

Jerusalem Chronology

2017

January

Jan. 1: Habayit Hayehudi chairman Naftali Bennett call on the government to pass legislation that he plans to introduce this month that would extend Israeli sovereignty to the Jerusalem-area settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.

Jan. 2: Israeli bulldozers demolish 11 residential structures in the Bedouin community of Khan Al-Ahmar near Maal Adumim settlement.

Jan. 4: Israeli bulldozers demolish without any prior notice two houses belonging to Adnan Shweiki, built 15 years ago, in Shufat, rendering 18 people, who had rented the apartments, homeless.

- Israeli forces demolish two homes in Beit Hanina, one belonging to Amer Ubeido, the other to

- Clashes erupt in the Shu'fat refugee camp after municipality crews raid the camp and shops under heavy armed protection.

- Israel's central court sentences Marah Jawdat Bakir, 17, from Beit Hanina to 8 ½ years in prison and impose a fine of NIS 10,000, convicting her of attempting to carry out a stabbing attack in Sheikh Jarrah on 12 October 2015, during which she was shot and detained.

- US Republican senators Ted Cruz (Texas), Dean Heller (Nevada), and Marco Rubio (Florida) introduce to the 115th Congress in Washington the Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act at Congress, which calls for recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital and for moving the US embassy there from Tel Aviv, defying international stances on the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict resting on a two-state solution.

Jan. 6: During an Orthodox Christmas event in Beit Sahour, President Abbas condemns attempts by the incoming US government to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, saying that such a move would send the Middle East peace process and the entire world into a "crisis."

- After eight months under house arrest, Sahar Al-Natsheh, 48, is sentenced to three months in Israeli prison for "incitement" through social media.

Jan. 8: Four Israeli soldiers are killed and 13 others are wounded when a truck rams into a group of pedestrians near the Armon Hanatziv Promenade in East Talpiyot. The driver, Fadi Ahmad Al-Qunbar, 28, a father of four from Jabal Mukabber, is shot dead at the scene. Later, Israeli forces raid homes of his family members and detain at least five of them.

- Settlers from the Elad group take over a Palestinian-owned property belonging to Hani Sarhan in Silwan, while its owners are away in Jordan.

- Clashes erupt in Silwan between youth and Israeli forces, which also raid two brick-making workshops and detain two people in one of them.

Jan. 9: Clashes erupt in Jabal Al-Mukabber amid a fierce crackdown by Israeli forces in the area, a day after resident Fadi Qunbar carried out a deadly truck attack. Israeli forces also dismantle a mourning tent the family had set up.

- Israeli forces raid Issawiya at dawn and detain six Palestinians, three of whom minors.

Jan. 10: Interior Minister Aryeh Deri says the family of the Fadi Qunbar, who rammed his truck into a crowd two days earlier will be stripped of their residency rights in East Jerusalem. Soon after, Israeli forces raid Jabal Al-Mukabber and deliver warrants notifying 13 relatives of the revocation.

- During a raid in the Shufat refugee camp, in which ten people are detained, clashes erupt between Israeli forces and Palestinian youths.

Jan. 11: Israeli authorities demolish eight structures – shops and stockyards - in Jabal Al-Mukabber for being built without permits, and handed had handed 40 additional demolition notice.

Jan. 12: *Ma'an* reports that the Jerusalem municipality has approved plans to establish a new settlement on the site of the Jabal Al-Mukabber home of Fadi Qunbar, who carried out a truck attack on 8 January.

- Israeli forces uproot and cut down tens of olive trees in the Karm Al-Mufti area of Sheikh Jarrah, as part of an ongoing construction of a road connecting the settlement site of the former Shepherds Hotel with the Israeli Ministry of Interior.

Jan. 14: In Silwan, settlers living a top of the home of Muhammad Muheisin storm his courtyard, smashing outdoor furniture, plants, and framed Quran verses.

Jan. 17: In Issawiyya, Firas Mahmoud is forced to demolish his own home to avoid paying the municipality NIS 300,000 for doing it.

Jan. 19: Russian news agency Sputnik quotes Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov as saying that US plans to relocate its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would "create a significant challenge for security in the region."

