



The First Quarterly Report of the year 2017 on the Violation of Human Rights in the City of Jerusalem

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit at MSD issued its first quarterly report on the violation of human rights in the city of Jerusalem. This detailed report had indicated all the recorded cases that were violated the Palestinians' rights during the first quarter of 2017, as the following:

The Violations of the Freedom of Residence, Movement and Housing:

House demolitions policy:

On Wednesday 4, January 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a house in Al-Aqaba neighborhood in Beit Hanina, which is located to the north of Jerusalem, under the pretext of building without a permit. Mr. Amer Obedo, the owner of this house, said that he had lived in his house for more than 16 years until the moment of its demolition, and he and his 8 members' family were displaced.

In 8, February 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a residential building under construction in Beit Hanina, which is located to the north of Jerusalem, without any previous warning; under the pretext of increasing the licensed space. This residential building was owned by Mr. Ayman Abu Rmelieh and his family; it was located in an area called "Tal Al-Foul". The family had started building it 14 years ago, after getting the necessary permits from the eligible authorities, but it had to stop building after the Israeli municipality infringed it, under the pretext of increasing the licensed space, and the infraction of the building license.

In 8, February 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a residential building in Beit Hanina, which is located to the north of Jerusalem. According to eyewitnesses they surrounded a residential building under construction in Beit Hanina neighborhood. The demolition was postponed for hours; because the owners of this building went to the Israeli municipality to postpone the decision of demolition. However, after the afternoon the Israeli bulldozers started

demolishing the building, without any prior warning and under the pretext of building without permits. This building was owned to Mr. Adel Abu Snenieh and Mr. Zakaria Musa Anati, and they started building it one year ago. This building was consisted of 4 floors; each floor was consisted of 3 residential apartments, many apartments in the 1st and 2nd floors were ready for housing, and 4 apartments from this building were sold to different families “Anabtawi, Shweki, Gheith, and Abu Nejme”.

On Tuesday 14, February 2017, The Israeli bulldozers demolished two residential houses under construction in Al-Aisawiah village, which is located to the east of Jerusalem. According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities insisted of bulldozers and special units, broke into Al-Kharoubeh area in Al-Aisawiah, besieged the two houses under the construction which owned to Mustafa family, and started demolishing them, under the permit of not having building license.

In 22, February 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a residential house in Beit Hanina neighborhood belonging to Abu Ramoz family, under the pretext of building without permits. According to the eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities with a bulldozer and special units broke into Beit Hanina around 5:00 am, and besieged the house of Mr. Lu'ai Abu Ramoz preparing to demolish it.

On Tuesday 14, March 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a residential building under construction in Al-Aisawiah village, under the pretext of building without permits. According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities with bulldozers broke into the village through its main entrance; they spread in different directions and started demolishing the building under construction that belonging to Mr. Majde Mustafa, which is consisted of 2 floors that were located over 250 square meters.

On Tuesday 28, March 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished a house and a residential building in Al-Aisawia village, under the pretext of building without permits. According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities broke into the village in the early morning; they spread in the streets to implement the demolition, and the started demolishing the house of Mr. Ahmad Abu Al-Humus, which he had started building it several months ago, and he was preparing to move to it. After they demolished the house of Abu Al-Humus family, they started demolishing a building under construction belonging to Muhesen family, noting that this family had started building it one

year ago, and after the 1st floor was ready, the family had to stop the work; in order to get the license.

In 29, March 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished two houses in Jabal Al- Mukaber village, which is located to the south of Jerusalem, under the pretext of building without permits. These houses are owned by two brothers, Mr. Islam and Mr. Imam Al- Abasi, they had started building them since 2014, they were about 160 square meters, and 14 persons, 10 of them were children, were lived there. According to eyewitnesses, dozens of the Israeli authorities and Israeli municipality staff broke into the village, specifically Al-Salaa neighborhood, and then they broke into the two houses, took the families out and started demolishing the houses without any previous warning.

Self house demolitions policy:

On Saturday 18, February 2017, according to a decision of the Israeli municipality, Qaraeen family started to demolish its house, which was 65 square meters and was built 7 years ago, by itself in Silwan. The family was implemented the decision which was under the pretext of building without permits. Pointing that the Israeli municipality gave it two weeks to demolish its house, otherwise the Israeli municipality will demolish this house and impose the demolition's costs on the family.

