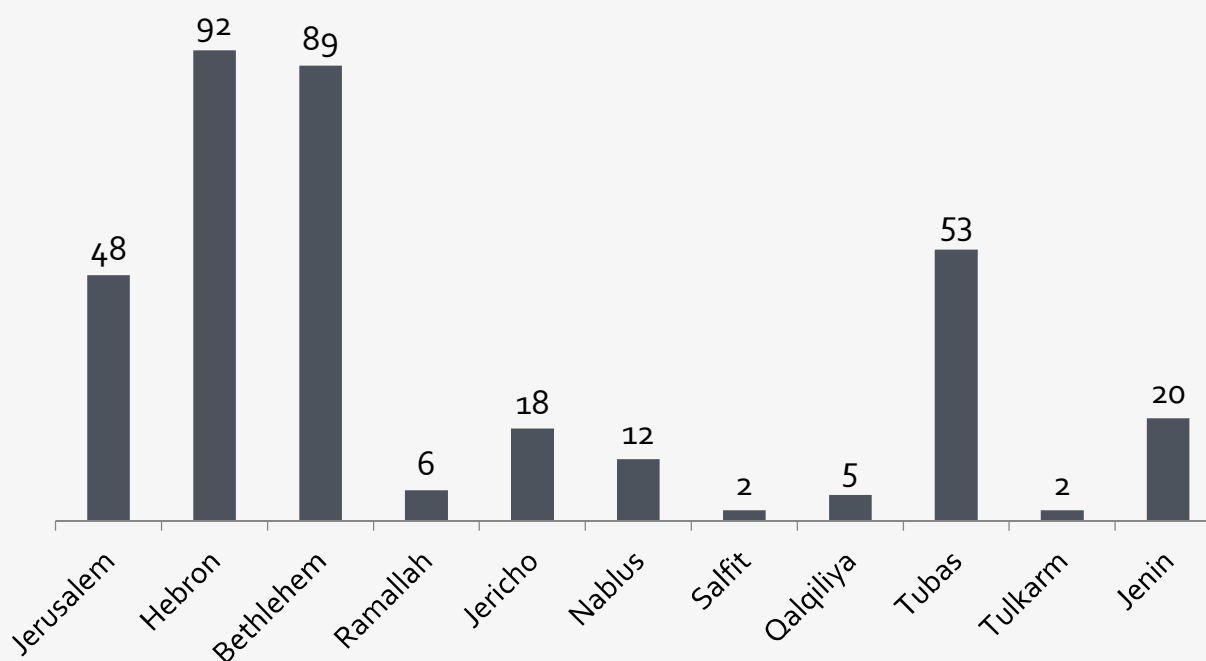
Governorate	Stop-work order	Final stop-work order	additional opportunity to object to a demolition order	A notice to evict a closed zone	Closure and confiscation notice "security"	Administrative demolition orders	Notices to stop sabotaging antiquities	Total
Jerusalem	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	5
Hebron	42	23	1	0	0	0	11	77
Bethlehem	17	18	0	0	1	0	0	36
Ramallah	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jericho	11	1	6	0	0	0	0	18
Nablus	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	7
Salfit	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Qalqilya	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	11
Tubas	50	1	0	2	0	0	2	55
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenin	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>244</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2018

Residences threatened of demolition in 2018- by governorate:

Governorate	Number of houses	Area in m <sup>2</sup>	Number of inhabitants	Children
Jerusalem	48	3,580	258	124
Hebron	92	8,656	455	199
Bethlehem	89	13,291	448	240
Ramallah	6	935	16	7
Jericho	18	1,450	77	45
Nablus	12	1,505	67	35
Salfit	2	200	6	4
Qalqilya	5	720	24	15
Tubas	53	2,829	287	161
Tulkarm	2	250	3	0
Jenin	20	2,800	85	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>3,6216</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>862</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2018

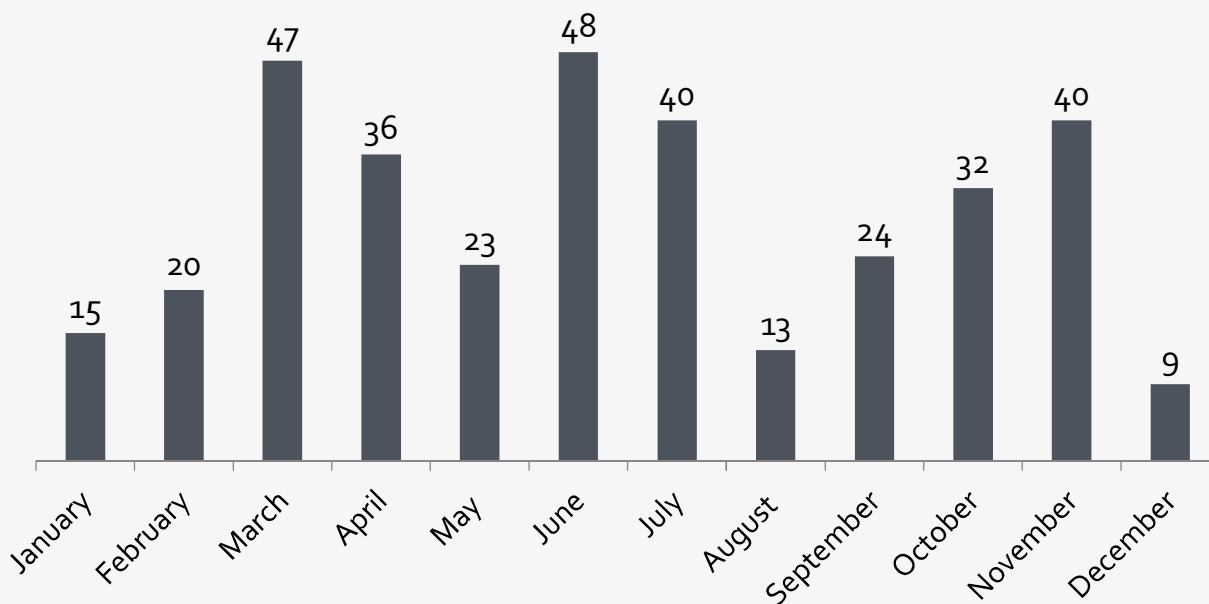


The graph illustrates the houses threatened of demolition in the West Bank in 2018- by governorate

The table shows demolished residences in 2018 – by months:

Months	Residences	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Victims	Children
January	15	1,274	81	46
February	20	3,311	94	37
March	47	4,126	241	123
April	36	2,876	201	99
May	23	2,020	96	49
June	48	6,715	186	97
July	40	4,698	191	94
August	13	1,500	73	29
September	24	2,060	142	78
October	32	3,466	171	85
November	40	3,755	195	96
December	9	415	55	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>36,216</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>862</b>

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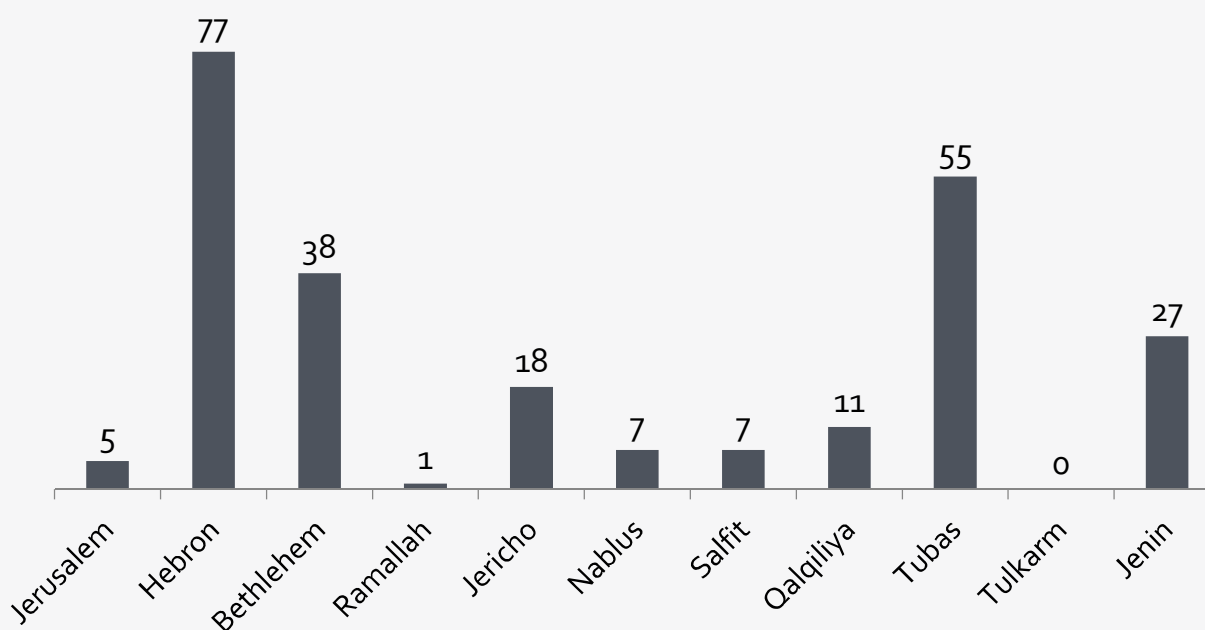


The graph shows threatened residences in West Bank governorates during 2018 – by months

## Threatened facilities in 2018 - by governorate and type:

Governorate	Educational institutions	Mosques	Cisterns and reservoirs	Retaining wall	Sheds and barns	Agricultural rooms	Commercial buildings	Roads networks	Electricity networks	Parks and playgrounds	Outbuildings	Others	Cemeteries	Total
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Hebron	5	1	11	3	20	20	2	3	2	0	7	3	0	77
Bethlehem	1	1	14	4	3	2	7	3	0	0	1	1	1	38
Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jericho	3	0	0	0	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Nablus	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Salfit	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Qalqilya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	9	0	11
Tubas	6	0	7	1	28	6	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	55
Tulkarm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenin	4	0	1	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>246</b>

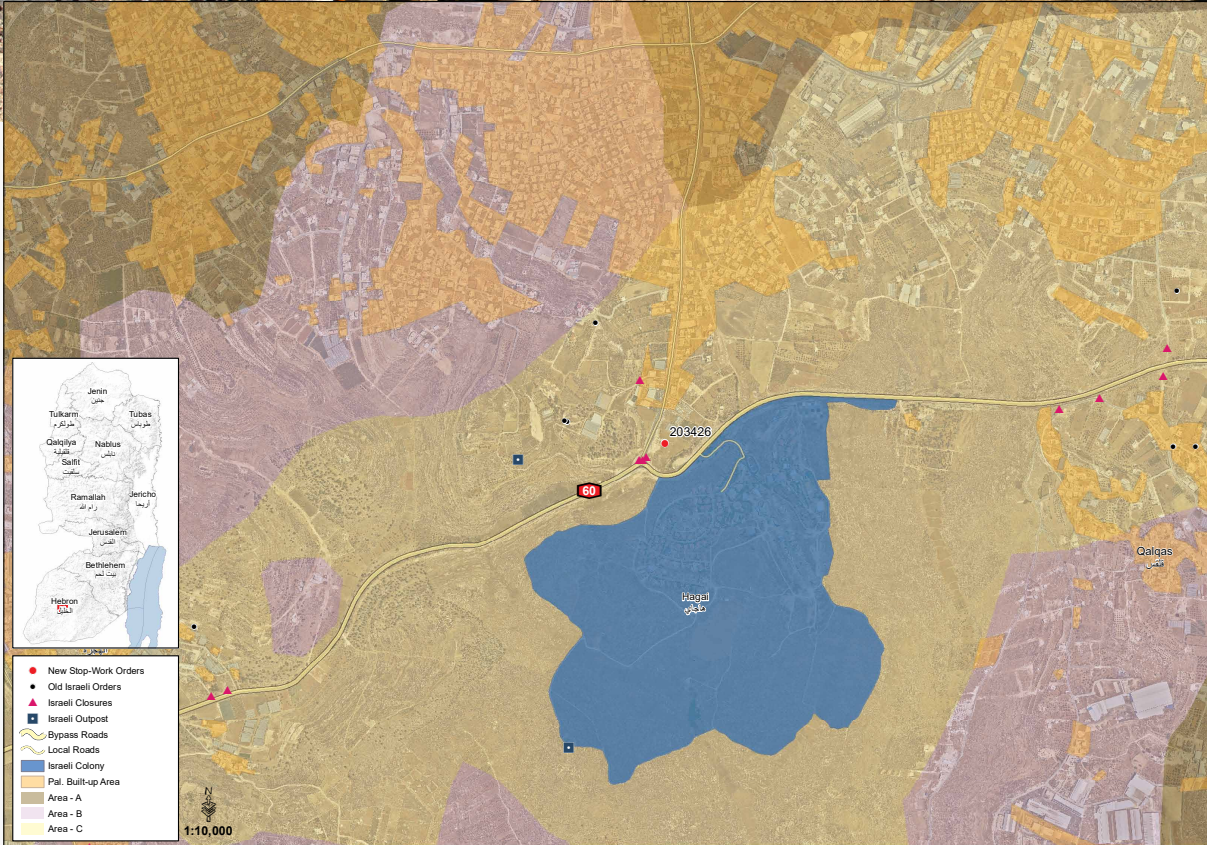
Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2018



The graph illustrates demolished facilities in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem during 2018

In reality, the issue is not all about unlicensed construction than it is on the occupation's intention to take over more lands in the area of their control (Area C according to Oslo Accords). The Israeli occupation considers such lands as a colonial reserve, which will be hard to negotiate on in any future agreements with Palestinians.

*Hebron governorate – Al-Harayeq area: threatened Palestinian nursery, while Haggai settlement is expanding up the hill – January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018*



*Location of the targeted nursery*

## Colonists' Raids and Attacks on Palestinian Residences:

Radical settlers - most of them belong to the price tag group- carried out 135 attacks against Palestinian houses and facilities, targeting 434 houses facilities.