- Addressing the Arab League in Cairo, Chinese President Xi Jinping says the Palestinian problem "should not be marginalized" and that "China supports the peaceful process in the Middle East [and] the establishment of a Palestinian state with its capital being eastern Jerusalem."

Jan. 20: Dozens of activists set up tents in a park near the Maale Adumim settlement, re-establishing the Bab al-Shams village on lands in the controversial E-1 corridor in protest of the Israeli bill to annex Maale Adumim expected to be approved by the Knesset. Israeli forces storm the village, expel the protestors and journalists and detain six activists.

Jan. 22: Prime Minister Netanyahu informs the members of the inner security cabinet that he has decided to lift all restrictions on Israeli construction in East Jerusalem resulting from international diplomatic pressures. The move is seen as in exchange for deferring a vote on the Ma'ale Adumim annexation bill until after Netanyahu meets with Trump.

- The Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee approves the construction of 566 housing units in the Pisgat Ze'ev, Ramot and Ramat Shlomo settlements.

- At a meeting in Amman, President Mahmoud Abbas and Jordan's King Abdullah II in Amman agree on a list of steps they would take if the new US administration is going ahead with its plans to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

- The White House says that the Trump administration was "at the very beginning stages of even discussing" the subject of moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, while aides say no announcement of the embassy move is imminent.

- The Qatar-based International Union for Muslim Scholars releases a statement, saying that "Muslim intellectuals, scholars and leaders will not accept relocating the US embassy to Jerusalem," and warning that such a step "would fuel the spirit of conflict and sedition, play into the hands of extremists and incite hatred against those assaulting the rights of the Palestinian people."

Jan. 23: Israeli forces intensify raids of homes and businesses in Jabal Al-Mukabber, imposing taxes and giving orders for home demolitions under the pretext of building without permits.

Jan. 24: Israeli settlers take over a storage unit formerly belonging to the on the ground floor of the apartment building on the Sub Laban family in the Old City's Aqbat al-Khaldiya area. The settlers, living below the Sub Labans, were given ownership of the storage unit following a controversial Israeli Supreme Court ruling in December 2016.

Jan. 25: Israeli forces demolish a storage place, a parking garage and a construction material store belonging to Radwan Amro in the Abbasyeh neighborhood of Silwan without prior notice.

Jan. 27: US President Trump tells *Fox News* that it was "too early" to talk about his controversial campaign promise to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and refuses to talk about it, saying it was too early to reveal any details.

Jan. 29: During the Israeli security cabinet's weekly meeting Prime Minister Netanyahu reaffirms his support for the US embassy moving from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, further adding that "all embassies should come here."

Jan. 31: Jordan's King Abdullah tells the US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee that senior security and intelligence officials in Israel are concerned the relocation of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would cause a violent escalation.

February

Feb. 1: Israeli forces raid the Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem, including the obstetrics and gynecology departments, and detained a youth from the Jenin district, who had arrived in an ambulance earlier in the day escorting his mother.

Feb. 2: Israeli police bans three Palestinian youths from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque for 6 months.

Feb. 5: An Israeli court sentences Manar Majdi Shweik, 16, from Silwan to six years in prison after she was charged with knife possession and planning a stab attack.

Feb. 6: Israeli police detain at least 14 Palestinians and seize tens of thousands of dollars' worth of cash and property in large-scale overnights raids in Jabal Al-Mukabber, Ras Al-Amud, At-Tur, and Shufat refugee camp, targeting the families of Palestinians who were either slain or incarcerated after carrying out or allegedly carrying out attacks.

Feb. 7: Israeli forces obstruct and stop a wedding parade in Wadi Al-Joz of former prisoner Majd Nader Saida and force the family to remove photos of Saida and flags of Palestinian factions that were hung on the walls of his family home.

- In Beit Hanina, Israeli authorities demolish without prior notice a building built 14 years ago (with a second floor still under construction) owned by Ayman Abu Rmeileh, under the pretext of building without a permit. The land in the area is designated for a new road planned by the municipality.

Feb. 8: Israeli forces raid the Wadi Hilweh Information Center and several houses in Silwan and detain five Palestinians, including the center's director Jawad Siyam.