In 25, March 2017, the Israeli municipality in Jerusalem forced the Jerusalemite citizen Mr. Yousef Bakhtan to demolish the roof of his house by himself in Beit Hanina, under the pretext of building without permits. The family said that their house was about 60 square meters, and its walls had been existed since years. The family also explained that the Israeli municipality in Jerusalem issued a decision to demolish its house, and the family had tried to get license, but they couldn't. However, the family could postpone the decision of demolition until the final decision of demolition, which meant until the last of this month (March).

The policy of imposing restrictions on the commercial and industrial sectors:

On Wednesday 11, January 2017, the Israeli bulldozers demolished 8 temporary buildings spread over 5 Acres in Jabal Al-Mukaber, under the pretext of not having building permits. The sources of the Israeli municipality in Jerusalem said that these buildings were used as shops that sell

constructions' materials, and the demolitions were part of the campaign of "Law Implementation" that launched on the suburb of Jabal Al-Mukaber, which aimed to demolish the unlicensed buildings in open areas.

Housing closure policy:

On Wednesday 22, March 2017, the Israeli authorities closed the house of the martyr Fadi Qunbar in Jabal Al-Mukaber village. According to eyewitnesses, dozens of the Israeli authorities, special units, police and the Mossad broke into Al-Qunbar neighborhood, closed the main street, prevented the vehicles and the people from walking; so they were forced to take other ways in order to enter and leave this neighborhood. Then, these authorities broke into Fadi's house and they started closing it by concrete, even they knew that Fadi's wife and four children were living there.

The policy of closing streets with cement blocks:

On Sunday 9, January 2017, the Israeli authorities closed a road in Jabal Al-Mukaber village with cement blocks, while there were clashes in the other roads in the village. According to eyewitnesses from the village, the Israeli authorities closed one of the main streets in the village which called the Schools' street with the cement blocks.

The policy of imposing restrictions on the freedom of movement:

On Monday 16, January 2017, the Israeli authorities, according to the decision of Israeli Interior Minister, handed over to a Jerusalemite woman a preventable decision from travelling to the mid of March 2017. According to eyewitnesses, the Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations (Mossad) summoned Mrs. Khadija Khwais to an investigation in Al-Maskubiah police station, and they handed her the decision, which was based on the so-called Emergency law of 1948.

The policy the assaults on the individuals and properties:

In 8, January 2017, the young man Mr. Fadi Qunbar was martyred after he ran over a group of Israeli soldiers in Jabal Al-Mukaber. He was martyred after he had got serious wounds during other Israeli soldiers were shooting towards the tuck he was driving.

In 8, January 2017, an Israeli force broke into the house of the martyr F.Q in Jabal Al- Mukaber. It inspected the house and made a deliberated destruction in it, and then it arrested the father, the mother, the sister, and the wife of the martyr, and it took them to the police station for investigation.

On Saturday 14, January 2017, many settlers attacked the house of the citizen Mr. Mohammad Muhesen in Silwan, and they tried to break into it, which made his children scared. Mr. Muhesen said that his house was assaulted for more than half an hour; the settlers broke into the yard of his house, removed an image of a Qur'an verse, damaged the plants and the plastic chairs, tried to break into the house itself, and violently knocked at the main door of the house.

On Wednesday 25, January 2017, the Israeli Interior Minister (Aryeh Deri) announced the cancellation of the residence of the family of the martyr Fadi Qunbar, and the cancellation of the reunion in which based on it the family was stayed and lived in Jerusalem.

The Israeli authorities broke into Al-Maqassed hospital in Jerusalem; they arrested a Palestinian young man from Jenin. According to the reporter of Ma'an Agency, the Israeli authorities besieged the hospital, broke into and inspected its divisions, including the birth division. Then, they arrested a young man from Jenin who came to the hospital with his mother by an ambulance, without knowing the reasons.

In 10, February 2017, a group of settlers seized a residential room, which is about 30 square meters with an outdoor yard of 50 square meters. This room is close to the house of the Jerusalemite citizen Mr. Izzat Salah, 76 years old, moreover they controlled over the only way leading to his house. So, the family was being arrested in its house in Wadi Al-Hilweh neighborhood in Silwan. No one can visit the family, no one can enter this house and the family couldn't go out.

On Wednesday 15, February 2017, an Israeli force broke into Silwan Preparatory School for Boys in Ras Al-Amoud neighborhood, under the pretext of searching about the ones who threw stones.

The Israeli authorities decided to close Al-Nukhbah Elementary School for Boys in Sur Baher village, which is located to the south of Jerusalem. The principal of this school Mr. Luai Jamal

Bkerat explained that the Mossad summoned him and the financial manager of the school Mr. Nasser Hamed, to investigate with them in the police station. He added that they were surprised by the decision of closing the school, under the pretext of incitement. This school is an elementary school for boys from the kindergarten to the sixth grade, with total of 250 students.