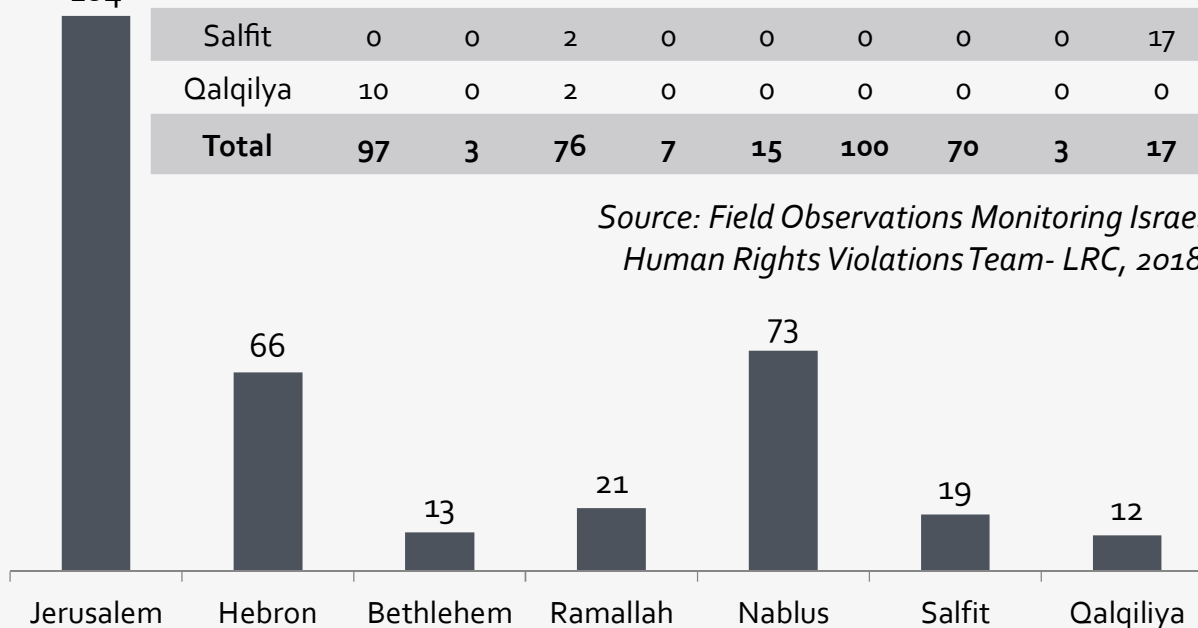
Settlers took over 15 residences most of them in Silwan, the old city of Jerusalem and the old city of Hebron.

Attacks targeted 73 facilities, including: 15 commercial facilities, 5 cisterns and water reservoirs, 5 agricultural facilities, 1 road, 11 educational and social institutions, 3 storehouses, 1 retaining wall, 5 mosques, 2 cemeteries, 2 religious sites, 19 antiquities sites, 2 natural reserves, 2 churches.

Colonists' attacks against Palestinian residences in 2018:

Governorate	Pelting with stones	Soaking in sewage	Breaking in and writing racist slogans	Ban house rehabilitation	Seizing houses	Eviction notices	Digging underneath houses	Torching and destruction	Ravages near houses
Jerusalem	0	0	6	0	9	99	70	0	0
Hebron	32	1	18	7	6	1	0	1	0
Bethlehem	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	6	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	49	2	20	0	0	0	0	2	0
Salfit	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	17
Qalqilya	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>

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Source: Field Observations Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2018.

The graph illustrates numbers of attacked houses in 2018 by governorate

Colonists' attacks against Palestinian facilities in 2018:

Governorate	Demolition	Pelting with stones	Torching and destruction	Judaizing and changing history	Total
Jerusalem	0	7	3	6	16
Hebron	1	13	9	8	31
Bethlehem	0	4	0	0	4
Ramallah	1	0	1	0	2
Nablus	3	14	2	0	19
Salfit	0	1	0	0	1
Qalqilya	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Tubas</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>73</b>

Source: Field Observations Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2018.

Ramallah governorate – Turmus'ayya:  
 "Adei Ad" settlers sabotage a fence to  
 access an olive grove November 24<sup>th</sup> 2018







**Chapter 2**  
**Israeli Violations Against**  
**Natural Resources**



## Attacks on Palestinian Lands, Trees, and Environment

### Land Confiscations

Since 1984, the Israeli policies have been espoused to seize as much Palestinian lands as possible in order to use these lands for colonial expansions.

Since the British mandate of 1920 until the 1967 war Palestine's area had shrunk to 22% of its original area, of which 1 % form the besieged Gaza strip, and 21 % is for the West Bank, where Israeli illegal settlers constructed settlements on 40% of its total area, and built bypass roads, Annexation and Expansion Walls and imposed laws that facilitate the land grabs process, leaving only 36% for Palestinians to live in.

During 2018, LRC documented the confiscation or expansion of confiscation for 12,661 dunums, of which 2186 were taken with 40 military orders, 2161 dunums grabbed by settlers or closed by the occupation forces without any military orders, and 8315 dunums are locations of plans subject for approval.

Hundreds of different types of military orders have been issued to serve such purpose.

There are various types of Israeli military orders designated for lands located in areas classified 'C'. These include:

- Eviction notices under claims of government properties.
- Orders of extension, borders modifications, and land takeover.
- Halt of work orders on agricultural facilities or buildings.
- Confiscation for military purposes.
- Confiscation under claims of using governmental properties.
- A notice to stop destroying antiquities (old buildings are also considered antiquities..
- A notice of security measurements.
- An order about absentees' properties.
- An order about governmental properties number 59 for 1967.
- Plans subject to approval: Such are published in Palestinian local newspapers and are unclear regarding location and property owner. Not to mention that they are hardly noticeable. These include:
  - Registration of immovable properties
  - Master plans

The following table illustrates numbers of confiscated Palestinian lands in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem during 2018:

Governorate	Eviction notices	Orders of extension, borders modifications, and land takeover.	Confiscation for military purposes.	Governmental properties	Stop destroying antiquities	A notice of security measurements.	Notice of security measurements	Plans for colonial road and settlement's expansion	Confiscation by colonists or their intuitions	Ravages for settlement expansion	Total
Jerusalem	-	104	-	-	-	-	-	1,634	1	30	1,768
Hebron	13	1	4	-	-	-	-	1,064	1	34	1,117
Bethlehem	67	69	1	-	-	-	15	1,105	132	51	1,439
Ramallah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	979	45	193	1,217
Jericho	38	-	-	80	-	-	-	1,023	600	14	1,755
Nablus	-	51	-	-	-	-	-	140	25	94	310
Salfit	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	1,177	362	241	1,788
Qalqilya	-	2	14	-	-	-	-	489	12	123	640
Tubas	64	1,415	-	-	-	40	-	467	60	143	2,189
Tulkarm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158	-	-	158
Jenin	14	29	-	-	158	-	-	79	-	-	280
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>12,661</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

Tubas governorate – Sahel Qa'oun : The Occupation authorities issue 4 eviction notices targeting 53 dunums



The following table illustrates numbers of confiscated Palestinian lands between the years 2008-2018 by years and governorates:

Governorate	Year											Total
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Jerusalem	5,623	1744	1496	3,158	5,577	2,641	273	2,013	787	205	1,668	25,185
Hebron	3,312	35,451	2,385	1,958	1,763	1,796	1,623	7,243	401	768	1,213.5	57,913
Bethlehem	-	979	61	1,685	1,779	191	5,756	825	15	1,983	1,466.48	14,741
Ramallah	-	142	253	1,540	283	1,218	946	1,602	610	879	905	8,378
Jericho	-	13,000	49	-	3,768	5,000	50	1,545	4,567	50	1,774	29,803
Nablus	180	18,040	2,150	214	8,811	1,181	944	686	1,599	3,254	333	37,392
Salfit	-	1,900	174	1,330	3,931	1,917	3,021	178	1,283	769	1,404.24	15,907
Qalqilya	927	4,282	800	2,985	985	839	2,958	291	668	42	620.48	14,497
Tubas	6	50	3,080	33	653	224	-	120	142	21	157	4,486
Tulkarm	533	1,225	-	76	150	18	1,665	791	1,624	1,918	2,230.5	10,231
Jenin	-	877	16	303	10	3	141	140	6	231	371.15	2,098
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,581</b>	<b>77,690</b>	<b>10,464</b>	<b>13,282</b>	<b>27,710</b>	<b>15,028</b>	<b>16,477</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>11,702</b>	<b>10,120</b>	<b>12,143.4</b>	<b>220,631</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

Note: some of the numbers were repeated in several years, due to extensions of periods of military orders

International conventions and Humanitarian laws pertaining to attacks on land and natural resources are:

**Article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights States:**

“All peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic co-operation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit, and international law. In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence.”

**Article 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states:**

Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

### The Most common types of Israeli military Orders:

**Master Plans:** usually developed with the purpose of expanding the area of a colony or changing the classification of certain areas; such orders are usually designated to already confiscated lands which have been expropriated for “public use”; years later, the same lands that were once Palestinian private properties will be handed to Israeli colonists to exploit the way they wish, such plans are announced by The Civil Administration for Judea and Samaria area – High organization council – Colonization subcommittee.

Such measurements reflect the extreme racism of the occupation’s state and its institutions, and shows that the Israeli occupation is worse than the system institutionalized racial Apartheid practiced in south Africa between 1948 and 1990.



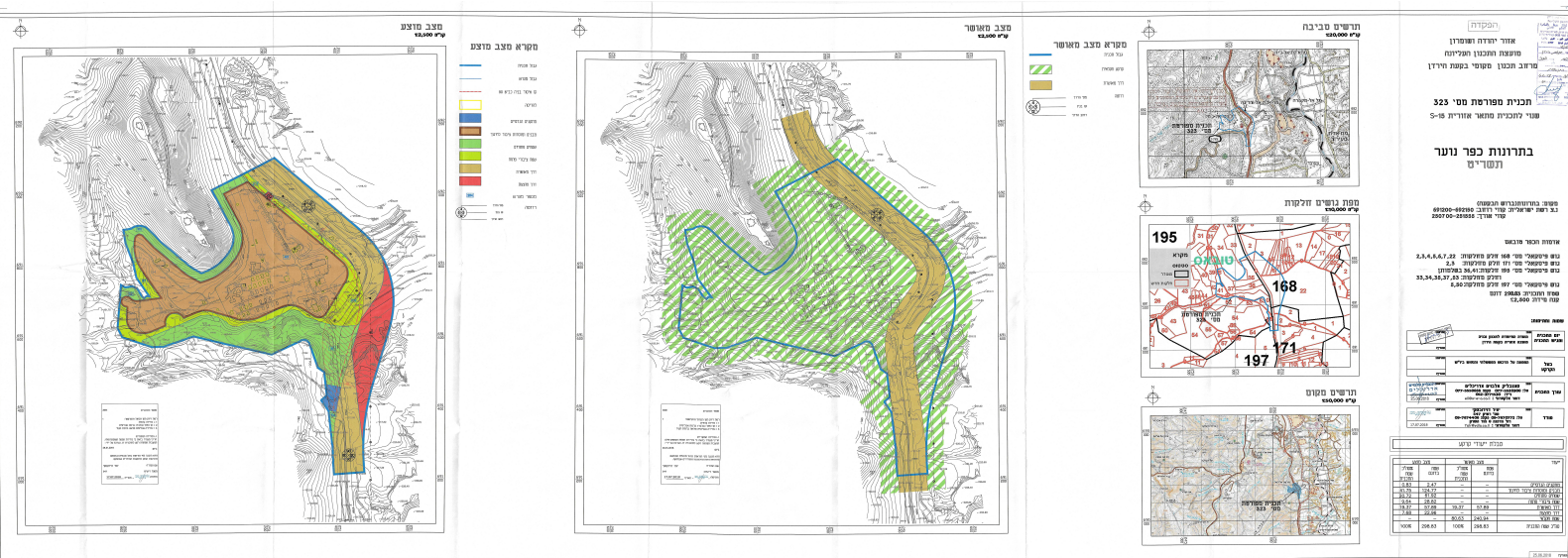
The following table illustrates announced plans in 2018, by West Bank governorates including Jerusalem:

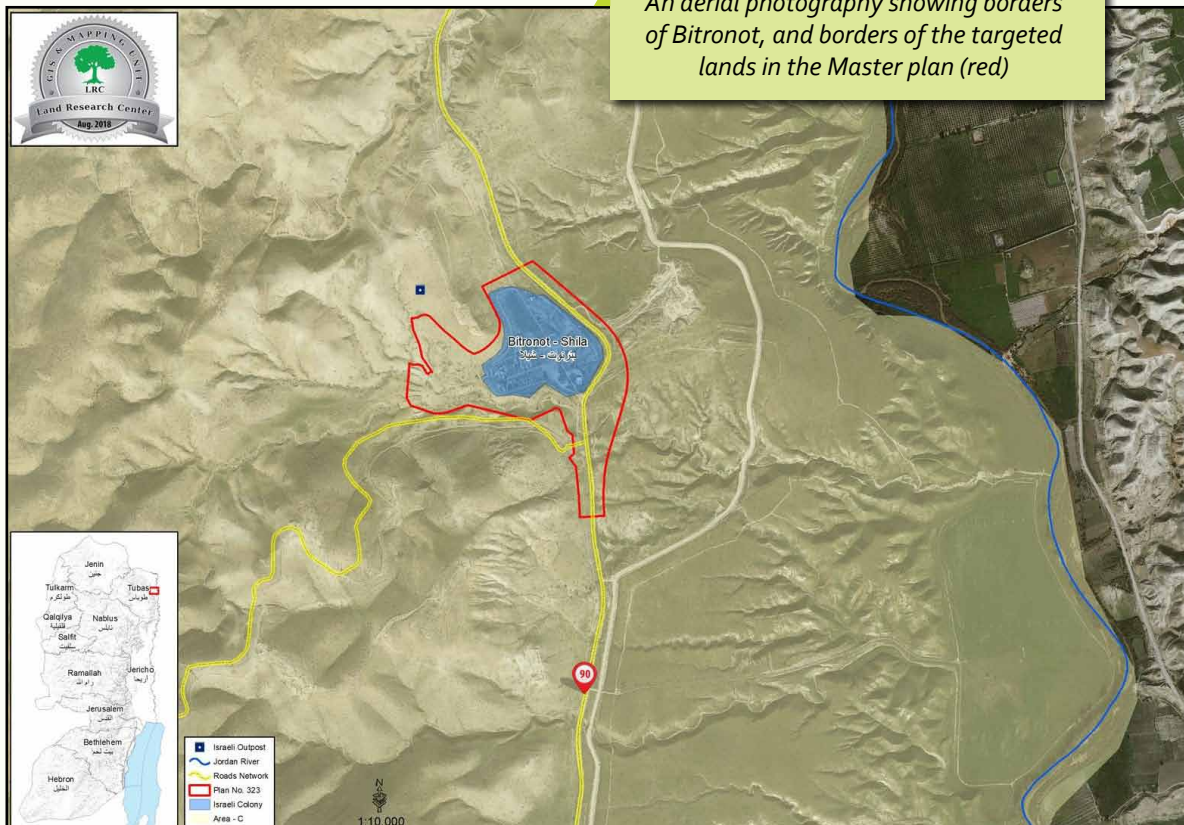
Governorate	Planned colonial units	Plans for colonial roads and residential unity / Dunums
Jerusalem	1,606	1,634
Hebron	543	1,064
Bethlehem	515	1,105
Ramallah	175	979
Jericho	406	1,023
Nablus	72	140
Salfit	644	1,177
Qalqilya	470	489
Tubas	-	467
Tulkarm	135	158
Jenin	85	79
<b>Toal</b>	<b>4,651</b>	<b>8,315</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

(detailed colonial master plans announced by the Israeli ministry of Finance)

Tubas governorate – Al-Shauwa’er : Israeli Master plan for expanding “Rosh Habaka’a” and turn it into an Israeli settlement that eats up 298 dunums





This is only one out of 135 plans for settlements' expansion documented by LRC, such plans threaten Palestinian lands, houses and facilities.





