



Fact Sheet on Israeli Housing and Land Rights Violations during 2016

Demolition of 1,064 structures and residences:

- The demolition of 418 residences rendered 1,852 people, including 848 children, homeless. The rate of home demolition was 208% that of 2015. It is reported that the demolished houses were built by the following materials:
 - ❖ 132 stone houses
 - ❖ 45 cement and cement-block houses
 - ❖ 93 houses built of metal panels
 - ❖ 2 were trailers
 - ❖ 126 were residential tents
 - ❖ 11 were residential caves
 - ❖ 2 houses under construction (foundation phase)
 - ❖ 8 houses built with plastic panels

Among the West Bank's major urban centers, Jerusalem recorded the highest rate of home demolitions, with 161 demolished houses. Nablus came second, with 81 residences, whereas the City of al-Khalil (Hebron) came last, with 71 homes.

It should be noted that demolitions under the pretext of unlicensed construction in the less-urbanized area classified "C" according to the Oslo Accords came first with 386 demolished residences, of which Israeli forces forced the owners of 23 to self-demolish their homes, whereas Israeli forces demolished 32 for "security reasons."

- Demolition of 646 structures, of which 8,000 people, including 4,300 children, use for their livelihood. The rate of structure demolition was 154% of that in 2015. The demolished structures were as follows:
 - ❖ 252 agricultural barracks
 - ❖ 51 agricultural storage and room
 - ❖ 12 sheds and tents
 - ❖ 24 retaining walls
 - ❖ two mosques
 - ❖ 11 parks
 - ❖ 4 educational institutions
 - ❖ 10 power grids
 - ❖ 1 cave
 - ❖ 121 homes facilities
 - ❖ 57 water wells
 - ❖ 96 commercial structures
 - ❖ 2 roads

Threats of demolition against 927 structures and residences

- 531 residences were threatened of demolition. The rate of home demolition increased at 109% of 2015 demolitions.
- 396 structures threatened with demolition. The rate of structures threatened with demolition were 123% of those affected in 2015.

Confiscation of 13,295 dunums* (43% increase rate)

- 818 dunums confiscated without military orders
- 9,477 dunums confiscated under military orders
- 3,000 dunums confiscated under master plans for settler colonies

Attacks on 97,000 trees of which 7,000 were totally destroyed

- 3,060 trees ravaged
- 2,212 trees uprooted
- 2,000 trees were affected by pumped sewage water of colonies
- 916 trees burnt by arson
- 80 trees chemically poisoned
- 20 trees damaged due to military training activities

464 colonists' attacks were as follows:

- 58 attacks, targeting 3,060 trees
- 110 attacks, targeting 285 people
- 195 attacks, targeting archeological and religious sites
- 46 attacks, targeting 105 Palestinian residences
- 17 attacks, targeting 25 facilities
- 28 attacks, targeting 126 vehicles
- 10 attacks, confiscating 818 dunums of land

Colonization

- 9 colonial outposts are being established
- 90 settler colonies are undergoing expansion activities
- 25 industrial zones were transformed into residential areas (settler colonies)
- 64 master plans were either deposited or ratified
- Plans for 4,600 residential units were declared/ratified or deposited
- 756 colonial residential units were retroactively legalized
- 3,000 dunums are being prepared for new master plans of settler colonies

* A dunum is a land measurement equivalent to one thousand square meters.