

## **Monthly Report for Human Rights Violations in Jerusalem**

**July 2016**

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 July 2016 as follows:

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

In the morning of Wednesday 13/07/2016 the Israeli municipality's bulldozers demolished 3 houses that were under construction and a sheep barracks in Jabal Almukaber village, the demolition took place without prior notice and under the pretext of building without permit as members of the Israeli municipality with the Israeli occupation forces broke into the village at dawn and demolished the 3 houses that belong to the following families: "Ewesat", "Abu Sakran" and "Akeel" in addition to demolishing a sheep barracks.

Mr. " A'.A'" reported that the Israeli occupation forces broke into his house and demolished it without prior notice with the absence of its residence, he also reported that the house had an area of 100 m2 and he started building the house a month before the demolition as he planned to live there with 5 family members.

The Israeli bulldozers also demolished a house that had been under construction and that had an area of 50 m2 as well as a sheep barracks that had an area of 30 m2 and that belongs to the citizen " A.A.S" who explained that the house was built by his family for his prisoner brother " D.A.S".

Moreover, the Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished a tin and aluminium house that had been under construction for 3 months, the house belongs to the citizen " H.A." and had an area of 70 square meters.

On Thursday 14/07/2016, the Israeli occupation forces surrounded Al Isawyeh village in Jerusalem with checkpoints and intensive spread of policemen on the village's entrances, witnesses reported that the Israeli soldiers broke into the entrances and roads of the village in the early morning and centralized and set up barriers there. Witnesses added that the Israeli soldiers intended to abuse the citizens especially in the early morning when they were heading to their jobs and work by stopping cars and buses and inspecting them strictly in addition to checking their IDs and subjecting some young men to physical inspection.

On 19/07/2016, the Israeli municipality with a force of Israeli soldiers demolished a house that was under construction, a commercial facility and stores in Silwan and Beit Hanina neighborhood in Jerusalem, the demolitions were conducted without prior notice and under the pretext of building without a permit. It has been reported that the Israeli occupation forces closed Beit Hanina village in east Jerusalem and the roads leading to Tal elfoul as Israeli bulldozers demolished a house that is under construction house and that belongs to the citizen " Sh. A.", the owner reported that the house had an area of 120 m<sup>2</sup> and that he started constructing the house two months ago to live there with his 9 family members, including 7 children.

The Israeli occupation bulldozers demolished many facilities In Ein Alluzeh neighbourhood, in Silwan village that belong to the families of Abu Tayeh and Abu Alhamam, the citizen " A. A.|H." reported that the bulldozers demolished a room and its furniture that had an area of 36 m<sup>2</sup> and 3 stores that has an area of 75 m<sup>2</sup> that had been built for 8 years.

Israeli Bulldozers also demolished a car garage and car wash that belonged to Abu Tayeh family and that had an area of 30 m<sup>2</sup>, it should be noted that the facilities had been built for 10 years before the demolition.

On 20/07/2016, the Israeli municipality's bulldozers demolished a commercial facility that belongs to the citizen " K. A. S." In the industrial zone ' Atarot' north Jerusalem, without a prior notice, as the Israeli forces with members of the Israeli municipality surrounded the facility, broke its doors and bulldozed the land and its surrounding in the absence of its owner or the workers. The owner reported that they demolished 2 tin rooms ' 4 containers' used as offices and stores and bulldozed a vehicle , a diesel tank and two trucks, noting that the rooms have been demolished on the contents.

On Sunday 24/07/2016, the Israeli municipality forced the citizen Abdelnaser Qara'een to demolish a residential room located in Wadi Al Helwe neighborhood in Silwan village to avoid paying demolishing fees to the municipality, the house owner explained that the Israeli municipality issued a decision to demolish a residential room he had build for his son. They set the deadline which is 04/08/2016 to implement the demolition, otherwise the demolition would be carried out by the municipality and they would impose a fine on him for building without permit in addition to the costs of demolition fees.

On 26/07/2016, Israeli bulldozers with a force of Israeli soldiers demolished a house that was under construction and that belongs to the citizen " S. A. M.", the house had an area of 140 square meters. On the same day the bulldozers also demolished a commercial facility (car garage) that was built of bricks and roofed with tin. The garage belongs to " H. M." and had an area of 60 square meters, the owner reported that it's the third time the Israeli forces demolish " H. M."s facility, as the bulldozers also demolished 2 walls that belong to " R.S.B." and "Y.M.M."

