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## **Israeli Occupation during Corona Year, which one is Worst?**

*Land Research Center Field Team stood breathless, after running for years to catch up with Israeli Violations against Palestinian lands and Housing Rights (in West Bank including Jerusalem). However, When the corona pandemic stormed the country (Historical Palestine; both of its parts occupied in 1948 and in 1967), LRC team thought that this might be a break to stay home and be protected from the Pandemic. But the Israeli Occupation and its colonists though otherwise, they took advantage of the lockdown, to intensify violations against Palestinian houses, lands, and farmlands. The Corona year 2020, was the most difficult Palestinian had witnessed in many years.*

*During this year, The American President “Tramp” offered the Deal of the Century and his full support to the Israeli Occupation, and Netanyahu showed up with a plan to Annex the Jordan Valley. While Colonists were lobbying to pass the Land Settlement law (land registration not to be confused with Israeli settlement), in order to register Palestinian lands in the names of illegal colonists. The Israeli government on its part, closed off vast areas of lands on the pretexts of protecting Natural reserve. The Occupation also escalated Judaization activities in the old city of Hebron, built new outposts, and legalized many others. Nevertheless, the so-called Israel normalized ties with number of Arab countries that were never in a war with Israel, all this was with the aim to bury the Palestinian cause.*

*At these times loaded with pain, anger, and helplessness, Land Research Center team continued its efforts in documenting Israeli Violations, using all possible tools to collect and analyze data, in addition to Investigational Field Research, followed by steps of classifying, comparing, categorizing, scheduling, and analyzing the data. To create reports that are considered a life witness of the occupation crimes, and a documentation of the Human Rights Violations against the Palestinian people.*

*We put these facts, in its bare cruelty in the hands of officials, decision makers, politicians, economists, and socialists in national and international spheres. Hoping that someone will hear the screams of the aggrieved population, and affect laws and opinions of a world that claims to be committed to international laws.*

Jamal Talab Al-Amleh

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

LRC was established in 1986 as part of the Arab Studies Society; LRC's activities cover all the West Bank, including Jerusalem, as well as the Gaza Strip. It has branches in Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus.

### **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.

### **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 .

### **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

### **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.

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## **Chapter 1: Israeli Violations Against Palestinian Land and Housing Rights**



## 1.1 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 883<sup>1</sup> cases of house demolition, dismantle or/ and confiscation through firsthand field observation only in 2020, an increase up to 27 % in comparison to year 2019.

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 17 outposts, while targeted 123 Palestinian communities with its arbitrary demolition measurements. The cases are as the following:

- **(337) houses , with an overall area of 25,374m<sup>2</sup>**, inhabited by 1599 people (half of the number are female citizens) , among them 739 children , 31 of them were built of stones , 152 built of bricks and cement, 66 are tents and , 12 are metal rooms , 57 are Shacks built of bricks and steal sheets , 13 houses' foundations, 6 built of processed plastic.

- **(546) facilities, beneficial for (3,800) people among them (1,783) children:**

- 242 barns, Shacks and agricultural rooms, of which 164 barns containing more than (7,534) heads of cattle, 20 horses. In addition to 78 shacks used for sleeping during cultivation seasons, stores for feeds and other uses.
- 40 Retaining walls to protect agricultural lands and /or residences.
- 81 commercial facilities.
- 78 water harvesting cistern, pool or reservoir, that irrigate 1545 dunums, with a storage capacity of 9612 m<sup>3</sup>.
- 52 other facilities (Garages, outdoor bathrooms and etc).
- 9 electricity networks.
- 2 institution.
- 18 Other Facilities.
- 3 roads.
- 10 warehouses, stores, and offices.
- 3 parks and playgrounds.
- 2 mosques.
- 2 Schools and Kindergartens.
- Clinics and health centers.

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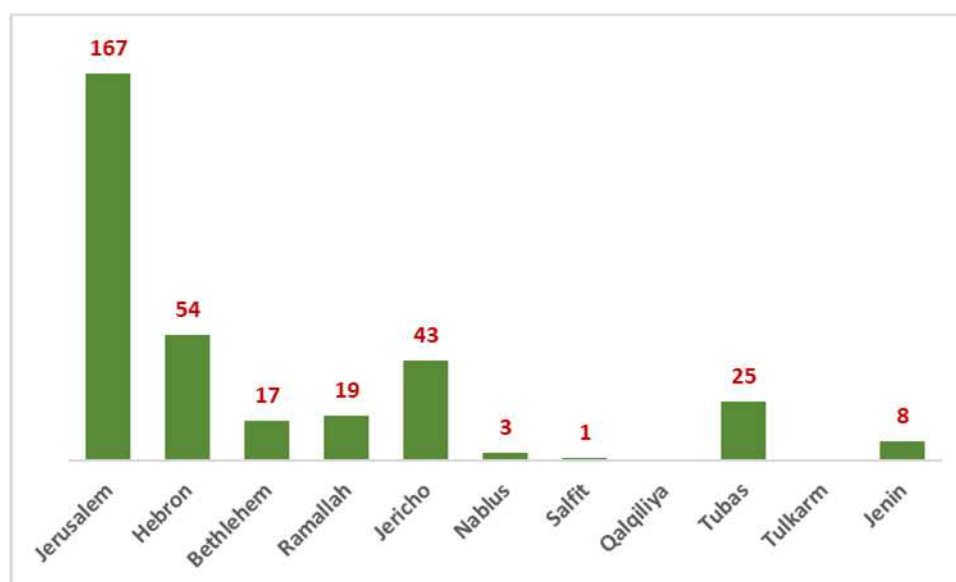
<sup>1</sup> Of which 14 facilities dismantled and confiscated by the occupation forces.

### Demolished residences in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, in 2020- by governorate:

Governorate	Residences	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Affected / Victims	Including children
Jerusalem	167*	12636	742	339
Hebron	54	3792	297	142
Bethlehem	17	1260	67	26
Ramallah	19	2257	99	43
Jericho	43	2556	214	112
Nablus	3	200	11	5
Salfit	1	220	4	2
Qalqiliya	-	-	-	-
Tubas	25	1479	126	54
Tulkarm	-	-	-	-
Jenin	8	974	39	16
Total	337	25374	1599	739

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC (2020)

\* including 94 residences demolished by their owners who were forced by the occupation's municipality

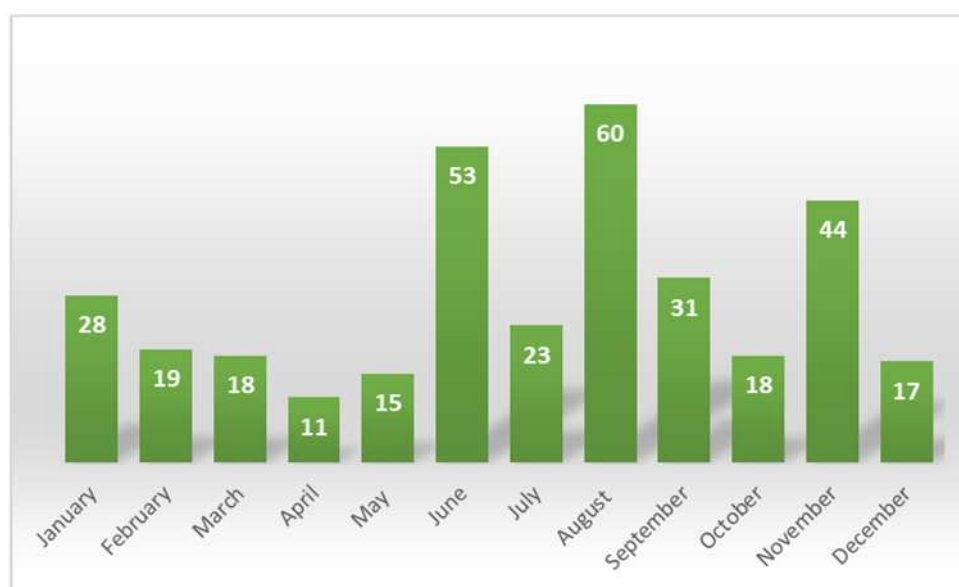


The graph reflects demolished houses in the West Bank Including Jerusalem in 2020- by governorate

### Demolished houses in the West Bank in 2020- by month:

Month	Residences	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Victims	Children
January	28	1680	160	86
February	19	1504	91	39
March	18	1673	83	30
April	11	699	44	18
May	15	1196	87	28
June	53	4174	272	112
July	23	1947	121	60
August	60	4236	231	100
September	31	2140	130	69
October	18	1524	91	53
November	44	3369	195	87
December	17	1232	94	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>25374</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>739</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC (2020)



The graph illustrates the demolished houses in the West Bank (including Jerusalem) in 2020- by month



Ramallah governorate – Beituniya : Demolishing an under construction three-floors building on the pretext of building nearby the Annexation and Expansion wall belong to Abdul ‘Aziz Froukh and his children – June 2020



Occupied Jerusalem: The Occupation's bulldozers demolish Ghassan Shqairat's house – June 2020



Hebron Governorate – Yatta town – Al-Khalidiya: Khalil Rabae's house before demolition it contains a family of 15 members, 9 of which are children - Dec 2020



The Occupation bulldozer Demolish Rabae's house with intensive security measures

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.

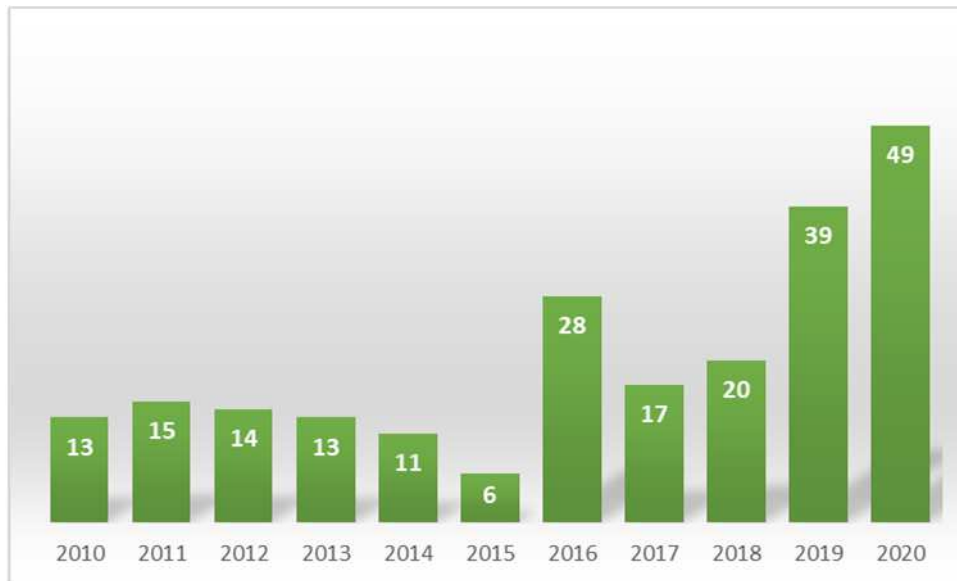
The Israeli occupation always justifies that type of demolition, which is a blatant contravention of the right to residence and a crime against humanity, on the pretext of unlicensed construction.

[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 720 cases where the owners had to demolish their property by themselves during the past ten years (2010 -2020) making 1444 civilian citizens, more than 726 of whom are children, homeless and lacking security and stability. 94 cases were reported during the year 2020 , a 140% increase in comparison to last year 2019.

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	1999	125	56
2017	17	1325	90	55
2018	20	1976	125	65
2019	39	3045	174	82
2020	49	7019	422	189
Total	270	19682	1444	726

Source: Firsthand field observation-Israeli Violations Monitoring Section – Land Research Center – Arab Studies Society, Years (2010 – 2020)



The chart illustrates the residences that were demolished by their owners (self-demolition) during (2010-2020)

#### **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 Force 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



Occupied Jerusalem – Al-Isawiya town: Abu Ryala family demolish their own home – February 2020



Occupied Jerusalem – Sur Baher town : Citizen Mohammed Dawiyat demolish their Own home – August 2020



Occupied Jerusalem – Jabal Al-Mukabir: The Occupation Municipality forces citizen Maher Ha'ali to demolish his own home – January 2020

### ***Security Demolition:***

In November 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

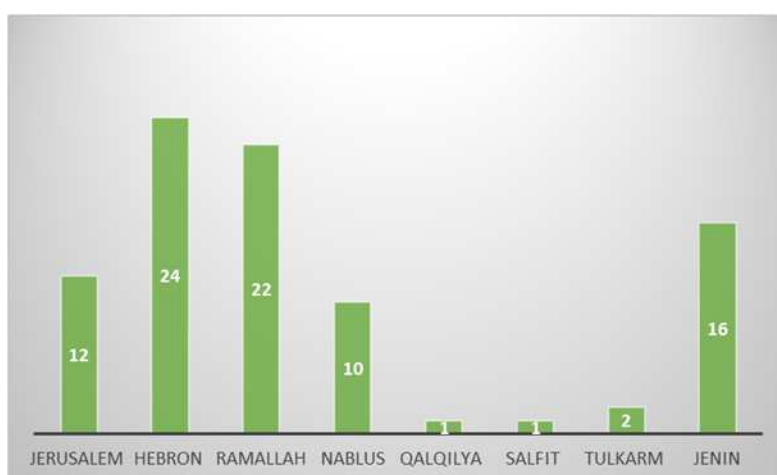
Since article (119) of this law state "Demolition and Confiscation" The owners cannot rebuild the demolished house. The Occupation authorities also extend the validity of the law every year to use it against Palestinian citizens.

Since Al-Quds uprising of 2015 until the date of this report, Israeli Occupation Forces demolished/ exploded/sealed off 88 residences, of which 7 were demolished in 2020, and 81 houses were partially damaged. 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 2015-2020:**

Governorates	Residences	Partial damage due to explosions	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Family members	children
<b>Jerusalem</b>	12	9	1319	71	<b>27</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	24	9	3396	105	<b>41</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	22	23	3422	72	<b>25</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	10	28	1100	59	<b>28</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	1	2	145	6	<b>4</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	1	2	120	7	<b>3</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	2	0	106	5	<b>2</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	16	8	2400	98	<b>28</b>
<b>total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>12008</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>158</b>

Israeli violations monitoring Department – LRC – Arab studies society 2020.

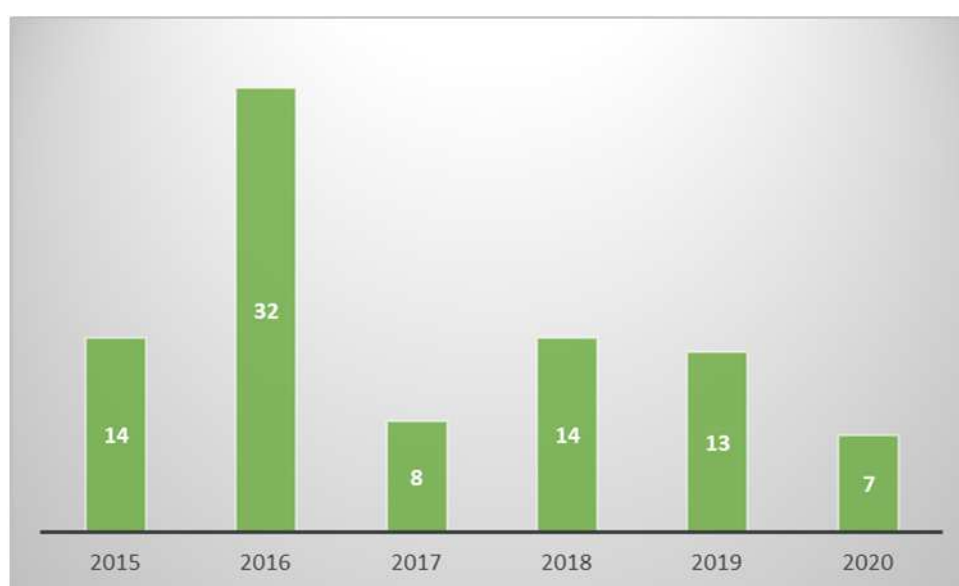


The graph illustrates the number of demolished residences on the claim of “Security Purposes” in 2015- 2020, considering governorates

**The Following table shows numbers of demolished houses under security claims in West Bank governorates (including Jerusalem) between (2015-2020), 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	1826	69	31
2016	32	16	4194	177	65
2017	8	6	1080	34	13
2018	14	6	2026	58	14
2019	13	13	1965	50	17
2020	7	4	917	35	18
total	88	81	12008	423	158

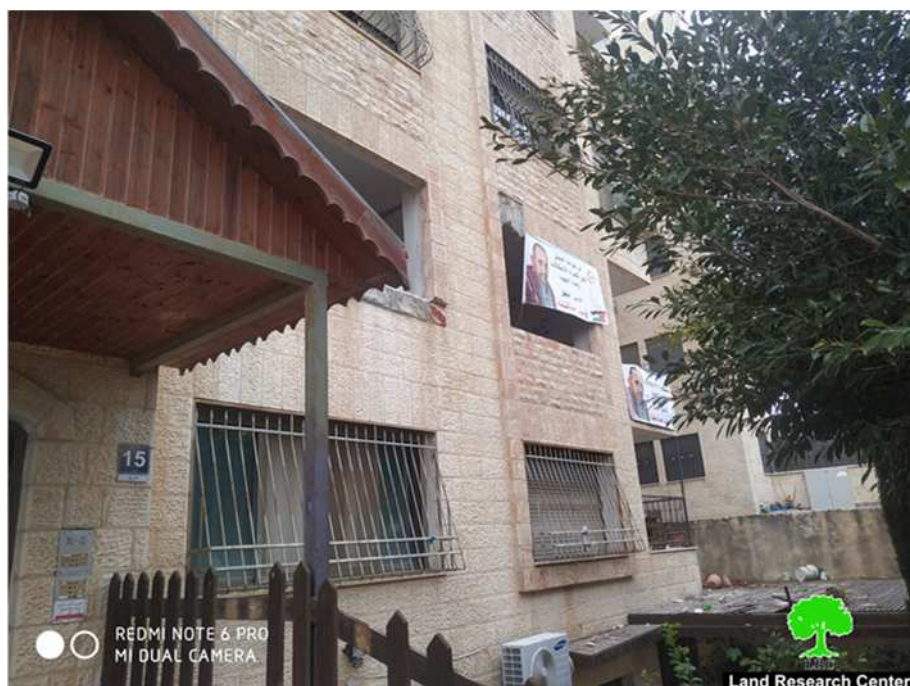
Source: Israeli violations monitoring system – LRC – Arab studies society 2020



The graph illustrates the number of demolished residences on the claim of “Security Purposes” , considering years 2015- 2020



Ramallah governorate – Birzeit : The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolish family home  
Prisoner Yazan Maghamis – March 2020



Ramallah governorate – At-Tira: The Israeli Occupation bulldozers demolish House of Prisoner Waleed Hanatsha – March 2020