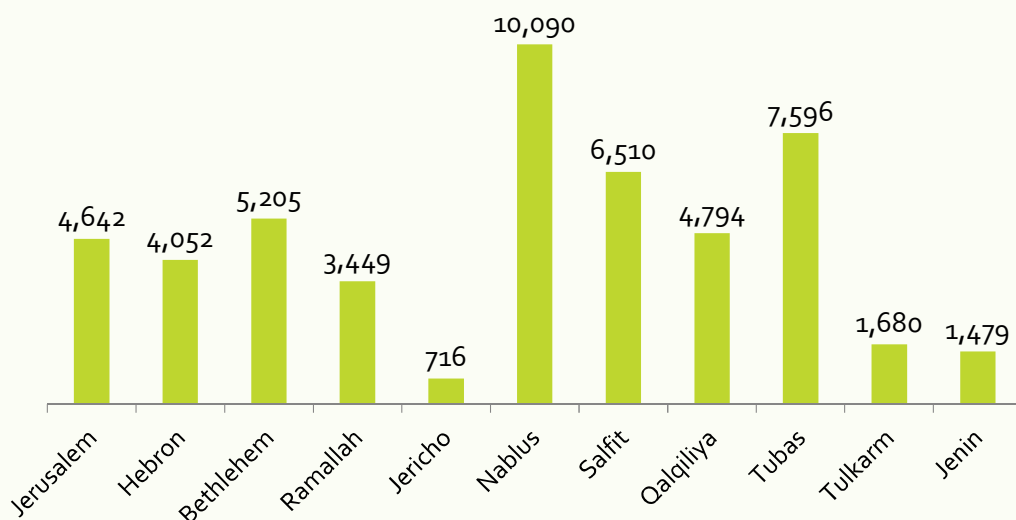
### Destruction of Land and Crops:

The Israeli occupation authorities insist on destroying agricultural land and environment using heinous means to this end.

The "Land Research Center" documented the attacks on land by the occupation in 2018 in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem:

Governorate	Bulldozed / dunums	Soaked with sewage or water/ dunums	Torched/dunum	Confiscation and destruction of irrigation systems/ dunum	Poisoned with chemicals	Used as pasture/ dunums	Used for military exercises	Planted areas with trees	Total
Jerusalem	-	277	-	-	-	-	-	15	292
Hebron	5	100	50	-	6	-	-	151	312
Bethlehem	4	30	-	-	-	-	-	25	59
Ramallah	7	265	10	10	-	-	-	139	431
Jericho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	26
Nablus	-	163	-	40	-	-	-	77	280
Salfit	143	296	-	-	-	-	-	101	540
Qalqilya	-	329	-	-	-	-	-	42	371
Tubas	3	-	-	-	-	10	30	4	47
Tulkarm	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	2	28
Jenin	50	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>2,527</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC



The graph illustrates areas of affected lands in dunums between (2008 -2018) in West Bank governorates including east Jerusalem

*Bethlehem governorates – Al-Khader town: The Occupation forces ravage Palestinian lands and destroy trees and crops, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2018*



### Attacks on Palestinian Trees:

"Land Research Center" through field research recorded the abuses on trees during 2018, using the worst means such as cutting, burning, poisoning, and ravaging. Attacks targeted (15,903) trees; of which (9,200) were olives<sup>1</sup>. The number of trees that were fully damaged amounted to (11,053) trees while (3,196) trees were partially so; most of them perennial. Besides, (1,654) trees were threatened of being uprooted.

The Israeli occupation army and colonists exchange roles in carrying out attacks on trees as it was found out by LRC. More than (171) assaults were perpetrated in 2018, (43) of which were executed by the Israeli occupation army, while (128) assaults were carried out by colonists. The most common target for both was olive trees.

Land Research Center documented looting more than (870) trees after being uprooted in 2018, most of them are olive trees.

The following table illustrates destroyed trees in the West Bank in 2018- by governorate and type of attack:

Governorate	Torched trees		Uprooted trees		No. of trees affected by being		Notices of uprooting trees	Total
	Totally	Partially	Totally	Partially	Dumped with sewage water <sup>2</sup>	Ravaged		
Jerusalem	-	-	11	-	1120	148	-	1,279
Hebron	-	-	1857	35	490	895	220	3,497
Bethlehem	200	-	735	248	105	400	-	1,688
Ramallah	400	-	749	322	383	18	-	1,872
Jericho	-	-	125	-	-	32	635	792
Nablus	651	419	357	430	683	50	-	2,590
Salfit	-	22	152	-	396	730	799	2,099
Qalqilya	-	-	22	-	915	61	-	998
Tubas	-	-	460	-	-	-	-	460
Tulkarm	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	28
Jenin	-	-	360	-	180	60	-	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>4,828</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>15,903</b>
	<b>1,692</b>		<b>5,863</b>		<b>6,694</b>			

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC

<sup>1</sup> For more information about assaults on olive trees, read our publication (Palestinian olive Agony 2018)

<sup>2</sup> 60% of trees exposed to sewage water dumping were completely destroyed.

The following table illustrates destroyed trees in the West Bank in 2018- by governorate and year of attack (2008 – 2018):

Governorate	Year											Total
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Jerusalem	40	55	3,719	1,094	12,020	1,672	1,653	1,834	1,410	1,400	1,279	26,176
Hebron	13	1,142	2,438	2,222	5,003	4,166	4,490	4,980	3,269	722	3,497	31,942
Bethlehem	-	380	1,856	2,034	10,134	5,171	3,250	750	380	325	1,688	25,968
Ramallah	-	470	912	2,736	15,527	1,699	4,552	5,573	672	656	1,872	34,669
Jericho	-	-	-	-	10	110	120	-	-	833	792	1,865
Nablus	100	3,136	57,884	9,280	4,760	5,193	2,666	3,195	994	1,731	2,590	91,529
Salfit	40	2,160	3,090	2,064	12,122	3,339	2,174	3,926	1,022	1,175	2,099	33,211
Qalqilya	65	398	2,277	1,080	4,404	1,008	794	710	994	1,548	998	14,276
Tubas	-	-	1,000	-	-	24	2,340	15,862	-	70	460	19,756
Tulkarm	-	-	250	-	20	0	26	431	487	98	28	1,340
Jenin	-	-	-	90	0	1,199	446	635	338	222	600	3,530
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>73,426</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>64,000</b>	<b>23,581</b>	<b>22,511</b>	<b>37,896</b>	<b>9,566</b>	<b>87,80</b>	<b>15,903</b>	<b>284,262</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, Between 2008 – 2018

*Ramallah governorate – Safa village: flames eat up Palestinian olive trees after an arson attacks perpetrated by “Kiryat Sever” fanatic settlers in a 120 dunums olive grove – June 28<sup>th</sup> 2018*



*Salfit governorate – Deir Ballut village: The Occupation’s machineries ravage perennial olive trees to expand the Israeli settlement “Leshem” – July 17<sup>th</sup> 2018*



### Demolition of Cisterns, Reservoirs, Pools and Springs:

In 2018, LRC field observers recorded the demolition of 47 cisterns and pools benefiting at least 400 people most of them are children, and irrigating more than 1646 dunums. In addition, demolition orders were issued for 33 cisterns and pools irrigate more than 600 dunums, in case the demolition was implemented, tens of Palestinian families will be affected in addition to hundreds of dunums of agricultural lands.

The Occupation also targeted water tanks and reservoirs especially in Bedouin communities where the occupation prohibit them from water supply, 9 water tanks were confiscated, in addition to 4,433 m of pipelines most of them in the Jordan Valley area, they were providing water for marginalized villages and hamlets.

Not to mention the nonstop inspection and constant search for artesian wells and springs of water., they also confiscated 3 water pumps from Palestinian farmers who were digging for water in their own lands.

Wells, reservoirs, pools, artesian wells and springs demolished in the West Bank - by governorate:

Governorates	Cisterns	Pools	Artesian wells	Destroying a water reservoir	Total	Total storage capacity m <sup>3</sup>
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hebron	6	0	0	4	10	688
Ramallah	2	0	0	3	5	186
Jericho	0	0	1	7	8	6
Nablus	0	1	0	0	1	0
Tubas	0	1	5	13	19	202
Jenin	0	0	0	4	4	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>47*</b>	<b>1,089</b>

Source: *Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, Between 2008 – 2018*

\* of which, 9 tanks and water reservoirs confiscated from farmers' lands.

### Demolition threats for cisterns, tanks pools or springs:

The following table shows numbers of cisterns, tanks, artesian wells, and springs threatened of demolition in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem in 2018:

Governorate	Cistern	Pool	Reservoirs	Tanks	Artesian wells	Total	Total storage capacity
Hebron	7	1	1	2	0	11	1,674
Bethlehem	13	1	0	0	0	14	1,111
Tubas	0	1	0	5	1	7	100
Jenin	1	0	0	0	0	1	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2,945</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC

*Tubas governorate – Sahel Al-Buqaia:  
The occupation destroyed 1,300 m \* 6 inches  
water lines that irrigate 320 dunums  
July 24<sup>th</sup> 2018*




*Tubas governorate – Al-Farisiya:  
The occupation destroys a water reservoir on the  
pretext of building in "C" area without licenses  
July 4<sup>th</sup> 2018*





Hebron – Beit Ummar:  
The occupation notifies a pool with a storage capacity of 1000 m<sup>3</sup> and provide water for 20 dunums - February 20<sup>th</sup> 2018





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## Pumping Sewage towards Palestinian Towns and Villages:

The following table shows locations populated by sewage water in West Bank during 2018:

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Land surrounding the industrial zone of Atarot	Atarot				Within the boundaries of the Apartheid Wall	A stream with permanent flow leading to the presence of wild pigs, stray dogs and big snakes. Noteworthy, the area is behind the apartheid wall and within the occupation's municipality control zone, the occupation clearly neglects Palestinian communities in the areas they have full control over
Khirbet Umm al Lahim	Har Adar	214	1,000	1,000	Agricultural	It is located between Beit 'Anan and Beit Liqya, Har Adar pump sewage water towards agricultural lands which pollutes crops and plants, and during winter there is a perennial stream of sewage water
Jaba' and Mikhmas	Benyamin – the industrial area	50	-	-	unused	Damage on 2 km long
Nabi Samuel	Har Samuel	3	120	120		Intermittent stream
Al-Khan Al-Ahmar	Kfar Adumim	10	-	-	postures	Pumping sewage water to displace Al-Khan Al-Ahmar
<b>Jerusalem governorate</b>		<b>277</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,120</b>		

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Al-Dhaheriya	Metarim	40	-	-	Field crops	Intermittent stream
Dura	'Atniel	20	40	-		Intermittent stream
Beit Ummara - Safa	Beit 'Ayin	40	450	-	Vine yards	Intermittent stream
<b>Hebron governorate</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>490</b>	-		
Wad Fukin	Betar Illit	10	80	30	Planted with olives and almond	Intermittent stream
Wad Fukin	Tzur Hadassah	20	25	20	Planted with olives and almond	The stream is particularly intensive during winter
<b>Bethlehem governorate</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>50</b>		
Beitillu	Nahliel	10	-	-	Barren	Perennial stream
Al Bireh	Pesagot	28	-	-	valleys	Perennial stream

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Jaba'	Sha'ar Binyamin	28	-	-	Barren	Intermittent Stream
Al Mazra'a Al Qibliya	Horsha camp	13	60	18	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Al Lubban Al Gharbi	Beit Arye	13	40	40	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Al Lubban Al Gharbi and Abud	Efrayim	38	45	35	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Deir Jarir	Ofra	18	N/A	N/A	Barren	Intermittent Stream
Turmus'ayya	Eli	26	80	45	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Kafr Malik	Kokhav Hashahar	10	N/A	N/A	Barren	Intermittent Stream
Shabtin	Neli	10	N/A	N/A	Barren	Intermittent Stream
Al-Janiya	Dolev and Talmon	28	98	47	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Dura Al-Qare'a	Beit Eil	11	-	-	unused	Perennial stream

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Deir Nitham	Halmish	6	-	-	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Turmus'ayya	Amihai	7	-	-	Field crops	New settlement built in 2018
Safa	Kiryat Sefer	18	60	60	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
<b>Ramallah governorate</b>		<b>265</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>245</b>		
Salim, Deir al Hatab	Allon Moreh	48	250	180	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
'Awarta	Itamar	21	170	39	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Sabastiya / Ras Qabous	Shavei Shomron	20	34	11	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Qaryut	Eli	30	60	60	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Qaryut and Talift	Shilo	11	49	40	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Jalud and Qaryut	Shevut Rachel	15	80	80	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Jalud	Adei Ad	6	-	-	Arable lands	Intermittent Stream
Burin	Giv'at Ronen	12	40	40	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
<b>Nablus governorate</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>450</b>		
Mas-ha	Etz Efrayim	17	60	60	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Salfit and Bruqin	Ariel	90	130	120	Agricultural	Perennial stream
Bruqin	Barkan	40	N/A	N/A	Valley	Perennial stream
Kafr ad Dik	Bedoel and Ali Zahav	40	N/A	N/A	Valley	Perennial stream
Sarta	Ma'ale Israel	13	N/A	N/A	Valley	Perennial stream
Bruqin	Bruchin	15	40	34	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Qarawat Bani Husan	Kiryat Netavim	12	30	20	Valleys / agricultural	Intermittent Stream

