

# Jerusalem Chronology

## 2016

### January

**Jan. 3:** Israeli military prosecutors charge two Palestinian 12-year-old boys, Shadi Farrah and Ahmad Zatari, with attempted murder and possession of knives.

- A Palestinian is detained after allegedly attempting to stab an Israeli at a bus station on Barzani St. in the Armon Hanatziv next to Jabal Al-Mukabber.

**Jan. 4:** A Palestinian man was shot and moderately wounded after he allegedly attempted to stab an Israeli police officer near Jerusalem's light rail.

**Jan. 5:** In Jabal Al-Mukabber, the families of Alaa Abu Jamal and Baha Elayyan who were both shot dead on Oct. 13, 2015, after carrying out separate attacks and whose homes were subsequently demolished and sealed, decry Israel's policy of punitive home demolition.

- Thousands of Palestinians attend the funeral of 19-year-old Mohammad Saed Ali in Shu'fat camp after the Israeli authorities released his body 88 days after he was shot dead following a stabbing attack outside Damascus Gate on 10 Oct. 2015.

- During a news conference at the Palestinian National Theatre (Al-Hakawati) in Jerusalem, Palestinian Muslim and Christian religious clerics and officials - including President of the Supreme Islamic Council Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, Archbishop of Sebastia from the Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem Atallah Hanna, and former PA Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Hatim Abdel Qader - launch a campaign titled "Jerusalem Capital of the World 2016," aimed at raising international awareness of Muslim and Christian heritage in and claims over occupied East Jerusalem.

**Jan. 6:** Israeli forces storm the ICRC headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah and detain six Palestinian activists staging a sit-in on site to protest a decision by the Israeli authorities to deport them from Jerusalem for a period of five to six months for alleged security reasons.

- During clashes with Israeli soldiers in Issawiyya, Ahmad Abu Hummus, 12, is severely injured in the head and eye by a sponge-tipped bullet.

**Jan. 7:** Israeli forces demolish a two-story building and an unfinished apartment belonging to the Abu Diab family in Silwan for lacking a license.

- Israeli forces demolish part of a restaurant belonging to Imad Burqan in Beit Safafa for being built without permit.

**Jan. 8:** Israeli security forces dismantle a handmade explosive device near the Dor Alon gas station outside Issawiya.

- Some 200 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip – all over 60 years – are allowed to pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Jan. 10:** The Palestinian Prisoners' Center for Studies reports that Israeli forces has detained over 1,900 Palestinians from East Jerusalem in 2015, around two-thirds of whom were minors, 65 of whom were put under house arrest.

- Israeli forces demolish five dwellings housing Bedouin families of the Abu Nuwwar community located in the E1 corridor, leaving 25 people homeless.

- *Haaretz* reports that in response to a suit filed against the city over nine months ago on behalf of Palestinian residents, the Jerusalem District Court has ruled that the city must draft a plan to build playgrounds in the Palestinian neighborhoods of Shu'fat and Beit Hanina.

- A new technology school launched by the Jerusalem Municipality, in partnership with Israel's Ministry of Education, opens in Beit Hanina, meant to offer outstanding math and science students the necessary tools to tackle the technological challenges of the 21st century.

**Jan. 11:** Israeli authorities release the body Mustafa Adel Al-Khatib, 17, from Jabal Mukabber, nearly three months after he was shot dead on Oct. 12 near Lion's Gate following an alleged stabbing attempt.

**Jan. 12:** The Muslim prayer room in the Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem is vandalized by unknown assailants.

- *Maannews* reports that for the past few weeks, the Hashima, Kastero, Seidawi, and Maswada families living in the Old City's Aqbat al-Khalidiya quarter were handed eviction notices after an Israeli court ruled that their homes originally belonged to the Jewish Diskin Orphan Fund of Israel, which was established in 1881.

- Israeli police forces raid Issawiya, firing tear gas at Palestinians and their homes, triggering clashes with Palestinian youth.

**Jan. 14:** In East Jerusalem, Israeli police suppress a meeting of the outlawed Islamic Movement in Israel to discuss the issue of public institutions currently banned by the Israeli government, using tear-gas and stun grenades,

**Jan. 15:** Some 200 Palestinians from Gaza travel to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to attend Friday prayers.

- The Israeli Planning and Construction committee in the Jerusalem Municipality publishes the approval on the plan scheme No: 101-0172783 to construct a new 6 story building with 12 housing units in Sheikh Jarrah.

**Jan. 16:** Suspected Israeli extremist write threatening hate speech in Hebrew on the doors of the Dormition Abbey church in the Old City, reading "Kill the Christians, the enemy of Israel", "The revenge is coming very soon," and "Send Christians to hell."

**Jan. 20:** In Silwan, Israeli authorities demolish a home under construction belonging to Samir Nassar without prior notice for being built without permits.

- Israeli forces raid Beit Hanina and demolish a house belonging to Hiba Abu Asab, claiming it was built without license.

**Jan. 21:** Israeli forces demolish without prior notice three EU-donated structures belonging to Bedouins in the Jabal Al-Baba area of Al-Izzariya, displacing 17 Palestinians, half of them children.

- An Israeli police officer is lightly injured by a Molotov cocktail during clashes with Palestinians near the Mount of Olives.

**Jan. 22:** Palestinians hold a sit-in at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound protesting Israel's continued withholding of Palestinian bodies and supporting prisoners on hunger strike.

**Jan. 23:** A Palestinian girl, Ruqaya Abu Eid, 13, is shot dead outside the Anatot (Almon) settlement after allegedly attempting to stab an Israeli security guard.

- Following a Fatah Central Committee meeting, President Abbas tells journalists that anyone who gives up Jerusalem is a traitor and there will be no Palestinian state without it.

**Jan. 25:** A young Israeli woman is killed in a stabbing attack in Beit Horon settlement, near Jerusalem; the perpetrators, a 17-year-old from Qalandia camp and a Palestinian from Beit Ur At-Tahta village are shot dead on site by an Israeli guard.

**Jan. 27:** An Israeli is injured in a stabbing attack at a gas station outside Givat Zeev settlement.

- Israeli forces demolish two buildings in East Jerusalem, claiming one had been built without permits and the other was in the way of a new route connecting Israeli settlements.

**Jan. 29:** *Haaretz* reports that the Israeli Education Ministry will encourage East Jerusalem schools to switch from the Palestinian to the Israeli curriculum by offering extra funding to those that agree

**Jan. 30:** Outside the Old City, an Israeli is stabbed as he returns from the Western Wall with the two suspected attackers fleeing the scene. Two East Jerusalem teens, aged 15 and 16, turn themselves in to police the next day.

## February

**Feb. 2:** Israeli forces demolish two Palestinian homes, one belonging to Iyad Abu Mahamid in Sur Baher and one belonging to Yahya Muhsin in Silwan for being built without proper permits

**Feb. 3:** Israeli bulldozers demolish a garage belonging to Haitham Mustafa in Al-Issawiya without prior notice and without allowing him to remove equipment or cars first.

- Dozens of right-wing Israelis tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under Israeli police escort, while a number of Palestinian men and women are denied entry to the holy site.

- Three Palestinians, Ahmad Zakarneh, Muhammad Kamil, and Najeh Abu Ar-Rub from Qabatya near Jenin are shot dead after they killed an Israeli police officer with a gun and stab another near Damascus Gate. Israeli forces bloc off the area and fire stun grenades and pepper spray near the Salah Eddin and Suleiman Streets.

**Feb. 4:** An Israeli court sentences to life one of the Israeli murderers of 16-year-old Muhammad Abu Khdeir and another to 21 years behind bars, in a ruling Abu Khdeir's family condemned as too light. A third killer has so far escaped conviction pending a last minute psychiatric evaluation.

- In Jabal Al-Mukabber, a Palestinian protest against Israel's policy of withholding the bodies of Palestinians killed in attempted, alleged and actual attacks turns into clashes with Israeli forces.

- Israeli forces detain three 13-year-old boys - Hamza Abdullah, Mohammed Thaer Farhan and Qassam Shehadeh - from Sheikh Jarrah.

**Feb. 7:** Israeli authorities hand notices of "closure and confiscation" regarding the homes of the families of four Palestinians aged 16-19 in Sur Baher accused of causing an Israeli driver's death by throwing stones at his car in September 2015.

- The Labor Party adopts as new diplomatic party platform the plan of Isaac Herzog for separation from Palestinians, which recognizes that the two-state solution is not imminent under current conditions and seeks to separate dozens of Jerusalem-area Palestinian villages from the city.

**Feb. 8:** Israeli forces detain at least four Palestinian minors from East Jerusalem - Mahdi Abu Assab,13, Abdullah Jolani,15, Muhammad Salaymah,15, and Omar Muna,17, in overnight raids.

- Zionist Union leader Isaac Herzog tells the Jerusalem Conference of the Besheva newspaper that neighborhoods like Shu'fat and Issawiya are not what Jews prayed for when they asked God to enable them to return to Jerusalem and therefore should be withdrawn from. Mayor Barkat responds that it was wrong to divide Jerusalem and build walls within it.

**Feb. 9:** Outside the Old City's Damascus Gate, a "suspiciously" moving Palestinian girl is detained after allegedly trying to stab a police officer after being stop and asked for her bag to be searched.

- WJM Mayor Barkat criticizes Zionist Union leader Herzog on for his diplomatic plan that calls for relinquishing Arab neighborhoods in the capital to separate from the Palestinians.

**Feb. 11:** *Haaretz* reports that Israel objects to the building of a school in Sheikh Jarrah, saying it would constitute a threat to the nearby police facility and its combatants.

**Feb. 14:** Naim Ahmad Safi from Al-Ubeidia is shot dead after attempting to carry out a stabbing attack at Mazmorra checkpoint near Har Homa settlement in southeastern Jerusalem.

- Mansour Shawamrah and Omar Ahmad Omar, both 20 and from Al-Qubeiba, are shot dead after opening fire on Israelis security forces outside the Old City's Damascus Gate.

- After withholding it for 124 days, Israeli authorities hand over the body of Ahmad Abu Shaaban, who was shot dead after stabbing a 70-year-old woman near the central bus station on 15 Oct. 2015, at 2 a.m. on a deal that allowed only 14 family members attending the funeral and forced them to pay NIS 20,000.

**Feb. 16:** Israeli police detain a Palestinian from Jenin suspected of planning to carry out a stab attack near Damascus Gate.

- Israeli police briefly detain the Washington Post's Jerusalem bureau chief William Booth and West Bank correspondent Sufian Taha for alleged "incitement", while interviewing Palestinians and Jews at Damascus Gate, prompting the Foreign Press Association to decry Israel's "heavy-handed tactics."

- Israeli forces issue home demolition orders on 11 Bedouin homes and a mosque in the Jabal Al-Baba community in the E1 corridor.

