

Monthly Report for Human Rights Violations in Jerusalem

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MSD monitoring and documentation unit published its monthly report on human rights violations in Jerusalem; the detailed report presents all cases documented of Palestinians' human rights violated in Jerusalem during the month of November as follows:

Violations of the rights to freedom of movement, access and residence

On 04\11\2014, the Israeli Municipality initiated a wide campaign of house demolitions to houses that belong to Jerusalemites citizens; as most of these demolitions took place in Yasol Valley neighborhood in Silwan where Israeli bulldozers demolished the houses of the two brothers "A.A.R" and "KH.A.R"; the first house was with a total area of 150 square meters and consisted of 4 rooms, the demolition process resulted in the displacement of a family of 7 members, 5 of which are children. The second house was a total area of 170 square meters and consisted of 5 rooms, the demolition process resulted in the displacement of a family of 12 members. The bulldozers carried out the demolition process with no prior notice or allowing the two families to remove the furniture, as the demolition took place with all the furniture still inside the houses.

The Israeli bulldozers also demolished the house of "A.S" in the same neighborhood with a total area of 40 square meters and 3 rooms; as he moved into the house only one week before the demolition took place. The demolition process resulted in the displacement of a family of 5 members (3 children, one of which was blind with special needs).

The Israeli bulldozers demolished the house of the citizen "H.A"; 60 years old; in Al Tour neighborhood in Jerusalem, as the occupation forces raided Al-Sahel area in the same neighborhood, they started the demolition of the house which consisted of one floor under construction, under the pretext of building without permit, the demolition process was implemented with no prior notice.

Whilst the Jerusalem Municipality issued orders to demolish a number of houses and imposed several fines and different taxes on many shops, in addition to taking pictures of houses in Silwan neighborhood and setting up checkpoints in its alleys, moreover, the Jerusalem Municipality handed a demolition order on a building that belonged to the Jerusalemite citizen (D.S) and his brothers in Bir-Ayoub neighborhood in Silwan, as it included the demolition of two floors (the third and fourth floors) in the residential building which is made of 5 floors with a total area of 260 square meters and which was built in 1995, noting that he and his brothers were forced to pay several fines that reached 120,000 shekels.

The Jerusalem Municipality staff also hanged a demolition order on a restaurant in Silwan Village that belong to the Jerusalemite citizen "H.D" as they gave him a period of 24 hours to conduct the demolition process by himself; in addition, the municipality gave the citizen "A.S" an order to demolish his own Garage within 30 days and another shop that belonged to a citizen from "Abu Hadwan" family in Wadi-Hilwa neighborhood.

In the escalation of an unprecedented attack on the city of Jerusalem, a new project will soon be issued by the Israeli Prime Minister, which states that identities and social rights should be withdrawn and provoked from the implementers of the martyrdom operations as a continuation of the violence policy that the Israeli occupation implements against Palestinian Jerusalemites and Al-Aqsa Mosque, in addition, the Israeli occupation bombed the house Of "Abdel Rahman Al-Shalodi" in Al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan under a military decision and an order from the Prime Minister of the Israeli Government and the Minister of Internal Security, where explosives experts broke into the building after midnight, which was inhabited by the family of the martyr and consisted of 5 floors, as they forced the residents to come out within a few minutes only and did not allow them to remove the home furniture and their own belongings. They also planted dynamite inside the house and bombed it completely during the clashes between Israeli forces and the inhabitants of the neighborhood; as this led to damaging and affecting the next door houses.

Attacking individuals and properties

A group of settlers damaged the tires of vehicles that belonged to the Arab citizens in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in the city of Jerusalem, and wrote "Death to Arabs" on the vehicles and the walls of the neighboring houses, in addition, another group wrote slogans against Arabs in Beit Safafa neighborhood, as this group damaged the tires of Arab citizens' vehicles and messed their properties and destroyed them.

In a related context, a group of extreme Jewish settlers attacked an Arab car driver in the morning in Silwan neighborhood while he was waiting in his car for the traffic light to go green, as a vehicle that was driven by young settlers pulled over next to him and they started to insult him with racist words and screamed at him, then they left their car and tried to open his car door, moreover, they damaged the mirrors and the glass, the citizen called the police while the settlers ran away. Another group of settlers attacked the truck of the driver instructor "A.T" with stones while he was passing by a street between the Arab and Israelis neighborhoods, and another private car which belongs to the citizen "F.R" was subject to severe damages after a group of settlers attacked it with stones in Shekh Jarrah neighborhood.

A group of settlers tried to attack the ambulance officer "F.A" from the Arab Paramedics Association and his colleague "M.A" while they were heading to their work in Der Yasin area, as they were surprised by a group of settlers surrounding them and they tried to attack them but they managed to leave the place without any injuries caused.

The Jerusalemite child "A.Z.M"; 16 years old; was subject to injuries and bruises all around his body after he was kidnapped in Bet Hanina to the north of Jerusalem while he was heading to school at 7 o'clock in the morning, as a car hit him while he was riding his bicycle and three strangers stepped out of the car; one of them hit him on the head and the others tried to put him in the back trunk. In the afternoon, the child was found lying on the floor in Bet Hanina and he was unconscious, he was transferred to hospital for treatment as he was subject to an internal bleeding in the lungs and another bruises all around his body, the Israeli police started the investigation, as they found a jacket with a small Jewish biblical book inside it, this proves that he was attacked and kidnapped by Jewish settlers but the police said that it was a small car accident that turned into a fight later on.