Feb. 9: An Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem sentences Dalal Abu Al-Hawa from the Old City, a mother of six, to a year in prison and a fine of NIS 12,000 for depositing funds into a prison commissary belonging to a Hamas-affiliated Palestinian prisoner held in Israeli custody.

Feb. 10: In the Wadi Hilweh area of Silwan, Israeli settlers protected by soldiers seize a room, storage and a courtyard belonging to Arif Al-Qara'in thus blocking off an adjacent house belonging to 76-year-old Izzat Salah.

- Israeli authorities deliver at least 16 demolition notices to several Palestinian families, comprising at least 118 people, in the Al-Bustan area of Silwan.

Feb. 13: An Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem increases the sentence of Sheikh Omar Abu Sara, charged with "inciting violence against Jews" during a lecture he gave at Al-Aqsa Mosque in November 2014, from 8 to 14 months in prison.

- Some 13 settlers and 43 armed Israeli officers tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound; Israeli police detain two Al-Aqsa Mosque employees, who had prevented police from constructing a portable aluminum cabin inside the compound the evening before.

Feb. 14: In Issawiya, Israeli authorities demolish the family home of Salih Turk as well as two houses still under construction.

Feb. 15: Governor of Jerusalem Adnan Hussein denounces statements by Israeli Minister of Public Security Gilad Erdan that "the Temple Mount was the holiest site for the Jewish people, and only for the Jewish people" as "extremely dangerous," adding that Israeli measures in Jerusalem, including visits of the Al-Aqsa compound by extremist Israelis and detentions of Al-Aqsa employees, were "unprecedented."

Feb. 18: The Qarain family is forced to demolish their own 7-year old home in Silwan to avoid the municipal fees for the demolition.

Feb. 19: The Shweiki family of 13 is forced to demolish their own home, built ten years ago, in the Bir Ayoub area of Silwan to avoid the NIS 80,000 fee the Jerusalem municipality would have otherwise charged for the demolition.

Feb. 20: Dozens of extreme right-wing Israelis, yeshiva students, and former Knesset deputy speaker Moshe Feiglin tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under heavy Israeli police protection.

- Israeli forces detain Sheikh Najih Bkeirat, director of Islamic education at the Waqf, as well as two women from one of two tour buses traveling on a trip to Jaffa in Sheikh Jarrah. Several others are summoned for questioning.

Feb. 22: Israeli bulldozers destroy the house of Luay Abu Rmouz in Beit Hanina, without allowing him to evacuate furniture or his family's belongings.

Feb. 23: The Israeli Supreme Court rules in favor of the punitive demolition of the home of Fadi Al-Qunbar in Jabal Al-Mukabber, who was shot dead by Israeli forces after killing four soldiers in a car ramming attack on 8 January.

- Israeli authorities summon the head of Al-Nukhba elementary school for boys in Sur Baher, Luay Jamal Bkeirat, and his financial manager Nasser Hamed to a police station telling them their school would be closed "incitement in the schools' materials."

Feb. 24: Clashes erupt between Palestinian youths and Israeli forces in Issawiya, as police raid the area following the funeral of a former prisoner, Muhammad Kayid Mahmoud, 24, who had died in a car accident in Jericho.

Feb. 26: After Israeli authorities shut down Al-Nukhba elementary school for boys in Sur Baher over alleged "incitement", students attend class in the street and protest against the closure.

- Palestinian Minister of Waqf and Religious Affairs Sheikh Yousef Ideis warns "of the ongoing attempts by the (Israeli) occupation authorities" to destroy Al-Aqsa Mosque through the daily excavations being carried out under the compound, which have already led to sinkholes in nearby Silwan.

Feb. 27: During clashes in the Shu'fat refugee camp, Israeli forces shoot and injure a 9-year-old girl and a schoolboy, Abdullah Haroun Al-Anati, 14, with rubber-coated steel bullets.

- A Palestinian woman from Kufr Aqab is shot and injured by Israeli security guards at Qalandia checkpoint after she was carrying a bag in a "suspicious manner."

Feb. 28: Palestinian news agency Wafa reports that an Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem has ruled that Jews are permitted to pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound owing to the site's importance to the religion.

March

March 1: In Issawiya, Israeli forces demolish for the third time in 15 years a building owned by Khalid Nimr Mahmoud without prior warning, rendering 30 Palestinians homeless, for lacking a permit.