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Marda	Ariel	12	18	18	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Marda	Mekorot water company	12	18	18	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
<b>Salfit governorate</b>		<b>296</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>315</b>		
Jinsafut	Emanuel	80	60	60	Olive field	Intermittent Stream
Kafr Laqif	Karne Shomron	40	90	60	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
'Azzun	Maale Shomron	20	N/A	N/A	Cropland	Intermittent Stream
Deir Istiya	Ravava	45	25	20	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Ras Tira and Ad Daba'a	Alfei Menashe	46	70	70	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream



Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Beit Amin	Shaarev Tikva	30	60	34	Cropland	Intermittent Stream
Wad Ar-Rasha	Oranit	31	650	-	Agricultural	Perennial stream
Sanniriya	Etz Efrayim	13	-	-	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
<b>Qalqilya governorate</b>		<b>329</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>230</b>		
Kafr Sur	Salit	12	N/A	N/A	Barren	Intermittent Stream
Shofa	Avnei Hefetz	12	-	-	Barren	Intermittent Stream
South west the city	The apartheid wall	2	28	-	Agricultural	The apartheid wall makes a dam and drowns agricultural lands with sewage water
<b>Tulkarim governorate</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-</b>		

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Jalbun	Ma'ale Gilboa	25	-	-	residential	Intermittent Stream
Zububa	Salim camp	17	-	-	cropland	Intermittent Stream
Umm ar- Rihan	Shaked	31	180	40	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Ya'abad	Mevo Dotan	18	-	-	Unused lands	Intermittent Stream
<b>Jenin governorate</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>40</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,577</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>2,450</b>		

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC – 2018

*Qalqilya governorate – Wad Ar-Rasha village:  
pumping sewage water through the annexation  
and expansion wall towards Guava fields  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018*



*Qalqilya governorate – Wad Ar-Rasha village :  
Sewage water drowning agricultural Lands*

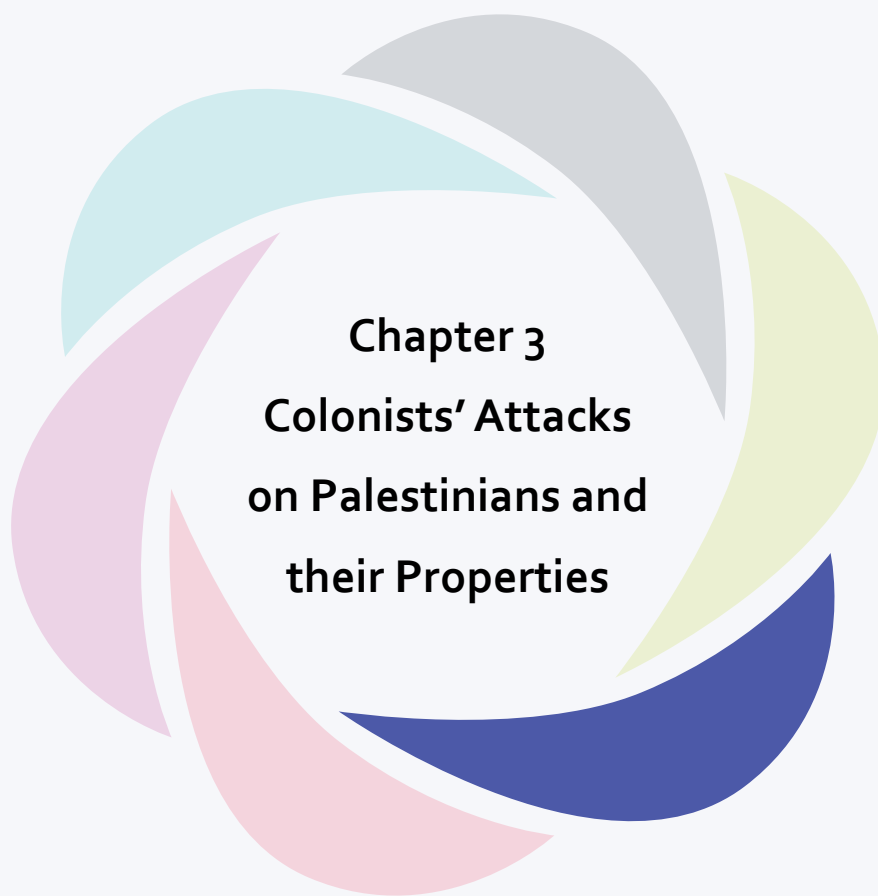


*Jerusalem governorate – Al-Khan Al-Ahmar:  
Kfar Adumim settlers pump sewage water  
towards Al-Khan Al-Ahmar community  
October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018*



*Hebron governorate – Beit Ummar:  
Kfar Etzion settlers pollute agricultural  
lands with sewage water  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018*





**Chapter 3**  
**Colonists' Attacks**  
**on Palestinians and**  
**their Properties**



## Colonists' Attacks against Palestinians and Their Properties

### Colonial Groups- General definition:

Israeli colonies are all over the West Bank and Jerusalem and their inhabitants, i.e. colonists, carry out different kinds of attacks on Palestinians. They formed more than one gang in order to carry on with assaults with a systematic approach. Some of these groups are:

**Al Tital Gang:** One of its members was (Baruch Goldstein) who committed the Ibrahim Mosque Massacre on February 25, 1994 when he opened fire on helpless worshippers praying in the Mosque; tens of Palestinians were killed and injured as a result. Al Tital group was formed as a response to the call of the radical Prime Minister, Sharon, who encouraged colonists to take over the peaks of mountains in the West Bank and inhabit them without waiting for a permission nor a building permit from the Israeli authorities and even without proper infrastructure in a bid to create facts on the ground and foil the Palestinians' efforts to establish a state of their own.

**Price-tag group:** A terrorist group that is comprised of right wing activists carrying out systematic and/or strategic attacks all over the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and the 1948-occupied Palestine under the protection and support of the Israeli Army. The price-tag campaign includes attacks on Palestinian-owned property like lands, crops and vehicles as well as attacks on religious sites and writing enticing and offensive slogans among others. One of its infamous slogans is «A good Arab is a dead one» which openly calls for murder and racism. Most price taggers are Yeshiva students aged between 18-23 years. They first appeared in 2008 and have been growing since.

Not only that colonists formed gangs to carry out attacks against Palestinians, they also formed colonial institutions with intensive violent attacks against Palestinians especially in Jerusalem, and to help them, The occupation authorities formulated "The third generation Law", Some of these institutions are:

**Aterat Cohanim:** A right-wing organization known of taking over Palestinian assets and active in east Jerusalem, the organization's main objective is to put Jew settlers in the heart of the Islamic neighborhood, and other Arab neighborhoods east Jerusalem.

**Ir David foundation:** Known as El'ad, a radical right-wing foundation established in 1986, Headed by an extremist colonist "David Barry", who before the establishment of El'ad, worked for "Amidar" company - which is an Israeli governmental company that builds housing projects for settlers, and makes illegal purchasing deals with Palestinians.

Other colonial organization were established and were active around settlements in Jerusalem, Masafer Yatta in Hebron and around Bethlehem, some of them are:

**Regavim:** an organization formed by a right-wing group of settlers, Regavim pursue and monitors Palestinian construction in C area, and provoke the Israeli Occupation's civil administration to demolish Palestinian houses and facilities, and issuing demolition orders against Palestinian structures. The civil administration also released

a Drone in Masafer Yatta air to keep an eye on Bedouin communities, and make sure that Palestinians do not build any new constructions.

**Women in Green:** A gang whose chairman is Nadia Matar <sup>1</sup>, a Zionist activist. The group targets agricultural lands in Bethlehem in general and al Khadr in particular.

**Jerusalem Periphery Forum:** A group of radical settlers from "Kfar Adumim, Neve Brat, Allon and Mitzpe Yeriho" illegal settlement in east Jerusalem formed the Jerusalem Periphery Forum, which is a colonial institution, with a team of radical settlers trained and armed to conduct field patrols during the Occupation authorities' weekends, holidays or days off, their main goal is to prohibit Palestinian construction in Bedouin communities or C areas between Jerusalem and Jericho governorates. Members of this institution received military training and conduct daily raids to the surrounding Palestinian communities and chase farmers and herders. The civil administration also released drones in the air of such Bedouin communities to keep an eye on any new constructions in the area.

Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights:

*Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.*

### Palestinians' losses due to Colonists' Attacks:

Reportedly, 1,100 attacks against Palestinians and their properties were perpetrated by individuals or Jewish groups under the protection of the Israeli occupation authorities through its official, political, religious and military bodies, during 2018.

Attacks often took place under the protection and blessing of the Israeli Occupation Army.

The attacks include:

- Torching, raiding, damaging, or seizing 434 residences.
- Torching, breaking, uprooting, ravaging, or poisoning over 13,146 trees.
- Abusing 668 citizens including attacking 296 farmers while they were in fields or on their way. LRC documented 184 cases of violence against Palestinian individuals.
- Damaging 494 Palestinian vehicles.
- Killing 32 ruminants, and 15 others were harmed during the attacks, while 110 were looted.
- Damaging 11 mosque, 5 shrines, 9 cemeteries, and 1 church.
- 60 closures for vital roads and villages' entrances in (Nablus, Jerusalem, and Hebron).

<sup>1</sup> Nadia Matar is a radical immigrant to Israel. She hails from Belgium and is now the chairman of Women in Green in Israel, a movement that calls for killing Palestinians and organizing campaigns to cultivate Palestinian land and then confiscate it. Matar tours the U.S. in a campaign to mobilize donations to support Israel Fund that backs up radical militias in turn.



## Types of Attacks on Palestinians and Their Property:

Attacks on Palestinian individuals and properties by type – in 2018:

Governorate	Residences + structures	Lands (**)	Individuals (*)	Vehicles (*)	Religious sites and places of worship	Water sources	Closures	Colonial construction	Total
Jerusalem	25	6	28	15	172	0	20	11	278
Hebron	47	22	107	17	30	2	82	9	316
Bethlehem	14	15	6	5	4	2	3	4	53
Ramallah	20	41	5	11	2	1	2	9	91
Jericho	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	5
Nablus	45	43	21	44	10	2	25	5	195
Salfit	25	21	4	10	2	0	3	11	76
Qalqilya	14	13	5	7	0	0	6	5	50
Tubas	0	2	7	0	2	0	0	11	22
Tulkarm	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	6
Jenin	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,100</b>

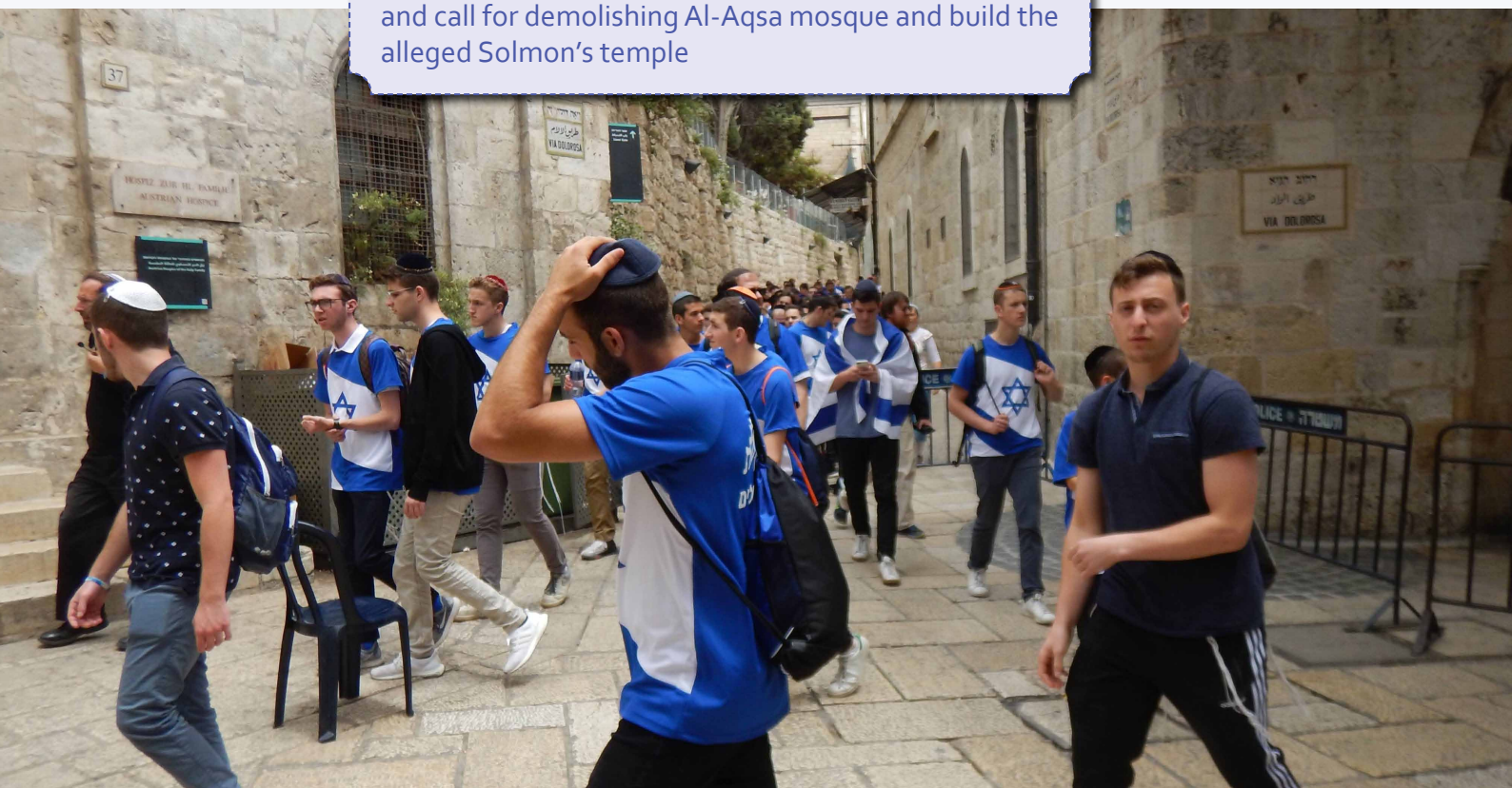
Source: *Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.*

(\*\*): Attacks on land included (poisoning with chemicals, pumping swage water, ravaging and sabotaging trees).

