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.

**Racial and Discriminatory Laws**

**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 4 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, confiscated and/or sealed off 142 Palestinian structures, including 33 inhabited homes. 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 94 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.