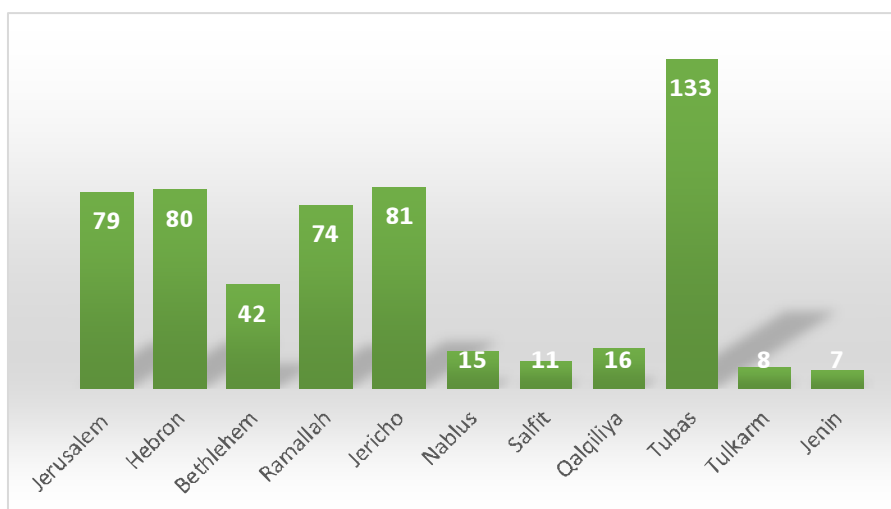
## Demolished structures

### Demolished structures in the West Bank cities, including Jerusalem in 2020- by type:

Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	Total
<b>Jerusalem</b>	-	1	4	36	-	30	-	0	-	-	-	-	7	1	79
<b>Hebron</b>	-	11	14	33	-	7	2	5	1	2	1	-	2	2	80
<b>Bethlehem</b>	-	1	8	22	-	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	5	42
<b>Ramallah</b>	-	9	8	36	-	5	3	8	-	-	-	-	1	4	74
<b>Jericho</b>	-	10	-	49	-	2	2	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	81
<b>Nablus</b>	-	1	-	4	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15
<b>Salfit</b>	-	3	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
<b>Qalqiliya</b>	-	0	1	2	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	16
<b>Tubas</b>	2	39	-	51	-	10	2	20	-	-	4	2	-	3	133
<b>Tulkarm</b>	-	0	2	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8
<b>Jenin</b>	-	3	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>546</b>

(1) Institutions (2) Cisterns and reservoirs (3) Retaining Walls (4) Shacks, barns and tents (5) Parks and Playgrounds (6) Commercial buildings (7) Electricity networks (8) Outbuildings (of houses) (9) Roads (10) Schools and Playgrounds (11) Clinics and health centers (12) Mosques (13) Stores, warehouses and offices (14) Others

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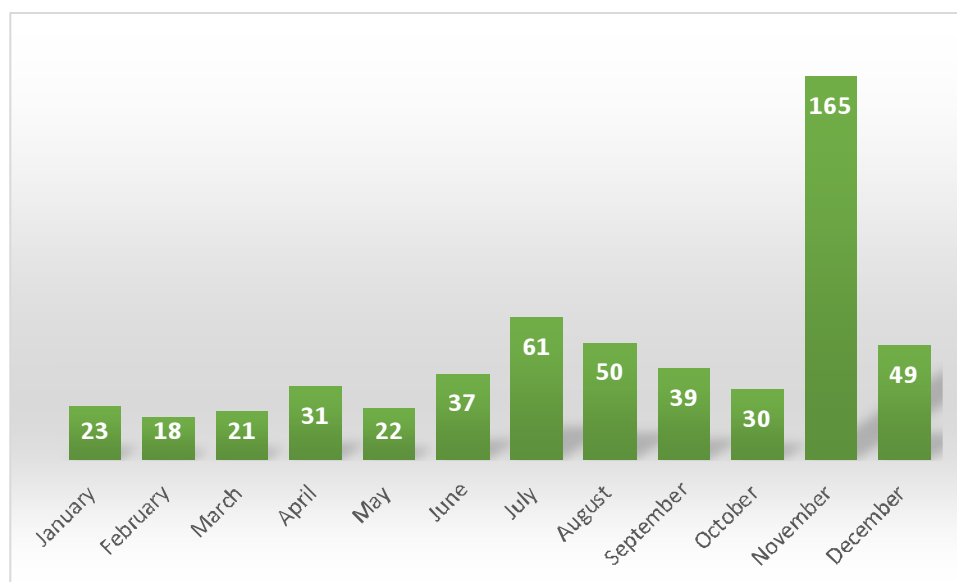
The graph illustrates demolished facilities during 2020 by governorates

The following table shows number demolished facilities in the West Bank including Jerusalem by months:

Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	Total
January	-	5	1	5	-	5	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	23
February	-	3	3	3	-	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	18
March	2	3	1	6	-	-	1	1	1	-	4	2	-	-	21
April	-	4	5	11	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	31
May	-	-	1	10	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	22
June	-	1	-	23	-	9	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	37
July	-	1	6	35	-	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	61
August	-	12	5	26	-	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
September	-	8	5	11	-	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	39
October	-	1	1	8	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	4	4	30
November	-	39	4	77	-	17	2	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	165
December	-	1	8	27	-	9	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>546</b>

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*Source: Israeli violations monitoring Department – LRC – Arab studies society 2020*



The graph shows Demolished facilities during 2020 – by months



Hebron Governorate – Yatta town – Zeef: Demolition of retaining walls that surround a 10 dunums plot belong to citizen ‘Adnan Wazwaz – July 2020



Ramallah Governorate – N’ilin: Demolition of retaining walls in Citizen Hussain Al-Khawaja  
– September 2020



Hebron Governorate – Yatta town – Al-Fakheet: Demolishing 3 facilities belong to citizen Akram Abu Sabha , among them a shack that contains 120 heads of sheep – October 2020

**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.”



## **1.2 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 Subcommittee 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 two or three weeks, and such sessions take place in Beit El military court – Beit El colony built on confiscated lands from Ramallah.

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.

One of the newest types of military orders, is military order 1797 issued in 2018, which targets under construction buildings, uninhabited buildings, or buildings inhabited for a period less than a month, this type of orders give only 96 hours before carrying out the demolition, it is almost impossible to file an objection against such military notices, and all petitions on them were refused.

Recently, the occupation authorities are targeting houses and facilities in (B area) within Palestinian villages and towns built up areas, on the pretext of building close to the Annexation and expansion wall, the Israeli Occupation Army commander issues notices of “intention of demolition” on structures close to the Annexation and Expansion walls giving the owners only 7 days to object.

According to LRC field staff, over than 650 military orders were issued in 2020 including 393 stop-work orders; 50 final stop-work and demolition notices; 11 additional opportunity to object to a demolition order notices, and 6 eviction orders for closed areas , 28 notices to stop sabotaging antiquities , 3 security notice , 70 threat of removal for new buildings , 6 declaration of intention to demolish, 81 administrative / Judicial demolition orders, 1460 Palestinian structures were targeted on the pretext of lacking a building permit, an increase of 70 % in comparison to 2019, including:

- 545 houses, rendering 2470 people homeless, among them 1115 children.
- 915 facilities, beneficial for 5860 people, among them 2692 children.

#### **Threatened residences in 2020 - by type of military order:**

Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Total
Jerusalem	7	1	-	-	-	101	-	-	-	109
Hebron	60	17	2	2	-	-	2	15	3	101
Bethlehem	52	4	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	61
Ramallah	98	4	-	-	2	-	-	8	-	112
Jericho	2	7	3	-	-	-	8	2	-	22
Nablus	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	13
Salfit	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Qalqiliya	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Tubas	10	-	1	2	-	-	5	5	-	23
Tulkarm	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Jenin	12	4	-	-	2	-	7	7	-	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>545</b>

(1) Stop-work order (2) Final stop-work order (3) Additional opportunity to object to a demolition order (4) A notice of eviction (5) Closure and confiscation notice “security” (6) Administrative demolition orders (7) Notices to stop sabotaging antiquities (8) Removal within 96 hours (9) Notice of intention to demolish a building

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2020.

### Threatened facilities in 2020 by type of military order:

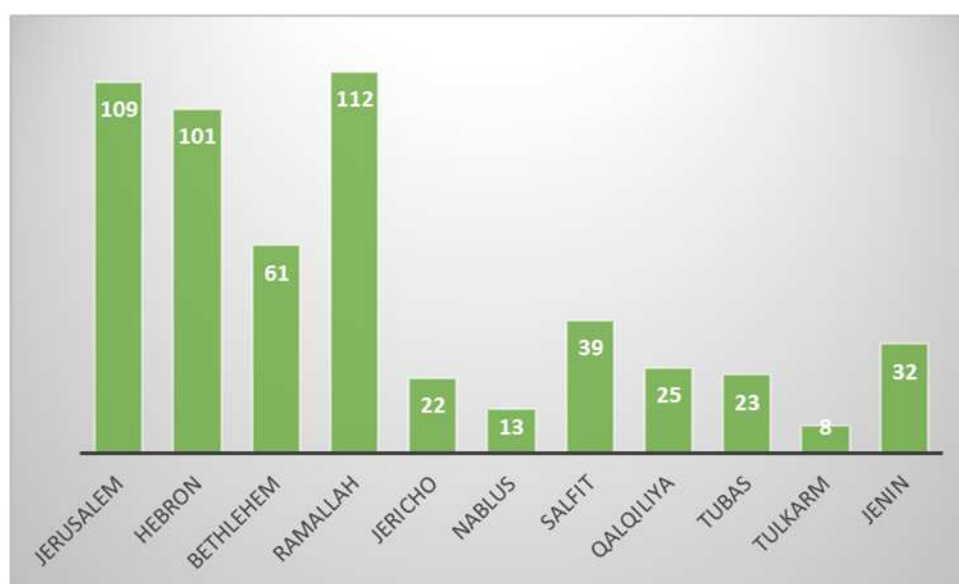
Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Total
<b>Jerusalem</b>	-	3	-	-	-	203	-	-	-	<b>206</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	96	20	4	1	-	-	1	19	-	<b>141</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	40	2	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	<b>46</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	240	18	-	-	-	-	5	8	-	<b>271</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	19	24	4	-	-	-	15	4	-	<b>66</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	<b>16</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	48	1	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	<b>56</b>
<b>Qalqiliya</b>	24	-	-	1	-	-	2	8	-	<b>35</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	20	-	-	6	-	-	3	6	-	<b>35</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	15	-	-	-	4	-	8	2	11	<b>40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>915</b>

(1) Stop-work order (2) Final stop-work order (3) additional opportunity to object to a demolition order  
 (4) A notice of eviction (5) Summons (6) Administrative demolition orders (7) notices to stop sabotaging antiquities (8) Removal within 96 hours (9) Notice of intention to demolish a building

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2020.

### Residences threatened of demolition in 2020- by governorate:

Governorate	Number of houses	Area in m <sup>2</sup>	Number of inhabitants	Children
<b>Jerusalem</b>	109	9674	528	220
<b>Hebron</b>	101	10092	527	262
<b>Bethlehem</b>	61	5930	218	86
<b>Ramallah</b>	112	9397	504	242
<b>Jericho</b>	22	1395	113	56
<b>Nablus</b>	13	1305	64	25
<b>Salfit</b>	39	6609	145	66
<b>Qalqiliya</b>	25	3330	110	54
<b>Tubas</b>	23	1429	107	40
<b>Tulkarm</b>	8	1110	25	9
<b>Jenin</b>	32	4566	129	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>54837</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>1115</b>

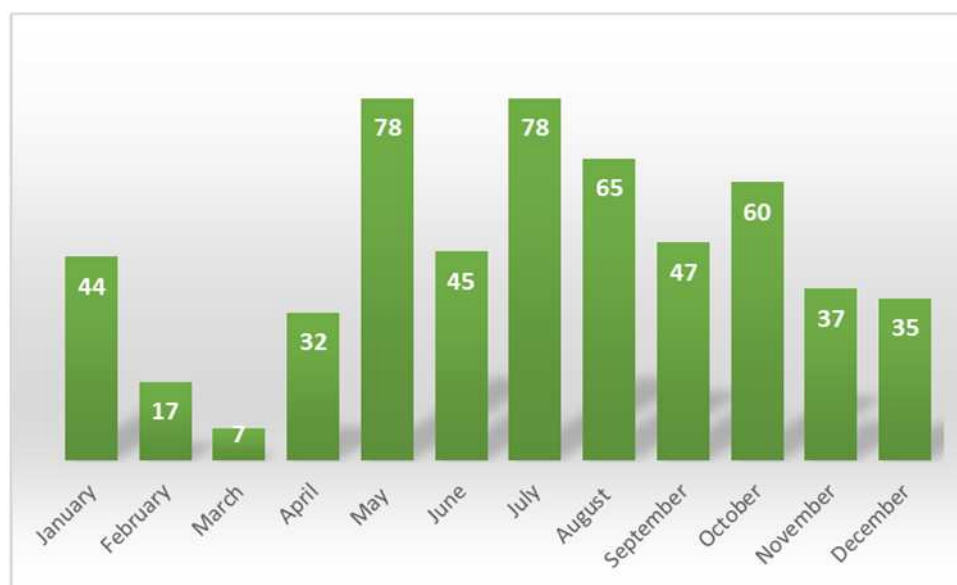


The graph illustrates the number of houses threatened of demolition in the West Bank in 2020- by governorate

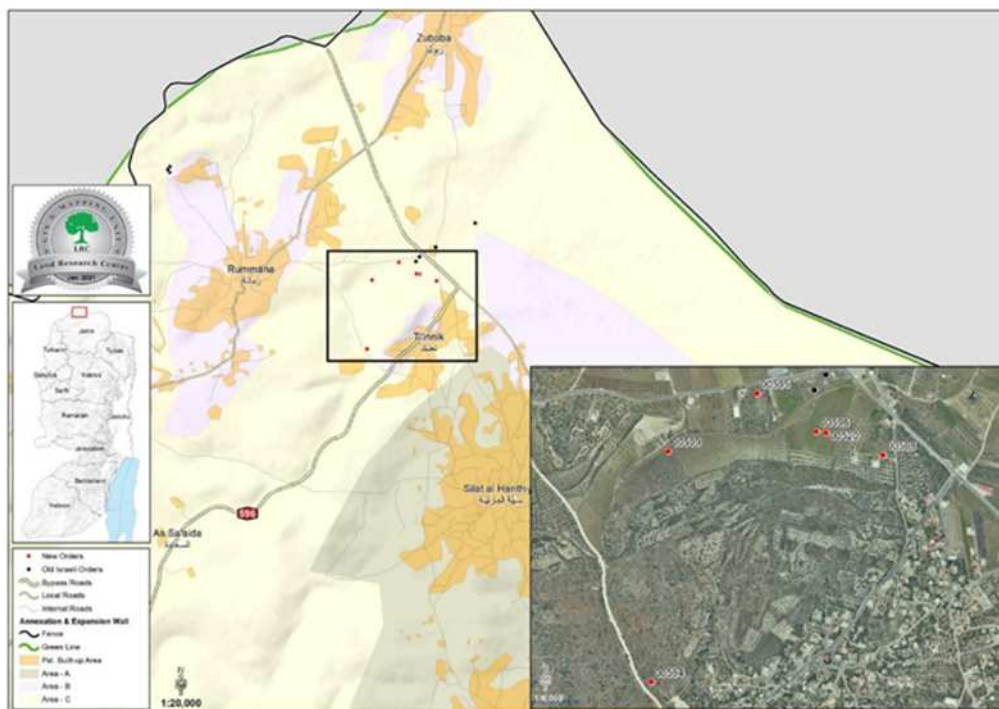
**The table shows demolished residences in 2020 – by months:**

Months	Residences	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Victims	Children
January	44	5025	229	104
February	17	759	89	36
March	7	660	49	17
April	32	4020	134	73
May	78	6462	350	157
June	45	5143	232	85
July	78	7558	326	138
August	65	6936	268	125
September	47	5565	142	64
October	60	5080	332	162
November	37	3679	160	75
December	35	3950	159	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>54837</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>1115</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2020



The graph shows threatened residences in West Bank governorates during 2020– by months



Jenin governorate – Kubar village : Notices to stop destroying Antiquities for four residences and a number of greenhouses – December 2020



Salfit Governorate – Kafr Ad-Dik town :  
Halt of Work notices for a mosque and 12  
residences , two agricultural rooms – July  
2020

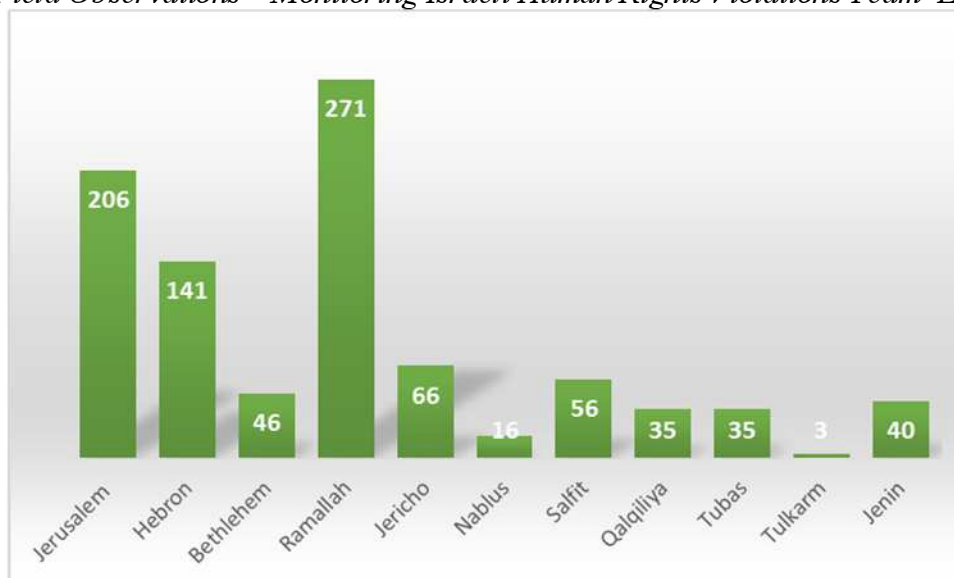


### Threatened facilities in 2020 - by governorate and type:

Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	Total
Jerusalem	-	1	1	1	-	200	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	206
Hebron	1	18	3	89	1	6	3	11	1	1	3	-	-	1	3	141
Bethlehem	-	5	6	26	1	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	2	46
Ramallah	-	5	8	147	-	7	29	61	1	3	1	-	4	-	5	271
Jericho	-	5	-	43	-	3	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
Nablus	-	1	-	10	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	16
Salfit	-	21	3	18	4	-	-	1	5	-	-	1	-	-	3	56
Qalqiliya	-	6	1	18	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	35
Tubas	1	2	-	22	-	-	2	6	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	35
Tulkarm	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Jenin	1	1	-	9	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>915</b>

(1) Institutions (2) Cisterns and reservoirs (3) Retaining Walls (4) Shacks, barns, and tents (5) Parks and Playgrounds (6) Commercial buildings (7) Electricity networks (8) Outbuildings (of houses) (9) Roads (10) Schools and Playgrounds (11) Clinics and health centers (12) Mosques (13) Stores, warehouses and offices (14) Greenhouses (15) Others

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team-LRC, 2020



*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.*



Bethlehem Governorate – Al-Khader town : Halt of work notice for an agricultural room belong to citizen Na'im Ghnaim – May 2020

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### 1.3 Colonists' Raids and attacks on Palestinian Residences:

Radical settlers, most of them belong to the price tag group, carried out 162 attacks against Palestinian houses and facilities, targeting 374 houses and facilities:

- 248 houses were targeted by the attacks.
- 126 facilities, including : 11 commercial facilities, 18 cisterns and water reservoirs, 13 agricultural facilities, 44 farmlands and lands, 4 educational and Social institutions, 2 play grounds and public parks, 9 retaining wall, 5 Mosques , 3 cemeteries , 2 religious sites, 9 antiquities sites, 2 electricity networks , 4 others .