(\*): For more information, please check out the following tables that give more details of attacks on farmers, shepherds and vehicles in 2018.



In the early morning hours of Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2018, thousands of radical settlers marched to Jerusalem celebrating "The Unification of Jerusalem" day, which marks 51 years from occupying the city in 1967, during this day every year, settlers organize marches in Jerusalem streets holding Israeli flags and anti-Arabs slogans, they march while screaming racist slogans and call for demolishing Al-Aqsa mosque and build the alleged Solmon's temple



### Attacks on Palestinian Individuals in 2018:

Governorate	Beating	Pelting with stones	Running over	Shooting	Spraying with paper gas	Detaining and hinder movement	Attacking farmers and herders	Total
Jerusalem	70	-	-	1	2	-	8	81
Hebron	97	38	2	-	9	36	69	251
Bethlehem	--	10	1	-	-	-	40	51
Ramallah	2	11	1	-	-	-	17	31
Jericho	16	-	-	-	-	-	32	48
Nablus	10	20	-	1	-	-	33	64
Salfit	3	7	-	-	-	-	19	29
Qalqilya	-	0	2	-	20	-	40	62
Tubas	-	3	-	-	-	5	43	51
Tulkarm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jenin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>668</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

### Attacks on Palestinian farmers and shepherds:

Governorate	Expelling	Attack
Jerusalem	8	-
Hebron	32	37
Bethlehem	20	20
Ramallah	6	11
Jericho	32	-
Nablus	17	16
Salfit	12	7
Qalqilya	40	-
Tubas	43	-
Tulkarm	-	-
Jenin	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>91</b>

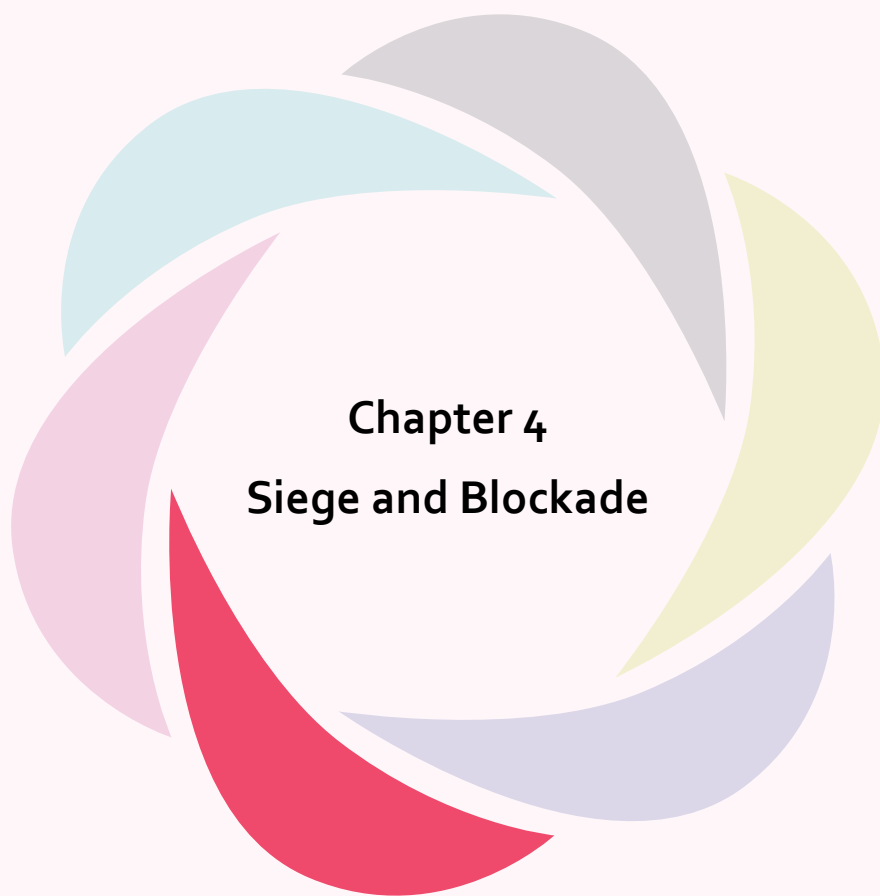
Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

**Attacks on Palestinian Vehicles:**

Governorate	Torching	Smashing glass	Slashing tires	writing racist slogans	Total
Jerusalem	1	7	58	35	101
Hebron	-	4	-	-	4
Bethlehem	-	1	11	-	12
Ramallah	-	14	113	5	132
Nablus	5	58	96	5	164
Salfit	-	13	51	3	67
Qalqilya	-	1	5	-	6
Tulkarm	-	8	-	-	8
Tubas	-	-	-	-	-
Tulkarm	-	-	-	-	-
Jenin	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>494</b>

*Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.*

Colonists' attacks targeted everything on the Palestinian lands, and killed the hope for peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians. In addition, several attacks targeting places of worship, a considerable number of them targeted Al-Aqsa mosque, while the second in terms of number of attacks is the Sanctuary of Abraham, and Nablus's Jouseph's Tomb was targeted by several raids, where the occupation forces imposed closures to allegedly secure the road for colonists to pass through.



**Chapter 4**  
**Siege and Blockade**



## Siege and Blockade

In 2018, the occupation authorities is still imposing movement restrictions on Palestinians as part of collective punishment policies, the occupation authorities closed the roads between Jerusalem, West Bank and the occupied territories of 1948, they also continue their blockade of Gaza Strip for the 12th year in a row which violates international conventions and agreements and isolates 1,899,291 people.

The occupation also divided the West Bank to four Cantons through four crossings:

- **Container crossing:** situated between Bethlehem and Jerusalem governorates, and controls Palestinian travel between the northern and southern West Bank.
- **Za'atara and Huwwara crossings:** both Situated in Nablus governorate and control the movement between central and northern West Bank.
- **Jerusalem crossings:** The apartheid wall completely isolates east Jerusalem from Gaza and the west bank, the occupation authorities also isolated several villages that were part of Jerusalem in the past such as (Beit Iksa, Biddu, Qatanna, Umm Al-Lahem hamlets, Beit Ijza, and Beit Sourik), its residents can only enter Jerusalem with special permits nowadays.
- **The Jordan Valley Crossings:** The occupation claims that most of the areas are closed military zones and hinder movement under this claim.

Collective punishment has been one of Israel's most common and unjust of policies. An example of this policy is that in 2013 alone, Israel has set up over 319 checkpoints and military towers, blocked 16 main roads and/or agricultural roads, and opened 44 bypasses which penetrate Palestinian towns and villages to connect Israeli colonies in the West Bank.

There are different types of road blocks but all of them serve a sole purpose which is restricting Palestinians movement and harassing them under the well-consumed pretext of "security reasons".

## Types of checkpoints

- Borders, crossovers, and checkpoints that separate the West Bank from Jerusalem and the rest of Occupied Palestine.
- Road blocks: Iron gates and cement blocks which are installed at the entrances of Palestinian towns and villages and they are fixed checkpoints.
- Earth mounds: used for blocking agricultural roads and side routes. Earth is taken from nearby plots of land.
- Iron gates: there are two types of iron gates :
  - At the entrances of towns and villages.
  - Placed on the Annexation and Separation Wall; Palestinian farmers have to pass through these gates in order to gain access to their agricultural lands. They first have to obtain special permits.
- Flying Checkpoints: random checkpoints placed by Israeli patrols or colonial groups.

### International conventions and laws regarding freedom of movement which Israel unabatedly violates:

**Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:** "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person".

**Article 5:** "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

**Article 9:** "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile".

**Article 13:** Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

**Article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights:** "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. In particular, no one shall be subjected without his free consent to medical or scientific experimentation."

**Article 9:** "Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention. No one shall be deprived of his liberty except on such grounds and in accordance with such procedure as are established by law."

### Road blocks in 2018:

Road blocks and barriers in the West Bank governorates including Jerusalem in 2018 (except for the barriers in H2 - Hebron, Jerusalem and the gates of the wall):

Governorate	Cement blocks	Fixed checkpoints	Flying checkpoints	Earth mounds	Iron gates	Watch towers	Wall gates	Wall crossings	Total
Jerusalem	22	6	17	3	1	20	19	9	97
Hebron	67	33	31	74	39	26	40	4	314
Bethlehem	7	2	4	3	13	17	7	5	58
Ramallah	19	6	-	35	24	10	10	4	108
Jericho	-	3	-	9	1	13	-	-	26
Nablus	3	6	2	38	11	16	-	-	76
Salfit	7	3	-	13	11	13	7	1	55
Qalqilya	-	2	-	5	8	7	13	2	37
Tubas	-	1	-	5	3	1	1	1	12
Tulkarm	1	3	-	3	4	2	12	3	28
Jenin	1	2	-	19	4	4	10	3	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>854</b>

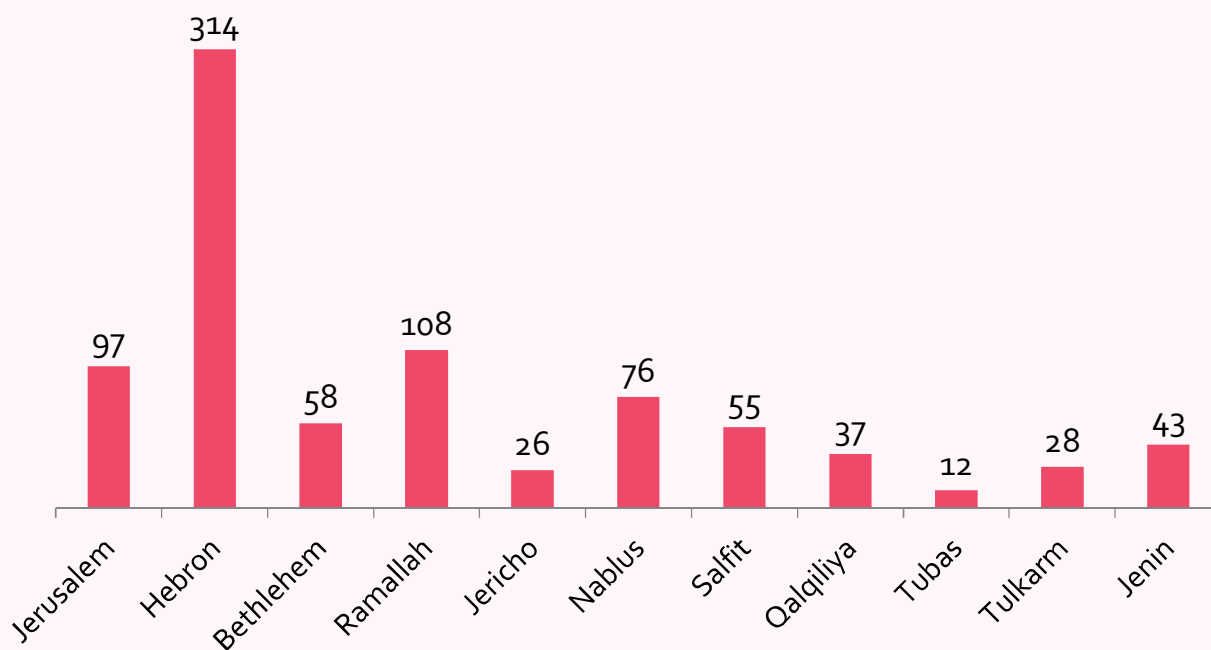
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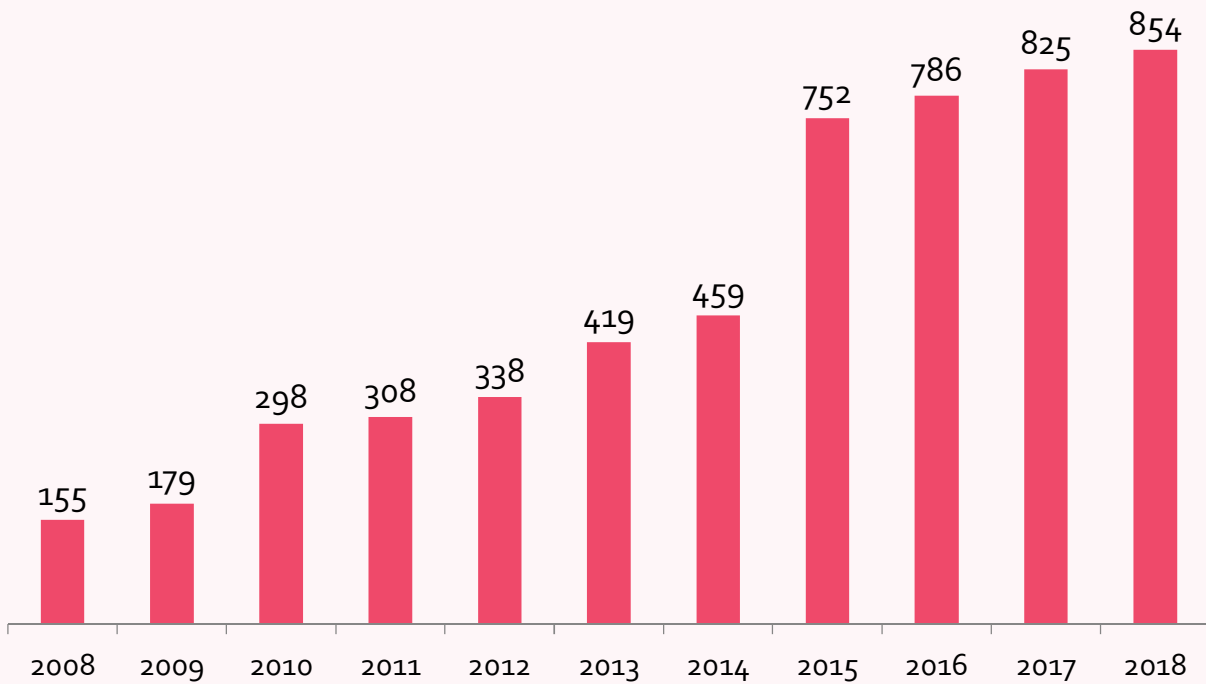
The following table shows checkpoints set up during 2018 in West Bank including occupied Jerusalem:

Governorate	Cement Blocks	Earth Mounds	Iron Gates	Watch Towers	Wall Gates	Wall Crossings	Total
Jerusalem	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Hebron	-	1	6	2	-	-	9
Bethlehem	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Ramallah	4	-	2	-	-	2	8
Jericho	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Nablus	-	3	-	1	-	-	4
Salfit	1	3	1	-	-	-	5
Qalqilya	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Tubas	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Tulkarm	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Jenin	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.