March 2: The Jordanian government rejects a recent Israeli magistrate court decision reportedly ruling that Jews should be permitted to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound

March 3: Israeli media reports that right-wing MK Yehuda Glick released a statement saying that a delegation, lead by US Republican Congressman Ron DeSantis, would arrive in Israel the next day, *inter alia*, to assess the potential US embassy relocation.

- Israeli media reports that the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will now become the first Israeli university recognize PA matriculation scores, which is expected to significantly increase the number of East Jerusalemites to attend Hebrew University.

March 4: In response to a US congressional delegation that reportedly arrived to Israel to study the possibility of relocating the US embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem Fatah spokesperson Ziad Khalil Abu Zayyad warns that the move would "explode the situation" in the entire Middle East and North Africa region.

March 6: A predawn Israeli police raid to detain five Palestinians in Issawiya sparks violent clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian youth.

- Israeli forces also raid Silwan, searching houses and detaining two Palestinians and summoning three others for interrogation.

- After Israeli authorities shut down their school in Sur Baher last month over alleged "incitement" in its study materials, students of Al-Nukhba school gather outside the Jerusalem municipality to hold classes and protest the closure, raising posters with slogans written Arabic, English, and Hebrew, such as: "An-Nukhba will not be shut down," and "We have a right to learn."

March 8: The Jerusalem municipality approves an enlarged budget but with no increase in several budget items aimed at closing gaps between Arab East Jerusalem and the Jewish west side.

- Israeli police disperse a conference by Women For Life and Democracy marking International Women's Day at St. George's Hotel, claiming the PA was behind the meeting, but organizers of the event denied any connection. A similar event at Al-Hamra Palace on Salah Eddin Street organized by Al-Mortaqa is also raided and closed.

March 9: Israeli forces detain at least three Palestinian boys between 11-15 years from Silwan, as well as three other Palestinians from Jerusalem.

March 11: After raiding her home in Beit Hanina, Israeli forces detain Palestinian writer Khalida Ghushah in relation to her novel (to be published in October) "The Jackal's Trap," which explores Palestinian collaborators with the Israeli occupation.

March 13: Israeli police shoot and kill Ibrahim Matar, 25, from Jabal Mukabber, claiming he had tried to stab police officers near Al-Aqsa Mosque, while eye witnesses and family members claim he was executed in "cold blood". After the killing Israeli forces are heavily deployed in and around Lion's Gate and prevent many Palestinians from reaching Al-Aqsa Mosque to pray. Police also raid Matar's home, arrest relatives, and prevent the setting up of a mourning tent.

- Israeli forces detained at least 8 Palestinians, including a teenage girl, Sundus Al-Julani, in predawn raids in Jerusalem.

- Fatah spokesperson Ziyad Abu Ziyad says in a statement that the situation in Jerusalem has become "unbearable" as "Israeli forces continue conducting field executions against Palestinian youths in Jerusalem," accusing Israel of aiming to "explode the situation" in the city.

- The Union of Parent Committees of East Jerusalem schools announces that all Palestinian schools in East Jerusalem would go on strike the next day in protest of the Jerusalem municipality "coercing Palestinian schools to close during the Jewish Passover holiday" (10-17 April).

March 14: Israeli Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan shuts down the Mapping and Geographic Information Systems Department of the Arab Studies Society for 'Tracking Palestinian Land Sales to Jews' and passing the information to PA security forces. The center's director Khalil Tufakji, is detained for questioning and computers and documents are seized.

- Israeli forces demolish a house owned by Mohammad Abu Salih in Silwan's Ein Al-Luzah area without giving prior notice, for being built without Israeli permits.

- In Issawiya, Israeli authorities demolish a building under construction owned by Majdi Mustafa for lacking a permit.

March 15: In pre-dawn raids, at least 11 Palestinians are detained in Silwan, Issawiyya, and Jabal Mukabber, mostly relatives of Ibrahim Matar who was shot and killed and two days earlier in the Old City.

- In Jabal Al-Mukabber Israeli police raid the home of Fadi Al-Qunbar, who was shot dead in January following a truck-ramming attack that left four Israelis dead.