## **Attacking Individuals and Properties**

On Friday afternoon 1/07/2016, the Israeli occupation forces broke into the house of Mr. "A'.K" in Wadi Helwe neighborhood in old city Jerusalem, they violently searched the house, destroyed its furniture and attacked its residents. It has also been reported that they arrested the young man M.K (21 years old) to investigate with him at the police office in Salah-eddin Street; they also called his brother who is 17 years old for investigation.

On Sunday morning 10/07/2016, the "Israel Antiquities Authority" and the Israeli occupation forces confiscated antiquities from the store of the citizen "N.H" that is located in "Al-Wad St." in the old city Jerusalem, the owner reported that members of the Israeli antiquities authority and police forces broke into his store in the Old City in Jerusalem without prior notice and confiscated its contents (antiquities) by an order from the Israeli and under the pretext of "antiquities trade without a license" as he was informed.

On Tuesday 19/07/2016, members of Israel's nature and park authority with Israeli occupation forces demolished gravestones in "Bab Al-Rahmeh" cemetery near the eastern wall of Al-Aqsa mosque, it has been reported that Israel's nature and park authority staff abruptly broke into the cemetery and demolished 4 graves that belong to several families including "Deebah" and "Al-Razem" family, witnesses reported that the graves were empty and were demolished using manual tools.

On Sunday 24/07/2016, a number of Jerusalemite young men were injured with bruises and burns during an Israeli attack on "A'qabat Al-Khaldieh" neighborhood in Old City Jerusalem under the pretext of "throwing stones at Israeli settlers". Witnesses reported that more than 7 young men were injured in the head and face and suffered from pepper spray burns after being attacked by the Israeli occupation forces, moreover several arrests of young men took place during the reported attack.

## **Detentions and Arrests**

On 3/07/2016, the Israeli occupation forces arrested 11 Jerusalemites from the Old City, Silwan and Sour Baher village in Jerusalem, among the arrested is the Journalist "A.T.A" (36 years old).

On 07/07/2016, the Israeli occupation forces arrested two minors, they are: "A.A'.Z" (13 years old) from the Old City and "M.N.B" (18 years old) who was arrested after breaking into his house in Sur Baher village southern Jerusalem, moreover, on 06/07/2016 the Israeli occupation forces arrested another two minors "A.K" from Silwan village and "M.A" as he was passing through Qalandia checkpoint northern Jerusalem.

On 10/07/2016, disguised Israeli soldiers arrested the minors "R.A" and "Y.A.H", witnesses reported that the Israeli soldiers had severely beaten the children as they arrested them, which caused several bruises and fractures all over their bodies.

On 11/07/2016, the Israeli occupation forces arrested minors from Silwan village, specifically from Al-Swaneih neighborhood, as they were passing through a flying checkpoint in the village. In addition, the Israeli occupation forces arrested Mr. "A.Kh.S" (50 years old) and his son "M.A.S" (22 years old) after attacking them near their house in Wadi Helweh neighborhood in Silwan village.

The Israeli occupation forces arrested two minors and a young man from "Ein Al-Lawzeh neighborhood" in Silwan, witnesses reported that the detainees were severely beaten during the arrest which caused several bruises in their bodies.

On 24/07/2016, the Israeli occupation forces broke into "Al-Khaledieh neighborhood" in Jerusalem and attacked several young men in the neighborhood which caused injuries among them; moreover they arrested 9 young men from the same neighborhood aged between 13 and 27 years old. On the same day, the Israeli occupation forces arrested the young men "A.A.Kh" and "M.A.Kh" from Shu'fat village northern Jerusalem.

On Wednesday morning 27/07/2016, the Israeli occupation forces carried out several arrests around Silwan and Sheikh Jarrah neighborhoods that targeted tens of (male and female) youths, it has been reported that 34 Jerusalemites were arrested, including 16 minors aged under 18 years old.

The Israeli occupation forces arrested two Jerusalemite women "Z.Z" (42 years old) and "R.Z" (41 years old) from "Soweih neighborhood" after breaking into their houses. Additionally, on 27/07/2016 the Israeli "magistrate court" extended the arrest of the women until 28/07/2016.

### **Violation of freedom of religion and attacks of holy places**

On 12/07/2016, more than 280 settlers broke into Al-Aqsa mosque from the Moroccan gate; they broke into the mosque's yards under the protection of a large number of Israeli soldiers, moreover a group of them performed religious rituals near one of the gates to the mosque "Al-Selseleh gate" whereas Muslim prayers were dispersed from the area and denied entry through the gate to Al-Aqsa mosque by the Israeli soldiers.

In the morning of 24/07/2016, (65) settlers broke into Al-Aqsa mosque's yards under the protection of Israeli occupation forces, witnesses reported that among the settlers was "Yehuda A'tsion" who tried to bomb Al-Aqsa mosque in 1989.