The graph illustrates number of roadblocks in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem (except for the barriers in H2 in Hebron, Jerusalem, and the gates of the Separation Wall).



*The graph illustrates the change in number of roadblocks in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem between 2008 - 2018.*

### Photos of some roadblocks in 2018

*Nablus governorate:  
Closure of Osarin's southern entrance  
January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018*



*Tulkarm governorate- 'Atil:  
closing an agricultural gate in the Annexation  
and Expansion wall, and ban hundreds  
of farmers from accessing their lands  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018*



*Hebron Governorate – Kharsa:  
The Occupation forces set up a metal  
gate on Kharsa junction  
April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018*



*Salfit governorate – Haris:  
The Occupation authorities closes off a byroad  
that accesses to a Palestinian neighborhood  
and vast areas of agricultural lands  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018*



## The Israeli Annexation and Expansion Wall (segregation wall)

### Background Information about the Wall:

- In June 2002, the Israeli Government whose prime minister was Ariel Sharon approved the construction of a wall over the northern, western, and southern borders of the West Bank to separate the West Bank from "Israel".
- Israelis claimed that the wall was a must for security reasons, a claim that is used for every Israeli war, house demolition, prohibition, and any other sort of violation.
- In truth, the wall was just another mean to annex and capture as much Palestinian land as possible as well as alienating as many Palestinians as possible.
- It is built of: 8 m strengthened cement walls in the locations that are close to Palestinian neighborhoods, in addition to barriers, roads, barbed wires, electric fences – close to Palestinian agricultural lands-, iron gates, early warning devices, watch towers.
- Many might think the wall was built over the armistice line (also known as the Green Line) drawn after the Israeli conquest of Palestine in 1948 to separate between Israel and the rest of the West Bank and Gaza. However, the snake-shaped wall has diverted from the line to penetrate the West Bank to devour and annex as much land as possible.

### The Wall in Numbers:

- At the end of 2018, According to the new update of information in the Geographic Information System (GIS) unit in LRC based on data provided by Monitoring and Documenting Israeli Violations team, the Wall is (781, 429 meter), distributed as follows:
- 465,728 meters are already built.
- 51,086 meters are of under construction sections.
- 247,256 meters of planned sections
- 9,469 meters of amended sections
- 7,280 meters are ordered to be dismantled by an Israeli court's ruling
- 610 meters added to the original plan
- In case Israel proceeds with erecting the wall, it will isolate 723709 dunums.
- 94 Palestinian communities were isolated from its surroundings (48 fully isolated).
- 103 Israeli colonies were partially annexed to the "State of Israel" (74 fully annexed).

### The Status of the Wall in 2018:

In 2018, the Wall went under small modifications:

- New segment of the wall was built in the surrounding of "Beit El" settlement, devouring vast areas from Jalazoun lands in Ramallah
- New segment of the wall surrounding "Shaked" settlement on Dhaher Al-Malih village / Jenin governorate - March 2018



*Ramallah governorate:  
New segment of the apartheid wall  
around "Beit El" settlement  
February 2018*



### The status of crossings and gates of the Wall in 2018:

The gates and crossings of the Wall in the West Bank in 2018- by type:

Governorate	Gates	Crossings	Total
Jerusalem	19	9	28
Hebron	40	4	44
Bethlehem	7	5	12
Ramallah	10	4	14
Salfit	7	1	8
Qalqilya	13	2	15
Tubas	1	1	2
Tulkarm	12	3	15
Jenin	10	3	13
Tulkarm	-	-	2
Jenin	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>151</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

Terminals (crossings) and their types in 2018- by governorate:

Name	No.	Type	Other name
Atarot Terminal	1	Workers, goods, Israeli vehicles	
Z'ayyim Terminal	1	Workers, goods, Israeli vehicles	
Zetem- Zayton Terminal	1	People of Abu Dis and al Ezariya in East Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives	
Hazma Terminal	1	Workers, goods, Israeli vehicles	Bekorim
Jaba' Terminal	1	Workers and Israeli vehicles	Kiryat Sever
Shu'fat Terminal	1	Workers and Israeli vehicles	
Ras Khamees Terminal	1	Workers and vehicles	
An-Nabi Samuel	1		
As-Sawahera Ash-Sharqiya	1		
<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>6</b>		
Tarqumiya Terminal	1	Workers, goods, Israeli vehicles	Lakhash
Mitar Terminal-Beersheba	1	People, building materials, Israeli vehicles	
A Terminal near Yatta and As Samu'	1	People, building materials, Israeli vehicles	
Aj-Jaba'a terminal	1	Goods, people, visitors	Hala
Hebron	4		
Mazmorja Terminal	1	People (inhabitants; residents)	
Terminal of Rachel's Tomb 300	1	Workers, goods, Israeli vehicles, and tourists	
Terminal of tunnels	1	Commercial, people, visitors	
Al Walaja Terminal	1	People, visitors	
Husan Terminal	1	Workers, Israeli vehicles	
<b>Bethlehem</b>	<b>6</b>		
Beit Sira Terminal	1		Lamid Hih Terminal
Bitounia Terminal to/ from Palestine	1	Commercial; used for transporting goods	
Ni'lin Terminal	1	Workers, Israeli vehicles	Moda'en Terminal
Rantis- Al-Lubban Al-Gharbi terminal	1	Goods, visitors	
<b>Ramallah</b>	<b>4</b>		

Name	No.	Type	Other name
Kafr Qasim terminal	1	Workers, visitors, goods	
<b>Salfit</b>	<b>1</b>		
Bissan Terminal	1	Goods and visitors	
Tubas	1		
Baqa Ash Sharqiya Terminal	1	People, visitors	
Fero'un Terminal	1	Workers, goods	
Zunaba terminal	1	workers	
<b>Tulkarim</b>	<b>3</b>		
Geljulia Terminal	1	Visitors, goods	
Eyal terminal	1	People, goods, workers	
<b>Qalqilya</b>	<b>2</b>		
Al Jalama-Gilboa Terminal	1	Workers	
Rihan and Barta'a Terminal	1	Pedestrians, vehicles, goods	
Tura Al-Gharbiya	1	Visitors, locals	
<b>Jenin</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>		

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.

*Palestinian laborers daily suffering while they cross Israeli checkpoints  
Checkpoint 300 - Bethlehem*







**Chapter 5**  
**Israeli Violations Against**  
**Islamic and Christian**  
**Religious Sites**





#### Surat Al-Haj verses 39 and 40, Holy Quran

*"To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight), because they are wronged;- and verily, Allah is most powerful for their aid (39) (They are) those who have been expelled from their homes in defiance of right, - (for no cause) except that they say, "our Lord is Allah". Did not Allah check one set of people by means of another, there would surely have been pulled down monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure. Allah will certainly aid those who aid his (cause);- for verily Allah is full of Strength, Exalted in Might, (able to enforce His Will)."*

#### Surat Al-Baqarah verse 114, Holy Quran

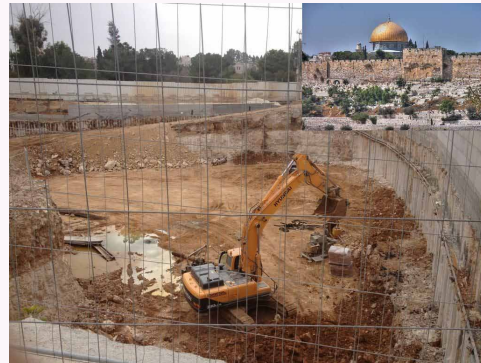
*"And who are more unjust than those who prevent the name of Allah from being mentioned in His mosques and strive toward their destruction. It is not for them to enter them except in fear. For them in this world is disgrace, and they will have in the Hereafter a great punishment."*

Rabbis call on destroying all that is not Jewish and killing all but who is Jew. The Israeli religious discrimination now targets Christian and Islamic sites and never distinguish between churches and mosques or shrines and cemeteries violations and attacks were mostly represented in torching, destroying, and writing hatred inciting slogans, discriminative slogans reached out the Muslim and Christian icons : Jesus and prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H).

In 2018, Israeli authorities and colonists targeted 40 Islamic and Christian religious sites:

- 11 mosque were desecrated via break-ins, arson attacks, Writing hatred inciting slogans, demolition, or threats of demolition. See table on page (91) illustrates violations and attacks against mosques in 2018.
- 9 Islamic cemeteries:

1. **Maman Allah cemetery:** The occupation's judaization schemes will completely erase this cemetery, through the vast ravaging they are carrying out on the cemetery.



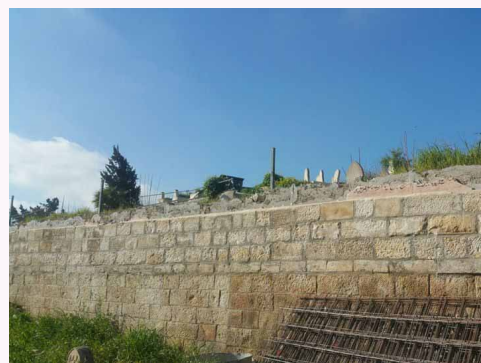
2. **Bab Al-Rahma cemetery:** Israeli authorities and cemeteries carried out more than 14 attacks on Bab Ar-Rahma cemetery, the attacks are represented by ravagings, diggings, destroying tombstones, and setting up iron metals as part of their Judaization schemes.



3. **Youssofiya cemetery:** the occupation's municipality in Jerusalem continue their ravaging in the Youssofiya Cemetery.



4. **Al-Mojahidine cemetery:** fanatic colonists partially destroyed it and destroyed several tombstones inside it.



5. **Ras Al-'Amoud cemetery:** Settlers raid the cemetery to celebrate inside it.

6. **Aal Abed Rabbu**: The occupation forces demolished and ravaged the cemetery that contains 5 graves, on the pretext of building without licenses – Al-Walaja village/ Bethlehem governorate.



7. **An ancient cemetery belongs to As-Suqoor clan**: due to the military trainings, the cemetery was completely destroyed – Al-Farisiya / Tubas.



8. **Aj-Jawabrah family cemetery**: The Occupation forces demolished 12 graves in Al-'Aroub refugees camps, on the pretext of building without licenses.



9. **Dhafer Al-Malih village cemetery**: The occupation authorities destroyed a part of the cemetery during the construction of the apartheid wall in Dhafer Al-Malih.



- 5 Shrines, 4 in Nablus governorate, and 1 in Hebron governorate.
- 14 ancient and historical sites were a target of Israeli attacks:
  1. **Jerusalem governorate:** The ancient Silwan spring, Umayyad palaces, The Buraq wall.
  2. **Hebron governorate:** Zaweyat Al-Ashraf, which is situated to the front of the Sanctuary of Abraham, The ancient Fara'a spring north Dura, the ancient village of Susiya, Al-Karmel area, The spring area in Tel Rumaida, Al-Mamas area in Halhul city.
  3. **Bethlehem governorate:** Deir Mar Saba in Al-Ubaidiya, Solomon's pools in Irtas.
  4. **Nablus governorate:** The archeological area in Sabastiya town, Al-Maso'udiya ancient area.
  5. **Salfit governorate:** Wad Qana.
- 1 church in Jerusalem.

According to LRC reports, the occupation authorities and colonists committed violations and attacks targeted more than 182 mosques since 1967, of which 11 attacks occurred in 2018 in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem, Israeli violations and attacks also targeted 32 churches since 1967, of which 1 attack occurred in 2018.

### Violations against Al-Aqsa mosque and worshippers during 2018

1. In 2018 the Israeli Occupation intensified their attacks against the Al-Aqsa mosque and its surrounding; here are some of the measurements taken in the Al-Aqsa that serves their schemes:
  - January 2018: The occupation authorities' staffs set foundations for security cameras network under ground in Salah Ad-Din street.
  - February 2018: The Occupation authorities set foundations for a new building on the ruins of the Moroccan quarter to establish a new touristic center.
  - In July 2018: Israeli Jewish religious groups put pictures and Talmudic illustrations on the ancient wall of the old city of Jerusalem, the occupation authorities also took a huge stone from the ancient wall to an unknown destination.



- In August 2018: The Occupation's municipality opened an iron gate between Damascus gate and the Christian quarter, for this cause, the occupation's municipality members removed ancient stones from the Jerusalem wall.
  - In November 2018: The extremist religious "Western Wall Heritage Organization", set up a huge candelabra on the Western Wall's square on the occasion of the Hanukkah, and said that they will light it up for 8 days in a row.
2. Israeli interventions in Al-Aqsa Mosque, and controlling renovation and cleaning works. The Israeli Occupation marginalize the role of Palestinian Islamic Waqf, the occupation forces also prohibited the reconstruction committee from carrying out any renovation work inside the mosque, threatening to arrest members of the committee in case they carried out renovations, these measurements caused a breakdown in the electricity networks, the occupation even prohibited trimming trees around the mosque.
  3. Targeting the eastern area of Al-Aqsa compound, through confiscating parts of the cemetery, and ban renovations in the eastern wall after it eroded due to natural factors.
  4. (210) raids to Al-Aqsa compound organized by religious groups protected by the occupation forces, about 33,400 extremists participated, most of the raids occurred in May, when (5,500 settlers) raided Al-Aqsa compound, followed by April and July about (3,800 settlers) raided the compound on each.
  5. The occupation forces prohibited worshippers about 55 times from entering the compound, and set an age limit for worshippers who can access the mosque (above 50); In addition, the occupation authorities still bans Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip from accessing the mosque.