March 16: Seized computers and documents are returned to Dr. Khalil Tufakji and the Mapping and Geographic Information Systems Department of the Arab Studies Society is allowed to reopen.

- Palestinian taxi driver Fadi Abed, 41, from Jerusalem sustains fractures and bruises after being assaulted by two Israelis he was driving in his taxi.

March 22: In Jabal Al-Mukabber, Israeli forces punitively seal the family home of Fadi Al-Qunbar, who was shot dead by Israeli forces in January after he drove a truck into a group of Israeli soldiers, killing four, by pouring concrete inside the house, displacing five Palestinians, four of them children.

March 23: Israeli forces prevent 12-year old Palestinian girls from the Umm Salma School in Yatta, Hebron area, from entering Jerusalem for a school trip, despite them having Israeli permits.

- A video goes viral showing an Israeli police officer physically assaulting and injuring Palestinian truck driver Mazen Rafaat Shweiki, 50, and several other Palestinians in Wadi Joz.

March 24: Israeli forces impose heightened movement restrictions at the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound after a sit-in was organized at the site demanding the release of slain Palestinian bodies withheld by Israeli.

- Israeli police detain several Jerusalemite Palestinians, including minors as young as 14 years, during raids.

March 25: Yousef Bukhtanin is forced to tear down the roof of his house in Beit Hanina, in compliance with an order from the Jerusalem municipality because the roof lacked the required building license.

- Israeli forces detain Amir Bilbeisi from As-Suwaneh, and Abdel-Rahim Barbar from Ras al-Amud.

March 26: Palestinian National Economy Minister Abir Odeh addressed the Arab League's Economic and Social Council on Sunday, urging Arab and international institutions to provide financial support for Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem, at a ministerial meeting held in preparation for the upcoming annual Arab League Summit in Amman.

March 27: Israeli forces detain 11 security guards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound after they prevent an Israeli archaeologist from trying to remove an old stone from the site.

March 28: Israeli authorities demolish two buildings under construction in Issawiya - one belonging to Ahmad Abu Al-Hummus, the other to the Muheissin family.

March 29: In Jabal Al-Mukabber, Israeli bulldozers demolish without prior notice two homes belonging to brothers Islam and Imam Al-Abbasi for lacking the required licenses, rendering 14 people, including 10 children, homeless.

- Siham Ratib Nimr, 49, is shot dead as she walks with her daughter near Damascus Gate and an altercation occurs with Israeli police officers, who claim she tried to stab them. Nimr's son Mustafa was mistakenly shot and killed by Israeli soldiers in September 2016 in Shu'fat.

- The Jerusalem Municipality and Jerusalem Development Authority submit a plan to the Local Planning and Building Committee to construct a 197-m-long pedestrian bridge over the Ben-Hinnom Valley in Jerusalem, connecting the Abu Tor and Mount Zion.

March 31: Palestinians in Issawiya perform Friday prayers at the entrance of their neighborhood in protest of Israel's demolition policies in the area and authorities' refusal to approve Palestinian construction.

April

April 1: In Jerusalem, thousands of Palestinians and Israelis participate in an anti-occupation protest marking 50 years of occupation.

- Israeli forces shoot and kill Ahmad Zahir Ghazal from Nablus, 17, after he stabbed two settlers, lightly injuring on the Old City's Al-Wad Street. Witnesses assert he could have easily been detain instead of killing him.

April 2: Israeli police detain two youths from East Jerusalem over alleged on Facebook incitement.

- The High Court of Justice summarily rejects a petition by Temple Mount activists demanding that the police allow them to stage their annual reenactment of the Paschal sacrifice in an archaeological park near the Temple Mount.

April 4: Israeli authorities demolish five Palestinian structures built without legal permits in Az-Za'yem, including three inhabited apartment buildings with 13 homes belonging to Othman Abu Sbeitan, Ahmad Shibr, and Ayman Ad-Dayah, an agricultural shed belonging to the Alqam family, and five retaining walls owned by

the Natsheh, Abbasi, and Alqam families. A demolition warrant for a further apartment building was delivered as well.

- In a new report, B'Tselem criticizes the "shoot-to-kill policy" of Israeli forces, condemning in particular the "unjustified" killing of Siham Nimr, 49, at Damacus Gate last week, saying she did not pose any danger to the soldiers she allegedly tried to stab.