- Israeli forces detain Taha Hussni Sharif and Hashem Jumaa Al-Atrash, both 19, in the Old City overnight.

**Feb. 17:** In Issawiya, Israeli authorities demolish agricultural structures and level land, destroying the dirt roads used by farmers to access their fields as well as their fences. The land is located in an area earmarked for a national park, the plan of which was suspended in September 2014 to assess the needs of the concerned Palestinian neighborhoods.

- Tensions rise at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound when dozens of right-wing Israelis tour the holy site under Israeli police escort, and some of them try to perform religious rituals at the Ar-Rahma Gate.

**Feb. 19:** Mohammad Abu Khalaf, 20, from Kufr Aqab, is shot dead after stabbing and wounding two Israeli border police officers outside Damascus Gate.

**Feb. 20:** Israeli forces detain a Palestinian youth from Qatanna after he allegedly tries to stab Israeli police officers who were searching him near the Old City's Damascus Gate.

**Feb. 22:** Israel's Education Minister Naftali Bennett announces that the next school year will celebrate "united Jerusalem," to mark 50 years since the capture of East Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War.

**Feb. 23:** The Ar-Rajabi family in Silwan receives a court notice for eviction following efforts by right-wing group Ateret Cohanim to take over their land in the Baten al-Hawa area, where 28 family members live in two buildings.

**Feb. 24:** Israeli police detain two Palestinians at Herod's Gate in the Old City who allegedly carry improvised explosive devices.

- Israeli forces deliver nine home demolition orders to residents in the Abu Riyala area of Al-Issawiya due to lack of permits, although some of them have been built over 40 years ago.

- Overnight, four Palestinians from Jerusalem are detained - Hassan Mahmoud Al-Khatib, Mohammad Mahmoud Al-Khatib, Ali Yasser Al-Khatib, and Muhammad Khalil Salah Ad-Din.

**Feb. 25:** An Israeli court drops indictments against right-wing Israeli activist Yehuda Glick, 18 months after he reportedly assaulted a Palestinian woman at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Feb. 26:** Some 200 worshipers from Gaza above the age of 60 attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Feb. 27:** Overnight, Israeli forces raid Issawiya and detain two members of the Darwish family.

**Feb. 28:** Israeli intelligence hand over the body of Musab Mahmoud Al-Ghazali from Silwan to his family for him to be buried, 65 days after he was killed by Israeli soldiers in Jerusalem.

**Feb. 29:** A group of Israeli settlers enters the Al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy police protection.

## March

**March 1:** Overnight, Israeli forces raid Anata, arrest a son and father from the Hilweh family, injuring one of them.

- In Silwan, Israeli forces demolish a home under construction belonging to the Simrin family, shooting and injuring three residents.

- Israeli right-winger Yehuda Glick is escorted under armed protection into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, days after an Israeli court lifted an order barring him entry to the site.

**March 2:** Israeli forces demolish without prior notice a three-story building under construction in At-Tur.

**March 3:** Israeli forces seal Al-Issawiya after gunshots were reportedly fired at Israeli police officers.

- An Israeli court sentences 14-year-old Jihad Al-Jaabari to 18 months in prison for throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at a settler outpost and a NIS 5,000 compensation fee.

**March 4:** After a fight erupts between Jewish and Palestinian youth in the Old City, Israeli forces arrest two Palestinians and raid the Aqaba Al-Khalidiya neighborhood.

**March 6:** At Damascus Gate, Israeli forces disperse a rally protesting against an Israeli "blacklist" of Palestinians banned from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque, detaining at least one Palestinian woman.

- At the opening of the two-day OIC Summit in Jakarta, Indonesian President Joko Widodo urges Israel to end the occupation, saying international patience "has long run out" and "Indonesia and the Islamic world are ready to take concrete steps to push Israel to end its colonization of Palestine and its arbitrary actions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif."

**March 7:** At the OIC Summit in Jakarta, President Abbas accuses Israel of "Judaizing" the holy sites in Jerusalem, while Jordan's Prince El Hassan bin Talal warns that "Israeli infringements of international law in occupied Jerusalem have recently increased in a dangerous way." An OIC (non-binding) resolution urges "member States and the wider international community to ban products produced in or by illegal Israeli settlements from their markets".

- According to a poll released by the Israel Democracy Institute, most Israelis believe Jerusalem is a divided city rather than a unified capital.

- An Israeli court sentences prominent lawyer Shireen Tareq Al-Issawi and her brother from Issawiyya to four and eight years in prison for being in contact with, and providing funds to, Palestinian prisoners.

**March 8:** Israeli forces shoot and kill a Palestinian woman, Fadwa Ahmad Abu Teir, 50, from Um Tuba, after she allegedly attempted to stab Israeli officers in the Old City's Wad Street.

- Fouad Abu Rajab At-Tamimi, 21, from Al-Judeira village, is shot dead after allegedly firing gunshots at Israeli police forces near Salah Eddin Street, injuring two of them.

**March 9:** In the Ramot settlement, shots are fired from a car at an Israeli bus, lightly injuring three people. The perpetrators - Ahmed Ahmad Al-Kalouti from Kufr Aqab, flee the scene but are shot dead soon after in a second attack outside the Old City's New Gate, during which another Palestinian man is killed as well.

- Without any prior warning Israeli authorities inform the companies Hamoda, Al-Juneidi Dairy and Food products, Al-Rayyan Dairies, Salwa Foods, and Siniora Food Industries at Beitunia commercial crossing that their products are banned from entering Jerusalem and Israel, where about 50% of their production goes.

- Members of the newly formed Save Jewish Jerusalem movement, founded by former high-ranking politicians and military leaders (including former MKs Haim Ramon, Ami Ayalon, David Tzur, retired Colonel Shaul Arieli, and Amir Cheshin, Arab affairs advisor under former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek) go on a tour from Qalandia to Jabel Mukabber, calling for a partial separation from Palestinian East Jerusalem villages (and some 200,000 Palestinians) by creating a barrier between Jewish neighborhoods – from Neve Yaakov, through Pisgat Ze'ev and the French Hill, and into Har Homa – and adjacent Palestinian neighborhoods such as Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Issawiya, Jabel Mukabber, and Sur Baher, which will then be treated as B and C areas, i.e., under complete Israeli security control.

**March 11:** *Haaretz* reports that Ateret Cohanim settler organization has filed six suits in recent months, bringing the total number of such suits in the court system to 12, attempting to evict 51 families - or over 300 East Jerusalem – that are residents from their homes in Silwan.

**March 13:** Israeli authorities hand demolition notifications for two buildings in Al-Issawiya belonging to Fadi Al-Issawi and Muhammad Daoud Mahmoud, citing construction without permits.

- In overnight raids, Israeli forces detain three Palestinians from Al-Issawiya.

**March 16:** Israeli forces demolish a clothing warehouse belonging to Shadi Imtour in Dahiet Al-Barid for being built without a license.

- Municipal officials issue demolition orders to two 21-year old houses in the At-Thori area of Silwan belonging to the Abu Saloum family.

- Israeli authorities cancel a weekly visit - part of a ceasefire agreement that ended the 2014 Gaza war - allowing around 200 Gazans above the age of 60 to travel to East Jerusalem for Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque on the grounds that the worshipers are not returning to Gaza on the same day.

- An Israeli court sentences seven Palestinian boys aged 14-17 to imprisonment of 12 to 39 months for alleged stone-throwing.

- Israeli forces detain five Palestinian teens suspected of throwing rocks and paint cans at the light rail train in the Shu'fat area.

- Israeli police forces detain a Palestinian boy in Shu'fat refugee camp who allegedly was planning to carry out a stabbing attack.

**March 18:** Addameer appeals to the Israeli High Court for the return of 13 bodies of Jerusalem Palestinians still being held by the Israeli authorities, the longest-held body being that of Thaer Abu Ghazaleh, held since he was killed on 8 October 2015.

- Israeli authorities shut down streets across Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem and detain four residents of Al-Issawiya in preparation for the annual Jerusalem marathon

**March 21:** Israeli forces demolish a building under construction in Jabal Al-Mukabber belonging to the Jaabis family, for not having a construction permit. Another family member, Israa Jaabis, was detained on 10 October 2015 for allegedly attempting to carry out an attack.

- Israeli forces demolish, without prior notice, a half-built home in Ras Al-Amud, belonging to Suleiman Abu Qalbein and Ali Abu Sway. The Abu Qalbein family tears down another home in the same area after receiving an order giving them 24 hours to demolish the structure or incur the costs of its demolition.

- At the Lion's Gate area, Israeli authorities return the body of Hassan Khalid Manasra, 15, who was shot dead after carrying out an attack in Pisgat Zeev on 12 October 2015. The Manasra family rejects the body after finding it frozen in violation of a mutual agreement with the Israeli authorities.

**March 22:** At night Israeli forces deploy heavily around the cemetery near Lions' Gate as they return the body of Omar Skafi, 21, who was shot dead during a car ramming attack on 6 December, allowing only 32 family members to attend the funeral.

- Israeli forces detained at least 15 Palestinians in several predawn military raids across the Old City, in addition to raided a number of homes and delivering summons to other Palestinians for interrogation.

- Israeli bulldozers demolish a 100 m<sup>2</sup> mobile home in Beit Hanina belonging to Majdi Idris.

- In Silwan, the family of Imad Al-Abbasi is forced to demolish their own half-built apartment after a municipal order gives them 24 hours to do so or incur the municipality's demolition costs.

- In Jabal Mukabber, Khader Obeidat is also forced to demolish his store, which was built 12 years ago.

- Israeli authorities ban all Palestinian men under the age of 50 from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound over the Jewish holiday of Purim.

**March 23:** In direct violation of past rulings, an Israeli council for planning and building approves controversial plans by the Elad settler organization to build the "Kedem" project in Silwan as part of its ongoing City of David settlement enterprise. The plan includes a massive building of stores, offices, and an archaeological visitors' center, in a 9,000 m<sup>2</sup> area at the entrance to Silwan.

- An Israeli court sentences Suhaib Al-Aawar, 18, from Silwan, to four years in prison for throwing Molotov cocktails at an Israeli military vehicle, and Fadi Majdi Saleh, 33, from Shu'fat refugee camp, to 12 years in prison for allegedly running over an Israeli soldier in At-Tur last year.

**March 24:** Palestinian worshippers are prevented from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and a number are detained, while over 50 right-wing Israelis tour the site under armed guard for the Jewish holiday of Purim.

**March 25:** Christian Palestinians and pilgrims from around the world mark Good Friday by holding a procession on Via Dolorosa in the Old City. Some 850 Christians from Gaza have reportedly received permits to celebrate Easter in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

- PLO Executive Committee member Hanan Ashrawi condemns Israel's approval of the "Kedem" building project planned by Elad settlement organization in Silwan.