6. (253) worshippers were arrested from Al-Aqsa compound; all of them had to pay fines or received restraining orders.
7. (190) were banned from Al-Aqsa compound for around (3 days to 6 months) and some of the bans are renewable.
8. (20) raids by Knesset members and extremist religious leaders, including: (Yeuda Glick, a group of extremist rabbis, Ministers such as Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Uri Ariel, Army and intelligence officers, staffs of the Israel Antiquities Authority, head of the occupation's municipality in Jerusalem Nir Barakat, Knesset member Shuli Mualem, and the extremist Ibrahim Shlokh.)
9. (35) Palestinians were attacked by the occupation forces in Al-Aqsa compound.
10. In September 9th 2018, An Israeli officers took a tour around the compound holding an Alcohol bottle (which is considered a desecration in Islamic believes).
11. Throwing 10 parties in the compound (which is considered a desecration in Islamic believes), 3 of them are Talmudic marriage ceremonies, 1 graduation ceremony for the occupation army at Al-Buraq Square, and 6 other parties. This new trend started after Solmon's Temple groups and other extremist personas encouraged Israelis to carry out marriage ceremonies and Bar Mitzvahs in the compound with the protection of the occupation army, during such rituals or ceremonies Palestinian worshippers are banned from accessing the mosque.





## The Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and constant attempts of Judaization

24 years since the Ibrahimi mosque massacre perpetrated by the Radical settler Baruch Goldstein, 29 Muslim worshippers were killed in the massacre and tens were injured. Since that day, February 25<sup>th</sup> 1994, radical settlers have been carrying out frequent assaults and attacks against Palestinian worshippers who come to the mosque and residents of the old city of Hebron. In addition, the occupation authorities imposed movement restrictions and sealed off several streets in the area such as Al-Shuhada and Tel Rumaida streets that are now only opened for Israeli settlers. The occupation authorities also imposed control on more than half of the mosque, and banned Muslim worshippers from entering it.

Israeli violations against worshippers and attempts of Judaization during 2018 in Ibrahimi mosque:

1. March 8<sup>th</sup>, a group of settlers protected by the occupation forces set up 3 massive tents in front of the mosque.
2. March 12<sup>th</sup>, settlers carried out a concert in front of the mosque that included multimedia show, dancing, music and fireworks.
3. June 5<sup>th</sup>, about 1000 settlers participated in Talmudic rituals, in the part they control.
4. June 20<sup>th</sup>, Several Hebrew sites posted an ad for an event in June 21<sup>st</sup>, the highlight of the evening was taking to Torah inside the mosque and carrying out a concert broadcasted in Hebrew TV channels.
5. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, colonists carried out diggings beneath the mosque in Al-Yousifiya spot in the mosque. Noteworthy, Muslims are banned from Al-Yousifiya, since it fell under Israeli control.
6. July 9<sup>th</sup>, settlers set up a massive tent in the southern garden of Ibrahimi mosque.
7. July 15<sup>th</sup>, settlers set up an irrigation network, lights, basins and wooden chairs in the southern garden of Ibrahimi mosque.
8. July 18<sup>th</sup>, settlers put stones with Talmudic writings on the doors of several chambers in the mosque, and in August 6<sup>th</sup>, the occupation forces carried out a military ceremony at the mosque.
9. August 9<sup>th</sup>, The Occupation forces closed the mosque to Muslim worshippers, on the occasion of
10. August 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of settlers raided Al-Isa'aciya<sup>1</sup> spot in Ibrahimi mosque.
11. September 10<sup>th</sup>, the occupation authorities closed the mosque for the celebration of the first day of Hebrew Year.

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Isa'aciya: The spot where Isaac and his wife Rebecca were buried – Ibrahimi Mosque - Hebron

12. September 16<sup>th</sup>, the occupation authorities closed the mosque again for the celebration of the Jewish new year.
13. September 17<sup>th</sup>, hundreds of settlers participated in a concert in the mosque.
14. September 19<sup>th</sup>, the occupation authorities closed off the mosque to Muslim worshippers to celebrate Yom Kippur.
15. September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the occupation authorities closed off the mosque to Muslim worshippers to celebrate Sukkot (Tabernacles).
16. October 6<sup>th</sup>, fanatic settlers who reside an illegal outpost in the old city of Hebron sabotaged the mosque's garden that was earlier renovated by Hebron Rehabilitation committee.
17. October 25<sup>th</sup>, fanatic settlers who reside an illegal outpost in the old city of Hebron took over Al-Ibrahimi playground and set up a 200 m siege around it.

*A siege set up by illegal settlers around Al-Ibrahimi playground*



18. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the occupation authorities closed off the mosque to Muslim worshippers and opened it for illegal settlers.
19. November 4<sup>th</sup>, settlers desecrated the mosque, and carried out a celebration inside it.
20. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, settlers protected by the occupation forces placed a massive candlestick to celebrate the Hanukkah, as part of their continuous attempts to Judaize the mosque.

21. During 2018, the occupation authorities banned Adhan 631 times in the mosque.

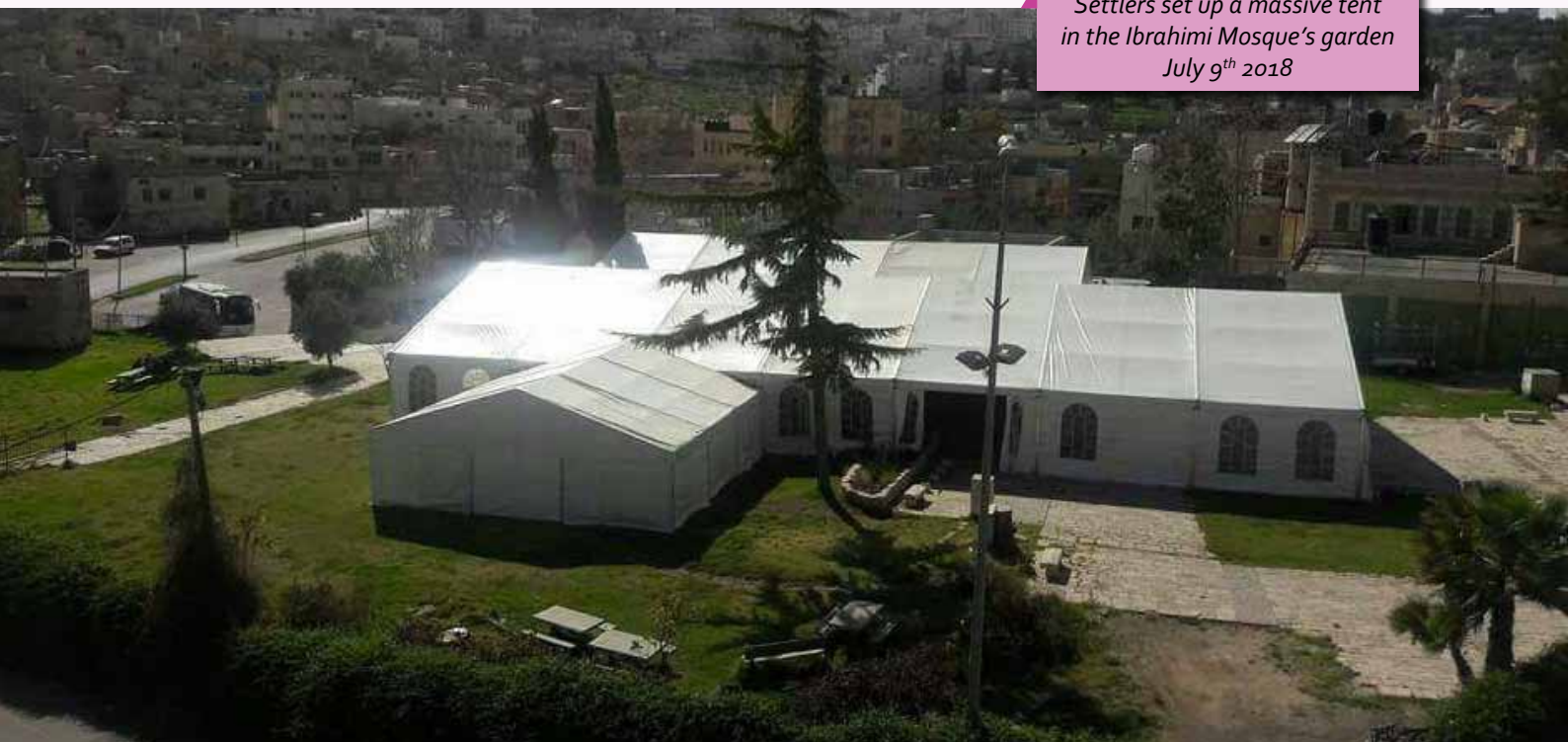
The table shows times of banning the Adhan in 2018:

Month	Times of banning Adhan
January	49
February	45
March	52
April	60
May	47
June	45
July	52
August	53
September	80
October	50
November	47
December	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>631</b>

Source: Islamic Waqf – Hebron



### Violations targeting Ibrahimi mosque in 2018 – in pictures



Settlers set up a massive tent  
in the Ibrahimi Mosque's garden  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 2018



*Desecrating The Ibrahimi mosque through partying in its compound*

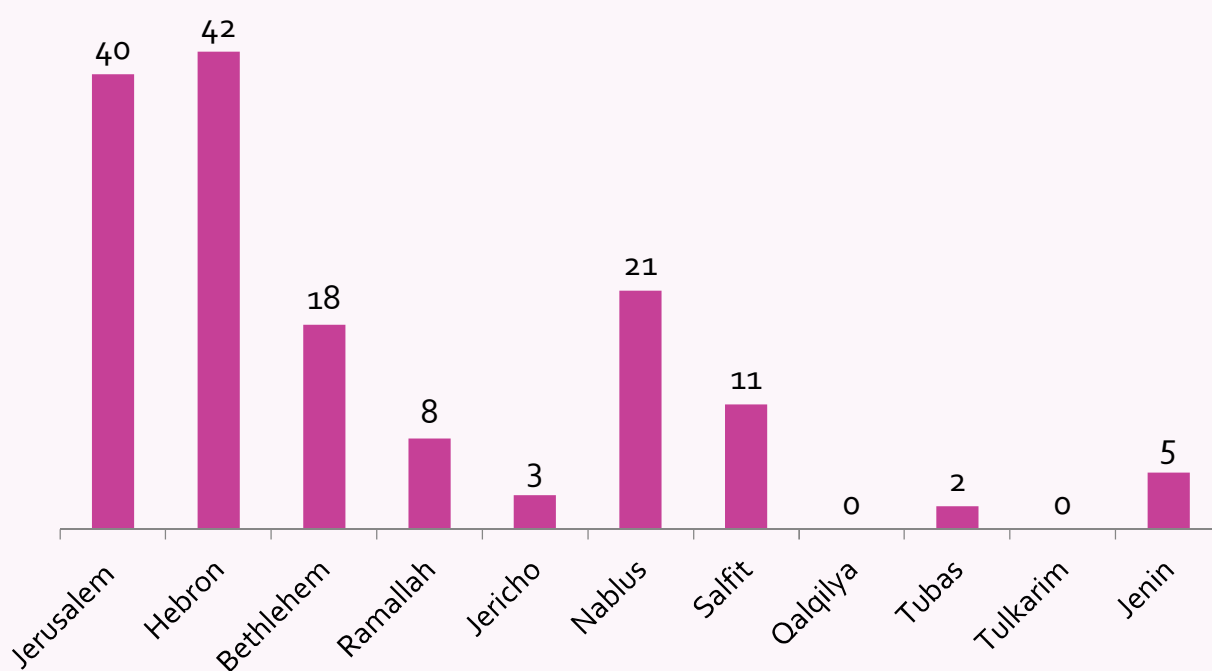


### Israeli attacks on mosques since 1967:

Number of attacks on mosques between 1967 – 2018:

Governorate	Numbers of attacks on mosques
Jerusalem	40
Hebron	42
Bethlehem	18
Ramallah	8
Jericho	3
Nablus	21
Salfit	11
Qalqilya	-
Tubas	2
Tulkarm	-
Jenin	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>

Source: Land Research Center – Arab studies Society – 2018



The graph illustrates number of attacks on mosques between 1967–2018/ by governorates

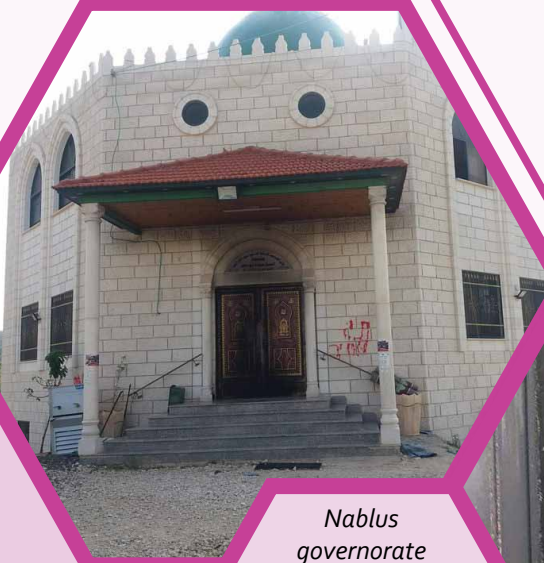
The table illustrates attacked mosques in 2018 by type in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem:

Governorate	No. of Mosques	Aggression					Perpetrator	
		Sabotaging and destroying	Demolition threats	Banning renovations	Writing offensive slogans / raids / desecration	Other attacks	The occupation forces	colonists
Jerusalem	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	2
Hebron	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	2
Bethlehem	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Nablus	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Salfit	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

Source: Land Research Center – Arab studies Society – 2018

Names of attacked mosques in the West Bank including Jerusalem in 2018:

- **Jerusalem:** Al-Aqsa mosque, Al-Arba'en mosque in Al-'Isawiya, Beit Iksa mosque.
- **Hebron:** Ibrahimi mosque, Al-Mufqara mosque in Yatta, An-Nabi Yunis mosque in Halhul city.
- **Bethlehem:** Aj- Jaba'a mosque in Aj-Jaba'a village, Marah Rabah mosque.
- **Nablus:** Ash-Shaikh Sa'adeh Abu Shaher mosque in 'Aqraba, 'Urif's village new mosque.
- **Salfit :** Abu Baker As-Sadeq mosque in Yasouf.