April 5: Israeli authorities detain and summon several Palestinians from Jerusalem and ban at least five of them from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque for periods between 30 days and six months, including two Waqf employees.

- The Jerusalem municipality issues evacuation orders for three houses in the Wadi Hilweh area of Silwan belonging to the Oweida family due to fractures and cracks formed at the base of the houses caused by Israeli tunneling works.

April 6: During overnight raids in Issawiya Israeli forces clash with Palestinian youths, at least two of them are detained.

April 7: A group of Palestinian worshipers performs Friday prayers at the Lion's Gate outside the Old City, in protest of the Israeli ban against them, preventing them from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque for prayers.

- Israeli authorities announce a closure from April 9 to 17 (i.e., for the Jewish holiday of Passover) of all crossings between Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank

April 9: Israeli police has reportedly arrested seven Temple Mount activists, including the chairman of the 'Return to the Mount movement' Raphael Morris, suspected on planning to conduct a Passover sacrifice ceremony on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, in violation of police orders.

- Israeli forces detain at least 30 Palestinians during overnight raids in Jerusalem, most of them are later released - and ban them from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for periods between 15 days and six months, amid a security crackdown imposed by Israel leading up to the Jewish holiday of Pessach.

- The PLO marks the 69th anniversary of the Deir Yassin massacre, when at least 100 Palestinians were killed by Zionist militias in the Jerusalem-area village of Deir Yassin in 1948.

- According to a new report by the Palestinian Prisoner's Society Israeli forces detained 509 Palestinians throughout March, including 160 from East Jerusalem.

April 10: Israeli forces raid the compound following evening prayers, claiming that they were searching for a bag belonging to a Palestinian man who was detained there earlier. In the early morning over 30 settlers were allowed onto the site.

- Israeli authorities ban Majid Raghieb Al-Juaba from Jerusalem for 30 days after his release from 3 ½ years in prison.

April 11: After Israeli forces ban them from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque, a group of Palestinians perform prayers at the mosque's gates.

- Some 291 right-wing Israelis and settlers tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups of 30 to 35, as hundreds more foreign tourists visit the site, amid ongoing security restrictions on Palestinians and thousands of Israeli police deployed across the city due to Pessach. Some of the Jews perform are evacuated by security guards for violating agreements regarding non-Muslim worship at the site.

April 13: Israeli forces raid Abu Dis, causing clashes with students at Al-Quds University, several of whom are injured.

- A total of 385 right-wing Israelis and settlers tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound throughout the third day of Passover, as thousands of others performed religious rituals at the Western Wall.

April 14: Palestinian Christians along with international pilgrims mark Good Friday in Jerusalem.

- Jordan condemns Israel for "extremist raids" and "provocative behaviors" on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound during the Jewish Passover holiday and calls on the international community "to uphold its responsibilities towards East Jerusalem, including making Israel commit to all regulations in accordance to international law."

- "Mentally unstable" Jamil Al-Tamimi, 57, from Ras Al-Amud is detained after stabbing to death British student Hannah Bladon inside the Jerusalem Light Rail. Israeli forces impose a siege on the entrances of the Old City following the incident.

April 15: Christians from all church denominations along with international pilgrims mark Holy Saturday in the Old City, and a large procession of Palestinians gather to receive the holy fire at the Church of Holy Sepulcher.

April 16: Some 517 right-wing Israelis enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the sixth day of Passover, amid ongoing restrictions on Palestinian freedom of worship and movement.

April 18: In Jabal Al-Mukabber, Israeli authorities demolish two Palestinian caravans belonging to Mohammed Shqeirat and Ammar Hdedoun, who had used them as homes.

- During clashes in Abu Dis and Al-Izzariyya, Israeli troops shoot and injure over 11 Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets while 23 others suffered from severe tear gas inhalation.

- *Jerusalem Post* reports that a record number - 1,600 Jews (compared to 1,015 in 2016) of right-wing Israelis has visited the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound over the past week (Passover).