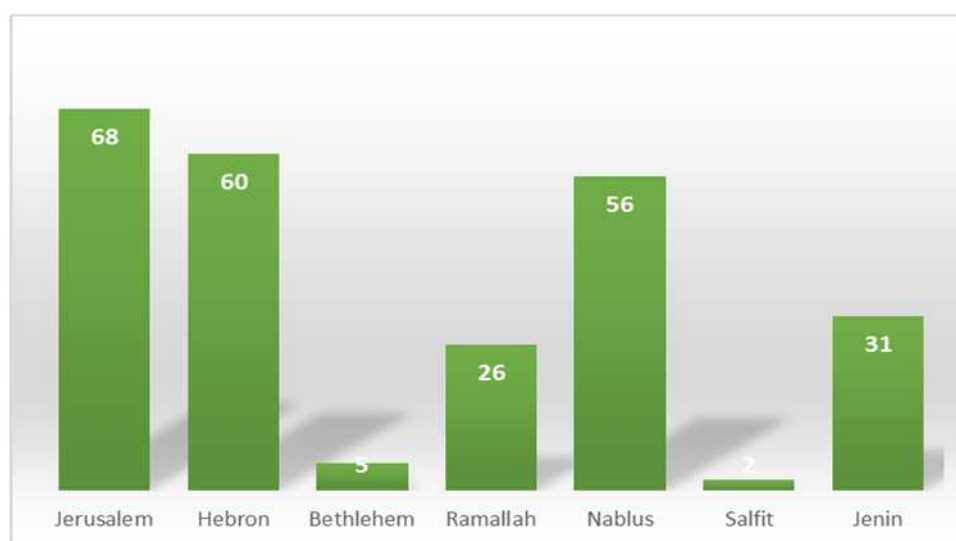
*According to International Law, Jerusalem is an occupied city since 1967, the occupying power does not have the authority to buy or appropriate in it, even if the contract fulfills buying and selling conditions.*

#### Colonists' attacks against Palestinian residences in 2020 – by type:

Attacks against Palestinian residences									
Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	Total
Jerusalem	17	-	1	2	25	-	-	23	68
Hebron	30	21	3	-	1	-	5	-	60
Bethlehem	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Ramallah	20	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Nablus	47	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	56
Salfit	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Jenin	1	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	31
total	121	36	4	2	26	30	6	23	248

(1) Pelting with stones (2) Breaking in and writing racist slogans (3) Ban house rehabilitation (4) Seizing houses (5) Eviction notices (6) Pollution with waste water (7) Arson & Shooting attacks (8) Excavations under houses

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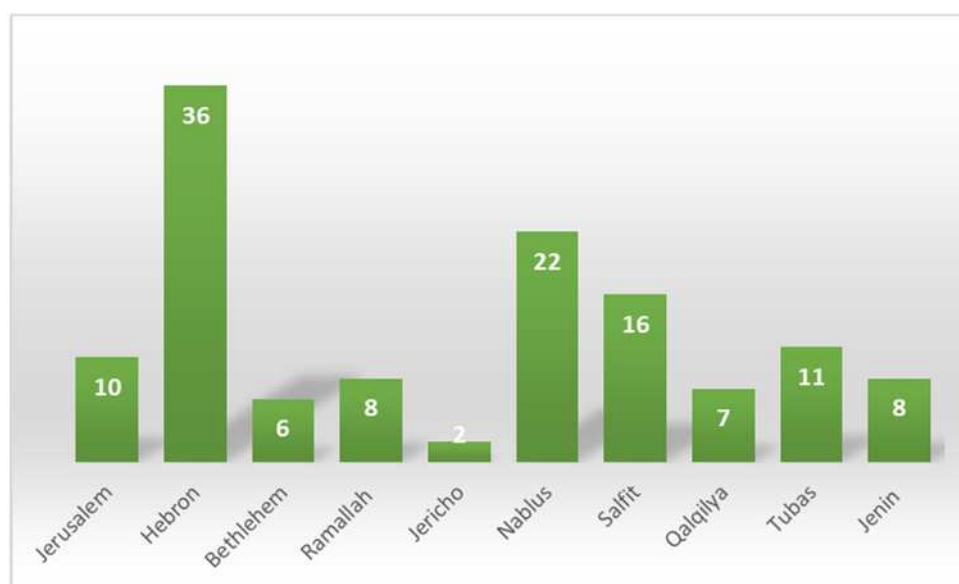
The graph illustrates numbers of attacks on houses in 2020 by governorate

**The following table shows numbers of colonists' attacks on Facilities in West Bank Governorate including Jerusalem, during 2020:**

Governorate	Number of the targeted facilities							Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
<b>Jerusalem</b>	-	8	1	-	1	-	-	10
<b>Hebron</b>	-	13	-	11	4	-	8	36
<b>Bethlehem</b>	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	6
<b>Ramallah</b>	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	8
<b>Jericho</b>	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Nablus</b>	1	3	-	5	2	-	11	22
<b>Salfit</b>	-	2	1	9	1	-	3	16
<b>Qalqilya</b>	-	-	1	3	-	-	3	7
<b>Tubas</b>	-	2	1	-	-	-	8	11
<b>Jenin</b>	-	1	1	-	1	5	-	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>126</b>

(1) Cultivation and surrounding with a Siege (2) Raiding and / or pelting with stones (3) Seizure and/or seizure attempts (4) Torching / destroying / ravaging (5) Judaization (6) Pollute with waste water (7) Looting tools

*Data collection by Monitoring Israeli Violations Section – LRC – Arab studies Society*



The graph illustrates number of colonists' attacks on facilities during 2020 – by Governorate



Qalqilya Governorate – Jit village: Colonists of “Havat Gilad” destroyed an agricultural room belong to citizen Shadi Tbaila – Dec 2020



Tubas Governorate – As-Sakut area: radical colonists set up a metal Siege and retaining walls around As-Sakut Spring leveling to take over it – Dec 2020

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## Chapter 2: Israeli Violations Against Palestinian Natural Resources

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### **Israeli Violations against Natural Resources**

#### **2.1 Attacks on Palestinian Lands, Trees, and Environment**

##### **2.1.1 Land Confiscations**

The Israeli Occupation Government expropriated vast areas of Palestinian lands to expand illegal colonies. Only 22 % of the total area of historical Palestine remained after going under the British Mandate of 1920, followed by the Nakba (1948 Palestinian Exodus), and the Naksa (1967 war). Nearly 1 % of the remaining area form the Besieged Gaza Strip, and the remaining 21% are the West Bank area which the Occupation tries to gain control over in every possible way, such as constructing hundreds of illegal colonies, outposts, military camps, and opening thousands of Kilometers of bypass roads. In addition, The Israeli radical government built the Apartheid wall, and issued Laws to devour lands for the favor of colonists. In Consequence, 40 % of the West Bank lands were seized by Israeli Illegal Colonists, while the Palestinian people – the indigenous people of the land, only control 36 % of the West Bank surface, this percentage reflects areas categorized as A and B in Oslo Accords, while C (about 24 %) remains under Confiscation Sword.

In 2020, the Israeli far right parties lead by Benjamin Netanyahu are lobbying to Issue the “Land Settlement” Law, in order to give legality for the acquisition of vast areas of lands for the construction of illegal colonies, and to adapt them under the Israeli Building and Organization Law and licensing procedures. This will become on-the-ground reality through adjusting Israeli lows to allow Seizing private Palestinian lands for “Public Interest projects”. In other words, taking Palestinian private lands for permitting and organizing Israeli construction that is being illegally built in the West Bank. If the Law was ratified and activated, Palestinians will lose their right to submit objections and petitions in Israeli courts when a plot is expropriated by Israeli colonists.

Year 2020 witnessed an escalation of land confiscation, LRC documented the confiscation or extension of confiscation period for 337,645 dunums, of which 11,900 were taken with 50 military orders, 8,506 dunums grabbed by Illegal Israeli Colonists or closed by the occupation forces without military orders, and 9436 dunums are locations of plans subject for approval.

**There are various types of Israeli military orders designated for lands confiscation, these include:**

1. Eviction notices under claims of government properties.
2. Orders of extension, borders modifications, and land takeover.
3. Halt of work orders on agricultural facilities or buildings.
4. Confiscation for military purposes.
5. Confiscation under claims of using governmental properties.
6. Order of land Seizure.

7. A notice to stop destroying antiquities (old buildings are also considered antiquities).
8. Eviction Notice on the pretext of Using a Natural Reserve.
9. Order of canceling reserve allocation in the Mandatory period 5779.
10. Order of opening and exception of license for a road with a regional importance.
11. Closure of an area (banning entrance).
12. Order of authorities related to water laws, or an order to place a waterline.
13. A notice of security measurements.
14. An order about absentees' properties.
15. An order about governmental properties number 59 for 1967.
16. 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 2020 – in dunums:**

Govern.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	Total
<b>Jerusalem</b>	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1324	10	12	-	-	<b>1348</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	409	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	1002	16	311	10	-	<b>1768</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	811	88	66	1030	-	<b>2421</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	-	-	72	-	73	-	-	-	-	3727	-	251	-	-	<b>4123</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9854	-	-	110	-	-	<b>9968</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1196	-	18	-	-	<b>1214</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	258	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	603	-	726	-	-	<b>1595</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	56	-	-	-	-	-	35	420	-	726	-	10	-	165	<b>1412</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	18	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	2062	-	350	51	7000	-	<b>9494</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	875	-	-	<b>880</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	120	-	-	<b>167</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>11916</b>	<b>9436</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>2550</b>	<b>8040</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>34390</b>

(1) Eviction notices (2) Orders of extension, borders modifications, and land takeover (3) Halt of work / halt of rehabilitation (4) Confiscation for military purposes (5) Confiscation and taking the right of disposal (6) Notice to stop using an antiquities area (7) Notice of Evicting a natural reserve (8) Notice of cancelling the borders of a natural reserve of a forest in the British mandate (9) Confiscating lands and announce them as an Israeli natural reserve (10) \*Plans for colonial roads and residential units (11) Confiscated by a colonial organization or settlers (12) Ravaging and leveling lands to expand a settlement (13) Order of closure and access ban (14) New type of notices (a registered phone call explaining that a land was confiscated)

**Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2020**

\*Confiscated lands for the purpose of providing services for colonists: expanding colonies, opening roads, public facilities, etc – see chapter six about Colonial Expansion.

**The following table illustrates numbers of confiscated Palestinian lands between the years 2008-2020 by years and governorates:**

Govern.	Years													Total
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>Jerusalem</b>	5623	1744	1496	3158	5577	2641	273	2013	787	205	1668	2257	1348	<b>28702</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	3312	35451	2385	1958	1763	1796	1623	7243	401	768	1214	2713	1768	<b>62394</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	-	979	61	1685	1779	191	5756	825	15	1983	1466	11343	2421	<b>28439</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	-	142	253	1540	283	1218	946	1602	610	879	905	3341	4123	<b>15785</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	-	13000	49	-	3768	5000	50	1545	4567	50	1774	4899	9968	<b>44650</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	180	18040	2150	214	8811	1181	944	686	1599	3254	333	2770	1214	<b>41370</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	-	1900	174	1330	3931	1917	3021	178	1283	769	1404	1315	1595	<b>18713</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	927	4282	800	2985	985	839	2058	291	668	42	620	2800	1412	<b>18709</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	6	50	3080	33	653	224	-	120	142	21	157	50510	9494	<b>64471</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	533	1225	-	76	150	18	1665	791	1624	1918	2231	1239	880	<b>11537</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	-	877	16	303	10	3	141	140	6	231	371	730	167	<b>2875</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10581</b>	<b>77690</b>	<b>10464</b>	<b>13282</b>	<b>27710</b>	<b>15028</b>	<b>16477</b>	<b>15434</b>	<b>11702</b>	<b>10120</b>	<b>12143</b>	<b>83917</b>	<b>34390</b>	<b>337645</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC – Arab studies society (2008-2020)

\* some of the numbers were repeated in some years, due to extending the periods of some military orders (repetition percentage about 20 %).

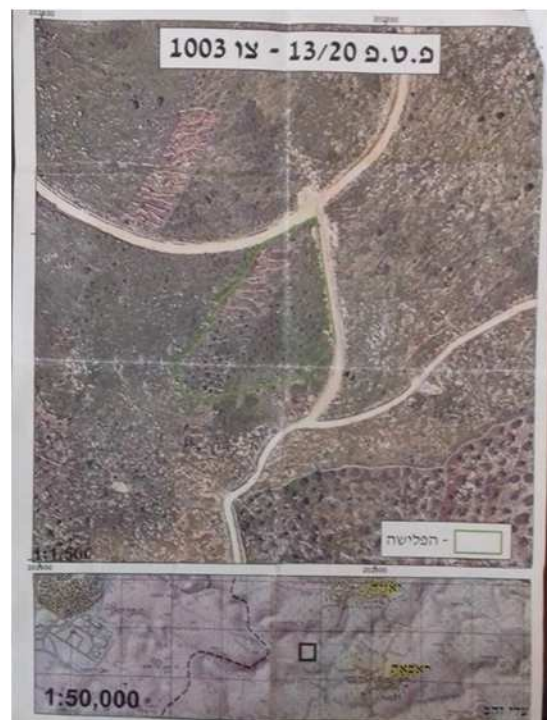
## International conventions and Humanitarian laws pertaining to attacks on land and natural resources are:

### 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.



Salfit Governorate – Deir Ballut Village: Eviction Notice for 77 dunums of Olive Groves – August 2020



جيش الدفاع الإسرائيلي

أمر بشأن إلغاء إعلان عن غلبة محمية من فترة الانتداب ("هي تال مثلي") منطقة نفوذ المجلس  
الإقليمي (شومرون) (يهودا والسامرة)، ٢٠٢٠-٢٠٢١

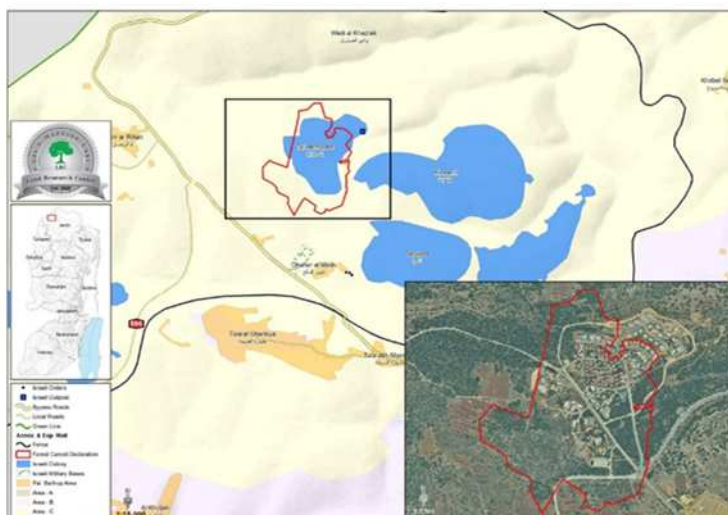
بموجب صلاحياتي كقائد قوات جيش الدفاع الإسرائيلي في منطقة يهودا والسامرة، وبما  
صلاحياتي حسب أي قانون ولوائح من، أعلن بهذا على إلغاء الإعلان الذي أصدر بموجب  
قانون الأعراس والدفن لسنة ١٩٦٧، أي بموجب أي قانون بالقسم للمساحة المحددة بشؤون الأحمر  
على التربة المرفقة بالملامح والتي تشكل جزء لا يتجزأ منه.

يبدأ سريان هذا الأمر بعرض ٣٠ يوم من يوم نشره في مديرة التسجيل والإدارة الإقليمية.

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تسليم يمدان ،  
كسوف  
قائد قوات جيش الدفاع الإسرائيلي  
بمستطلة يهودا والسامرة





Qalqilya Governorate – ‘Azzun and ‘Asla : Cancellation of a forest reserve since the British mandate for 420 dunums – for the favor of Colonial Expansion in Alfei Menashe colony - April 2020

**\*Master plans and lands’ expropriation are usually published in local newspapers; the ads are usually written in the Obituary section.**

**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.

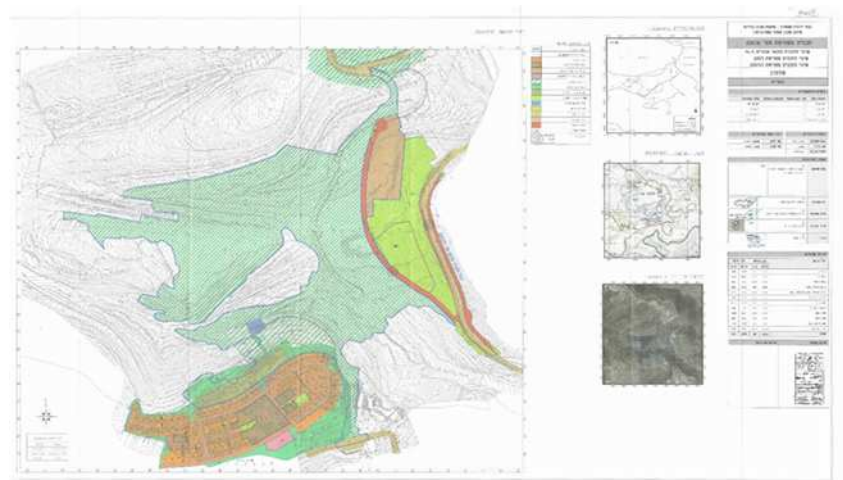
Such measurements reflect the extreme racism of the occupation’s state and its institutions, and shows that the Israeli occupation is worse than the system institutionalized racial Apartheid practiced in south Africa between 1948 and 1990.