- Israeli police detain a Palestinian girl after she allegedly attempted to stab police officers at the entrance to Issawiya.

- An Israeli court indicts seven Palestinians, aged 17 to 21, from East Jerusalem for allegedly forming a PFLP cell with the intention of carrying out attacks.

**March 27:** An Israeli court extends the detention of five minors from East Jerusalem.

**March 29:** *Haaretz* reports that the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court has convicted Muslim preacher Omar Abu Sara of incitement to violence and publicizing comments constituting incitement to violence, after speaking out at the Al-Aqsa Mosque against Jews on 28 November 2014.

- Israeli authorities level a privately-owned playground and uproot several trees in ongoing demolitions in Silwan.

**March 30:** Israeli police assault and detain a Palestinian minor for raising the Palestinian flag over the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, while right-wing Israelis under police escort toured the holy site.

- The WJM Committee for Planning and Construction approves unanimously a plan to build 18 housing units for Jewish families in Jabal Mukabber, initiated by the Lowell Investment company, behind which stands the Elad organization.

## April

**April 1:** Palestinian residents of Silwan hold a sit-in protesting Israeli efforts to push them out of the area. Israeli forces try to intimidate the protestors by taking photos of them and their signs.

**April 2:** Jordanian Minister of Endowment Hayil Daoud told the Jordanian *Al-Ghad* newspaper that all technical procedures have been reviewed before preparing the infrastructure for the installation of 55 cameras at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israeli forces shoot a Palestinian boy, Hatim Abu Mayyala, in the back of the head with a rubber-coated steel bullet while he is walking to school in Silwan, then attack, beat and detain.

**April 3:** The Israeli Supreme Court gives the family of a Palestinian teen prisoner Abed Mahmoud Dawiya 24 hours to evacuate their house in Sur Baher based on an army decision to confiscate and shutter the house.

**April 4:** Israeli forces demolish a house belonging to Abdel Basit Abu Rmeila in Jabal Mukabber.

- Israeli forces storm Issawiya, triggering clashes with Palestinian residents, during which a boy, Yazan Khalid Naaji, 12, is seriously injured by a rubber-coated steel bullet to his head.

**April 5:** Israeli forces detain at least 10 Palestinians in extensive predawn raids in Issawiya, Jabal Mukabber, Hizma and the Old City.

- In Abu Dis, Israeli forces raid the Al-Quds University campus at night, damaging property, including printers and walkie-talkies.

- Israeli police arrest two right-wing Jews after they attempted to sneak into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound disguised as Muslims.

**April 6:** Israeli forces uproot and burn 47 olive tree saplings that are planted in Ras Al-Amud last month to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Land Day.

- Members of the Sidawi family destroy part of their apartment in Beit Hanina to avoid paying the WJM's demolition costs for an unlicensed extension that was built onto the home three years ago.

- Israeli forces detained two women from their homes in the Old City, Um Tareq Al-Hashlamoun, 47, and Ayda al-Sidawi, 54, taking them for interrogation.

**April 8:** In Silwan, Israeli forces detain six Palestinian youths and confiscate a sit-in tent to protest Israeli policies to push residents out of the area.

- Israeli police detain and later release Sheikh Mohammad Salim of the Al-Aqsa Mosque for alleged "incitement" after he addressed some 70,000 worshippers at the holy site.

**April 9:** Palestinians mark the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Deir Yassin massacre in which over 100 Palestinians civilians were killed by Zionist paramilitary groups in 1948.

**April 10:** Responding to a petition by residents of Beit Safafa against the freezing of building plans for Palestinians in southern Jerusalem (Givat Hamatos area), a lawyer representing the state admits it saying that a secret high-level Israeli political decision was the reason.

**April 11:** Israeli forces evict the family of Abed Mahmoud Dawiyat - one of five young Palestinians charged with manslaughter for throwing rocks at an Israeli settler's vehicle in September 2015 - and seal their home in Sur Baher.

**April 14:** Overnight, Israeli forces detain at least 18 Palestinians in raids across occupied East Jerusalem, all but three of them 60 years and older.

- Israeli police detained two 12-year old Palestinian boys for allegedly planning a stab attack in the Old City.

**April 15:** After a one month freeze by the Israeli authorities visits of Gazans above the age of 60 to Al-Aqsa Mosque resume with some 200 attending Friday prayers.

- With a vote of 33:6 (Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands, the UK and the US) and 17 abstentions, UNESCO passes a resolution, submitted by a group of Arab countries, stating that the Al-Buraq ("Western Wall") Plaza is first and foremost the revered hitching post for Prophet Mohammed's mighty steed and part of the Al-Aqsa compound, to which it refers as "Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al Sharif" (The Noble Sanctuary), not "Temple Mount" describing it solely as "a Muslim Holy Site of worship." In addition, the resolution condemns "Israeli aggressions and illegal measures against the freedom of worship and Muslims' access to their Holy Site." The Israeli government has slammed the document, with PM Netanyahu calling it "another absurd UN decision."

**April 16:** Israeli forces raid Silwan and deliver demolition orders to two buildings owned by Yasin Rajabi and Mphammad Talal Al-Hleisi for having been built without licenses.

**April 17:** An Israeli magistrate court rules to release four elderly Palestinians who were detained for a week, on the condition that they stay away from Al-Aqsa Mosque for 15 days.

**April 18:** Three 13-year old boys are detained after they allegedly attacked a Jewish minor in the Old City.

- A bomb explodes on a bus on Moshe Baram St., near Hebron Road, in southwest Jerusalem, leaving 20 people wounded. Injured Abdul-Hamid Abu Srour, 19, from Aida camp near Bethlehem is identified as perpetrator (dies later in hospital). Two days later, Hamas in the West Bank claims responsibility for the attack.

- Jordanian Prime Minister Abdullah An-Nsoor says Jordan has decided to halt the installation of surveillance cameras inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, following complaints and expressions of reservation by Palestinian locals.

- Israeli police search the main offices of Al-Quds newspaper in the Atarot industrial area, holding employees at gunpoint and harassing reporters.

- 'Cohanim' perform a re-enactment, or "practice run" of a sacrifice ritual of Passover at the Beit Orot settlement on Mt. Scopus, watched by a crowd of hundred.

of the paschal lamb sacrifice that was the central ritual during ancient times.

**April 19:** After nearly two years of delay and after an Israeli court rejected insanity pleas, Yosef Chaim Ben-David, the leading suspect in the burning to death of Mohammad Abu Khdeir, 16, is convicted of murder.

**April 20:** Israeli forces conduct an intense campaign against residents of Issawiya, detaining at least 31, the majority children, and summoning another 18 for questioning.

- WJM mayor Nir Barakat and other Israeli officials inaugurate the third section (Phase 3) of the Israeli bypass road No. 50, penetrating through the lands of Sharafat and Beit Safafa.

**April 21:** Overnight, Israeli forces carry out raids in Al-Izzariya and Abu Dis, injuring 16 Palestinians and arresting at least one.

**April 22:** Israeli forces conduct predawn raids, detaining at least 20 Palestinians, as Israel announces tightened security measures for the Jewish holiday of Passover.

- Israeli police ban 29 Palestinian worshippers from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and detain at least seven right-wing Jews amid heightened tensions over the Jewish holiday of Passover.

**April 24:** Two Palestinians are detained and nine Israelis evacuated from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound amid rising tensions at the holy site during the Jewish holiday season.

- In Silwan, two Palestinians are shot and injured by Israeli forces after throwing an explosive device at forces raiding the area and handing out five demolition orders to the Abu Rajab and Awwad families in the Al-Bustan area.

**April 25:** The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem calls for Muslims to unite in order to protect Al-Aqsa Mosque and other Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem, noting that the Israeli occupation is exploiting the bloodshed in the Arab world to increase its violations against Jerusalem, and adding that "the position of the Arab and Islamic governments does not match the level of the challenge despite the convention of the OIC summits in Jakarta and Istanbul."

**April 26:** Eight right-wing Israelis are evacuated from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound by Israeli police for violating the rules and regulations stipulated for non-Muslim visitors.

- Clashes break out on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound after two Jewish visitors begin bowing and praying at the contested holy site in violation of visitation rules.

**April 27:** Tensions remain high at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound as hundreds of rightwing Israelis tour the area for Passover, with five of them being evacuated for violating visitation rules.

- Israeli forces shoot and kill a pregnant Palestinian mother of two and her 16-year-old brother at Qalandia checkpoint, claiming they planned a stab attack on border police, although witnesses at the scene insist they posed no threat when shot dead.

**April 28:** Five rightwing Israelis were evacuated from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound amid ongoing turmoil at the site.

**April 29:** Seven elderly Palestinians from Jerusalem are issued indictments by the Israeli Magistrate Court for alleged incitement and involvement with Murabitun, banning them from entering the site and the Old City until their court date on 17 May.

- Elderly Palestinians from Gaza are banned for the second consecutive week from attending Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque due to the Jewish holiday of Passover.

- Israeli forces detain dozens of Palestinians youths exiting the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on suspicion of throwing stones at Israeli forces on the site.

## May

**May 2:** Israeli authorities have decided to open the Dahiet Al-Barid gate of the separation wall at Ar-Ram daily between 3 and 5 p.m. for the first time in seven years to allow people to cross and decrease the traffic at Qalandia.

- Israeli forces storm Issawiya and post demolition orders on the walls of residential and commercial structures in the area, including a medical center and a gas station.

- After an Israeli man is stabbed and moderately wounded on Al-Wad Street Israeli police shut down all entrances to the Old City in search for the attacker.

- Israeli authorities agree to allow the PA to rehabilitate the main road in Nabi Samuel for the first time since 1967.

**May 3:** Overnight, Israeli forces detained 4 Palestinians from the Old City and six others from the Jerusalem villages of Jadeira and Bir Nabala.

**May 4:** An Israeli magistrate court releases six young Palestinians from Jerusalem, including a teenager, from detention on the condition that they not go to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for 60 days.

**May 5:** The family of Safiq Al-Khayyat has regained access to their house after a 20-month legal battle against Israeli settler organization Ir David/Elad, which evicted the al-Khayyats and 22 other families from their homes in Silwan in September 2014.

- In overnight raids, Israeli forces detain three Palestinian teenagers from Jerusalem, including a girl.

**May 8:** Peace Now reports that construction of a 9-storey building to house the headquarters of the Amana settler organization has commenced in Sheikh Jarrah, close to St. Joseph Hospital and the sports field. The land was expropriated from the Abu Ta'a family without a tender and against the rules, then handed over to Amana.