The Israeli authorities ambushed for three vehicles belonging to residents of Al-Aisawiah village, during their return from the Negev prison, in which they went to welcome a Palestinian prisoner after he spent 12 years in the prison. But the Israeli authorities deprived the people in this village from this happiness; they immediately rearrested him, and attacked five people, who were: Ahmad Darwish 52 years old, Ibrahim Darwish 42 years old, Mansour Darwish 28 years old, Mohammad Obeid 25 years old, and Saeb Dirbas 23 years old.

On Monday 13, March 2017, the Jerusalemite citizen Mr. Ibrahim Mahmoud Matar, 25 years old from Jabal Al-Mukaber, was martyred by the shots of the Israeli authorities in front of the police station in Bab Al-Asbat area in Jerusalem. According to eyewitnesses, the shooting at him coincided with the coming of the worshipers to Al-Aqsa Mosque to pray Al-Fajer (the early morning) prayer. They also said that they saw a fight between the Palestinian young man who was carrying a stick, and one of the Israeli police officer in front of the police station. Then, the police took the young man out, despite its ability to arrest him, but they chose to shoot him by 4 bullets from a close range; which killing him immediately.

On Sunday 19, March 2017, three Israeli settlers attacked the young Jerusalemite Mr. Musa Khaled Al-Awawi, 22 years old, threatening his life with a gun and a knife. His father Mr. Khaled Al-Awawi said that his son was finished his work at a gas station in the west of Jerusalem at the afternoon, and during his going home through the area “Mahaneh Yehuda”, while standing on the traffic light, he was surprised by three settlers, in their twenties, asking him to open the doors of his car, threatening him a gun, a knife, and sticks, but he continued his way immediately after the opening of the traffic light. Then, when Musa was standing at the traffic light near to Al-Musrara Street in Jerusalem, he was surprised again that these settlers followed him by their motorcycle and threatened him again, so he had to cut the red traffic light, and while he was escaping, he collided with a bus belonging to the Israeli company “Egged”, whereas the settlers escaped.

Detention and Arrest policy:

During the first quarter of 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 114 Jerusalemite citizens, 43 of them were children. Also, the Israeli authorities arrested 7 Jerusalemite women and relegated a number of Jerusalemite citizens from the city of Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque.

In 1, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested Mrs. Raida Alian from Al-Aisawia, the mother of the Jerusalemite prisoner Mr. Mohammad Rabah Alian, while she was visiting him in the Israeli prison Jalboa.

In 2, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 8 Jerusalemites including 4 children, from their houses in Al-Aisawia and Bab Huta in the old city of Jerusalem, they were Saleh Bader Abu Asab 16 years old, Adam Fadi Mustafa 16 years old, Hussam Sameeh Alian 16 years old, Amir Othman Darwish 14 years old, and from Bab Huta they arrested Omar Ibrahim, Nasser Ibrahim, Mohammed Abu Faraha, and Mo'men Hashim.

In 4, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 5 Jerusalemites from their houses in different neighborhoods in Jerusalem. They were Mohammed Sari al-Abbasi 24 years old, and Anas Mohammed al-Abbasi 22 years old from Silwan, Wissam Sidr 23 years old, and Ahmad Sa'ed from Bab Huta neighborhood in Old Jerusalem, and Zayed Al-Ajlouni from of Al-Aisawia.

In 8, January 2017, the Israeli authorities broke into the house of the martyr Fadi Qunbar in Jabal Al-Mukaber, and arrested the father, the mother, the sister, and the wife of the martyr.

In 9, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 6 Jerusalemites from Al-Aisawia, and the judge condemned a boy in the prison. According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities arrested Emad Tariq Sarandah 13 years old, Mohammed Mar'i Dirbas 16 years old, Nayef Waseem Obaid, 14 years old, Daoud Dirbas, Nidal Froukh, and Ali Ma'moun Abu Riala from of Al-Aisawia.

On Tuesday 10, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested Mr. Abed Al-Salam Abu Ghazalah, the father of the martyr Thaer Abu Ghazaleh. The family said that the Israeli authorities broke into the house and arrested the father, and took him to Al-Qishlah police station in Old Jerusalem for investigations.

In 11, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 Jerusalemite traders from their shops in Al-Wad Street in Old Jerusalem. According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities came with taxes staffs suddenly, broke into these shops provocatively, checked their papers and bills, and arrested 3 traders and took them for investigations.