**The following table illustrates announced plans in 2020, by West Bank governorates including Jerusalem:**

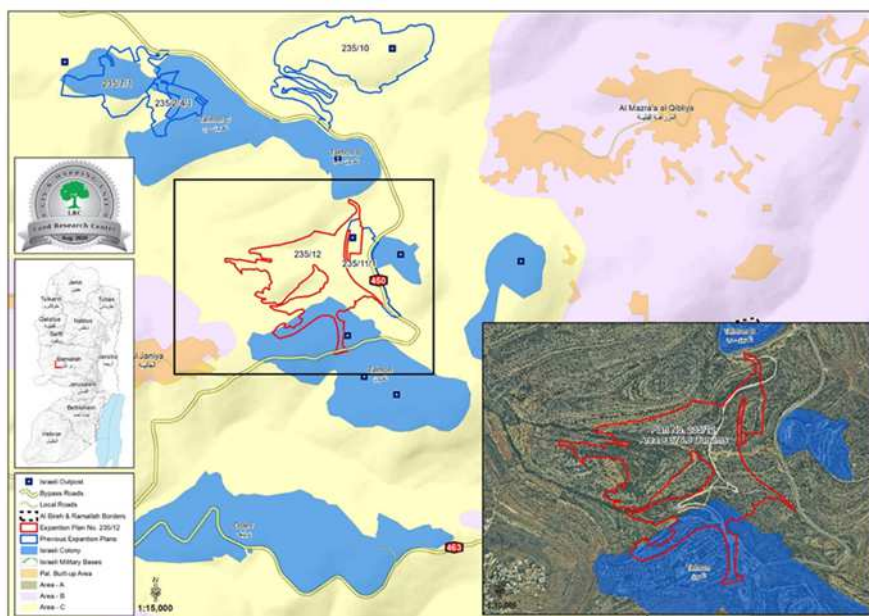
Governorate	Planned colonial units	*Plans for colonial roads and residential units / Dunums
Jerusalem	1443	1324
Hebron	252	1002
Bethlehem	311	811
Ramallah	941	3727
Nablus	332	1196
Salfit	55	603
Qalqilya	160	726
Jenin	0	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>3494</b>	<b>9436</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC (detailed colonial master plans announced by the Israeli ministry of Finance)- 2020

\*for more details see chapter six



Ramallah Governorate – Ras Karkar Village: The Israeli Ministry of Finance announces the deposition of an organizational plan number (12/235) in August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 targeting 377 dunums, for the expansion of Talmon Colony



Location map attached to Master plan (12/235) on Ras Karkar Village Lands

The Plan is one of 85 expansionist outlines for Israeli illegal colonies, documented by LRC, the plans will eat up Palestinian lands , and the occupation is imposing threats of demolition on nearby houses and facilities in order to expand the colonies according to the outline.

### 2.1.2 Destruction of Land and Crops

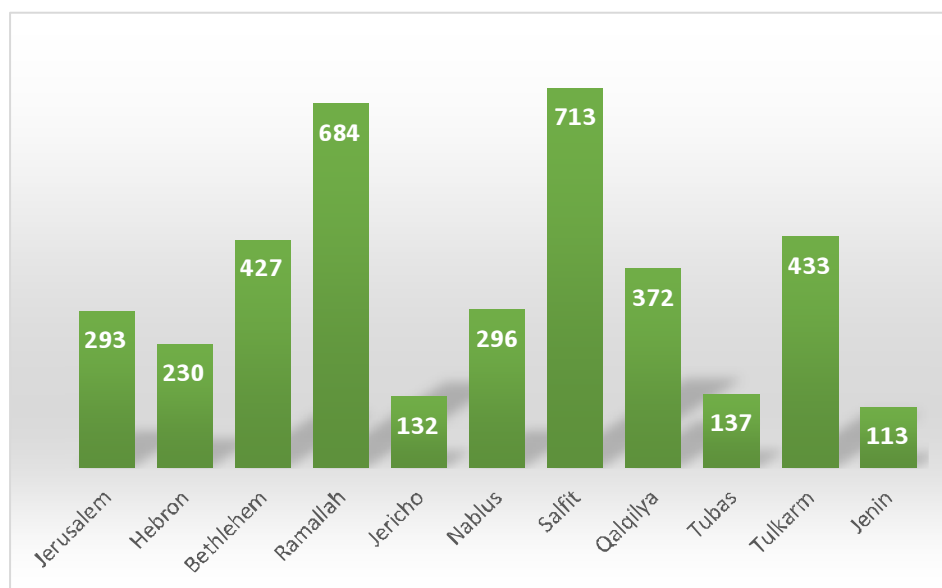
The Israeli occupation authorities insist on destroying agricultural land and environment using heinous means to this end.

Land Research Center documented the attacks on land by the occupation in 2020 in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem:

Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	Total area in dunums
<b>Jerusalem</b>	16	277	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>293</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	74	145	1	-	10	-	-	-	<b>230</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	92	333	2	-	-	-	-	-	<b>427</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	44	265	360	5	-	-	10	-	<b>684</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	65	-	-	47	-	-	20	-	<b>132</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	36	190	60	-	10	-	-	-	<b>296</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	398	314	1	-	-	-	-	-	<b>713</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	1	353	13	-	-	-	-	5	<b>372</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	-	-	-	-	75	50	12	-	<b>137</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	7	26	400	-	-	-	-	-	<b>433</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	-	95	18	-	-	-	-	-	<b>113</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3830</b>

(1) Bulldozed / dunums (2) Soaked with sewage or water/ dunums (3) Torched/dunum (4) Confiscation and destruction of irrigation systems/ dunum (5) Used as pastures/dunums (6) Used for military trainings (7) Green areas (8) Used as a dump site

Source: Firsthand field Observation – Israeli Violations Monitoring Section – Arab Studies Society, 2020



The graph illustrates areas of affected lands in dunums in 2020 in West Bank governorates including east Jerusalem



Tubas Governorate – Bardala village: The Occupation forces destroy 900 m of waterlines to provide water for 800 dunums of irrigated water and greenhouses – February 2020

### 2.1.3 Attacks on Palestinian Trees

“Land Research Center” through field research recorded the abuses on trees during 2020, using the worst means such as cutting, burning, poisoning, and ravaging.

The attacks targeted (21,965) trees; of which (15,034) were olives<sup>2</sup>. The number of trees that were fully damaged amounted to (15,005) trees while (4,933) trees were partially so; most of them perennial. Besides, (2027) trees were threatened of being uprooted.

The Israeli occupation army and colonists exchange roles in carrying out attacks on trees as it was reported by LRC field monitoring team. More than (200) assaults were perpetrated in 2020, (50) of which were executed by the Israeli Occupation Forces, while (150) assaults were carried out by colonists. The most common target for both was olive trees.

Land Research Center documented looting more than (2100) trees after being uprooted in 2020, most of them are Olive trees, they also stole the harvest of 190 olive trees – about 10,000 kg.

**The following table illustrates destroyed trees in the West Bank in 2020- by governorate and type of attack:**

and type of attack.

Govern.	Partial	Total damage	Partial	Total damage	*Dumped with sewage water	Ravaged	Sabotaged & looted	Notice of Uprooting	Total
Jerusalem	-	-	-	-	1120	115	-	-	1235
Hebron	-	-	508	44	1390	360	-	560	2862
Bethlehem	40	20	2464	546	575	639	-	-	4284
Ramallah	924	671	777	77	383	1219	60	-	4111
Jericho	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	90	210
Nablus	880	400	385	130	983	-	70	100	2948
Salfit	-	23	1221	108	413	142	60	712	2679
Qalqilya	171	3	71	-	980	18	-	-	1243
Tubas	-	-	84	-	-	-	-	565	649
Tulkarm	1000	200	82	28	28	65	-	-	1403
Jenin	70	33	-	-	238	-	-	-	341
Total	3085	1350	5712	933	6110	2558	190	2027	21965
	4435		6645		8858				

**\*60% of the trees were completely damaged after being polluted with sewage water , of which 1200 additional trees were exposed to sewage water during 2020**

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC – Arab studies society (2020)

<sup>2</sup> For more information about assaults on olive trees read our publication (Palestinian olive Agony 2018)

**The following table illustrates destroyed trees in the West Bank - by governorate and year of attack (2008 – 2020):**

Govern.	Years													Total*
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>Jerusalem</b>	40	55	3719	1094	12020	1672	1653	1834	1410	1400	1279	1208	1235	<b>27384</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	13	1142	2438	2222	5003	4166	4490	4980	3269	722	3497	4598	2862	<b>36540</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	-	380	1856	2034	10134	5171	3250	750	380	325	1688	3210	4284	<b>29178</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	-	470	912	2736	15527	1699	4552	5573	672	656	1872	1937	4111	<b>36606</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	-	-	--	-	10	110	120	-	-	833	792	-	210	<b>1865</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	100	3136	57884	9280	4760	5193	2666	3195	994	1731	2590	6552	2948	<b>98081</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	40	2160	3090	2064	12122	3339	2174	3926	1022	1175	2099	1273	2679	<b>34484</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	65	398	2277	1080	4404	1008	794	710	994	1548	998	1216	1243	<b>15492</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	-	-	1000	-	-	24	2340	15862	-	70	460	1552	649	<b>21308</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	-	-	250	-	20	-	26	431	487	98	28	73	1403	<b>1413</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	-	-	-	90	-	1199	446	635	338	222	600	335	341	<b>3865</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>7741</b>	<b>73426</b>	<b>20600</b>	<b>64000</b>	<b>23581</b>	<b>22511</b>	<b>37896</b>	<b>9566</b>	<b>8780</b>	<b>15903</b>	<b>21954</b>	<b>21965</b>	<b>306,216</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC ,  
Between 2008 – 2020

\*About 4500 trees are repeatedly exposed to Sewage Water



Bethlehem Governorate- Al-Khader Towns: “Efrat” Colonists set for to 60 Olive trees – September 2020



Salfit Governorate – Kafr Ad-Dik : Bruchin colonists cut down and sabotaged olive trees – September 2020



Tubas Governorate – Bardala village: The Occupation Forces uproot 85 Olive trees – June 2020



Bethlehem Governorate – Al-Khader town : Radical colonists cut and sabotage 100 grapes tree from a plot belongs to Sbaih family – November 2020



Tulkarm Governorate: : “Enab” Colonists set fire to 400 dunums of a mountainous areas ,  
most of which are planted with olive trees – May 2020

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

In 2020, LRC field observers recorded the demolition of 78 cisterns and pools (with a total storage capacity of 9398 m<sup>3</sup>, benefiting at least 2367 people most of them are children, and irrigating more than (1545) dunums. In addition, demolition orders were issued for 65 cisterns and pools that provide irrigation water for more than 1347 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 prohibits the community from their right to a water supply, in addition to destroying and/or confiscating 5,488 m of pipelines, and 75 water supplier-pipes most of them in the Jordan Valley and Yatta areas, which halted water provision for hundreds of Palestinian families And thousands of heads of cattle , not to mention the nonstop inspection and constant search for artesian wells and springs of water.

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

Governorates	Cisterns	Pools	reservoirs	Artesian wells	Springs and waterlines	Reservoirs and tanks	total	Total storage capacity m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Jerusalem</b>	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	6	-	1	-	2	2	11	<b>1855</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	4	-	-	-	-	5	9	<b>233</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	1	2	-	-	5	2	10	<b>6452</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	<b>300</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	<b>180</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	1	-	-	-	4	34	39	<b>124</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	-	-	1	2	-	-	3	<b>250</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>9398</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2020

During the last 12 years (2008-2020) , LRC documented the demolition of 802 cisterns , pools and reservoirs, of which 263 are movable reservoirs confiscated from C area , in addition to 71 pools or cistern polluted and / or destroyed by settlers , the targeted cisterns irrigate (15,415) dunums.

**Wells, reservoirs, pools, artesian wells and springs demolished in the West Bank - by governorate (2008 – 2020) by governorates:**

Governorates	Cisterns	Pools	Reservoirs	Artesian wells	Springs	Destroying a water reservoir	Total
<b>Jerusalem</b>	10	1	-	-	1	17	<b>29</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	*168	53	21	1	6	9	<b>258</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	22	4	-	-	6	1	<b>33</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	7	1	4	1	4	16	<b>33</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	11	6	-	2	17	33	<b>69</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	12	10	13	2	5	17	<b>59</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	19	1	-	-	5	3	<b>28</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	5	8	-	-	-	7	<b>20</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	14	5	8	9	28	153	<b>217</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	-	-	-	-	2	3	<b>5</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	9	-	1	32	5	4	<b>51</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>802</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, (2008 – 2020)

\*of which 47 cisterns were partially damaged



Nablus Governorate – Furush Beit Dajan: Threatening a water reservoir that provides irrigation water for about 13 greenhouses set up on 10 dunums, belong to farmer Tawfiq Mohammed – Photo before the demolition



Nablus Governorate – Furush Beit Dajan: The targeted Water reservoir – Photo after demolition

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

Reportedly, The Occupation is threatening about 65 cisterns, pools and water reservoirs, with a total storage capacity of 4701 Cups, that provide water for about 1347 dunums and benefit **681 people, more than 50 % of them are children.**

LRC documented the distribution of 57 military orders including : 42 halt of work orders , 4 final halt of work and demolition notices , 1 notice of extending the objection period for the demolition order , 5 notices of “Removal of a new building” , 4 notices to stop destroying antiquities , 1 eviction notice.

The following table shows numbers of cisterns, tanks, artesian wells, and springs threatened of demolition in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem in 2020:

Govern.	Cisterns	Pools	Water reservoirs	Artesian wells	Plastic tanks	Total	Total storage capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>Jerusalem</b>	1	-	-	-	-	1	<b>70</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	17	-	1	-	-	18	<b>2130</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	5	-	-	-	-	5	<b>280</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	5	-	-	-	-	5	<b>210</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	3	3	-	-	2	8	<b>952</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	-	-	1	-	-	1	<b>300</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	16	-	-	-	5	21	<b>627</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	5	-	-	1	-	6	<b>320</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	1	-	-	-	1	2	<b>62</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	-	-	1	-	-	1	<b>250</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>5201</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC (2020)



Mughayyir Village: Civil Administration officer threatens to demolish a cistern that provides water to Jib'it hamlet – August 2020

**2.2 Pumping Sewage towards Palestinian Towns and Villages:**  
**The following table shows locations populated by sewage water in West Bank during 2020.**

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Land surrounding the industrial zone of Atarot	Atarot					<p>A stream with permanent flow leading to the presence of wild pigs, stray dogs and big snakes</p> <p>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.</p>
Khirbet Umm al Lahim	Har Adar	214	1000	1000	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 on the village agricultural lands.
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 Bedouin community
<b>Jerusalem Governorate</b>		<b>277</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>1120</b>		
Beit Ummar – Wad Shkait	Kfar 'Etzion	20	900	-	planted with grape trees	Seasonal , especially during winter
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
Yatta – Umm Al-Khair	Karmiel	20	-	-	Grain fields	digging farm lands and pouring sewage water in the holes
Ash-Shuyukh – Al-Majales	Asfer	5	-	-	postures	polluting the postures with sewage water

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Hebron Governorate		145	1390	0		
Wad Fukin – Ein Madyaq	Beitar 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
Nahalin – Ein Faris	Beitar Illit	300	450	250	Planted with olives and almond	Intermittent stream
Al-Jaba'a – Wad Al- Khanzeer	Beit 'Ayin	3	20	20	Agricultural	Intermittent stream
Bethlehem governorate		333	575	320		
Beitellu	Nahliel	10	-	-	valleys and Barren	Perennial stream
Al Bireh	Pesagot	28	-	-	valleys	Perennial stream
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

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
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
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
Ramallah governorate		265	383	245		
Al-Lubban Al- Sharqi	Eli	5	50	50	olive groves	Intermittent Stream
Salim, Deir al Hatab	Allon Moreh	49	280	210	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
'Awarta	Itamar	21	170	39	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Sabastiya / Ras Qabous	Shavei Shomron	22	114	51	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Qaryut	Eli	30	60	60	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Qaryut and Ar- Rahawat	Eli	10	140	140	olive groves	
Qaryut and Talfit	Shilo	11	49	40	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Jalud and Qaryut	Shevut Rachel	15	80	80	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Jalud	Adei Ad	6	-	-	Arable lands	Intermittent Stream
Burin	Giv'at Ronen	12	40	40	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream

Location	Colony/ Camp	Damaged area (dunum)	Affected trees	Olive	Nature of land	Remarks
Urif	Har Brakha	9	-	-	Arable lands	Intermittent Stream
<b>Nablus governorate</b>		<b>190</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>710</b>		
Deir Ballut	Leshem	15	13	13	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Mas-ha	Etz Efrayim	17	60	60	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Salfit and Bruqin	Ariel	120	200	150	Agricultural	Perennial stream
Bruqin	Barkan	40	N/A	N/A	Valley	Perennial stream
Kafr ad Dik	Bedoel and Ali Zahav	55	30	15	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	15	34	24	Valleys / agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Marda	Ariel	12	18	18	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Marda	Mekorot water company	12	18	18	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
<b>Salfit governorate</b>		<b>314</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>332</b>		
Jinsafut	Emanuel	80	60	60	Olive field	Intermittent Stream
Kafr Laqif	Karne Shomron	45	155	125	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
'Azzun	Maale Shomron	20	-	-	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	20	-	-	Cropland	Intermittent Stream
Kafr Qaddoum	Kedumim	34	20	20	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Wad Ar-Rasha	Oranit	31	650	-	planted with Guava	Perennial stream
Sanniriya	Etz Efrayim	13	-	-	Agricultural	Intermittent Stream
Fara'ata	Havat Gilad	12	-	-	Barren	Perennial stream
Kafr Thulth	Al-Matan	7	-	-	Barren	Perennial stream
<b>Qalqilya governorate</b>		<b>353</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>295</b>		
Kafr Sour	Sal'it	12	-	-	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>Tulkarm governorate</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>		
Jalbun	Ma'ale Gilboa	25	-	-	residential	Intermittent Stream
Jalbun	Mirav	4	58	58	olive groves	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>95</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>98</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>*1998</b>	<b>**6110</b>	<b>3120</b>		

Source: site observation – Israeli Violations Monitoring Section – Land Research Center – Arab Studies Society, 2020