**May 9:** Members of the Ateret Cohanim settlement organization take over a building with six apartments in the Muslim Quarter's Sadiya area in the Old City, claiming the Palestinian owners had sold it to them.

- At night, Israeli forces return the body of 37-year-old Muhammad Abed Nimr from Issawiya, who was shot dead in November 2015 after he allegedly attempted to stab an Israeli border policeman in the Old City, allowing only 30 people to attend his funeral.

**May 10:** Two elderly Israeli women are stabbed in the Armon Hanatziv neighborhood.

- The Israeli district court convicts 14-year-old Ahmad Manasra of two counts of attempted murder for carrying out a stabbing attack (together with his cousin who got killed) in Pisgat Zeev settlement in October 2015.
- In predawn raids across the West Bank and Jerusalem, Israeli detain at least 16 Palestinians, including 14-year-old Ahmad Mazin Abu Khdeir from Shu'fat Camp.
- Israeli authorities declare a two-day "general closure" on the OPT, as Israel celebrates its Memorial and Independence day.
- May 11:** During clashes in Kufr Aqab, Israeli troops shoot and injure two young Palestinians.
- May 12:** In overnight raids, Israeli soldiers detain, *inter alia*, Saif Eddin Abu Taa from Sheikh Jarrah.
- Israeli right-wing pro-settlement group Amana has reportedly continued construction on three dunums of privately-held Palestinian land belonging to the Abu Taa' and Siam families in Sheikh Jarrah, despite the families' ongoing appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court.
- In Issawiya Israeli courts issue a demolition order under the pretext of lacking a building permit against the family home of three Palestinian siblings from the Issawi family currently imprisoned by Israel.
- May 13:** Israeli border police arrest 10 right-wing Israelis after they physically and verbally assault Palestinian residents at the Damascus Gate area.
- Some 300 Gazans above the age of 50 head to Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- May 16:** A Jewish youth is lightly wounded in a knife attack on Hanevim St. near the Old City's Damascus Gate; the perpetrator tries to escape but is arrested.
- In the Jabal Al-Baba area near Izzariyya, some 90 Bedouins, most of them children, are rendered homeless when Israeli forces disassembled their EU-donated mobile homes without giving prior notice.
- May 17:** Israeli forces demolish two homes belonging to the Tutanji and Ghanim families in As-Suwaneh, leaving 23 Palestinians homeless.
- The Jerusalem Magistrate Court orders the evacuation of three Palestinian-owned properties in Sheikh Jarrah, claiming they were owned by Jews before 1948.
- May 18:** Israeli forces demolish the Al-Hawarin family's home in Shu'fat for the second time in 15 years.
- In overnight detention raids Israeli forces arrest at least 24 Palestinians across the West Bank, including three from Jerusalem.
- May 19:** Israeli police detain a 16-year-old Palestinian after he "raised suspicions" while moving through a public bus crossing from Shu'fat into Beit Hanina, claiming he allegedly planned to carry out a stabbing attack against police forces.
- May 20:** Israeli authorities detain and interrogate two Palestinian boys - Mohammad Samih Ulayan, 10, and Mustafa Abu al-Hawa, 12 - for six and a half hours for allegedly throwing stones at settlers in At-Tur.
- Some 300 Palestinians over 50 years from Gaza head to the Al-Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers.
- May 22:** The Jerusalem Magistrates Court ruled on the eviction of five housing units owned by the Qiswani family in the Um Haroun area in Sheikh Jarrah.
- May 23:** A Palestinian teenage girl is shot and killed after allegedly attempting to stab an Israeli border policewoman near the Ras Biddu checkpoint north of Jerusalem.
- A group of Israeli right-wingers, including newly appointed Knesset member Yehuda Glick, is escorted under armed protection into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Israeli authorities return the body of Fouad Abu Rajab Al-Tamimi, 21, who was shot dead on Salah Eddin St. on March 8.
- May 24:** Overnight Israeli authorities return the bodies of Hassan Manasra, 15, and Alaa Abu Jamal, 22, who were shot dead on 12 and 13 October 2015 respectively while allegedly committing or attempting to commit attacks. No more than 40 people are allowed to attend the funerals (the families had to pay "deposits" to ensure compliance with the Israeli conditions).
- A Jerusalem District Court judge hearing a petition by residents of Beit Safafa that the state be ordered to give final approval to a building plan for Palestinians in the Givat Hamatos area as a similar plan for Jewish building has been approved, rejects the state request to submit a confidential deposition that would not be revealed to the petitioners, ordering it instead to submit a full response to the petition within a month.
- The Meyashvei Zion Association reveals a new plan to construct three buildings with 12 housing units each in a public park in Sheikh Jarrah, southwest of the Um Haroun section, while claiming that they own a total of 31 plots of land in the area.
- May 26:** Ahmad Muhammad Jaradat, 27, from Silat al-Harthiya village near Jenin, is killed and and three others are injured in a shooting incident between Palestinians in Shu'fat refugee camp.
- The Israel Land Authority publishes on its website a new tender (No. 100/2016) to construct 279 housing units in the East Talpiot settlement (part of the "Allenby complex" project).
- May 27:** Some 300 Palestinians above the age of 50 from Gaza attend Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.



**May 31:** An Israeli district court in Jerusalem rejects the Qirish family's appeal after Israeli authorities ordered them to evacuate their house in the Saadiyya neighborhood of the Old City, in order to make room for Jewish settlers from the right-wing Ateret Cohanim organization.

## June

**June 1:** In major overnight arrest raids, Israeli police detain at least 29 Palestinians from At-Tur and As-Suwaneh.

**June 5:** An Israeli court denies a petition to bar the "Jerusalem Day" march from passing through the Old City's Muslim Quarter

- Some 208 right-wing Israelis enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and thousands more gathered around the Western Wall to celebrate "Jerusalem Day". Three Jews are evacuated from the compound for violating regulations regarding non-Muslim prayer on the site.

- The Israeli news website WALLA reports that sources in the WJM are promoting the construction of a new 15,000-unit settlement on the old airport area north of **Atarot**, near Qalandia village, along with 2,600-3,000 new apartments for Palestinians south of Atarot.

**June 6:** The Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee approves two permits to develop 82 housing units in the Ramat Shlomo settlement as part of a larger plan for a total of 1,600 settler units.

**June 7:** PLO members slam Israel's approval for the construction of 82 housing units in Ramat Shlomo settlement, calling it an "insult" to the credibility of renewed peace negotiations on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**June 8:** A Palestinian security guard, Luay Abu As-Saad, is hit and injured by a small Israeli police vehicle touring the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- At night, an accidental fire erupts near the Umayyad Palace just south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**June 9:** As part of a line of punitive orders issued by Israeli authorities following the Tel Aviv attack a day earlier, over 83,000 permits allowing Palestinians to enter Israel and East Jerusalem during Ramadan are suspended.

**June 10:** On the first Friday of Ramadan Israeli authorities permit some 7,000 Palestinians - men over 45, women of all ages, and men between 35-45 years with Israeli-issued permits - to enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, while thousands of others are prevented from crossing at checkpoints to attend prayers.

**June 11:** Overnight, Jewish extremists vandalize some 20 Palestinian vehicles in Silwan.

- *+972 mag* reports that Israel's Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi David Lau has told the Knesset Channel that he would like to see a Third Temple built, and expressed his belief that Al-Haram Ash-Sharif need not be demolished in order to make room for it.

**June 12:** Four Palestinians are detained and two extremist Jews evacuated from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound as dozens of Israelis tour the site to perform rituals in celebration of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot.

**June 13:** In a statement, the Waqf slams Israel for the latest "provocations and harassment" on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound amid the holy month of Ramadan, saying their policy "seeks to deprive the Waqf of their natural and historic right to run Al-Aqsa Mosque, and deprive Muslim worshippers their opportunity to pray in it."

- Some 66 rightwing Jews enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, escorted by Israeli forces.

- The Knesset votes with 65:14 to further extend Israel's "Citizenship and Entry into Israel" provision – now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year -, which prohibits Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza from automatically obtaining legal status in Israel or East Jerusalem through family unions.

**June 14:** The Ethics Committee of the Knesset decides to uphold a provision prohibiting MKs from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**June 15:** In Kufr Aqab, a boy, Hamza Al-Wahsh, 15, is hit by a stray bullet to the head as Palestinian security officers clash with masked gunmen during a AP crackdown after masked men had stopped Minister of Social Development Ibrahim Ash-Shaer at gunpoint near Qalandia refugee camp earlier that day and hijacked his car.

- Israel's Local Planning and Building Committee approves a building permit for Ateret Cohanim to construct a 4-story building in the area of Batan Al-Hawa in Silwan.

**June 16:** Thousands of Israeli police officers are deployed in Jerusalem, roads are closed in preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Ramadan.

**June 17:** Despite widespread measures taken by Israel against Palestinian freedom of movement, over 200,000 worshippers attend Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque, including 67,511 Palestinians from the West Bank and 300 from Gaza.

- Israeli authorities detain four Palestinians and close streets in Jabal Al-Mukabber with cement blocks, in response to a suspected attack on an Israeli settler's house

**June 18:** PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah, Head of the Intelligence Services Majed Faaraj, and Head of the Preventive Security Services Ziad Hab al-Rih performed prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**June 20:** Over 300 Israeli forces storm Shu'fat refugee camp at pre-dawn/sahour time, assaulting residents and ransacking several homes.

- Israeli police officers stationed outside Al-Aqsa Mosque compound prevent sahour meals (taken at dawn by those fasting) from reaching Muslim worshippers who spend the night inside the compound.
- An Israeli court decision bans a Fatah leader, Awad Salayma, from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for two months.
- A group of 60 right-wing Israelis tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound amid an increase in Israeli "provocations" on the compound during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

**June 22:** Israeli forces detained at least 6 Palestinians from Issawiya, Abu Dis and Sur Baher, including four teenage boys and a woman.

**June 23:** Israeli forces detained at least 3 Palestinians from Jerusalem during night raids.

**June 24:** Some 250,000 worshipers (including 96,000 from the West Bank and 300 Gazans above the age of 50) pray at Al-Aqsa on the third Friday of Ramadan. Palestinian men under the age of 45 from the West Bank are barred from entering Jerusalem.

- Family members of slain Palestinians whose bodies are still being held by Israeli authorities stage a sit-in at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, demanding Israel return them. Of the eight bodies still being held by Israel, six are from East Jerusalem.

**June 26:** Israeli forces raid the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, clashing with worshipers, injuring at least 12 and detaining at least two of them as well as two South African nationals.

**June 27:** Israeli special forces storm the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the second day in a row, evacuating Muslim worshipers, including the elderly, to allow right-wing Jewish Israelis to tour the compound freely.