In 11, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 boys from their houses in Jabal Al-Mukaber. According to eyewitnesses, in the early morning the Israeli authorities broke into the village and arrested 3 boys, who were Karam Raed Awaisat 13 years old, Radi Aziz Awaisat 14 years old and Adham Abed Awaisat 14 years old.

In 14, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 2 boys from Silwan after beating them. According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities broke into several neighborhoods in Silwan, and arrested 2 boys who were Saif Abu Nab 13 years old, and Mohammed Sufian Al-Atrash 15 years old.

In 17, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested a Palestinian young man 19 years old in Al-Tour after getting out of the bus, under the pretext of planning to implement a stabbing against Israeli soldiers, and then he was taken to the police station for investigation.

In 22, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 4 Jerusalemites after breaking into their houses in Al-Tour and took them to the police station for investigations. They were Yousef Mohammed Yousef Abu Jumaa 17 years old, Ashraf Saad Al-Din Abu Jumaa 17 years old, Ahmad Zuhair Abu Subaih 18 years old, and Mahmoud Abed Allah Abu Al-Hawa 17 years old.

In 23, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 6 Jerusalemites from Al-Aisawia and one from Silwan after breaking into their houses. They were Ahmad Yousef Obaid 16 years old, Muhammad Abed Mahmoud 17 years old, Mohammed Abed Atyah 16 years old, Ahmad Zaher Tarwa 17 years old, Sameer Akram Atyah 15 years old, and Adam Kayed Mahmoud 16 years from Al-Aisawia. They also arrested Mahmoud Al-Zaghal 18 years old from Ras Al-Amoud neighborhood in Silwan.

In 24, January 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 5 Jerusalemites from Al-Aisawia. They were Mohammed Kayed Mahmoud 22 years old after beating him, Amir Munir Dirbas 19 years old,

Khaled Abu Ghosh 17 years old, Nadim Zahra 17 years old, and Abed Al-Qader Dari 17 years old.

In 6, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 4 Jerusalemites after breaking into their houses, damaging them and stealing money and gold. According to eyewitnesses, 3 of the arrested men were from the families of martyrs, who were the father of the martyr Ghassan Abu Jaml Mr. Mohammed Abu Jaml 71 years old, the brother of the martyr Hasan Natsheh Mr. Tareq Abed Al-Nabi Natsheh 45 years old, the father of the martyr Wissam Farj Mr. Jamal Farj from Shu'fat refugee camp, and the former prisoner Mr. Emad Abed Al-Din Abbasi from Silwan.

In 8, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 5 Jerusalemites from Um Tuba and Jabal Al-Mukaber; they were Malek Abu Tair, Muhammad Abu Tair, Mustafa Abu Tair, Muhammad Al-Qunbar and Abdullah Shukairat.

In 8, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested two Jerusalemites men from Silwan, after they were beaten, during the breaking into Wadi Hilweh neighborhood. According to eyewitnesses, the Israeli authorities broke into the house of Mr. Ameen Siam and inspected it, and then they assaulted and beat the young men and women. Also, they arrested Mr. Jawad Siam, the director of Wadi Hilweh Information Center, Mr. Omar Siam, Mr. Mohammad Siam, Mr. Diaan Baydoun, and Mr. Hilal Qara'en was beaten.

In 13, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 5 Jerusalemites including 3 minors; they were the minor Amir Dirbas, the minor Bara' Mahmoud, the minor Majd Ali Abu Sakran 16 years old, Bashar Mahmoud and Mohammed Fawzi Obaid.

In 16, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 Jerusalemites from Al-Aisawia after breaking into their houses. They were Mahmoud Mohammed Mustafa 13 years old, Younes Wissam Abu Al-Humus 15 years old, and Muhannad Ma'mun Abu Asab 13 years old.

In 16, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested Rawan Shukhi 21 years old after breaking into her house in Silwan. Her family said that the Mossad summoned her father and some of the family members for investigations.

In 20, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested Mr. Najeh Bkerat, the director of the Religious Education at the Islamic Endowment Department, and Mrs. Ikram Natsheh and her

daughter Mrs. Raghad Natsheh. They were arrested after the stopping of two buses in the street no.1 in Jerusalem, while they were going to Jaffa.

In 21, February 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 Jerusalemites boys from Silwan, under the pretext of throwing stones. They were Mo'men Sami Abu Sharkh 15 years old, Wissam Rouhi Da'na, 13 years old, and Adam Mansour Al-Rishq 13 years old.