\*additional 55 dunums were polluted with Sewage water in 2020

\*\* 1200 trees were polluted with waste water in 2020



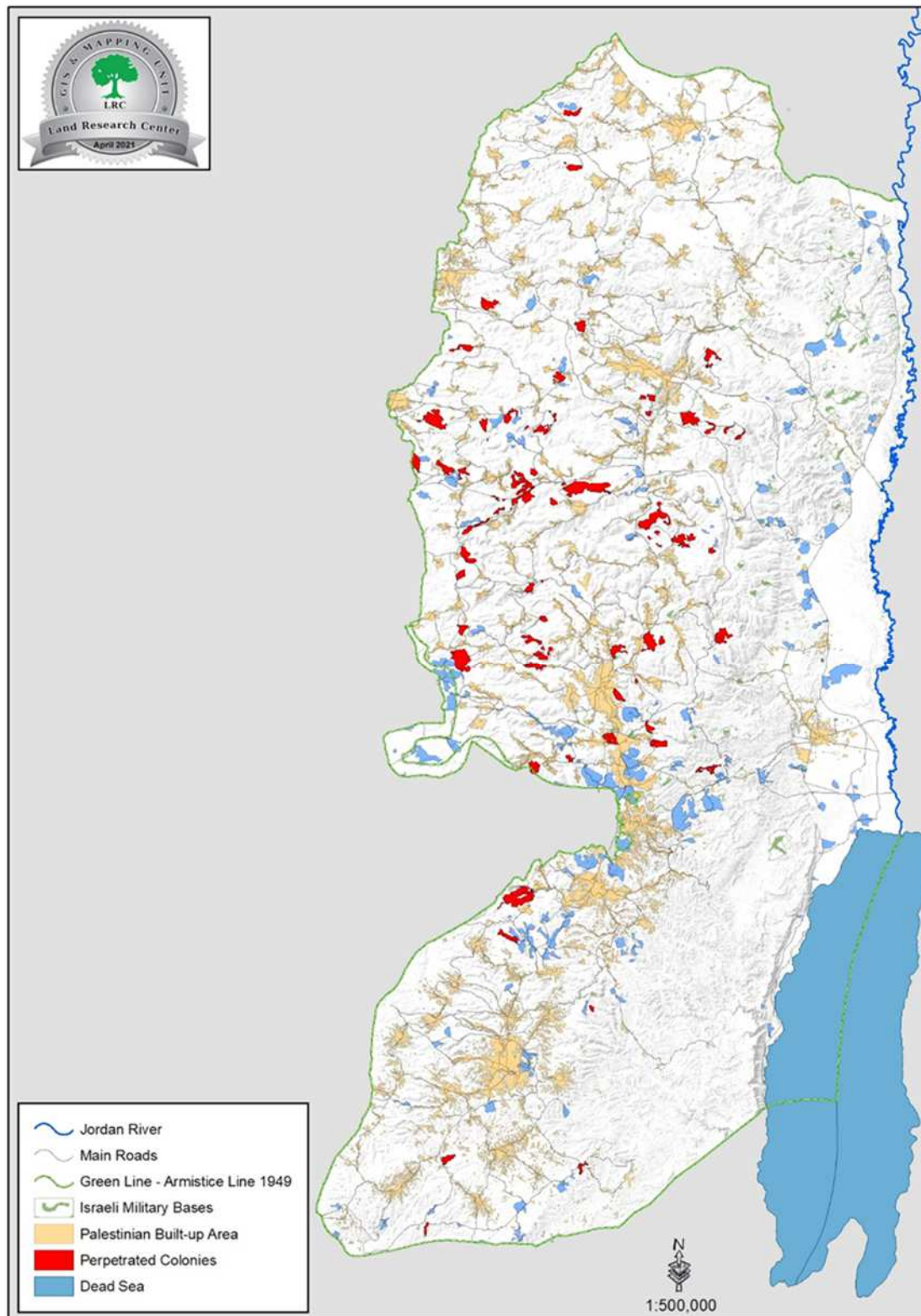
Qalqilya Governorate – Beit Amin Village:  
Colonists of “Shaarev Tikva” pollute farmlands  
and ‘Azzun ‘Atma school in Beit Amin high  
school – January 2020





Salfit Governorate – Qarawat Bani Hassan town: Colonists of “Kiryat Netavim” pollute Palestinian olive groves with Sewage water, about 250 m line runs between olive groves – April 2020

**This Map shows the locations polluted in Sewage water - West Bank (Including east Jerusalem) 2020**



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

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### 3.1 Colonists' Attacks on Palestinians and their Properties

Colonists are illegally residing Palestinian lands, which is a violation of International Law and a non-stop attack on Palestinian lands. Israeli illegal colonists - protected by the Occupation forces - carry out frequent attacks against Palestinians and their properties.

The year 2020 witnessed a dangerous escalation, Palestinians had to face both the Corona pandemic and Israeli Colonists, and at the time Palestinians were quarantined at their houses to halt the spread of the virus, colonists were cutting, torching, and poisoning trees. In addition to ravaging agricultural lands and polluting them with sewage water, Illegal colonists carry out frequent assaults against Palestinians especially farmers and herders.

The Israeli Occupation Government also continues Human Rights violations in Palestine represented in: imposing closure on main roads, constructing the Annexation and Expansion wall, confiscating lands, prohibiting Palestinian construction in C area to keep it as a colonial reserve.

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 Tilal 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 Tilal 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 conducting intensive violent attacks against Palestinians especially in

Jerusalem, and to help them, The occupation authorities formulated “The third generation Law”<sup>3</sup> , Some of these institutions are:

**Aterat Cohanim:** A right-wing organization known of taking over Palestinian assets, it works 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 Nadia Matar<sup>4</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.

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<sup>3</sup> The Third-Generation Law: enacted to limit the protection period to end by the death of the **third generation** of tenants (the death of the grandfather, the son, and grandchild), then the protection will be lifted and the property will be seized.

<sup>4</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.

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

Reportedly, 985 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 2019.

#### **The attacks include:**

- Torching, raiding, damaging, or seizing 374 residences.
- Torching, breaking, uprooting, ravaging, or poisoning over 17,070 trees.
- Abusing 713 citizens including attacking 526 farmers while they were in fields or on their way. LRC documented 114 cases of violence against Palestinian individuals.
- damaging 282 Palestinian vehicles.
- Killing 100 ruminants, and 114 ruminants and cows were harmed, while 306 were looted.
- Damaging 14 mosque, 2 shrines, 3 cemeteries, 9 ancient and cultural sites and 1 church (**for more details see chapter 5**).
- 57 closures for vital roads and villages' entrances in (Nablus, Jerusalem, and Hebron).
- 75 Colonies expansion.

#### **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.

### 3.3 Types of Attacks on Palestinians and Their Property

#### Attacks on Palestinian individuals and properties in the West Bank including Jerusalem by type – in 2020:

Govern.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Total
<b>Jerusalem</b>	24	6	12	7	4	140	-	3	4	<b>200</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	52	20	39	9	7	50	7	13	9	<b>206</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	6	21	7	2	2	-	-	5	8	<b>51</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	13	34	17	13	-	1	3	10	11	<b>102</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	2	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	<b>10</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	35	33	26	68	19	-	4	34	14	<b>233</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	15	34	3	3	4	-	1	6	11	<b>77</b>
<b>Qalqiliya</b>	4	17	1	3	-	-	-	5	4	<b>34</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	3	5	5	-	1	-	4	1	6	<b>25</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	<b>15</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	8	7	1	7	5	-	1	3	2	<b>34</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>987</b>

(1) Residences+ structures (2) Lands \*\* (3) individuals \* (4) Vehicles (5) Shrines, Religious sites and places of worship (6) Mosques and churches (7) Water resources (8) Closures (9) Colonial construction

*Source: Firsthand field observation – Israeli Violations Monitoring Section – Land Research Center – Arab Studies Society ,2020*

(\*\*): 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 2020.

### 1.3.3 Attacks on Palestinian Individuals in 2020

The following attacks shows numbers and types of attacks Palestinians went through during 2020:

Govern	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	Total
<b>Jerusalem</b>	31	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	<b>36</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	108	50	5	8	-	-	15	72	<b>258</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	1	-	1	10	-	-	-	21	<b>33</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	27	-	1	20	6	2	-	95	<b>151</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	<b>6</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	25	10	1	-	-	-	1	140	<b>177</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	<b>5</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	<b>35</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>713</b>

(1) beating (2) pelting with stones (3) running over (4) attack with dogs (5) Shooting or stabbing (6) spraying with pepper gas (7) detaining and hinder movement (8) chasing and attacking farmers + herders

*Source: Firsthand field observation – Israeli Violations Monitoring Section – Land Research Center – Arab Studies Society ,2020*

### 2.3.3 Attacks on Palestinian farmers and shepherds:

Number of attacks on Palestinian shepherds and farmers by location In The West Bank including Jerusalem for the year 2020:

Governorate	Expelling	Attack
<b>Hebron</b>	103	<b>73</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	20	<b>11</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	92	<b>11</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	-	<b>4</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	152	<b>2</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	2	-
<b>Qalqilya</b>	25	<b>10</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	-	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>121</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC. 2020

### 3.3.3 Attacks on Palestinian Vehicles

#### Attacks on Palestinian vehicles by type and governorate during 2020:

Governorate	Torching	Smashing glass	Slashing tires	writing racist slogans	Total
<b>Jerusalem</b>	-	3	4	-	<b>7</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	-	8	-	-	<b>8</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	-	8	-	-	<b>8</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	-	6	30	-	<b>36</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	6	122	49	2	<b>179</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	-	-	17	-	<b>17</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	2	1	-	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	-	23	1	-	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>282</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC, 2020

*Images show results of colonists' attacks on Palestinians and their properties:*



Nablus Governorate – As-Sawiya village: “Rehalim” colonists attack farmer Abdel Jawad Khalil and his son Nizar in their fields in Harayeq Ar-Rayyan - January 2020



Ramallah Governorate – Turmus’ayya town: ‘Adei ‘Ad Colonists destroy a siege and steal metal corners that surrounded a 1.5 dunums plot – April 2020



Nablus Governorate – Huwwara town: colonist members of the “price tag” gang slash the tires of 15 Palestinian vehicles – March 2020



Qalqilya Governorate – Fara’ata village : Havat Gilad colonists set fire to two vehicles at the Village – August 2020



Nablus Governorate: Madama Village: “Yitzhar” colonists carry out an attack on Yehia Qitt’s house (breaking widows and assault family members) – January 2020



Qalqilya Governorate – Jit village : “Havat Gilad” colonists demolish an agricultural room belong to citizen Shadi Tbaileh – Dec 2020



Nablus Governorate – ‘Einabus Village : “Yitzhar” illegal Colonists set fire to a classroom and write hatred inciting slogans in ‘Einabus High School for Boys – January 2020

## *Chapter 4 : Siege and Blockade*

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### Siege and Blockade

In 2020, the Israeli Occupation 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 fourteenth 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 by setting up four crossings:**

- **Container crossing:** situated between Bethlehem and Jerusalem governorates, and controls Palestinian travel between the northern and southern West Bank.
- **Za'atara and Huwara 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.

At the end of 2020 – as reported by the GIS department in LRC- the occupation had set up (907) roadblocks, metal gates and watch towers. The occupation also closed 17 main roads, agricultural roads and gates in 2020, the occupation and its settlers opened several roads to connect settlements to each other.

#### **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.”

**Article 12:** “Everyone lawfully within the territory of a State shall, within that territory, have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose his residence.”

#### 4.1. Road blocks in 2020:

Road blocks and barriers in the West Bank governorates including Jerusalem in 2020 according to its type (except for the barriers in H2 in Jerusalem and Hebron and the gates of the Separation Wall):

Governorate	Type of roadblocks								Total
	Cement blocks	Fixed checkpoints	Flying checkpoints	Earth mounds	Iron gates	Watch towers	Wall gates	Wall crossings	
<b>Jerusalem</b>	22	6	17	3	1	20	19	9	<b>97</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	67	33	31	84	40	26	40	4	<b>325</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	8	2	4	3	14	18	7	5	<b>61</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	21	6	-	36	32	10	10	4	<b>119</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	-	3	-	9	1	13	-	-	<b>26</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	6	6	2	39	12	16	-	-	<b>81</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	14	3	-	16	15	13	7	1	<b>69</b>
<b>Qalqiliya</b>	1	2	-	8	9	7	13	2	<b>42</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	1	1	-	7	4	1	1	1	<b>16</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	1	3	-	3	4	2	12	3	<b>28</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	1	2	-	19	4	4	10	3	<b>43</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>907</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.2020

**The following table shows checkpoints set up during 2020 in West Bank including occupied Jerusalem:**

Governorate	Checkpoints				Total
	Cement blocks	Earth mounds	Metal gates	Watch room	
Hebron	-	1	-	-	1
Bethlehem	-	-	-	1	1
Ramallah	1	1	1	-	3
Nablus	3	-	-	-	3
Salfit	4	1	-	-	5
Qalqilya	-	2	-	-	2
Tubas	1	1	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>

Source: Field Observations – Monitoring Israeli Human Rights Violations Team- LRC.2020

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

### *4.2.1 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 means 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.

### *4.2.2 The Wall in Numbers:*

- At the end of 2020, 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)<sup>5</sup>, distributed as follows:
- 465,728 meters of already built parts.
- 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 723,709 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).

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<sup>5</sup> The number represents the total length of the Wall (the complete; under construction; and planned sections)

#### 4.2.3 The Status of the Wall in 2020:

- **In March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation's machineries in Shaikh Sa'ed area in Occupied Jerusalem built another segment of the Annexation and Expansion Wall, in order to completely isolate Shaikh Sa'ed from Jabal Al-Mukabir.

- **In October 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation forces set up a metal gate in the structure of the Annexation and Expansion Wall west Az-Zawiya town, and to the west of Khallet Rumaila area. which will increase Palestinian farmers' exposure to the occupation forces violence. Noteworthy, Khallet Rumaila is a significant agricultural area, and tens of agricultural projects are being implemented to develop agricultural sector there, opening this gate in the wall will increase number of raids carried out by the occupation troops in farmlands.

- **In March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation forces – via road blocks- closed off a metal gate in the Annexation and Expansion Wall between Deir Al-Ghosoun town and agricultural lands within Tulkarm governorate.

- **Only During Olive Harvesting Seasons**, Palestinian Farmers are allowed to access their olive groves isolated behind the annexation and expansion wall. The occupation forces humiliate farmers every time they pass through the gate through leaving them waiting for hours before opening the gate and allowing them to pass.

#### 4.2.4 The status of crossings and gates of the Wall in 2020

The gates and crossings of the Wall in the West Bank in 2020- by type:

Governorate	Type		Total
	Gates	Crossings*	
<b>Jerusalem</b>	19	9	<b>28</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	40	4	<b>44</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	7	5	<b>12</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	10	4	<b>14</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	8	1	<b>9</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	13	2	<b>15</b>
<b>Tubas</b>	1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Tulkarim</b>	12	3	<b>15</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	10	3	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>152</b>

Source: Field Research- Monitoring Israeli Violations Team- Land Research Centre (LRC).  
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\*see crossings and their types in 2020

### Crossings (terminals) and their types in 2020- 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		
Jerusalem	9		
Tarqumiya Terminal	1	Workers, goods, Israeli vehicles	Lakhesh
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		
Mazmoria Terminal	1	People= (inhabitants; residents)	
Terminal of Rachel's Tomb 300	1	Workers, goods, Israeli vehicles, and tourists	
An-Nafaq Terminal	1	Commercial, people, visitors	
Al Walaja Terminal	1	People, visitors	
Husan Terminal	1	Workers, Israeli vehicles	
Bethlehem	5		
Beit Sira Terminal	1		Lamid Hih Terminal
Bitounia Terminal	1	Commercial; used for transporting goods	

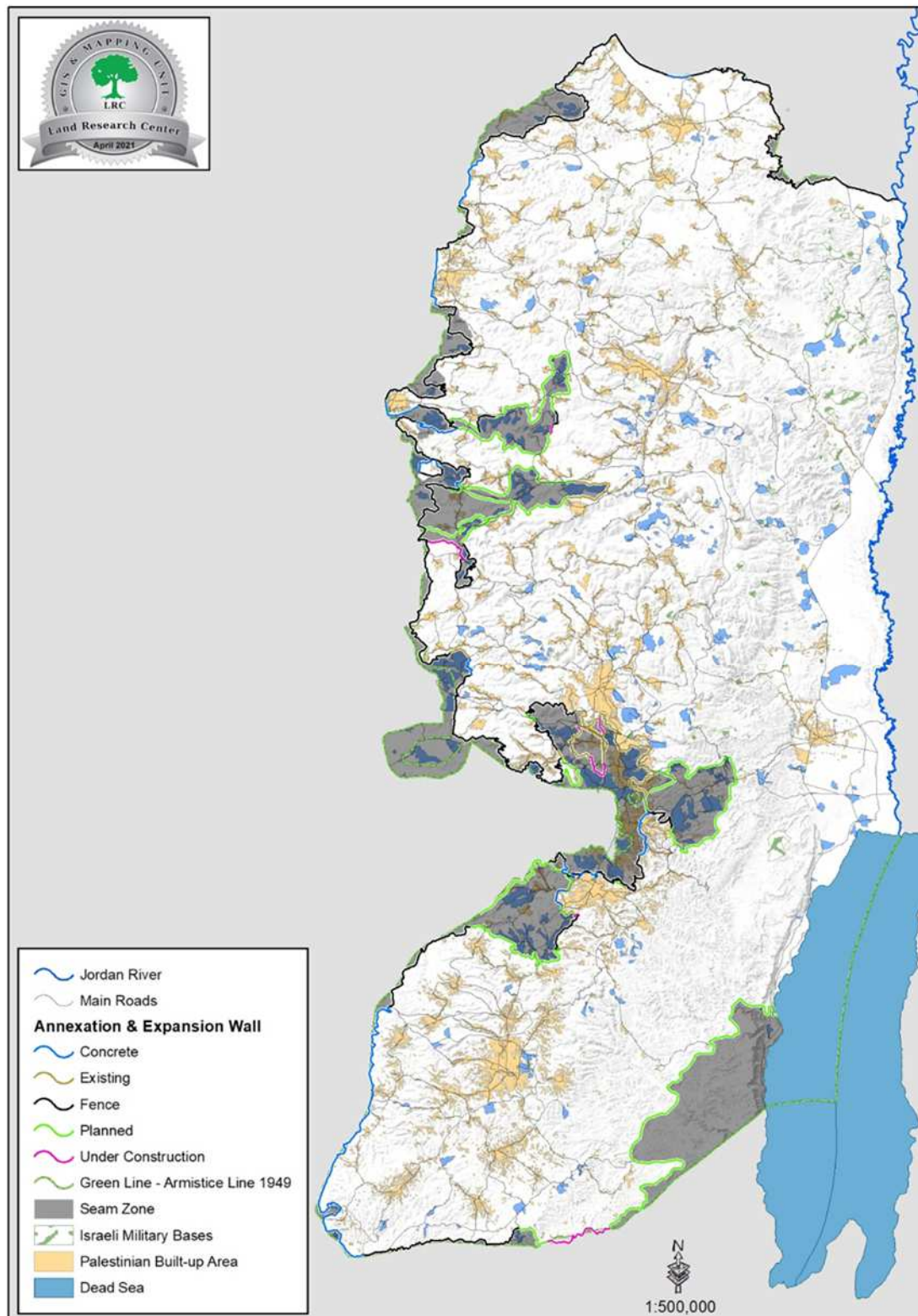
Name	No.	Type	other name
		to/ from Palestine	
Ni'lin Terminal	1	Workers, Israeli vehicles	Moda'en' Terminal
Rantis- Al-Lubban Al-Gharbi terminal	1	Goods, visitors	
Ramallah	4		
Kafr Qasim terminal	1	Workers , visitors , goods	
Salfit	1		
Bissan Terminal	1	Goods and visitors	
Tubas	1		
Baqa Ash Sharqiya Terminal	1	People, visitors	
Fero'un Terminal	1	Workers , goods	
Zunaba terminal	1	workers	
Tulkarim	3		
Geljulia Terminal	1	Visitors, goods	
Eyal terminal	1	People, goods , workers	
Qalqilya	2		
Al Jalama-Gilboa Terminal	1	Workers	
Rihan and Barta'a Terminal	1	Pedestrians, vehicles, goods	
Tura Al-Gharbiya	1	Visitors , locals	
Jenin	3		
Total	32		

\*Source: Field Research- Monitoring Israeli Violations Team- Land Research Centre (LRC).  
2020