**June 28:** Jordan condemns Israel's raids and assaults at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound during the final days of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which have led to clashes for several days, with Minister of State for Media Affairs Muhammad Momani calling on Israel to immediately halt the unjustified violations, and to respect the status quo as an occupying power.

**June 29:** In predawn raids Israeli forces detain three 16-year-old boys from Jerusalem.

**June 30:** Addameer reports that Israeli police form a new unit, based at the Qishla police station to carry out detention across Jerusalem, and has already detained four Palestinian youths.

- Israeli forces deliver a demolition notice to the Bashir family in the Al-Bustan neighborhood of Silwan.

## July

**July 1:** Some 400,000 worshipers pray overnight at the Al-Aqsa Mosque marking Leilat al-Qadr.

- About 380 Palestinians above the age of 50 from Gaza attend final Ramadan Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- Muhammad Habash, 63, from Asira al-Shamaliya near Nablus is pronounced dead after suffering from excessive tear gas inhalation after Israeli forces heavily fire tear gas at crowds, wounding some 40 others, who attempt to cross the Qalandia checkpoint to attend prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- Israeli forces raid Silwan, erecting checkpoints and detaining at least four residents and assaulting others.

**July 3:** Amid increasing tension on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound Israeli forces detain 10 Palestinians, mostly from the Old City, in overnight raids for "disturbing order" and throwing stones in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and in Silwan.

- Israeli police announce that following several days of unrest at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, 58 Palestinians were arrested after being identified by police via CCTV footage, claiming they had attacked rightwing Jews touring the compound.

- Israel approves plans for the construction of 1,300 housing units in Israeli settlement in Jerusalem: 531 in Ma'ale Adumim, some 169 homes in Ramot (120), Har Homa (19) and Pisgat Zeev (30) settlements, and 600 new housing units in Givat Hamatos, apparently for Palestinians (an unprecedented move which is immediately denounced by right-wing Israeli politicians).

**July 4:** PM Netanyahu advances plans for new homes in Ma'ale Adumim just hours after right-wing politicians call on him to annex that settlement.

- Israeli forces detained at least 11 Palestinians in East Jerusalem in predawn raids, including 12-year-old twin brothers Malik and Muhammad Nabulsi.

- In response to a petition by Adalah a Lod District Court revealed that open-fire regulations were loosened last December in the wake of increased violence in East Jerusalem, allowing Police to fire live bullets as a first resort against people throwing stones or incendiary devices, including fire crackers.

**July 6:** The Israeli government approves plans for 531 new housing units in Ma'ale Adumim.

**July 7:** Press reports reveal that the Israeli Ministry of Finance has requested some NIS 41 million to be allocated to protect Israelis settlers in East Jerusalem, nearly double the amount already set aside for this purpose.

**July 10:** Israeli forces raid an antiquity shop on al-Wad Street in the Old City, owned by Nabil Al-Huroub, and confiscate a large number of antiquities, the owner told Ma'an.

- Israeli police detain four teenage Palestinians from Issawiya over suspicions of rock throwing.

**July 12:** Hundreds of Israelis enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under heavy police guard as part of a memorial service for slain Kiryat Arba teenager, Hallel Ariel, who was stabbed to death in Kiryat Arba earlier this month. In violation of

previous policy some of them utter prayers. Police prevent at least four right-wing politicians, including Minister Uri Ariel, from entering the site.

**July 13:** *Haaretz* quotes police reports according to which border policemen deliberately initiate “friction” with Palestinian in East Jerusalem to provoke a violent response from them.

- Israeli bulldozers demolish three houses under construction belonging to the Eweisat, Abu Sakran and Aqil families, and a steel structure used for housing livestock in Jabal Al-Mukabber for lacking proper licenses.

- Israeli forces raid Al-Issawiya, detaining seven youths, including 6 teenagers.

- The Jerusalem Planning and Construction Committee grants building permits for four buildings with a total of 90 new units in **Gilo** (“Mordot Gilo West”).

**July 14:** During predawn raids, Israeli forces detain 2 Palestinians in Shu’fat refugee camp.

- Israeli forces impose a military closure on Issawiya, setting up checkpoints at its entrances and harassing people heading to work.

**July 15:** 300 worshipers from Gaza attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**July 18:** Israeli forces detain at least 6 Palestinians from East Jerusalem in predawn military raids.

**July 19:** According to the committee for the preservation of Islamic cemeteries in Jerusalem, employees of Israel’s Nature and Parks Authority have demolished Palestinian graves at the Bal Ar-Rahmeh cemetery outside the eastern wall of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- In Silwan, Israeli forces demolish a small house and three stores belonging to the Abu Al-Hamam family as well as a garage and small car wash facility belonging to the Abu Tayih family. Another Palestinian is forced to demolish his house in the Ein Al-Louz area of Silwan.

- In Beit Hanina, Israeli forces close off the Tal al-Foul area and demolish a house under construction belonging to Sharhabil Alqam.

- Israeli lawmakers formally submit a bill to the Knesset to annex the illegal settlement of Ma’ale Adumim to Israel.

**July 20:** Israeli forces demolish several Palestinian structures located adjacent to the Atarot settlement industrial park, belonging, *inter alia*, to the Abu Sneineh family.

**July 24:** Israeli forces violently raid the Aqbat al-Khalidiya neighborhood of the Old City, injuring a number of Palestinians after a quarrel broke out between Israeli settlers and locals

- Israeli forces raid Issawiya, detaining three Palestinian youths amid a widespread crackdown on Palestinian minors accused of throwing stones at Israelis in the area.

- The Jerusalem municipality’s local planning and construction committee presents plans for 770 settlement housing units to be built in Gilo (“Mordot Gilo South”), across from the Cremisan Monastery.

**July 25:** In the Wadi Hilweh area of Silwan Abdul Nasser Qaraen is forced to demolish his own property following an order from an Israeli court.

**July 26:** At night, Israeli forces raid Issawiya and demolish four structures - a house under construction owned by Salah Abd al-Nabi Mahmoud, the car repair garage of Haitham Mustafa, and two walls belonging to the Mustafa and Bujeh families - for lacking proper construction licenses.

- In Ras Al-Amud another house was demolished for being illegally constructed.

- The *Jerusalem Post* reports that the Jerusalem Municipality’s Local Planning and Building Committee has approved a new policy that allows for significantly more construction of residential, business, and hotel units along the city’s light rail, although it was “unclear if, or how many, Palestinian building permits will be approved in the municipality’s plan.”

**July 27:** Peace Now reports that the Israeli government has opened tenders for 323 housing units in the Israeli settlements of Gilo (89), Neve Yaakov (36), Pisgat Zeev (68), and Har Homa (130).

- Israeli forces detain 52 Palestinians - including 11 minors – during overnight raids in Silwan and Ras Al-Amud dubbed “the 700 campaign” because 700 Israeli police officers are involved.

**July 28:** Israeli municipality and tax crews accompanied by police conduct raids of stores and houses in Silwan, issue fines, confiscate vehicles.

## August

**Aug. 2:** In Sur Baher, Israeli forces demolish the car dealer’s office of Mohammad Elayyan and two shipping containers owned by the Al-Atrash family.

- In Silwan, Walid Al-Shweiki is forced to demolish his own home following an Israeli order.

- Israeli police forces assault a guard of Al-Aqsa Mosque and obstruct repair works for a water pipe in the compound.

**Aug. 3:** Israeli bulldozers demolish the family’s home of Izzeddin Abu Nijmeh in Beit Hanina without prior notice and for the sixth time since 1995, when the family tried first to obtain a license.

- Israeli police officers detain four employees of the Waqf’s rehabilitation committee, as groups of right-wing Israelis tour the site.

**Aug. 4:** Israeli forces detain six Waqf employees over suspicions that they were planning on carrying out maintenance work on the Dome of the Rock without obtaining a permit from the Israeli Antiquities Authority.

- The Ministry of Construction and Housing has published a tender to outsource the supervision of the guards and security services that provide protection to East Jerusalem settlers.

**Aug. 7:** The ICRC announces the suspension of their services in the Jerusalem office until “a safe work environment is guaranteed for our employees.” The move is in response to protesters and prisoners’ families storming the office a few days earlier.

**Aug. 8:** The Waqf reports that Israeli forces have detained, summoned and banned 21 of its employees over the past 10 days.

- The Jerusalem municipality declares plans to construct about 2,500 new units on 280 dunums of land at the southeastern part of Gilo settlement.

**Aug. 9:** Israel announces plans to open six new police stations staffed with 1,200 officers in the neighborhoods of Issawiya, At-Tur, Beit Safafa, Jabel Mukabber and Sur Baher, to strengthen the rule of law and “provide quality police services to all residents of the city.”

**Aug. 10:** At least 101 Israeli settlers and 13 Israel Antiquities Authority employees, escorted by Israeli forces, tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, as Israeli police ban maintenance workers from entering the area.

- The WJM discusses a new plan to construct a synagogue and a pool in Jabal Al-Mukabber on confiscated Palestinian land.

**Aug. 11:** Israeli authorities release 15-year-old Sundus Samir Obeid after spending five months in HaSharon prison over alleged knife possession.

- An Israeli youth is reportedly stabbed and lightly injured while leaving a Jewish cemetery at the Mount of Olives.
- Some 129 Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli police enter the Al-Aqsa mosque compound ahead of the Jewish holiday of Tisha B’Av.
- Israeli forces raid the Shu’fat refugee camp and detain five Palestinians during an opening ceremony for a courtyard constructed for a local youth center.
- The Jerusalem Planning and Construction Committee approves a new plan for 62 housing units in two 9-storey buildings in Pisgat Ze’ev settlement.

**Aug. 12:** At least 15 Palestinian youths are detained and assaulted overnight in the Old City, before being released but banned from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Aug. 14:** At least 18 Palestinians, including a minor, are injured at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound when clashes erupt between Palestinians and Israeli forces escorting hundreds of Jewish worshipers commemorating the fasting holy day of Tisha B’av.

- The Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee approves 56 new residential units as part of an existing 700-unit plan for Ramot settlement.

**Aug. 16:** The Palestinian Committee of Prisoners’ Affairs reports that Israeli forces have detained 560 children from Jerusalem so far this year, and that 110 minors are still being held in Israeli prisons, while on at least 60 house-arrest orders are imposed.

- Israeli forces demolish a single-room house and several outdoor walls belonging to Muhammad Ali Ubeidat in Jabal Al-Mukabber for being built without licenses.
- In Anata, Israeli bulldozers demolish a car dealership exhibition owned by Zakaria Musa without giving prior notice.
- Israeli forces forcibly evacuate the ICRC headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah as families of Palestinian hunger-striking prisoners stage a sit-in inside the building.

**Aug. 18:** Israeli authorities return the body of Mohammad Jamal Al-Kalouti, 21, who was shot dead by Israeli police on 9 March after opening fire outside the Old City’s New Gate, at the Al-Mujahidin cemetery near Herod’s Gate.