In 21, February 2017, the Israeli authorities carried out several raids and arrests in Al-Aisawia and Shu'fat refugee camp. They arrested the brothers Muhannad Anwar Obeid 36 years old, Samer Anwar Obeid 24 years old, and Sami Anwar Obeid 41 years old. Also, they arrested Shaheen Alian 23 years old, and Mohammed Kayed Mahmoud 24 years old from Al-Aisawia.

In 5, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 5 Jerusalemites from Al-Aisawia after their breaking into the village and beating the young men. The arrested young men were Ahmad Musa Darwish 52 years old, Ibrahim Musa Darwish 42 years old, Mansour Hasan Darwish 29 years old, Mohammed Nihad Obeid 25 years old, and Sa'ib Kayed Dirbas 23 years old.

On Wednesday 8, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 children from Al-Thouri neighborhood in Silwan after the breaking into this neighborhood. Hussam Al-Zaghal, Rami Al-Julani and Malek al-Qais, who were between 11-15 years old, were arrested and took to the police station for investigations.

In 9, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 Jerusalemites from Silwan and Al-Aisawia. From Silwan they arrested Yazan Siam and Hamza Sha'lan, on the suspicion of assaulting on settlers. Also, they arrested Ahmed Abed Al-Nasser from Al-Aisawia.

In 13, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 5 Jerusalemites from their houses in Ein Al-Louza neighborhood in Jerusalem; they were Karim Abu Tayeh, Mahmoud Abu Nab, and Uday, Abu Tayeh, Ayman Abu Tayeh and Muhammad Abu Al-Hamam. They also arrested the minor Musleh Naser Shehadeh 15 years old from Silwan, the minor Sondus Julani 17 years old fro Al-Thouri neighborhood in Silwan, Wael Karawah from Al-Suaih neighborhood in Silwan, and Wael Abu Ramoz 32 years old from Jabal Al- Mukaber.

In 15, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested the journalist Samah Dweik after the breaking into her house in Ras Al-Amoud neighborhood in Silwan, and they took her to Al-Qishlah police station in Old Jerusalem.

In 16, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 Jerusalemites from Silwan and Al-Aisawia. From Silwan, they arrested Arafat Abu Al-Hamam 42 years old and Mohammed Ali Abu Tayeh 22 years old. Also, they arrested Ahmad Dari from Al-Aisawia.

In 20, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 children from Al-Aisawia and took them to the police station in Salah Al-Din Street in Jerusalem. These arrested children were Mohammed Ramzi Muhesen 13 years old, Ahmad Nasser Muhesen 13 years old, and his twin brother Muhammad 13 years old.

In 25, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested many Jerusalemites from different areas in Jerusalem. They were Amir Waled Al-Balbisi from Al-Suanah neighborhood, Abed Al-Rahim Barbar from Ras Al-Amoud neighborhood in Silwan, Issa Mohammed Al-Ja'bari 17 years old, Yazan Hisham Al-Ja'bari 16 years old, and Serag Al-Din Mrish 14 years old, Mohammed Al-Shalabi, Alaa' Al-Din Al-Natsheh, Mohammed Abu Shousha 21 years old, and Hamza Malhas 21 years old.

On Monday 28, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested some of the guards of Al-Aqsa Mosque after breaking into their houses in Jerusalem. They were Samer Al-Qabani, Qasem Kamal, Osama Siam, Lu'ai Abu Al-Saad, Salman Abu-Mayaleh, Hamza Nimer and Arafat Najib. Their detentions were extended to the next day to present them to the court. Also, the Israeli authorities summoned two guards Mr. Ahed Joudeh and Mr. Muhannad Idris, however they were released.

In 29, March 2017, the Israeli authorities arrested 3 boys from Ras Al-Amoud neighborhood in Silwan, after they broke into their houses. They were Ibrahim Ammar Al-Zaghal 13 years old, Mohammed Mazen Shweiki 16 years old and Hamdi Jamal Jaber 16 years old.

The policy of the assaults on the holy places:

On Monday 28, March 2017, an archaeologist tried to steal stones from the old mosque in Al-Aqsa Mosque, but the guards resisted and prevented him. After that, he broke into the mosque, trying to enter Al-Marwani, but the guards prevented him again.

In 29, March 2017, the Israeli authorities assaulted on Al-Aqsa Mosque, hit and injured 4 of its guards, and arrested one of the guards for investigation. In addition, 179 settlers including 84 students broke into Al-Aqsa Mosque during the morning raids in sequent groups.