The young man "F.R" was stabbed by a group of settlers while he was leaving the post office in Jaffa Street, as they stabbed him many times in the back and legs and they ran away afterwards. The young man was transferred to hospital for treatment; as he was in a serious condition.

The Jerusalemite child "S.F"; 10 years old; was shot in the face with a rubber-coated metal bullet while he was standing between the crowds and school students in Al-Issawieh village to protest against the policy of the occupation authorities on closing the town's main entrance with cement blocks and preventing people from living their daily lives normally. The Israeli soldiers threw sound and gas bombs although the demonstrators were not throwing stones, which caused the injuries of many of them. The boy was hit by a rubber bullet from a distance of no more than ten meters which led to a serious injury in the eye, nose and a severe bleeding in the face, in addition to fractures in his skull, he was taken to hospital for treatment and put in the intensive care unit, as they performed an urgent surgery on him that lasted for more than nine hours, this incident caused him loss of sight in his right eye.

The young man "Y.R"; 32 years old; was attacked by a group of extreme settlers in a bus that belongs to an Israeli transportation company where he works as a driver, as they hanged him from his neck while he was in the bus which caused his death, they also found attack marks on his body and a rope tied around his neck, but the attackers managed to run away from the place.

Detentions and arrests

During this month, the Israeli authorities increased their series of arrests against the Jerusalemites citizens, as they were arrested with unreasonable charges such as throwing stones, not following the public order, defending at Al-Aqsa Mosque, incitement, standing up to settlers whether by words or self-defense, attacking a police officer, throwing fireworks towards the boats of Israeli soldiers and other false charges that contradict with international laws and treaties.

The District Court extended the arrest of the two young men "A.A.M", "H.SH" and "A.A"; 19 years old; from the old city of Jerusalem and sentenced them to pay a fine of 40 thousand

shekels for each and another fine of 75 thousand shekels paid by the parents, only because they responded to the provocation of one settler in the old city, which caused a fight, as the Israeli police arrested them. Moreover, several children between the age of 15-17 years old, "M.A.S", "M.Z", "R.A", "A.A.GH", "M.Z" and the young guy "K.R"; 19 years old, to investigate with them on the charge of throwing stones on Israeli occupation soldiers and participating in the clashes in the city neighborhoods, moreover, they also extended the arrest of Fateh Secretary of the Jerusalem Region "A.GH" who was charged with incitement.

The Israeli occupation police arrested two Jerusalemites young men from the old city of Jerusalem under the pretext of trying to implement a stabbing operation in the area. The district Court sentenced the prisoner "Islam Natsheh" with 20 years for writing on his social networking page (Face book) that he wishes to be a martyr; as they attacked his house, took him, investigated with him and later on he was imprisoned on this charge.

Violation of freedom of religion and attacks of holy places

Large groups of settlers attacked Al-Aqsa mosque under security and protection provided by Israeli police while the occupation authorities set up barriers on the entrances of the old city and the gates of Al-Aqsa and prevented worshipers under the age of forty years old from entering the mosque, moreover, they kept the identity cards of worshipers who were allowed to enter until they leave the mosque.

Following the continuous attacks by settlers on Al-Aqsa Mosque, clashes broke out between the settlers and the worshipers, and in turn, the police launched a campaign of arrests among Marabouts, including women who were saying slogans against Jews with magnification (God is Great), in addition, one of the Israeli police members attacked worshipers with severe beatings including the female Jerusalemite "S.N" for trying to stand against the settlers who tried to irritate them with racist and abusive words against Muslims.

The Israeli occupation authorities aim to surround Al-Aqsa mosque with electric gates in order to make accurate security checks for people coming to the mosque. These electric gates include metal detectors in order to conduct security checks to prevent them from entering sharp metal tools and/or objects that may be used in confrontations with the Israeli occupation police who are standing at the gates of the mosque. These gates also have cameras that detect the profile of the suspected persons and those who are wanted for the Israeli authorities as an attempt to apply the extreme siege on al Aqsa mosque and to eliminate the Arab and Islamic roots to implement the spatial and temporal division.

Judaization Trends and Settlements Plans

The Israeli occupation authorities are seeking to build 500 new settlement units in "Ramat Shkol" settlement above Shu'fat city to the north of Jerusalem, another 300 settlement units in "Bet Eil", another 200 settlement units in "Ramot" settlement and 78 settlement units in "Har Homa" settlement in Abu Ghneim Mountain which consists of a building with 15 floors.

Raids and Incursions

The Israeli occupation forces attacked the house of the released prisoner "A.A" in Ein Al-Lozeh neighborhood in Silwan Village after they surrounded the house from the inside and outside, raided it, checked it and completely damaged its contents with no apparent reason.

The Israeli occupation forces broke into a residential building that belongs to Jaber family in Ras Al-Amoud in Silwan village under the pretext of looking for stone throwers, as they tried to arrest two children, one of them is 2 years old and the other is 9 years old, and after checking and searching the place, it was found that the child who is 2 years old was with his mother at the roof of the building and threw a small stone that fell to the ground while the Israeli soldiers were in front of the building, one of the Israeli soldiers shouted at the family and said " you should educate your children not to throw stones", the family made sure that their 2 years old child was only playing with the stones, the Israeli soldiers made a background check on the child "A.G"; 9 years old; after knowing his name, and they tried to arrest him under the pretext of having "colored stones" in his pocket which turned out to be candy for children after they checked it.