**Aug. 24:** The families of Palestinian prisoners from Jerusalem protest in front of the main ICRC office in Sheikh Jarrah to protest the organization’s reduction of prisoner visits.

- At midnight Israeli authorities return the slain body of Abdel-Malak Abu Kharoub, 19, from Kufr Aqab, who was killed on 9 March near the Old City’s New Gate.

**Aug. 26:** Some 250 Palestinian worshipers from Gaza, all above the age of 50, attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Aug. 29:** Israeli forces demolish eight structures in the Maazi Jaba Bedouin community in the controversial E1 zone and force residents to demolish another three structures themselves, rendering 28 people homeless.

- After holding the body of Thaer Abu Ghazaleh, 19, who was killed by Israeli forces in October 2015 in a stabbing attack in Tel Aviv, for over ten months, it is returned to his family and buried in the Al-Mujahidin cemetery outside the Old City.
- Israeli forces detain three Palestinian minors - Laith Abd al-Rabo, Bilal Hroub, and Mufid Saida, all 17 - in Jerusalem.
- Czech daily newspaper *Mlada fronta Dnes* reports that following a formal complaint by Palestinian Ambassador to Prague Khaled Al-Attrash, textbook publisher Shocart was told by the Czech government to rewrite all its textbooks listing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, or lose certification.

- *Kol Ha'ir* reports about ongoing construction in the settlements of Pisgat Ze'ev (325 housing units), Har Homa (149), and Neve Yaacov (78).

**Aug. 30:** In Sur Baher, Israeli forces demolish the house of Wasim Atiyeh with much of the family's belongings still inside.

- In Silwan, Israeli bulldozers demolish, without prior notice, two houses under construction belonging to Iyad Nairoukh, and two fences surrounding the homes of Aziz Burqan and Abed Shweiki.

- Israeli forces assault six Palestinian youths, using their rifles and batons, while they are walking in the Old City's Bab Al-Hutta neighborhood.

- Overnight, Israeli forces raid Al-Issawiyya, detaining at least one Palestinian.

**Aug. 31:** Israeli forces assault five Palestinian football players with their rifles as they left, still dressed in their football uniforms, the Burj Al-Laqlaq Social Center.

- At least 65 Israeli settlers tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, escorted by Israeli officers.

## September

**Sept. 1:** Israeli authorities return the body of Bahaa Elayyan, 22, from Jabal Mukabber, who was killed in an attack on an Israeli bus on 13 October 2015 that left three Israelis dead.

**Sept. 2:** Israeli forces and Jerusalem municipality staff raid Al-Issawiya and Silwan, delivering demolition orders and summons to local residents.

- Some 250 Palestinian worshippers from Gaza, all above the age of 50, attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Sept. 3:** Jerusalem municipality workers raid the Bustan area of Silwan, closing one its streets with cement blocks allegedly for the purpose of "repairs and infrastructure lines," adding to fears to have homes in the area demolished.

- In At-Tur, Israeli forces briefly detain, pepper spray and beat a Palestinian minor, Jamal Al-Zaatari, 16.

**Sept. 4:** Some 60 Israeli settlers tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to commemorate the start of the new Jewish month, as well as the death of 13-year-old Hallel Yaffa Ariel, who was stabbed to death in the Kiryat Arba settlement in June. At the same time, Israeli police tightens the restrictions on the entry of Muslims seized some Palestinian citizens' IDs and prevented youths from entering the compound.

**Sept. 5:** At the close of an early morning raid in Shufat refugee camp, Israeli forces shoot and kill Mustafa Nimr, 27, and injure his brother-in-law Ali Taysir Nimr, 25, initially claiming they tried to run over police, later admitting that he was "killed by mistake".

**Sept. 6:** The Israeli Central Court sentences three Jerusalemite Palestinians - Wisam Kastero, 20, his brother Nureddin, 18, and Ahmad Hamouda, 18 - to 10, 5 and 8 years respectively for throwing Molotov cocktails at Israeli settler cars in Beit Hanina.

- After holding his body for 200 days, Israeli authorities return Muhammad Abu Khalaf, 19, from Kufr Aqab, who was shot dead on 19 February after stabbing Israeli officers outside Damascus Gate. His family lay him to rest just after midnight at the Al-Mujahidin Cemetery outside the Old City.

**Sept. 7:** Nabih Al-Basti and his family from the Old City are forced to destroy their home – built 19 years ago - with their own hands, in order to avoid punishment from the Jerusalem Municipality.

**Sept. 8:** Israel returns the body of Abdel-Muhsen Hassuneh, 21, to his family - 263 days after he was shot dead by Israeli forces, after carrying out a car ramming attack on a bus stop in Jerusalem on 14 December 2016.

**Sept. 9:** Some 250 Palestinians over 50 years from the Gaza Strip head to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Sept. 11:** Over 50 ultra-orthodox Israeli settlers and 30 Israeli intelligence officers enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and tour the site.

- Inspectors from the Israeli Nature and Parks Authority enter the Bab Ar-Rahma cemetery outside the Old City under Israeli police protection and seal two unused graves.

**Sept. 15:** Israeli forces evict the family of Mazen Qirrish from their home in the Saadiya neighborhood of the Old City to make room for settlers, claiming they were no longer "protected tenants" as the property had been sold to Ateret Cohanim back in 1986.

- As military checkpoints around Jerusalem are closed due to "security threats," Israeli forces detain a Palestinian youth in Hizma claiming he had been planning an attack.

**Sept. 16:** Some 250 Palestinians over 50 years from the Gaza Strip head to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

- Israeli forces shoot and kill a Jordanian, Said Amr, 28, after an alleged stab attack at the Old City's Damascus Gate.

**Sept. 19:** Two Israeli police officers are seriously wounded in a stabbing attack at the Old City's Herod's Gate perpetrated by Ayman Al-Kurd, 20, from Ras Al-Amud, who is shot and critically injured at the scene.

- Israeli authorities have banned the Deputy Secretary of Fatah, Shadi Mutwir, from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for six months.

- *Kol Ha'ir* reveals that the Jerusalem Planning and Construction Committee has approved to submit a new plan to construct 450 housing units in Gilo.

**Sept. 20:** Israeli forces demolish Palestinian structures in Beit Hanina and Sur Baher.

**Sept. 21:** Israeli police arrest a Palestinian merchant from the Old City, Said Abu Sneineh, for allegedly selling knives from his houseware store in the Old City to “terrorists,” claiming an alleged attacker had purchased knives there before attempting to stab police officers on 16 September. The merchant’s 9-year-old son and 16-year-old nephew are also detained.

- During raids in Issawiya Israeli forces deliver demolition orders to over 30 Palestinian homes in 10 houses belonging to the Mahmoud, Alayyan, Abu Al-Hummus, and Abu Irmeileh families for lacking construction licenses.

**Sept. 22:** Israeli forces arrest at least 23 people as they raid Shu’fat and Issawiya in search for arms and suspected criminal and nationalistic offenders.

- The Jerusalem Planning and Construction Committee approves to submit plan No. 111203 for the expansion of Ramot settlement on 6.5 dunums of land.

**Sept. 23:** Some 250 Palestinians over 50 years from the Gaza Strip head to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Sept. 24:** An Israeli court sentences John William Qaqish, 21, to nine years in prison for stabbing two Israeli teenagers in the Old City on 24 May 2015.

**Sept. 26:** The Israeli magistrate’s court in Jerusalem sentences Sheikh Omar Abu Sara to eight months in prison for giving a sermon at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in November 2014, claiming he “incited violence against Jews.”

**Sept. 27:** Israeli forces raid the Old City and detain three former prisoners (Rami Fakhory, Ahmad Shawishm and Mohammad Haziena). In another arrest raid in Shufat refugee camp, at least six Palestinians are detained.

- In the middle of the night, Israeli forces demolish two residential houses in At-Tur belonging to the Abu Al-Hawa family, rendering 16 people homeless and losing their belongings.

- In Beit Safafa, Israeli forces demolish the "Mediterranean Restaurant" of Imad Burqan, built over 20 years ago, without prior notice for lacking a permit.

- Israeli police make preparations throughout the Old City ahead of the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 2-4).

**Sept. 28:** Israeli forces raid Shu’fat refugee camp for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive day, searching and ransacking scores of homes before dawn and detaining at least 13 Palestinians.

- In Beit Hanina, Rami Allon and Imad Jaber are forced to demolish their own homes, for being built without licenses, rendering 15 Palestinians homeless.

- Israeli courts sentence four Palestinians for throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails: Beit Hanina residents Basil Ahmad Qutub, 19, to 80 months plus a NIS 80,000 fine and Muhammad Hussam Qirrish, 20, to 48 months and a fine of NIS 40,000, as well as Zakaria Bakri, 14, and Nabil Sider, 15, from the Old City, to five months in prison and a fine of NIS 3,000 each.

**Sept. 29:** Israeli authorities cancel this week’s visit of elderly Gazan worshipers to the Al-Aqsa Mosque due to the funeral of former Israeli President Shimon Peres.

**Sept. 30:** despite harsh criticisms from Palestinians President Abbas attends the funeral of Shimon Peres in Jerusalem.

## October

**Oct. 1:** Israeli forces shoot dead Nasim Abu Meizar, 28, from Kufr Aqab after stabbing and wounding an Israeli soldier at the Qalandia checkpoint.

**Oct. 2:** Israeli forces detain at least 15 Palestinians during predawn raids in the Old City before, later releasing them but banning most of them from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Oct. 3:** Some 45 right-wing Israelis escorted by Israeli forces tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashana.

**Oct. 4:** Samer Idkik is forced to demolish parts of his family home in the Old City’s As-Saadiya area, following an order from the Jerusalem municipality saying the rooms were built without licenses.

- Some 73 right-wing Israelis escorted by Israeli forces tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the final day of Rosh Hashana. A number of Palestinian youth are banned from entering the Mosque while others have to leave their IC cards with Israeli forces at the compound’s gates.

**Oct. 6:** Israeli forces raid homes in At-Tur and Issawiya, detaining 15 Palestinians,

**Oct. 9:** Near the Israeli police HQ and the Ammunition Hill light rail station Misbah Abu Sbeih, 39, from Silwan, who also lived in Ar-Ram, opens fire from his car, killing an Israeli woman and injuring a man, then drives into Sheikh Jarrah shooting at police chasing him, killing one policeman and injuring at least five others, before being shot dead himself.

- Israeli forces raid Ar-Ram and the home of Misbah Abu Sbeih, and injure seven youth in the ensuing clash. In Silwan, forces detain Abu Sbeih's father and two of his brothers.