Jerusalem Governorate – Ash-Shaikh Sa’ed area : The Occupation machineries built a new section of the Annexation and Expansion Wall in order to completely block Shaikh Sa’ed area from Jabal Al-Mukabir – March 2020

The Map Shows the Path of the Annexation and Expansion Wall in West Bank including Jerusalem – by the end of 2020





Tubas Governorate – ‘Ein Sakut area: The Occupation seals off the road to As-Sakut Spring via roadblocks



Ramallah Governorate: The Occupation seals off the northern gate of Shuqba village – Nissan 2020

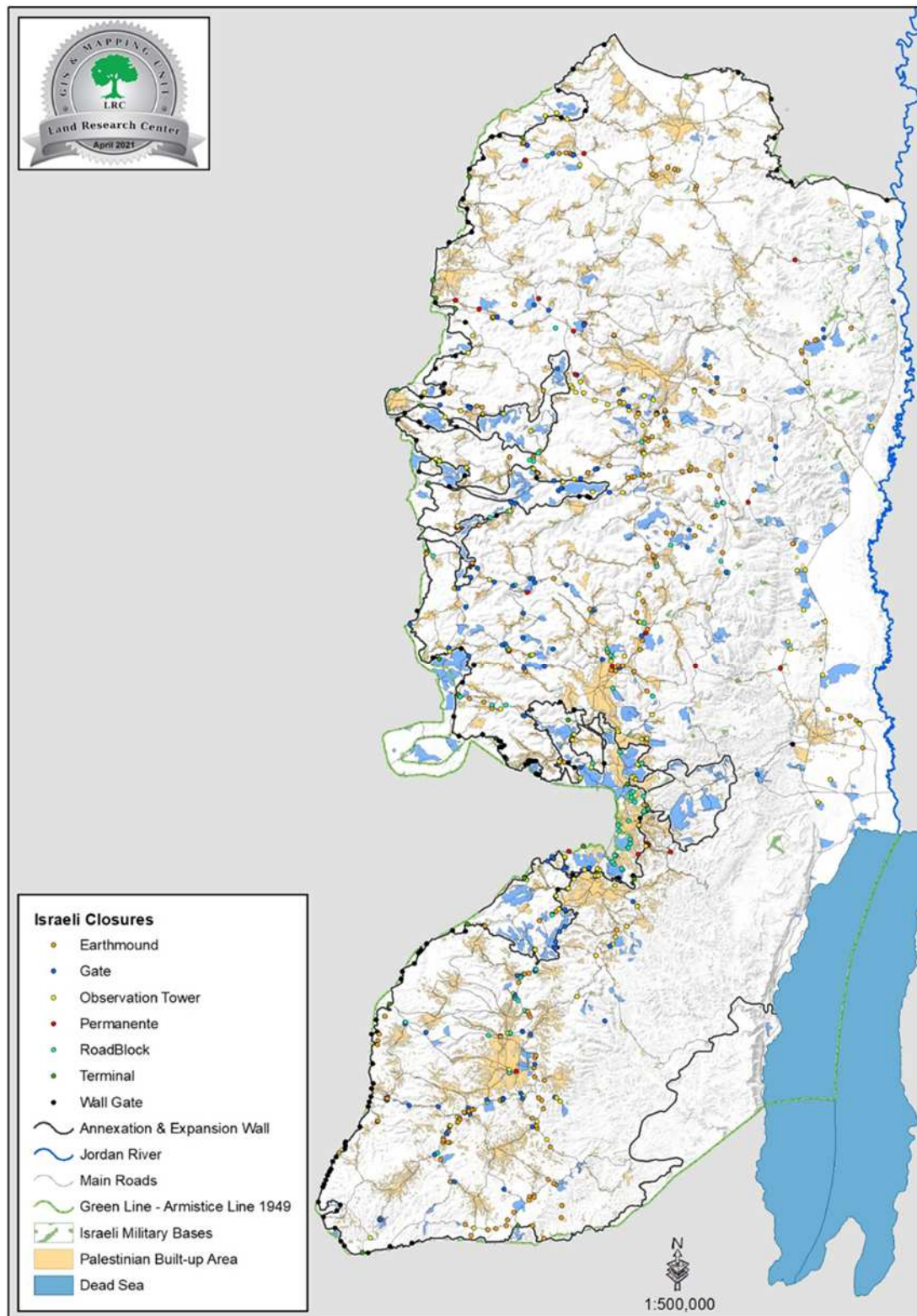


Qalqilya governorate- Jinsafut village: The Occupation closes off an agricultural road that serves 150 dunums planted with olives, rocks and soil- April 2020



Bethlehem Governorate – Taqu’ town: The Occupation set up a metal gate on the town’s entrance – April 2020

The Map below Shows closures and terminals in West Bank including Jerusalem – by the end of 2020:



## *Chapter 5: Israeli Violations against Islamic and Christian Religious Sites*

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## 5.1 Attacks on Religious Sites

### Surat Al-Hajj verse 40 , Holy Quran

*((Permission is given to those who fight because they were wronged. Allah has power to grant them victory (39) those who have been unjustly driven from their homes, just because they said: 'Our Lord is Allah. ' Had Allah not repelled some people by the means of others, the monasteries and churches, the synagogues and mosques in which the Name of Allah is remembered would have been destroyed. But whoever helps Allah shall be helped by Him. Allah is the Strong, the Almighty, (40) ))*

### 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.))*

Worshipping houses are considered sacred to most people , it is immoral to carry out attacks against worshippers or worshipping houses of other religions or even your own , international human rights convention and agreements consider attacks against worshippers and/ or places of worship a humanitarian crime, Israeli settlers have no limits , and do not respect religions or International Laws , they carry out attacks against mosques and churches represented in arsons , smashing glass, writing hatred inciting and provocative slogans , and writing offensive quotes about prophets Mohammed and Jesus.

During 2020, the Israeli Occupation and its settlers targeted 32 Islamic and Christian sites:

- **14 Mosques** were desecrated via break-ins, torching, writing hatred inciting slogans, demolition, or threats of demolition.- see the table of attacks on mosques in 2020.
- **5 Islamic cemeteries:**

- 1- **Al-Yousifiya Cemetery – Jerusalem:** The Occupation municipality staffs destroyed three panels on Al-Yousifiya Wall in Bab Al-Asbat in Jerusalem, the Panels contained information about rehabilitating the cemetery with Turkish fund few years ago.



Ravages at a Waqf land in Al-Yousifiya Cemetery – Source: Al-Jazeera

2- **Bab Al-Asbat Cemetery – Jerusalem:** The Occupation demolished the cemetery's stairs.

3- **Bab Ar-Rahma Cemetery:** The Occupation forces and colonists carried out several attacks against the cemetery, and lead by radical colonist Yehuda Glick, colonists performed Talmudic prayers.

4- **Barqa Cemetery- Nablus:** fanatic Colonists of "Homesh" smash number of headstones at Barqa Cemetery.

5- **Jalboun Cemetery – Jenin:** "Merav" colonists pollute the cemetery with sewage water.



**Bab Al-Asbat Stairs**

- **2 Shrines (tombs)** , one shrine is in Nablus Governorate, while the other one is in Salfit.
- **Joseph's Tomb in Balata – Nablus:** Illegal colonists raided the Tomb several times and performed Jewish prayers.
- **Tombs in Kafil Haris – Salfit:** illegals Israeli colonists raided the tombs several times and performed Jewish / Talmudic rituals.

➤ **10 Antiquities and historical sites in West Bank:**


- 1- **Hebron Governorate:** Illegal colonists implanted a stone with Hebrew inscriptions in Palestinian's lands in Tel Rumaila . They also implanted a stone with a Menorah drawing on one of the buildings in the old city of Hebron.
- 2- **Bethlehem Governorate:** Israel stole ancient baptismal font from the Bethlehem town of Taqu', the font is a part of an ancient Byzantine church. Illegal colonists and force carry out daily raids on the other hand.
- 3- **Jericho governorate:** raiding Tel Es-Sultan neighborhood and performing Jewish prayers.
- 4- **Nablus Governorate:** Frequent raids to the Archeological areas of Sebastiya , (Al-Maso'udiya and Al-Baider areas) . In addition to raiding Khan Al-Lubban area in Al-Lubban Ash-Sharqi village and attempting to steal ancient stones from the Ottoman era.
- 5- **Tubas Governorate:** Raids and Talmudic rituals in Umm Al-Quba and Al-Barj archeological areas.

## Attacks against Mosques:

According to LRC reports, the occupation authorities and colonists committed violations and attacks targeted more than (171) mosques over the period between 1967 and 2020 , of which 14 attacks occurred in 2020 in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem , Israeli violations and attacks also targeted 33 churches and monasteries.

### 5.1.1 Violations against Al-Aqsa mosque and worshippers during 2020

1. During 2020, illegal colonists protected by the Occupation Forces carried out frequent raids to the Al-Aqsa compound:

- **January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**, the Occupation Forces raided Al-Aqsa Compound - While Palestinian Worshippers were at the mosque, and sprayed tear gas and assaulted worshippers in the Bab Ar-Rahma prayer area after Al-Maghreb prayer, many casualties were reported and three young men were arrested.
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- **January 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**, Israeli workers carried on reclamation works at the southern Wall of Al-Aqsa Mosque. Noteworthy, the wall is the responsibility of Ministry of Endowment and Islamic Affairs (Awqaf) , which requested the immediate stoppage of Israeli Interventions in the Al-Aqsa compound.
  - **January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation Forces assaulted Palestinian worshippers in Bab Ar-Rahma and Bab Hatta, and arrested 5 males and a female at the time of Isha prayer.
  - **January 17<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation forces assaulted Palestinian worshippers in Al-Aqsa compound in the early morning hours at the time of Fajer prayer.
  - **January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation forces sealed off all gates of Al-aqsa compound and the old city of Jerusalem, prohibited Palestinian from **entering** or exiting the compound, and arrested two young men after assaulting and beating them , they later assaulted worshippers and forced them to exit the mosque.
  - **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**, The Occupation Forces raided Al-Aqsa Compound, forced worshippers to exit and arrested a number of them, in addition to distributing entrance bans to several Palestinians, 10 casualties of rubble bullets were reported. Around Bab Hatta area, The Occupation Forces assaulted worshippers and arrested 3 young men.
  - **May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020**, a group of colonists performed Talmudic prayers nearby Bab al Matarah (The Ablution Gate) , while Palestinian worshippers were banned from entering the mosque.
  - **May 24<sup>th</sup> 2020**, the Occupation police restrained worshippers before and after Eid prayer in Al-Ghazali area nearby Bab Al-Asbat – One of Al-Aqsa Compound Gates , and assaulted them after the prayer.

- **July 2020**, The Occupation authorities are building an elevator that connects parts of the old city of Jerusalem to Al-Buraq Wall (wailing wall) and the Al-Aqsa compound. Through establishing this elevator, the occupation is trying to facilitate entry of radical Israeli colonists to the mosque, and discrete its compound.
- **September 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation Forces attacked Al-Aqsa compound guards (a female guard, and three male employees of the ministry of endowment).
- **September 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**, The Occupation authorities installed loudspeakers on two spots on top of Al-Aqsa Mosque. One of them was set between Bab Al-Hittah and Bab Al-Asbat, and the other one is on the wall between Bab Al-Matara and Bab al Silisilah.
- **September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020**, Zionist Organizations call for Israeli Illegal colonists to raid Al-Aqsa Mosque and perform prayers.
- **October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**, Israeli Fanatic colonists set up a tent nearby Al-Aqsa compound in the old city of Jerusalem, on the occasion of Sukkot. As part of celebrations in Jewish Religious Occasions, the Israeli Occupation seals off Jerusalem City , and imposes a restricted blockade. The Occupation troops spread around Jerusalem gates, the old City, The Al-Aqsa compound, and set up roadblocks around the gates. Noteworthy, tens of Palestinians performed prayers outside the compound's gate, and Damascus Gate while encircled by armed troops. The so-called Temple mount movement called for an increase in raids to the mosque During Sukkot, they also post provocative posts on social media, send mobile messages and distribute provocative cards in the old city and The Buraq Wall , calling for more pressure on Palestinians' worshippers at the mosque.
- **October 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**, tens of illegal colonists raided Qattaneen market in Jerusalem and performed Talmudic rituals , protected by the occupation police and forces . Fanatic colonists performed Telmudic prayers nearby Alqatanin Gate , taking advantage of the lockdown imposed on Palestinians on the pretext of the spread of the Corona virus.



Social Media Post by Temple Mount movement calling for Israeli colonists to increase raids to Al-Aqsa Mosque. – September 2020

2. (160) cases of break-ins carried out by colonists under the protection of the occupation army were reported. More than (18,526) colonists were reported to participate in such violations.

3- 61 cases of entry banning for Muslim to al-Aqsa mosque were reported in addition to limiting entry to it for certain age of worshipers that is 50 years. People of West Bank and Gaza are denied access to Jerusalem generally and to al-Aqsa mosque specifically.

4- 135 citizens were isolated away from al-Aqsa mosque for periods ranging between 3 days to 6 months; periods are subject to extension.

5-(20) Break-ins carried out by Israeli Knesset members, politicians and heads of religious parties.

6-(80) citizens were personally assaulted by the occupation forces within Al-Aqsa compound.

7-Israeli colonists desecrated the mosque (4) times through celebrating inside it.



The Year 2020 Witnessed a vicious attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque. the Occupation Municipality in Jerusalem provocatively lightened the walls of the old Jerusalem city with flags of the counties that accepted to Normalize ties with Israel. This was preceded by an announcement in Washington of signing agreements between several Arab countries and the Israeli Occupation.

Not only that Several Arab countries normalized ties with Israel, but some of their leaders made a visit to Jerusalem and the Buraq Wall (Wailing wall in Jewish narrative), which was previously the location of Hai Al-Magharba (Moroccan neighborhood) erased by Israel in the 1967 war. In addition, the UAE administration supported the colonial project “Silicon Wadi” in Wadi Aj-Jouz neighborhood in Jerusalem, which if implemented – will require the demolition of 200 shops for Palestinian Jerusalemites.



### *5.1.2 The Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and Constant Attempts at Judaization*

The Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron has been set as a target for Israeli attacks for a long time. There are relentless attempts at Judaizing the Mosque by allowing colonists free access to it while posing extreme restrictions on Palestinians visiting it.

The Mosque that should be a safe haven to everyone seeking refuge in it was not made so by the Israeli occupation. Not a single Palestinian will ever forget the Massacre committed by Baruch Goldstein on February 25, 1994, when he opened fire at Muslims praying at the mosque, killing tens and injuring many. An incident that also resulted in the closure of many roads within the old city; Al Shuhada' road has been closed since.

Israeli measures towards the Mosque include subjecting Palestinians to go through gates and detailed, thorough, and humiliating search as well as banning the Adhan (Muslim call for prayers) on the Jewish holiday.

Israeli Violations monitoring department in Land Research Center documented 770 attacks on the Ibrahimi mosque, of which 730 were implemented by the authorities and the forces, and 40 attacks were carried out by fanatic colonists.

Over 2020, The Ibrahimi mosque witnessed the following attacks:

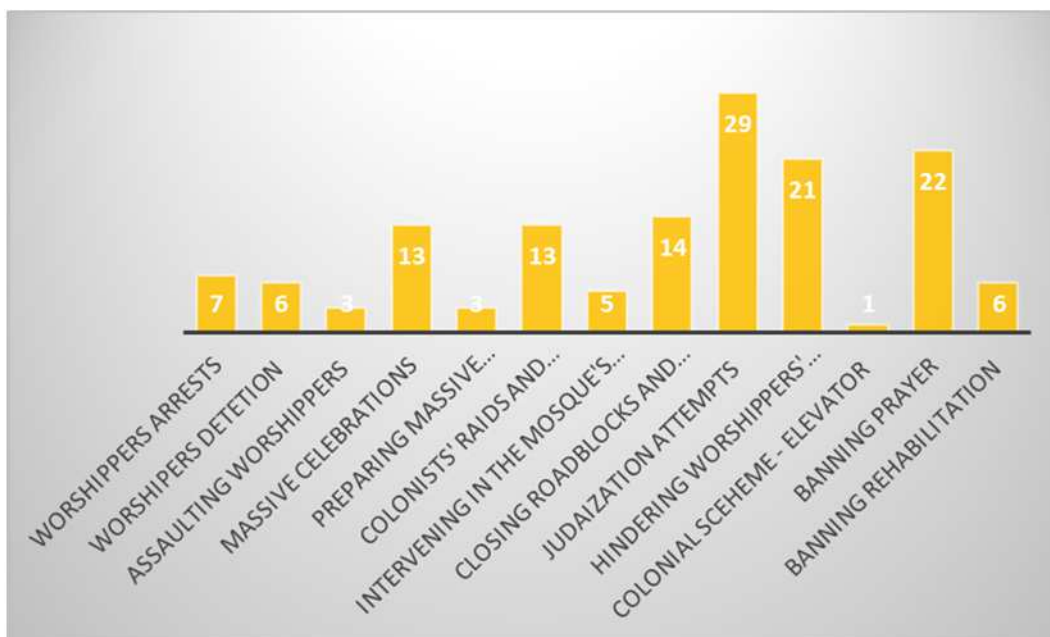
- **Over January 2020** , the Occupation forces and fanatic colonists carried out (59) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque , including: Banning Adhan 48 times , ban or hinder access to the mosque for Muslim worshippers 4 times, prohibit entry of Hebron Rehabilitation Committee to the mosque for reparation works 2 times, changing significant features and Judaization attempts 5 times , represented in : setting up a metal block (2 m high) nearby the mosque's garden , installing electric tools on the mosque's entrance , installing a new canvas in front of the mosque, implementing rehabilitation works at the second floor of the sanctuary, setting up a Talmudic candlestick.
- **Over February 2020**, The Occupation Forces and colonists carried out (66) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque , including: Banning Adhan 49 times , ban or hinder access to the mosque for Muslim worshippers 2 times, detaining worshippers 3 times , arresting worshippers 2 times , closing road blocks, metal and electronic gates 2 times , assaulting worshippers 1 time , Organizing massive celebrations and setting up loud speakers 1 time , changing significant features and Judaization attempts 4 times , represented in: bringing in steel sheets inside the mosque , building a shack of strengthened steel sheets , installing new lightning, putting curtains on the walls of the sanctuary.
- **Over March 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (55) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque , including: Banning Adhan 47 times , ban or hinder access to the mosque for Muslim worshippers 2 times, detaining worshippers 1 time , arresting worshippers 1 times , closing road blocks, metal and electronic gates 1 time, changing significant features and Judaization attempts 3 times , represented in: pulling out ancient

stones from the structure of the mosque nearby the main gate, setting up plastic pipes nearby the main gate to the sanctuary , putting plates with Hebrew writings.