*Nablus  
governorate  
– 'Aqraba village:  
Settlers from the "Price  
Tag" group pour a burning  
material inside and on the  
entrance of Ash-Shaikh  
Sa'adeh Abu Shaheer  
mosque*



Number of churches and monasteries attacked in 2018 by governorate:

Governorate	No. of churches	Aggression					Perpetrator	
		Demolition threats	Arson attack	Writing offensive slogans / raids / desecration	Destroying and / or looting	Other attacks	The occupation forces	Colonists
Jerusalem	27	1	4	19	1	2	9	18
Bethlehem	3	0	0	0	2	1	2	1
Ramallah	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Jericho	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>

Source: Land Research Center – Arab studies Society – 2018

### Israeli attacks on christian worshipping places since 1967

Names of churches and monasteries that underwent attacks between 1967 and 2018:

- **Jerusalem:** Saint John Old Church, The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Roman Orthodox Monastery, Virgin Mary Church, Catholic Armenian Church, the Via Dolorosa, Al-Wad neighborhood, the Angelican Church, Prophets' road in the old city, Cross Valley Monastery, Franciscan Monastery, Al-Latrun Monastery, Cross Valley Monastery, The Roman Church, Church of the Holy mother, The Baptize church, Dormition Abbey Church, Beit Jamal Monastery, The Christian Angelican cemetery, the Latin Cemetery.

In 2018, the occupation forces attacked Coptic priests who were protesting against Israeli interventions in churches' issues.

- **Bethlehem:** Mar Elias church, the nativity church, Monastery of St. George.
- **Ramallah:** Emuas church.
- **Jericho:** Na'ran old church



*Jerusalem  
– Church of the  
Holy Sepulchre: Israeli  
policemen assaulting Coptic  
priests who were protesting  
against the occupation's  
interventions in the  
church and banning  
renovations*



### International conventions and agreements condemn violence and attacks against places of worship:

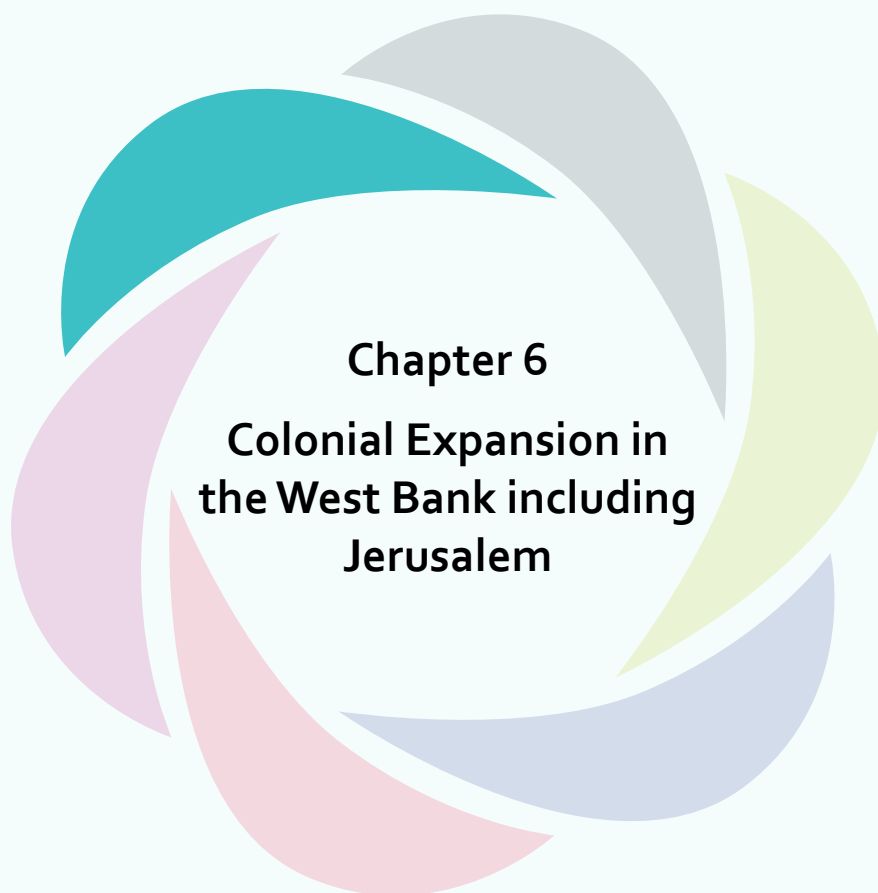
**Article 27 of the Geneva fourth convention:** "Protected persons are entitled, in all circumstances, to respect for their persons, their honour, their family rights, their religious convictions and practices, and their manners and customs. They shall at all times be humanely treated, and shall be protected especially against all acts of violence or threats thereof and against insults and public curiosity."

**Article 56 of The Hague conventions : Regulations concerning the Laws and Customs of War on Land for 1907:** The property of municipalities, that of institutions dedicated to religion, charity and education, the arts and sciences, even when State property, shall be treated as private property.

All seizure of, destruction or willful damage done to institutions of this character, historic monuments, works of art and science, is forbidden, and should be made the subject of legal proceedings.

**Article 53 of protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions for 1977:** it is prohibited to commit any acts of hostility directed against the historic monuments, works of art or places of worship which constitute the cultural or spiritual heritage of people.





**Chapter 6**  
**Colonial Expansion in**  
**the West Bank including**  
**Jerusalem**



## The Israeli Occupation Colonialism in the West Bank including Jerusalem:

At the end of 2018, there are 850,000 illegal Israeli settlers living in the West Bank including Jerusalem, in about 227 Israeli illegal settlements spread around West Bank lands, in addition to 291 outposts on top of mountains that devour vast areas of Palestinian lands. According to LRC field research team, 13 new settlements and outposts were built in 2018 alone.

If you track the map of colonial construction in the West Bank you will see that it is impossible to establish an independent Palestinian state, colonial projects are not random, they are set perfectly to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state and serving Israeli colonial schemes. Israeli colonies impose control over most of the Palestinian territories, suffocated Palestinian communities and transformed them into closed cantons, while illegal colonies took over mountains tops devouring 200,000 dunums of the West Bank lands, and closing off about 435,000 dunums under security claims.

Nevertheless, for the sake of colonists' security, the Israeli occupation set up tens of watch towers and roadblocks that restrict Palestinians' movement. Reportedly, there are 856 roadblocks, among them 129 watch towers. The occupation also built the apartheid wall and annexed vast areas of lands, and opened bypass roads that ate up 196,000 dunums, closed off other 98,000 dunums under security claims, in addition to controlling all water resources (artesian wells and springs).

During 2018, (58) illegal Israeli colonies expanded on confiscated Palestinian lands, while Israeli governmental departments announced construction plans and construction approvals for (4,651) colonial units, most of them were in Jerusalem, followed by Salfit, Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Colonial construction receives quick approvals from the Israeli government, while it carries out vast demolition operation against Palestinian structures under claims of building without licenses. In reality, the issue is not about licensing procedures, it is about keeping the Palestinian land empty for future colonial schemes.



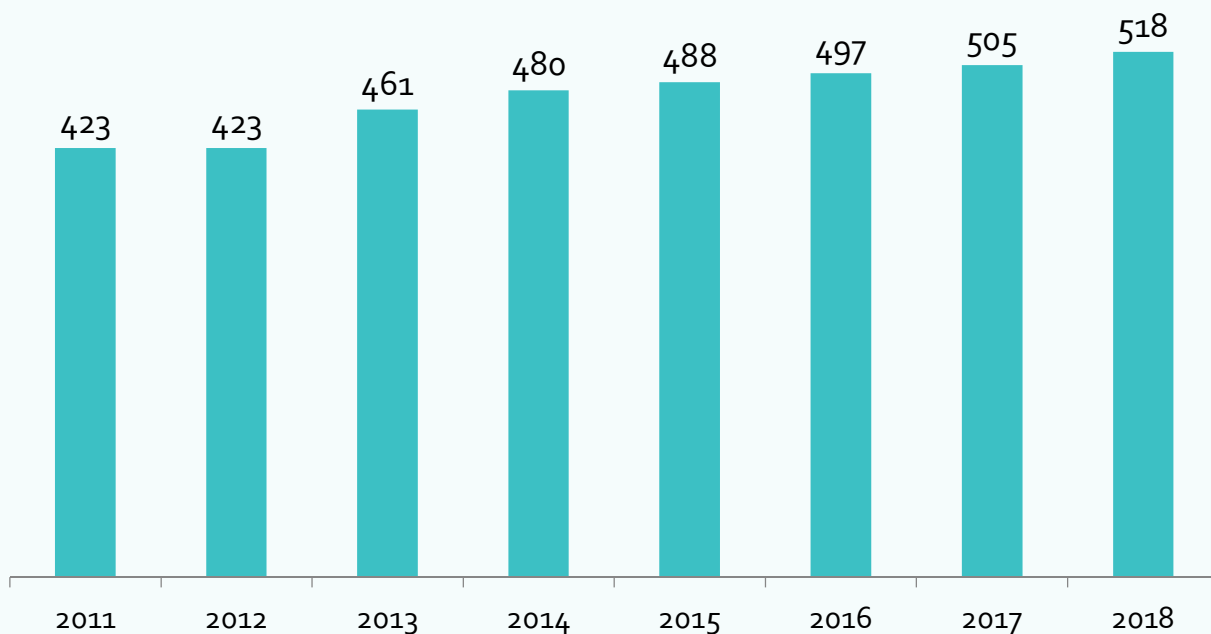
The table shows number of colonies in the West Bank (including east Jerusalem) in 2018:

Governorate	No. of colonies	No. of outposts	Confiscated area / dunums*	No. of colonists**
Jerusalem	37	30	38,418	30,3577
Hebron	39	45	13,489	109,595
Bethlehem	22	23	17,746	124,273
Ramallah	33	56	32,779	116,034
Jericho	21	18	22,245	6,792
Nablus	20	55	17,879	194,86
Salfit	20	24	18,120	54,152
Qalqilya	14	14	12,102	89,373
Tubas	8	13	7,715	2,437
Tulkarim	5	5	3,958	3,760
Jenin	8	8	3,835	3,916
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>188,286</b>	<b>833,395</b>
		<b>518</b>		

Source: Land Research Center – Arab studies Society – 2018

\*The given numbers exclude the area of outposts as it is unavailable.

\*\*Source: Peace Now movement – 2014.



The graph illustrates Israeli colonies in West Bank including Jerusalem

### Colonial Activities in 2018:

2018 witnessed an escalation in colonization activities, number of Israeli colonies had grown to 518 colonies and outposts, and there are 464 new colonial units built or being built in 58 settlements or outposts, the occupation's machineries leveled and ravaged more than 930 dunums around 44 settlements. Most Palestinian governorates witnessed colonial expansions on its lands, but the biggest expansion was on Tubas lands, followed by Jerusalem, Ramallah and Salfit. The occupation authorities also ratified 9 outposts, established 21 new outposts and settlements, and transformed 6 military camps into acknowledged colonies.

### Expansions in colonies

Reported Expansions in the Israeli colonies in the West Bank – 2018:

Governorate	Number of established and/or expanded colonies	Units added or to be added	Other structures	Laying foundations and leveling lands for construction	Opening bypass roads
Jerusalem	9	30	10	2	4
Hebron	7	12	17	10	3
Bethlehem	3	138	0	4	4
Ramallah	8	90	0	7	4
Jericho	3	20	2	2	1
Nablus	5	36	1	3	4
Salfit	8	70	11	7	6
Qalqilya	5	36	0	3	3
Tubas	11	32	9	6	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>

Source: Land Research Center – Arab studies Society – 2018

## Pictures of colonial expansion on Palestinian lands



*Jerusalem – Shufat and Beit Hanina:  
Opening the fourth segment of bypass  
road no. 21 – January 2018*



*Hebron governorate – Yatta  
Khallet Ad-Dabe'a:  
Expansions in Ma'on settlement*





### Colonial plans in 2018:

The table shows colonies and outposts that called for tenders, bids, and approvals for construction in 2018:

Governorate	No. announced plans	Confiscated areas for the scheme/ outside colonies borders / dunums	Announced colonial units	No. built or legalized colonies	Residential areas	Roads	Educational, social, public institutions	Gardens, parks, sports	Touristic projects	Cemeteries	Commercial and industrial areas	Open public areas	Parking lots	Lands' planning
Jerusalem	35	1,634	1,606	0	11	8	1	2	2	-	3	2	3	1
Hebron	11	1,064	543	1	7	7	5	1	1	-	1	3	-	-
Bethlehem	23	1,105	515	0	7	7	2	2	1	-	1	5	2	6
Ramallah	16	979	175	1	5	5	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	3
Jericho	8	1,023	406	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Nablus	5	140	72	0	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Salft	24	1,177	644	0	5	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
Qalqilya	17	489	470	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	2
Tubas	3	467	-	0	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Tulkarim	5	158	135	0	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Jenin	3	79	85	0	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>4,651</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>

Source: Data compiled by LRC from several governmental Israeli websites - 2018

Number of announced colonial plans reached 150, of which 58 are activated, 86 are deposited, while 6 are ratified.

The existence of the Israeli settlements and outposts in the West Bank and their expansions are illegal and contradict with the international law rules, United Nations Security Council Resolutions such as: 237 (1967), 271 (1969), 446 (1979), 452 (1979), 465 (1980).

- Resolution 446 March 22, 1979 calls on Israel to rescind its previous measures and to desist from taking any action which would result in changing the legal status and geographical nature and materially affecting the demographic composition of the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem and, in particular, not to transfer parts of its own civilian population into the occupied Arab territories"
- Also the resolution 452 of the 1979 "calls upon the Government and people of Israel to cease, on an urgent basis, the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem."
- Furthermore, the Fourth Geneva Convention also states in Article 49 that "The occupying power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own population into the territories it occupies." and Article 174 of the same convention "prohibits the 'extensive destruction and appropriation of property not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly."
- In May 2001, the head of the International Red Cross delegation to Israel and the Occupied Territories said that settlements are "equal in principle to war crimes". (Note: "The transfer, the installation of population of the occupying power into the occupied territories is considered as an illegal move and qualified as a 'grave breach.' It's a grave breach, formally speaking, but grave breaches are equal in principle to war crimes", Rene Kosirnik, head of the ICRC delegation to Israel and the oPt.





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