- Israeli forces demolish eight homes in the Bedouin community of Khan Al-Ahmar near Maale Adumim settlement, rendering 28 people homeless.

- Israeli forces injure over 50 Palestinians during clashes outside Al-Quds University in Abu Dis.

**Oct. 10:** Israeli forces interrogate the wife and the teenage daughter of Misbah Abu Sbeih, who was killed by Israeli forces a day earlier while carrying out a shooting attack, then detain the girl.

- Israeli forces detain at least 39 Palestinians from Jerusalem in overnight raids, including the Jerusalem director of the Palestinian Prisoner's Society, Nasser Al-Qaws, and nine minors.
- Oct. 11:** Israeli forces attempt to raid the Dar al-Aytam School in the Old City, claiming that students threw glass at them.
- The Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem sentences Khamis Tamim Al-Salaymeh, 57, to two years in prison for driving three youth who carried out an attack that killed an Israeli and injured another in Jerusalem's Old City in February.
- The West Bank and Gaza border crossings are placed under a general closure while Israeli police put up temporary checkpoints, reducing or cutting off traffic from East Jerusalem neighborhoods, due to the Jewish Day of Atonement Yom Kippur.
- Some 156 rightwing Jews escort by Israeli police tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform religious rituals on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. A number of Palestinian youth are prevented from entering the compound, while others are forcibly escorted out.
- Four Palestinian youths are injured with live fire when clashes erupt in Ar-Ram with Israeli forces amid ongoing raids in the area in the aftermath of the shooting attack two days earlier.
- The Jerusalem director of the Palestinian Prisoner's Society, Nasser Al-Qaws, is released from jail but banned from Al-Aqsa compound for 45 days.
- Amid ongoing violent police raids, Ali Atef Shyoukhi, 20, is shot and killed with live fire during clashes in Silwan, while another youth is critically injured.
- Oct. 12:** Dozens of Palestinians are shot and injured on the fourth consecutive day of violent raids in Ar-Ram.
- Israeli forces close the main entrance of Issawiya and raid the village several times, firing stun grenades, tear gas and rubber-coated steel bullets, and detaining 5 youth.
- Oct. 13:** UNESCO votes with 24:6 and 26 abstentions to adopt a preliminary resolution that sharply criticizes Israeli policies around the "Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif and its surroundings" and calls for the restoration of the previous status quo there, while not outrightly rejecting Jewish ties to the site. The resolution also recognized the importance of the Old City of Jerusalem – as well as of the holy sites in Hebron and Bethlehem - for the "three monotheistic religions".
- Overnight, 17 Palestinians are detained in East Jerusalem, including two sons of Misbah Abu Sbeih, who died in a shooting attack on 9 October, and the twin brother of Ali Shyoukhi, who was killed two days earlier in Silwan; 14 others from the Old City are released later but banned from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Oct. 14:** Some 250 Palestinians over 50 years from the Gaza Strip head to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- Oct. 17:** About 43 right-wing Jews escorted by Israeli police tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
- On the occasion of Sukkot, Israeli forces are deployed in large numbers across Jerusalem, specifically around the Old City, while several roads will be closed.
- Israeli forces raid Dar Al-Aytam School and Orphanage in the Old City, arrest Samir Jibril, director of the PA Ministry of Education department overseeing all Palestinian schools in Jerusalem, and later detain 10 Palestinians aged 15-17 years, for allegedly throwing rocks from the rooftop of their school.
- Oct. 18:** Although Mexico changes its position, UNESCO Executive Board votes to adopt and ratify its Jerusalem Resolution during a blanket vote validating all resolutions passed during this year's general conference.
- Over 200 right-wing Israelis enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under the protection of armed Israeli forces on the second day of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
- Israeli police arrest four Palestinian youth, aged 14, 15, and 19, from At-Tur and Wadi Al-Joz for allegedly throwing rocks at Israelis.
- Oct. 19:** In Silwan and Issawiya, Israeli forces arrest 15 Palestinians, including 5 minors, in early morning raids and summon a number of others for interrogation.
- Throughout the day, 323 Jews enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the third day of Sukkot; 8 of them are evacuated and banned from the site for performing prayers in violation of long-standing agreements regarding non-Muslim worship at the site. Israeli police also seize the ID cards of Muslim worshipers before allowing them in.
- Slamming the recent UNESCO resolution on Jerusalem, Prime Minister Netanyahu announces that the government will help fund an archaeological recovery project focused on the "Temple Mount" and operated by the right-wing Elad organization.
- Oct. 21:** Some 250 Palestinians over 50 years from the Gaza Strip head to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- Oct. 23:** Israeli forces detain 20 Palestinians, five of them minors, during predawn raids in Silwan, Issawiya, Jabal Al-Mukabber, and Shu'fat refugee camp
- Some 346 Israelis tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound throughout the last day of Sukkot, many of them trying to perform religious rituals. Israeli police forces at all gates of the compound seize Muslim worshipers' identity cards before letting them in.
- Oct. 24:** According to the Waqf, 67 rightwing Jews tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound throughout the day.

- Israeli forces are heavily deployed in the area of Al-Wad Street in the Old City as rightwing Jews organize a provocative march there, impeding the freedom of movement of residents and merchants.

**Oct. 25:** Overnight, Israeli forces detain at least 6 Palestinians in the Old City, including a security guard for the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Over 77,000 Israel supporters have reportedly signed a petition demanding UNESCO to nullify its recent Jerusalem resolution, claiming UNESCO had violated the “basic human rights of Jews everywhere,” by not including “Temple Mount” into the resolution.

- Israeli forces confiscate 11 Palestinian-owned vehicles during a raid in the Wadi Al-Hummus area of Sur Baher, alleging they were used in attacks against Israel and for transporting undocumented Palestinians into Israel.

- In Shu’fat, Israeli police detains twin brothers Muhammad and Sair Abu Khdeir, 12, after raiding their home for alleged stone-throwing.

- In Issawiya, Israeli forces detain teenager during raids and clashes in the village.

**Oct. 26:** In Beit Hanina, Israeli forces demolish three houses, one belonging to Nasser Rajabi, one to Ahmad Razaq Siyam, including his furniture inside, and one unfinished house owned by Thaer Ismael Siyam. At least 14 people were made homeless.

- Israeli forces demolish a two-story home with four apartments built 17 years ago in the al-Jisr area of Silwan, rendering 30 people of the Jaafreh family homeless.

- World Heritage Committee members states vote with 10:2 and 8 abstaining in favor of a resolution that strongly condemns Israeli policies vis-à-vis Palestinians.

**Oct. 27:** In Shu’fat camp, 12 Palestinians are injured by Israeli forces during clashes triggered by army raids in the camp.

**Oct. 28:** Some 250 Palestinians over 50 years from the Gaza Strip head to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

- Israeli forces close off a street with cement blocks in Jabal Al-Mukabber as a “collective punishment” against the village, after fireworks were allegedly fired at the adjacent Israeli Armon Hanatziv settlement.

**Oct. 31:** Israeli forces raid the Silwan Middle School for Boys in search for students accused of throwing stones. They also summon the principal of the school as well as that of Silwan elementary school for interrogation.

## November

**Nov. 1:** The Israeli Nature and Parks Authority forces demolish six Palestinian graves owned by the Husseini and Al-Ansari families and crumbling tombstones at the Bab Ar-Rahma cemetery just outside the Old City’s eastern wall.

- Israeli forces raid Abu Dis and enter Al-Quds University’s premises, triggering clashes with Palestinian youth which leave dozens injured.

**Nov. 2:** Israeli bulldozers demolish the two-story house of Thalji Suleiman in Beit Hanina, despite the demolition order had been postponed.

- The Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee approves the construction of 181 new housing units in Gilo settlement.

**Nov. 4:** Some 250 Palestinians over 50 years from the Gaza Strip head to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

- Israeli authorities ban the Muslim call to dawn prayer from being projected over loudspeakers in three mosques in Abu Dis.

**Nov. 7:** Israeli MKs, including Knesset speaker Yuli Edelstein, Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan, Environmental Affairs Minister Zeev Elkin, and Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel launch a new Knesset “Temple Mount Lobby” during a conference on the prospect of altering the *status quo* at the Al-Aqsa in order to permit them to visit the site.

- Israel's Jerusalem district court sentences Ahmad Manasra, 14, to 12 years in prison after he is convicted of attempted murder for carrying out a stabbing attack on Oct. 12, 2015 that left two Israelis seriously injured and his 15-year old cousin killed. In addition, the court imposes a fine on his family of NIS 180,000.

**Nov. 8:** Israeli forces detain 8 Palestinians, including three minors, during overnight raids in Shu’fat refugee camp, Ras Al-Amud and Al-Issawiya.

- Israeli forces demolish a three-story building in Wadi Joz for lacking a license.

- Israeli forces demolish a two-story building, still under construction, in Issawiya for lacking a license.

- In response to the Israeli Supreme Court’s ruling to evacuate the illegal Amona outpost by the year’s end, the Jerusalem Municipality mayor Nir Barkat has reportedly demanded that the court in turn approve the immediate demolition of more than a dozen Palestinian homes in Jerusalem.

**Nov. 9:** During predawn raids Israeli forces detain five Palestinians from At-Tur and Issawiya, including three minors.

- Israeli forces demolish an unlicensed car wash owned by the Maraqa family in Beit Hanina.

- Israeli forces partially demolish an apartment in At-Tur owned by Mahmoud Al-Hadra.

- At least 100 Jews and settlers Israelis, escorted by Israeli police, tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.



**Nov. 10:** Israeli authorities cancel weekly visits for 150 elderly Gazans to come for Friday prayers to Al-Aqsa Mosque the next day on the grounds that some of the past worshippers have not returned to Gaza but stayed illegally in Israel.

**Nov. 12:** Israeli forces raid Silwan, where they deliver a demolition notice to the home of Jamal Amr, which was built in 1954, and was legally licensed in 1993.

- The Israeli Ministerial Committee on Legislation approves draft legislation, which calls for barring the use of loudspeakers for any religious or "inciting" messages as part of the call to prayer, moving it to the Knesset where it is expected to go through several readings before becoming a law.

**Nov. 13:** In Jabal Al-Mukabber, the family of Mohammad Khalil Jaabis is forced to demolish two of their apartments for being built without a license, rendering 12 people, including six children, homeless.

**Nov. 14:** In Beit Hanina, Nidal Ghaith and Mohammad Al-Najjar are forced to demolish their stores – one a fruit and vegetable market built 9 years ago, the other a shop for construction and sanitation material built 3 years ago - for being built without proper permits.

**Nov. 15:** Israeli forces demolish two agricultural structures in Silwan belonging Alaa Shweiki and one in Jabal Al-Mukabber.

- Israeli forces detain six Palestinian teenagers in Silwan and Al-Issawiya.