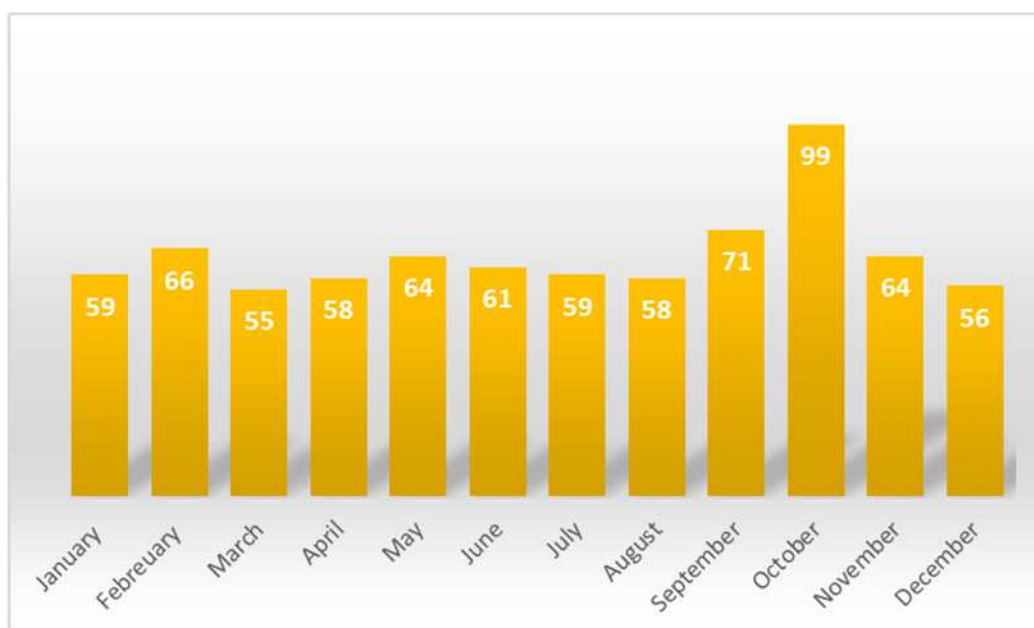
- **Over April 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (58) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 56 times, Colonists raid to the mosque 1 time, assaulting worshippers 1 time.
- **Over May 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (64) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 54 times, Organizing massive celebrations 1 time, assaulting worshippers 1 time , ignoring the role of the Department of religious Waqf in Hebron related to the Ibrahimi mosque , announcing 1 Judaization scheme (building an elevator), banning performing prayer 3 times , prohibiting access of Hebron Rehabilitation committee to the mosque 2 times.
- **Over June 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (61) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 49 times, detaining worshippers 1 time , Organizing massive celebrations 1 time, colonists raids and desecration to the mosque 2 times , hindering Palestinian worshippers access to the mosque 1 time , banning prayer 1 time, banning rehabilitation 1 time , changing significant features and Judaization attempts 5 times , represented in: installing security cameras, cutting the metal siege between the sanctuary's compound and the garden , setting up a new metal gate , pouring baton in the resting area at the Sanctuary.
- **Over July 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (59) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 49 times, detaining worshippers 1 time , Organizing massive celebrations 2 time, colonists raids and desecration to the mosque 1 times , ignoring the roles of the Department of endowment 1 time , banning prayer 2 time, changing significant features and Judaization attempts 3 times , represented in: installing a new siege instead of the one that was cut on fanatic colonists' hands, establishing a new cafeteria nearby the "White Stairs" or the entrance, expanding the army's barracks – west the Sanctuary.
- **Over August 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (58) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 50 times, detaining worshippers 1 time , colonists raids and desecration to the mosque 1 times , ignoring the roles of the Department of endowment 1 time , Preparation for massive celebrations 1 time, Organizing massive celebrations 2 times, hindering worshippers access to the mosque 1 time , Judaization attempt 1 time , represented in: building a third floor over the Sanctuary resting area.
- **Over September 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (71) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 57 times, Organizing a massive celebration 1 times, detaining worshippers 1 time , closing road blocks, metal and electronic gates 4 times, colonists raids and desecration to the mosque 3 times,

ignoring the roles of the Department of endowment 1 time, hindering worshippers access to the mosque 1 time , banning prayer at the mosque 1 time, Judaization attempt 2 times , represented in: installing a security network and cameras , putting panels on the door of the holy cave , and on prophets shrines and their wives.

- **Over October 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (99) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 75 times, banning prayer 13 times, hindering worshippers' access to the mosque 3 times, closing road blocks, metal and electronic gates 5 times, organizing massive celebrations 2 times, Judaization attempt 1 time, represented in: setting up a kiosk.
- **Over November 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (64) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 47 times, Organizing massive celebrations 4 times, arresting worshippers 2 times , closing road blocks, metal and electronic gates 2 times, colonists raids and desecration to the mosque 1 times, hindering worshippers' access to the mosque 4 time, banning prayer 1 time , banning rehabilitation 1 time, Judaization attempt 2 times , represented in: Setting up a stone with Hebrew sculptures , and setting up two Talmudic candlesticks.
- **Over December 2020**, the Occupation forces and colonists carried out (56) violations against the Ibrahimi Mosque, including: Banning Adhan 46 times, Organizing massive celebrations 1 time, colonists raids and desecration to the mosque 1 time, ignoring the roles of the Department of endowment 1 time, hindering worshippers' access to the mosque 3 time, banning prayer 1 time , banning rehabilitation 1 time, Judaization attempt 2 times , represented in: Setting up a Talmudic candlestick and other Judaism-related symbols.



The Graph illustrates numbers and type of Violations carried out against the Ibrahimi mosque over 2020 , by Occupation forces and colonists



The graph illustrates attacks against Ibrahimi mosque (including Adhan bans) during 2020 – by months

- The Israeli Occupation authorities banned Adhan (627) times in 2020, on the pretext of annoying colonists, ignoring the Freedom of Practicing religion as a fundamental Human right, the table shows the times of banning the Adhan in 2020:

Month	Occurrences
January	48
February	49
March	47
April	56
May	54
June	49
July	49
August	50
September	57
October	75
November	47
December	46
Total	627

Source: Religious Endowments Hebron Department – data collection done by Land Research Center

### Scenes of attacks on Al-Aqsa mosque in 2020:

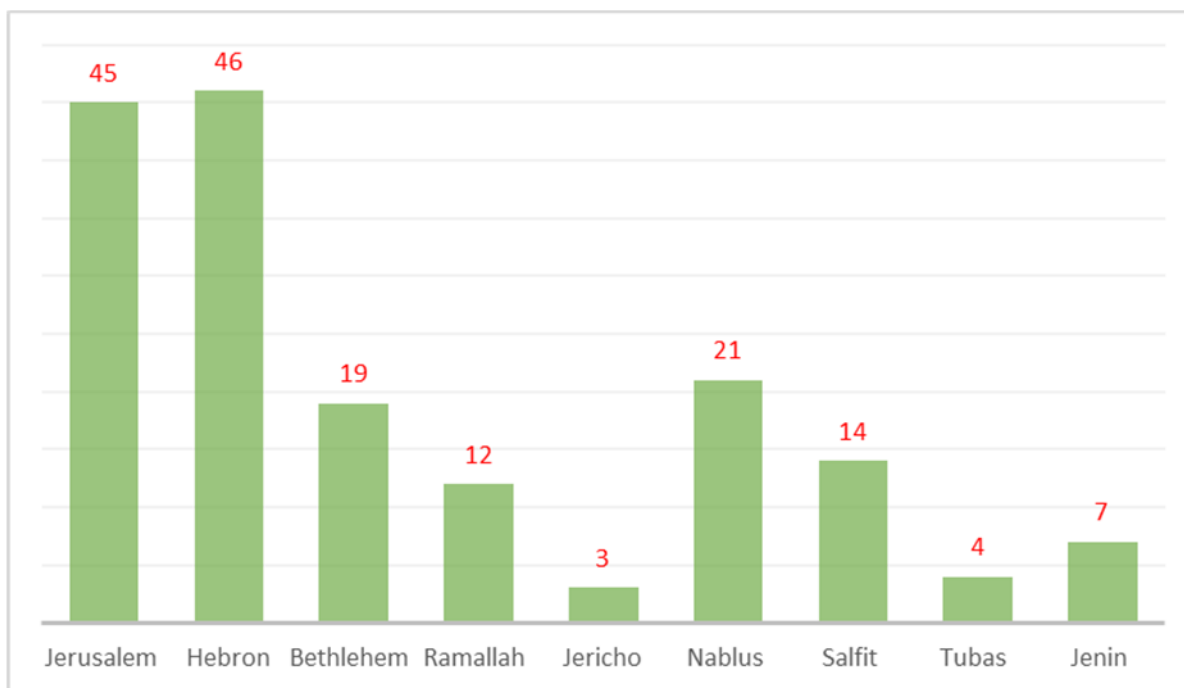


The ratified plan – an elevator project in Al-Aqsa Mosque – May 2020

5.1.3 Targeting 204 mosques and churches since 1967, until the end of 2020  
the table shows the number of attacks on mosques from 1967 to 2020 in the West Bank and Jerusalem - by governorate:

Govern.	No. of Mosques
Jerusalem	45
Hebron	46
Bethlehem	19
Ramallah	12
Jericho	3
Nablus	21
Salfit	14
Tubas	4
Jenin	7
Total	171

Source: data collection done by Land Research Center – Arab Studies Society – Year 2020



The graph illustrates numbers of targeted mosques since 1967 until the end of 2020 – by Governorate

The table displays the number of mosques attacked in 2014 in the West Bank and Jerusalem- by type:

Governorate	*No. of attacks/ mosques	Aggression			Perpetrators	
		(1)	(2)	Others	Israeli Army	Colonists
Jerusalem	5	1	1	3	3	2
Hebron	3	1	2	-	1	2
Ramallah	1	-	1	-	-	1
Salfit	2	2	-	-	2	-
Tubas	2	2	-	-	2	-
Jenin	1	-	-	1	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

(1) Demolition or threat of demolition (2) Defilement, writing offensive slogans

Source: Data collection by Land Research Center – Arab Studies Society – Year 2020

\*Both Al-Aqsa mosque and Ibrahimi mosque are included

### Names of Attacked Mosques in the West Bank including Jerusalem in 2020:

<b>Jerusalem</b>	Al-Aqsa Mosque , Al-Qa'qa'a mosque in Silwan “Demolition order” , Al-Badriya mosque in Shurfat town “Defilement, writing offensive slogans” , ‘Ein Silwan mosque “Banning cleaning works and arresting the Adhan announcer” , Bab Ar-Rahma prayer area closed.
<b>Hebron</b>	The Ibrahimi Mosque , An-Nabi Younis mosque in Halhul “Frequent raids” , Ad-Duqaiqa mosque in Masafer Yatta “Halt of Work Notice”.
<b>Ramallah</b>	Al-Ber Wal- Ihsan Mosque in Jabal At-Taweel mosque, spraying burning materials, setting fire to Wudhu area , and writing hatred inciting slogans”.
<b>Salfit</b>	Halt of Work Notice delivered to an under construction Mosque in “Kafr Ad-Dik” , confiscating building materials for an under construction mosque in Khallet Hassan – Bidya.
<b>Tubas</b>	Halt of Work Notice for an under construction house in Kardala, confiscating tents used as a preying area in Ibziq village.
<b>Jenin</b>	Abu Bakr mosque in Bir Basha location “taking measurements by the occupation forces”.



**Occupied Jerusalem – Shurfat town :**  
Colonists of the Price tag Gang set fire to  
Al-Badriya Mosque and write hatred  
inciting slogans on its





The table shows number of Churches and Monasteries attacked in 2020 in the West Bank and Jerusalem - by type

Governorate	Number of the targeted churches	Type of attack					Perpetrators	
		Demolition notice	torching	Writing hatred inciting slogans	Destroying and looting	others	The Occupation forces	Jewish Colonists
<b>Jerusalem</b>	28	1	5	19	1	2	9	19
<b>Bethlehem</b>	3	0	0	0	2	1	2	1
<b>Ramallah</b>	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Jericho</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	33	1	5	20	4	3	12	21

Source: LRC data collection for the years 1967 until the end of 2020 in West Bank governorates including Jerusalem

**The table shows names of churches and monasteries attacked between 1967 until the end of 2020 in the West Bank and Jerusalem - by type**

<b>Jerusalem</b>	<p>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 Angelic 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 church, Beit Jamal Monastery , The Christian Angelic cemetery , the Latin Cemetery .</p> <p>In 2019, the occupation forces attacked Coptic priests in the church of the holy Sepulcher, and banned renovation works in The Monastery of the Sultan.</p> <p>In 2020, a radical colonist raided The Church of All nation in Mount of Olives east Jerusalem and set fire to wooden chairs inside the church , Palestinian young men hurried to stop the fire while the perpetrator ran.</p>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	Mar Elias church, the Nativity church , Monastery of St. George.
<b>Ramallah</b>	Imuas church- Al-Qubaiba.
<b>Jericho</b>	Na'ran old church

**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 wilful 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*



## **6.1: The Israeli Occupation Colonialism in West Bank and Jerusalem**

Establishing and Expanding Israeli Colonies in the West Bank is a blatant Violation of the Palestinian people legitimate rights , it is also a grave breach of International Laws, Charter of the United Nation , The Fourth Geneva Convention which states in article 49 states: “The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.” , which the occupation have been violating since 1948.

At the end of 2020, 833,359 Jewish Israeli lived in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Living in 223 Israeli illegal colonies spread around the West Bank and Jerusalem and 304 on top of the mountains in the West Bank, 17 new outpost were reportedly built in 2019 (not included in the previous number) , according to data analysis at the end of 2020.

One can note that the distribution of colonies in the West Bank and Jerusalem is not at all random. But instead very systematic; locations of colonial spots are chosen to guarantee best seizure on Palestinian lands and to put pressure on Palestinian residential masses to become isolated and trapped by radical colonists inhabiting colonies and outposts. Nature, scenery and mountainous environment were key factors in choosing locations for colonies, which are now founded on 200,000 confiscated dunums. The aforementioned area of land used to be linking points between Palestinian cities and villages. Nowadays, colonies close 435,000 dunums under the claim of «Security Purposes»; such lands are considered a reserve area for the colonization to spread over.

The Israeli government worked hard to break the geographic connection between the cities and villages of the West Bank and other sectors. Dozens of checkpoints and military watch posts were set up to hinder Palestinian movement; the number of checkpoints, gates and crossing reached (907) ones including 13 watch posts. In addition, the occupation built the Annexation and Expansion Wall that annexed thousands of dunums for colonies' favor , and established networks of bypass roads (1,044 km) that devoured 105,000 dunums and deprived Palestinians from using their lands located in the nearby, totaling 52,000 dunums.

**The table shows the number of colonies in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) in 2020:**

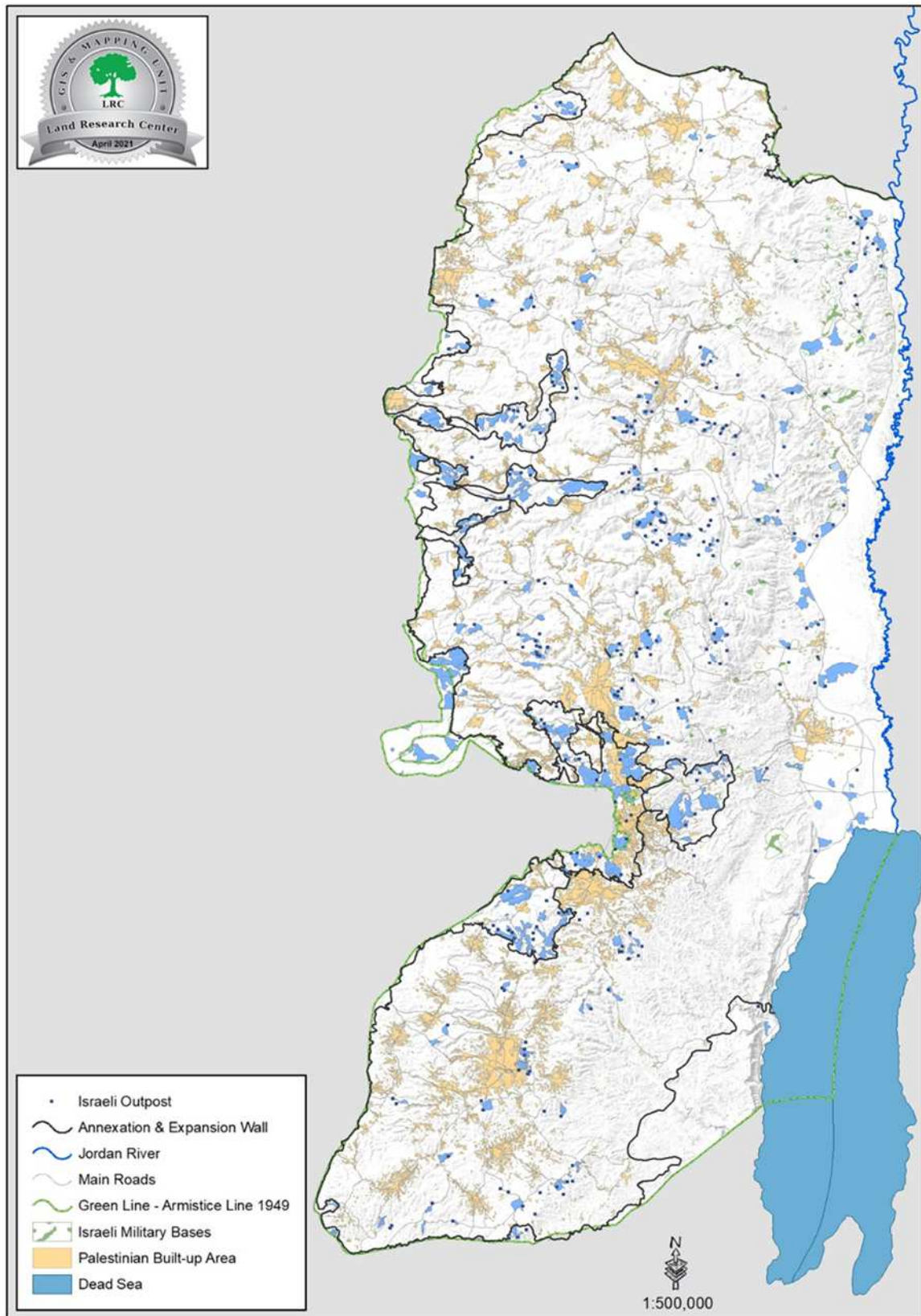
Governorate	Number of Israeli Colonies	Number of Outposts	Total area confiscated in dunums *	number of colonists**
<b>Jerusalem</b>	35	30	38,419	303577
<b>Hebron</b>	37	37	14,991	109595
<b>Bethlehem</b>	22	29	18,314	124273
<b>Ramallah</b>	33	63	32,445	116034
<b>Jericho</b>	21	20	22,242	6792
<b>Nablus</b>	20	57	17,881	19486
<b>Salfit</b>	20	20	18,118	54152
<b>Qalqilya</b>	14	16	12,103	89373
<b>Tubas</b>	8	16	7,714	2437
<b>Tulkarm</b>	5	7	3,959	3760
<b>Jenin</b>	8	9	3,833	3916
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>190,019</b>	<b>833395</b>
	<b>527</b>			

Source: Israeli Violations Monitoring Unit – Land Research Center – by the end of 2020

\*doesn't include outposts

\*\*Peace now statistics conducted in 2014

The Map shows distribution of Israeli Colonies in the West Bank including Jerusalem:



## 6.2: State of Colonization during 2020:

At a time, the whole world is grappling with COVID 19 pandemic, The Israeli Occupation Government and its arms were busy in enacting legalizations and Laws that accelerate the process of land seizure, and threatening and demolishing Palestinian structures, while Israeli colonists- protected by the occupation forces continue to expand devouring more Palestinian lands.

