

The Resilience of Occupied Jerusalem

Israeli Violations in 2017

Racial and Discriminatory Laws



In the 20th Knesset session from May 15 to July 2017, **150 racist draft laws** were introduced. In 2017 the Israeli Knesset endorsed in a final reading, a law that retroactively legitimizes Israeli settlements. The Jerusalem Law was also proposed in 2017, which was endorsed in the final reading in January 2018. Additionally 12 racial draft laws were proposed in support of Israel's military occupation and settlement enterprise.

Israeli Settlement Projects



174 structural plans were issued for the construction of no less than 12,939 new Israeli settlement units in West Bank territory, including 31 plans for the construction of more than 3,155 units in Jerusalem.

Forcible Transfer



The Israeli occupying authorities carried out **6 evacuation operations** in the Old City of Jerusalem, Silwan, Sheikh Jarrah and Jabal Al-Mukaber, resulting in the displacement of **9** Palestinian families consisting of **36** individuals, including **13** children.

Home Demolitions



Israel demolished **108 Palestinian structures**, of which **34 structures** and 80 homes, were forced self-demolitions by their owners. The number of **Palestinian civilians affected directly** by the demolitions reached **631** civilians, including **283** children. More than **233** Palestinian civilians, including **133** children, were displaced.

Withholding Bodies of Martyrs



Since 1967, Israel has illegally withheld the bodies of approximately 268 Palestinian martyrs, holding them in the so-called cemeteries of numbers. In 2014, Israel withheld 19 Palestinian bodies during the military offensive on the Gaza Strip. **Israel is currently withholding the bodies of 15 Palestinian martyrs, including 3 martyrs from Jerusalem.**

Premeditated Killings



The Israeli occupying forces and settlers killed **84 Palestinian** civilians across Palestine (25% are children), **12** killed in Jerusalem alone.

Arrests



In 2017 Israeli occupying forces arrested more than **2,436 Palestinian civilians** in Jerusalem, including 800 minors. Of this number, **36%** of the arrests were in Jerusalem, an increase of 20% from the previous year.

Settler Violence and Terror



Israeli settlers carried out **37 terror attacks** against Palestinian land, property and holy places in occupied Jerusalem.

Attacks on Holy Sites and Places of Worship



Israeli occupying forces carried out no less than **1,210** attacks on the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem, Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the Old City of Hebron, places of worship, Islamic shrines and cemeteries. The peak of Israeli attacks on the Al-Aqsa Mosque took place in July 2017.