- Israeli bulldozers demolish the foundation of a mosque in Sur Baher.

**Nov. 16:** Israeli forces detain at least two Palestinian in predawn raids, including a 12-year old Ahmad Marrar.

- Ateret Cohanim has asked the Israeli courts to begin the evictions of nine Palestinian families in the Batan Al-Hawa section in Silwan (out of 72 families it seeks to evict in the area).

**Nov. 17:** Israeli forces detain five Palestinians in Issawiya and one in Jabal Al-Mukabber in early morning raids.

**Nov. 18:** Some 250 Palestinian worshippers from Gaza, all above the age of 50, attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Nov. 19:** Israeli forces detain seven Palestinians from Jerusalem in early morning raids.

- Israeli forces storm the campus of Al-Quds University in Abu Dis and damage the "contents of a book fair," organized to help their students in need.

**Nov. 20:** Some 64 ultra-Orthodox Israelis enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound; Israeli forces evacuate five of them after they attempt to perform Jewish prayers.

**Nov. 21:** At Qalandia checkpoint, Israeli security guards shoot and kill Jihad Muhammad Said Khalil who allegedly tried to stab a security force.

**Nov. 22:** Israeli authorities complete the demolition of the house under construction of Mahmoud Al-Hadra in At-Tur.

- Israeli authorities seal off a restaurant owned by Musa Naim Fatafta in Silwan for being unlicensed.

- The annual report by Comptroller Joseph Shapira on Israeli local authorities accuses the WJM of faulty planning and construction, and discriminating against the Palestinians residents of East Jerusalem in the issuing of building permits (they receive only about 15% of all issued permits). The report also finds the entire city of Jerusalem lacks any valid zoning plan, and that the most recent one, approved in 2009, was later frozen, due to right-wing complaints it would permit too much Palestinian construction.

**Nov. 25:** An Israeli security guard shoots dead Mohammed Nabil, 16, near the Shufat checkpoint for allegedly attempting a stabbing attack.

- Some 200 Palestinian worshippers from Gaza, all above the age of 50, attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Nov. 28:** The Al-Maqassed and Augusta Victoria hospitals - which serve thousands of patients referred by the PA Ministry of health from the West Bank and Gaza - release a joint statement saying that the PA owes the hospitals both a total of NIS 240 million in unpaid bills, causing them serious financial difficulties.

- *Haaretz* reports about a new right-wing master plan (dubbed Jerusalem 5800), which envisages a mega-Jerusalem in 2040 - with a giant international airport near Jericho, a railway line from Ramallah, a huge commercial and employment area near Qalandia, a Biblical park in the Refa'im nature reserve, ring roads and dozens of new hotels. The plan - a private initiative of Australian Jewish philanthropist and businessman Kevin Bermeister - sees Jerusalem as a metropolis including Modi'in and the Etzion bloc, Bethlehem, Jericho and Ramallah, while ignoring the city's political situation and the needs of the Palestinian residents, whose ratio should not exceed 40%.

- Israeli forces demolish an "illegal structure" that was "built with unsuitable materials on land designated for public open space," in Jabal Al-Mukabber and part of a home – "an illegal extension" - in Silwan.

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## December

**Dec. 1:** Israeli forces detain at least 7 Palestinians from Jerusalem during overnight raids.

**Dec. 2:** Some 250 Palestinian worshippers from Gaza, all above the age of 50, attend Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Dec. 3:** Brothers Said and Nasser Al-Abbasi are forced to demolish their own homes in the Karm Al-Sheikh area of Silwan for being built unlicensed.

**Dec. 5:** The Israeli police decide to lengthen the period of time in the morning dedicated to Jewish and non-Muslim visitations to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound by one hour from 7.30 to 12.00 h.

- Israeli forces besiege the Palestinian Bab Ar-Rahma cemetery right outside the Old City, denying entry to Palestinians attempting to bury the body of a recently deceased woman under the pretext that the cemetery was established on Israeli state land that was confiscated in order to be used for building a “national park.”

**Dec. 6:** In Silwan, Israeli authorities demolish a horse stable belonging to Alaa Shweiki, confiscating also a horse and leveling land and walls nearby, as well as two houses under construction belonging to Nasser and Said Al-Abbasi, although they themselves had already destroyed the buildings three days earlier.

**Dec. 7:** The Israeli Planning and Construction Committee approves the construction of 770 housing units in Gilo settlement.

**Dec. 8:** Overnight, Israeli forces deploy in the in Shu’fat refugee camp and take pictures of several buildings, triggering clashes that leave several Palestinians injured and at least four youths detained.

**Dec. 9:** Some 100 UNRWA employees travel from Gaza to Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, while permits for another 150 elderly Palestinians are cancelled on the grounds that Palestinians often do not return to the Gaza Strip immediately following the visit.

- Israeli municipality crews escorted by armed forces raid the Al-Bustan neighborhood of Silwan and deliver 13 demolition notices for residential structures housing over 100 people.

**Dec. 12:** Over 80 of extreme right-wing Israelis enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection and stay 45 minutes longer than the usual time permitted for right-wing Israelis touring the site.

- Israeli forces raid and ransack the Burj Al-Luqluq community center in the Old City.

- Jerusalem Municipality crews raid Al-Issawiya and deliver a demolition notice for the two upper floors of a four-story building belonging to the family of Iyad Mahmoud.

- During a raid in Issawiya, Israeli forces shoot Palestinian activist Mohammed Abu Al-Hummus in the leg while he was attempting to take photos and video footage to document Israeli violations and provocations.

**Dec. 13:** Israeli bulldozers demolish two steel structures and a store in Sur Baher because they were built too close to the Israeli separation wall.

**Dec. 14:** Israeli bulldozers demolish a two-storey under-construction residential building in Beit Hanina.

- Israeli forces assault and detain four Jerusalemites - Mahmoud and Muhammad Al-Masri from Ras Al-Amud, and Bahaa and Alaa Amro from Silwan – as they are heading to work in Tel Aviv.

- Near the Austrian Hospice in the Old City, Israeli forces shoot and kill Hamad Khader Al-Sheikh, 21, who allegedly tried to attack a group of Israeli forces with a screwdriver, injuring two of them. In the shooting, a stray bullet hits and injures Fahmi Juwilis, 13.

**Dec. 15:** Overnight, Israeli forces detain 16 Palestinians, 13 from At-Tur, two from Issawiya and a woman from Silwan.

- *Arutz Sheva* reports that PM Netanyahu has recently held two meetings concerning the law enforcement on illegal construction in the Arab sector in Israeli as well as in East Jerusalem and instructed the relevant officials to work to issue demolition orders for the illegal structures.

- Israeli forces raid Issawiya and hang demolition notices on several buildings in the southwestern Habayel Al-Arab area, concerning over 20 apartments, all built 10-30 years ago.

- The Jerusalem District Court sentences Ataya Abu Aisha, 29, from Kufr Aqab to five years in prison, claiming she had planned a stab attack with a screwdriver near Damascus Gate in December 2015.

- President-elect Trump appoints far right David Friedman as ambassador to Israel, who says Trump will stand by his promise to move the US embassy to Jerusalem.

**Dec. 16:** Some 100 UNRWA employees travel from Gaza to Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Dec. 18:** Employees of Israel's Nature and Parks Authority escorted by Israeli forces raid the Palestinian Bal al-Rahma cemetery and put signs forbidding burial in parts of the cemetery which are considered “open public area” and are to become part of the national park around the Old City walls.

**Dec. 19:** The Israeli Supreme Court orders the partial demolition of the home of Misbah Abu Sbeih, who was killed by Israeli forces in October in a shooting attack in Sheikh Jarrah.

**Dec. 20:** Israeli forces raid Shufat refugee camp, triggering clashes as they shoot live ammunition, tear gas, and rubber-coated steel bullets at Palestinian youths.

- Following a contentious court battle, the Israeli Supreme Court rules that Mustafa Sub Laban and his wife Nora Gheith would be permitted to reside in their home for 10 years as “protected tenants” (i.e., rental agreements with the pre-1967 Jordanian government valid for three generations), without their children, until it is transferred to the ownership of the Ateret Cohanim settler organization. If any of their children are found to be residing in the home, they will be immediately evicted.

**Dec. 21:** Israeli forces demolish a room belonging to the home of Iyah Al-Zaghal in At-Thori for allegedly lacking an Israeli-issued building permit.

**Dec. 22:** During clashes in Kufr Aqab triggered by an army raid to partially demolish the house of Misbah Abu Sbeih, who was killed in October while carrying out a shooting attack in Sheikh Jarrah, Israeli forces shoot and kill Ahmad Kharoubi, 19, after he allegedly threw a Molotov cocktail at soldiers.

**Dec. 24:** In Jerusalem, Israeli forces detain a Palestinian woman from Ras Al-Amud, claiming she intended to carry out a knife attack.

**Dec. 25:** The Israeli magistrate's court in Jerusalem sentences Shurouq Dwayyat, 19, to 16 years in prison, after she was accused of attempting to stab an Israeli settler in the Old City on 7 October 2015.

**Dec. 26:** *Haaretz* reports that 2016 saw with approved 1,506 housing units for settlements in East Jerusalem a sharp increase over 2015 (395) and 2014 (775).

**Dec. 28:** The Jerusalem Local Planning and Construction Committee cancels plans to vote on construction of hundreds of units in Jewish settlements - seen widely as retaliation for the UNSC Resolution 2334 against settlements passed on 23 December 2016 - but approves a plan to build a three-story building for settlers in the heart of Silwan instead.

- In a statement, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine Sheikh Mohammed Hussein warns that Israeli excavation and construction activities in the Old City endanger the lives and properties of Jerusalemites, adding that Israel was violating international law regarding its responsibility towards civilians in occupied territory, and was trying to eliminate Palestinian and Muslim identity by renaming streets and quarters in the Old City with Hebrew names. He also calls upon international organizations to intervene to stop the measures "before it's too late."
- Some 176 Israeli extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to mark the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, while Israeli authorities detained a Palestinian guard at the site.
- In Silwan, Israeli forces demolish three containers and a steel structure belonging to the Siyam family as well as parts of a store owned by the Abu Hadwan family, under the pretext that they lacked building permits.

**Dec. 30:** Israeli settlers from Elad escorted by masked Israeli forces raid the Wadi Hilweh area of Silwan overnight and take over a Palestinian-owned residential building there, allegedly for the purposes of the group.

- Jihan Muhammad Hashimeh, 35, from Issawiya is shot and injured after allegedly attempting to stab Israeli soldiers at the Qalandiya checkpoint.

**Dec. 31:** According to a statement released by the Islamic Waqf, the year 2016 saw with 14,806 Israeli settler incursions the so far highest number of right-wing Jews entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.