The Year 2020 was a remarkably difficult year for Palestinians who grapple with two pandemics, the Corona Pandemic and the Occupation's pandemic. The Israeli Occupation took advantage of the Quarantine recommended by the World Health Organization, to carry out the following colonial activities:

- 1- Ravaging and leveling vast areas of Palestinian lands around 30 colonies , which destroyed (2550) dunums for the sake of Colonial expansion.
- 2- Colonists – protected by the Occupation Forces established (17) new outpost most of them are farm-like , which resulted in amounting the number of Israeli colonies to (527) outposts and colonies by the end of 2020.
- 3- Opening 34 colonial roads (38 km long) between colonies and outposts and/or implementing previous plans.
- 4- Building (592) colonial units , 38 facilities in (53) colony or outpost.
- 5- The Occupation authorities also started preparing for the construction of 2432 units , 63 public institutions , 200 facilities (industrial , commercial) in 209 colony / outpost.
- 6- Israeli Governmental departments deposited and/or ratified 85 building outlines, including:
  - Announcing the construction of (3494) colonial units, most of which were built in Jerusalem, followed by Ramallah then Nablus. Illegal colonial units in West Bank get fast ratification and authorization from the government, at the time Palestinians are not allowed to build on their own land, and in case they built without licenses from the occupation the structure is soon to be demolished. The Occupation authorities also enact laws that restrict Palestinian construction, noting that 1460 houses and facilities lie under demolition threats on the pretext of building without a license, while in fact the real objective is to keep the area a colonial reserve for future expansions.
  - Expanding illegal Israeli colonies and expanding its control area, and or authorizing what was before confiscated by colonists of the (9436) dunums , at the time the occupation is prohibited from implementing outlines for Palestinians to halt its expansion and enacts laws that prohibit Palestinian construction in “C” area.

### **The Occupation in 2020 took these steps for the favor of colonial expansion:**

- **In April 21<sup>st</sup> 2020:** The Occupation canceled a natural reserve allocated during the British mandate about (407) dunums of ‘Azzun and ‘Asla lands for the fever of “Alfei Menashe” colony.

- **In August 18<sup>th</sup> 2020** : The Occupation cancelled a natural reserve allocated during the British Mandate about (13) dunums for ‘Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the expansion of “Ma’ale Shamron” colony.

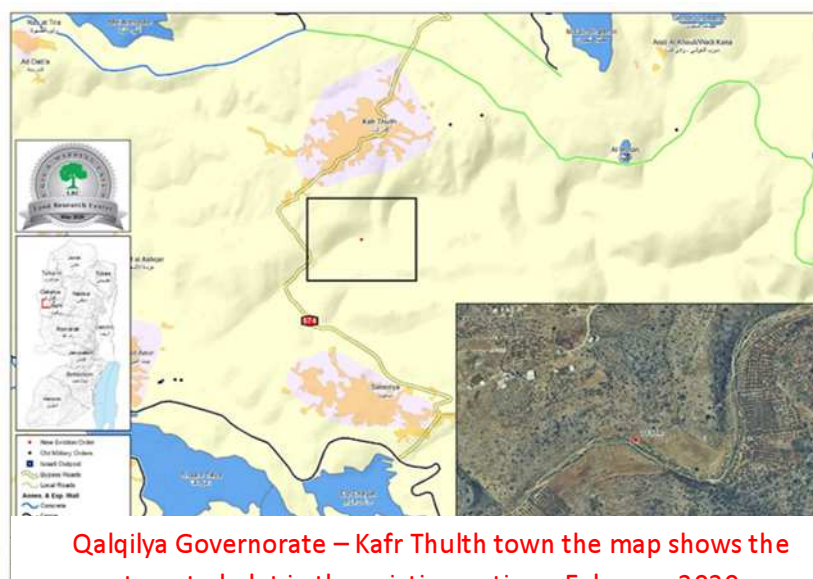
### Feedback:

The Israeli Occupation changes military orders to serve its colonial objectives. The occupation in other words changes allocation of forests or natural reserves into areas available for settlement expansion (Organizational residential area). This includes cancelling Laws enacted in the British Mandate in 1972, and enact laws that restricts Palestinian farmers’ access to lands on the pretext of protecting the environment, noting that while these hands are in Palestinian’s hands it is planted with trees and turned into green areas, leaving no excuses to the Israeli Nature Authority to issue eviction notices. Which raises an important question on who should receive an eviction notice for the protection of nature, Palestinian farmers, or illegal colonists.

An example of these arbitrary measurements , is farmer Jamal ‘Issa “63” who spent a long year in rehabilitating his farm land in Kafr Thulth town in Qalqilya , until the so called nature protection inspector in the civil administration showed up and ordered the immediate stoppage of work in the 35 dunums plot on the pretext of protecting nature.



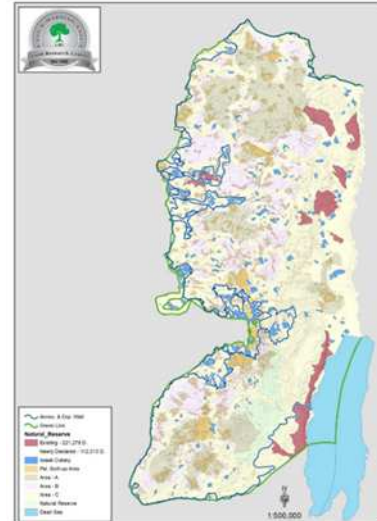
**Military order targets an Agricultural land**



**Qalqilya Governorate – Kafr Thulth town the map shows the targeted plot in the eviction notice – February 2020**

At the time the Occupation authorities cancel allocation of natural reserves since the British Mandate especially those nearby Israeli colonies to keep them a reserve for colonial expansion with a legal cover:

The Natural reserves namely are: (La Sartiyyat Al-Iskandaroon / Nablus , Fasayel / Jaricho, Umm Zokah / Tubas , ‘Ein Al-Fashkha / Nearby the dead sea Jericho, Kharoba village / Tubas , Wadi Selvadour north the Dead Sea , Wadi Al-Malih / Tubas , Ni’ran / Jericho , Ghadir mount east Tubas , Kana Springs north the dead sea.

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## 6.2: Expansion in Israeli Colonies reported during 2020:

Governorate	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	The road in meters
<b>Jerusalem</b>	2	-	223	321	-	1	1	<b>2000</b>
<b>Hebron</b>	8	1	5	54	6	4	9	<b>3700</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	6	2	54	285	2	4	1	<b>600</b>
<b>Ramallah</b>	6	5	53	845	5	5	4	<b>4300</b>
<b>Jericho</b>	1	1	-	45	-	1	1	<b>1000</b>
<b>Nablus</b>	10	2	42	286	1	1	6	<b>5400</b>
<b>Salfit</b>	10	1	158	373	1	8	6	<b>5900</b>
<b>Qalqilya</b>	3	1	3	52	3	-	-	-
<b>Tubas</b>	2	2	19	27	14	1	1	<b>2800</b>
<b>Tulkarm</b>	3	2	35	107	6	5	4	<b>12000</b>
<b>Jenin</b>	2	-	-	38	-	1	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>2433</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37700</b>

(1) No. of established or Expanded colonies (2) No. of new outposts (3) No. of units added (4) Foundations laid for more units to be added\* (5) Other Facilities \*\* (6) Land Settlement for construction (7) No. of colonies (8) Opening a colonial road

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\*Source: Peace Now movement – Data Collection done by Land Research Center

\*\* Note: The following structures were added (27 Agricultural Shack , 4 cisterns and water reservoirs, 3 water lines , 1 Electricity network , 1 museum , 1 Agricultural project , 1 industrial area.)

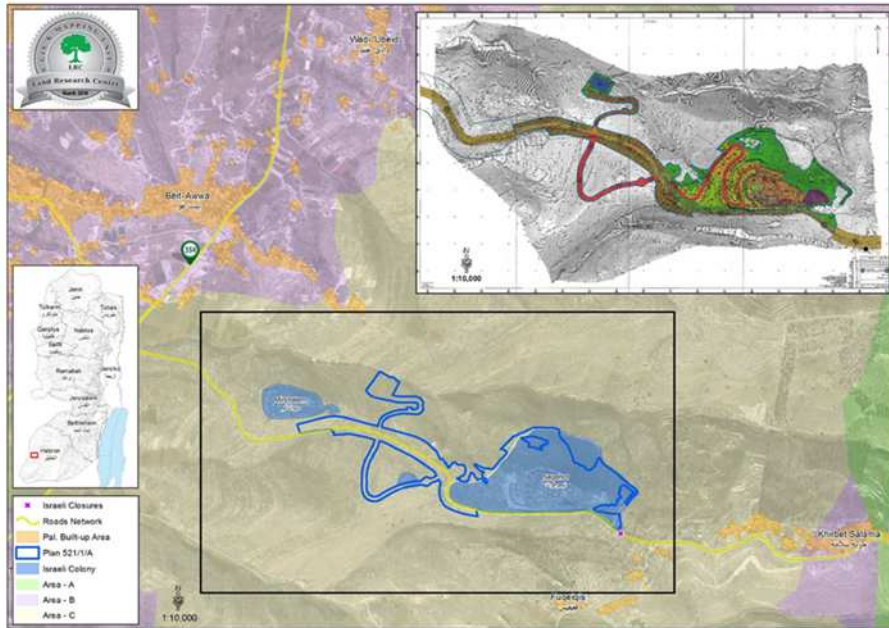
**Photos Showing Colonial Expansion on Palestinian Lands:**



Ramallah Governorate – Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya village: "Horsha" colonists protected by the occupation forces opened a colonial road about 800 m long \* 6 m wide – January 2020



Hebron Governorate – Dura town: Opening a new colonial road around “Negohot” colony on confiscated lands belong to Swait family (400 m) – May 2020



Hebron Governorate – Dura town: Announcing an outline for the expansion of “Neghot” colony , numbers (A/1/521), which targets an area of (291) dunums – February 2018



Hebron Governorate – Dura town : the Occupation Machineries expands “Neghot” colony, “an implementation of outline number (A/1/521) which occupies an area of 291 dunums – October 2020





Tulkarm Governorate – Shufa and Jubara villages: The Occupation Machineries implements outline number (T/185) – August 2020



Qalqilya Governorate – Kafr Thulth town: A group of colonists – protected by the Occupation forces carried on opening a colonial road between Palestinian olive groves (3.5 km long), which affected 18 dunums that belong to 30 Palestinian farmers in the old city – August 2020



Salfit Governorate- Masha village : Building a new colonial block  
in “Elkana” colony – February 2020

### 6.3 Colonial Plans in 2020

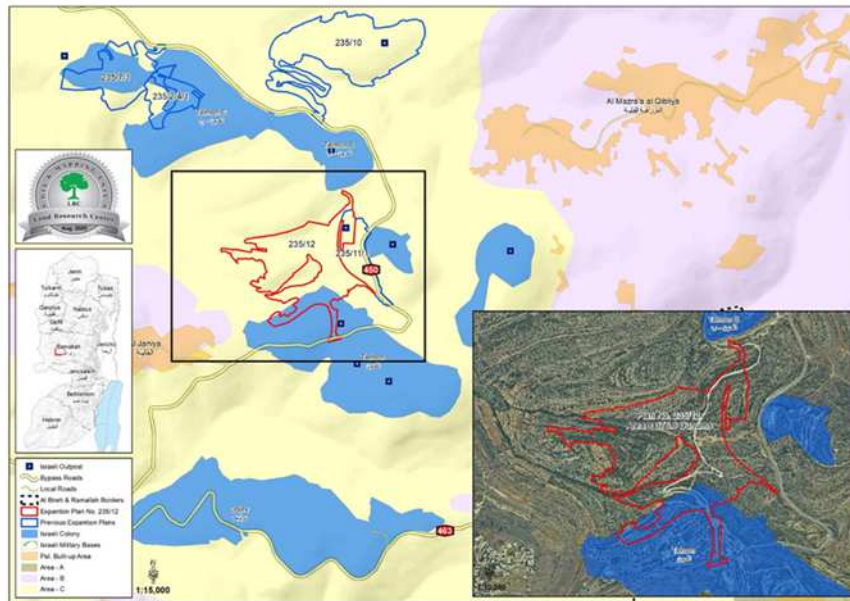
The Following table Shows number of colonial plans offered in tenders, ratified or deposited in 2020 – by governorate:

Govern.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
<b>Jerusalem</b>	27	1324	1443	5	2	2	-	-	1	-
<b>Hebron</b>	8	1002	252	2	1	1	1	1	-	2
<b>Bethlehem</b>	11	811	311	4	2	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Ramallah</b>	10	3727	941	5	2	2	1	1	-	-
<b>Nablus</b>	7	1196	332	2	1	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Salfit</b>	7	603	55	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Qalqilya</b>	13	726	160	4	1	-	1	1	-	-
<b>Tulkarm</b>	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Jenin</b>	1	47	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>9436</b>	<b>3494</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

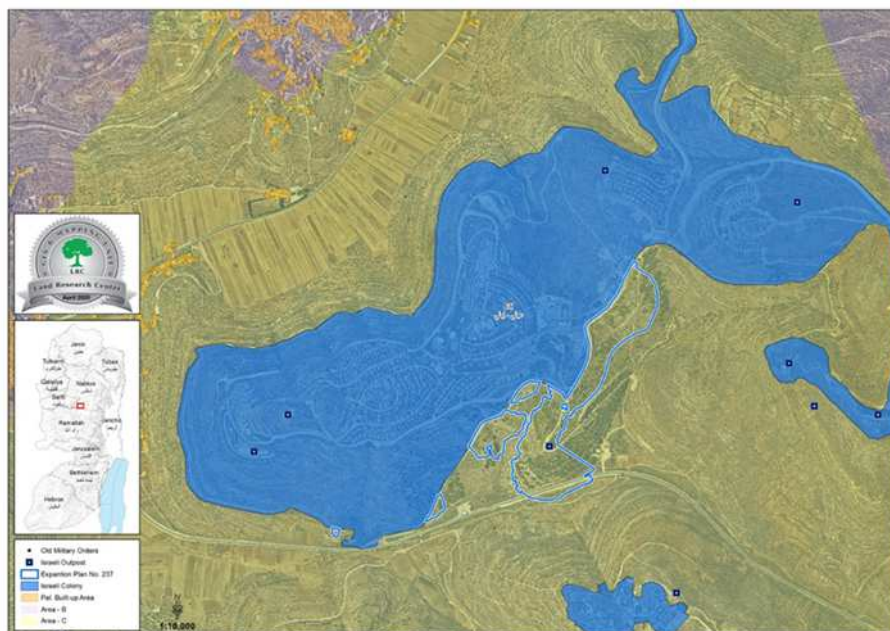
(1) Number of announced plans (2) Areas confiscated for the plan / outside the colony's area (dunums) (3) Announced colonial units (4) Residential areas (5) roads (6) Educational , social and public institutions (7) Parks and gardens (8) Open public areas (9) Providing services (water lines or power stations) (10) Expanding Colonies

Source: Data collection by Land Research Center from Israeli Websites for the year 2020

*Israeli announced Plans in 2020 amounted to the number 85, of which 29 are ratified and valid, and 56 are deposited*



Ramallah Governorate – Ras Karkar Village: Offering Plan number (235/12) for the expansion of “Talmon” colony on 377 dunums – August 2020



Nablus Governorate: Al-Lubban Ash-Sharqiya and As-Sawiya : Ratifying Plan number (237) for the favor of Eli colony , on 235 dunums to build 620 additional units- March 2020



Bethlehem Governorate: An outpost on Kissan lands built with architecture similar to that in Palestinian communities (The Outpost expands regularly)



Bethlehem Governorate: Expanding bypass “60”

**Photos of outposts added in 2020:**



**Bani Na'im - Hebron**



**Beit Jala – Bethlehem**



**Turmus'ayya - Ramallah**



**Sinjil - Ramallah**



**Kafr Malik - Ramallah**



**Kafr Malik - Ramallah**



**Ar-Ras -Salfit**



**Qaryout - Nablus**



**Umm Kharouba- Tubas**



**Wadi Al-Faw – Tubas**



**Khallet Hamad – Tubas**

## **United Nations General Assembly resolutions on Israeli settlement**

- 1- **United Nations General Assembly resolution of 20/1/1972**, in which it demanded that Israel is asked to stop a number of measures and practices, including (building Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories and transferring some of the civilian population from Israel to the occupied Arab territories).
- 2- **United Nations General Assembly resolution of 15/12/1972**, in which the General Assembly requested Israel to stop annexing any part of the occupied Arab territories, establishing settlements in those lands, and transferring the population to them.
- 3- **United Nations General Assembly of 7/12/1973**, in which the General Assembly expressed its grave concern over Israel's violation of the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and all measures taken by Israel to change the features of the occupied territories or their demographic composition, and considered them a grave violation of international law.
- 4- **United Nations General Assembly Resolution of 29/11/1974** in which the General Assembly expressed its deepest concern over the annexation by Israel of some parts of the occupied territories, the establishment of settlements and the transfer of residents to them.
- 5- **United Nations General Assembly resolution of 15/12/1975**, consisting of four sections, and in the first section it condemned all the measures that Israel practices in the occupied territories, describing these practices as serious violations of the United Nations Charter and an obstacle to the establishment of a lasting and just peace in the region, stressing that these procedures are null and void, and have no basis of legitimacy.
- 6- **General Assembly Resolution of 28/10/1977**, which affirmed in its first clause that all measures and actions taken by Israel in the Palestinian territories and other Arab territories occupied in 1967 are legally untrue, and are a serious obstruction to the endeavors to reach a just and permanent peace in the Middle East. The General Assembly also deeply regrets that Israel continues to implement these measures, in particular the establishment of settlements in the occupied Arab territories.
- 7- **United Nations Security Council Resolution 478, adopted on 20 August 1980**, is one of two General Assembly resolutions [1][2] followed by seven UNSC resolutions condemning Israel's attempted annexation of East Jerusalem. In particular, UNSC res 478 notes Israel's non-compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 476[3] and condemned Israel's 1980 Jerusalem Law which declared Jerusalem to be Israel's "complete and united" capital, as a violation of international law. The resolution states that the Council will not recognize this law, and calls on member states to accept the decision of the council. This resolution also calls upon member states to withdraw their diplomatic missions from the city.
- 8- **In resolution 2334 (2016)**, the Security Council reaffirmed that the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, had no legal validity and constituted a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-State solution and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace. In the same resolution, the Council reiterated its demand that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and that it fully respect all of its legal obligations in that regard. No such steps were taken during the reporting period.