April 19: Israeli forces raid Issawiya and destroy without prior notice iron gates belonging to the Abu Riyaleh, Dari, Mustafa, Dkeik, and Abu Sneineh families, which were leading to commercial properties and farms, while delivering demolition and evacuation notices for a number of structures, including a car shop and car wash.

- Palestinians hold a solidarity sit-in with the hunger striking prisoners outside of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah. Israeli forces arrest at least one of them.

April 20: A Palestinian driver, Suhaib Mashahra, 21, from Sawahreh Ash-Sharqiya is shot and killed after allegedly carrying out a ramming attack on Route 60 next to Gush Etzion junction, injuring an Israeli man.

April 24: *Haaretz* reports that Jerusalem City Hall has published plans to expropriate land in Ras Al-Amud for a new visitor and information center to serve the adjacent Jewish cemetery on the Mt. of Olives. Even though construction plans have yet to be published, work has apparently already begun on the project.

April 25: Israeli forces violently raid Issawiya, injuring several people, including 52-year-old Fatima Mahmoud Ubeid who lost an eye after being shot while sitting on her balcony.

April 26: *Haaretz* reports that Israel's Housing Ministry is bringing back plans for a new ultra-Orthodox 10,000-home settlement at the defunct Atarot Airport next to Qalandia just outside of the Jerusalem 1967 borders. The plan had been frozen due to the strong opposition of the previous US Administration.

- According to reports, Israeli authorities plan 3,000 new housing units in Ramat Shlomo, and 2,000 units in the planned Givat Hamatos settlement

- After a three-year hiatus, work resumes on the separation barrier in Al-Walaja, which is expected to almost completely surround the village. The farming lands and nearby local spring are slated to become part of Jerusalem's new urban park, which the Palestinians will be prevented from reaching.

- Israeli authorities ban a roundtable event organized by the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA) at the legacy Hotel on the topic of Palestine in the Israeli Curriculum and the Culture of Incitement, claiming it had been coordinated with the PA (via Education Minister Sabri Saidam).

April 28: Clashes erupt in Al-Issawiya after Israeli forces take down a sit-in tent set up in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners.

April 29: 13 Palestinian journalists are injured while attempting to cover a peaceful sit-in at the Damascus Gate in support of Palestinian prisoners.

April 30: The Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate denounces the violent suppression of a sit in a day earlier, saying in a statement that the attack "will not prevent journalists from delivering Palestinians' message to the world."

May

May 1: At the Damascus Gate area outside the Old City, Israeli forces suppress an event of a group of Palestinians attempting to draw a mural, depicting images of solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners, who entered the 15th day of hunger strike.

May 2: UNESCO passes with a vote of 22:10 and 23 abstaining, a resolution criticizing Israeli conduct in Jerusalem and Gaza, although in much softer language. Sweden is the only Western country to vote in favor, while the US, the UK, Holland, Lithuania, Italy and Greece were among those voting against.

- Israeli forces shot dead a 19-year-old Israeli settler from Pisgat Ze'ev, mistaking him for Palestinian, after he allegedly attempted to carry out a knife attack on Israeli soldiers at Hizma checkpoint.

- Some 90 extremist Israelis under armed Israeli police escort tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups as Israel marked its Independence Day.

May 3: At a cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announces that Israel will cut another \$1 million in funding to the UN, following the passage of a UNESCO resolution critical of Israeli policy a day earlier, saying "UNESCO's decision is bizarre ... and this harassment has a price."

- Israel's Foreign Ministry summons the Swedish Ambassador to Israel Carl Magnus Nesser in response to Sweden's support for the UNESCO resolution, expressing Israel's bitter disappointment at Sweden's vote.

- Israeli forces detain a 21-year-old Palestinian at a military checkpoint outside of Shufat refugee camp, claiming he attempted to carry out a knife attack on Israeli soldiers.

- Israeli authorities release the body of Ibrahim Mahmoud Matar over 50 days after he was killed by Israeli forces (13 March) on the condition that only 20 people attend the funeral, to be held at night; that the family pay a NIS 20,000 fine; and that an Israeli police vehicle follow the family to their home in Jabal Al-Mukabber after the burial.

May 4: In Walaja, Israeli forces destroy four homes, two of them still under construction, days before a court hearing in which the homeowners - Ibrahim Neiroukh, Hamed and Raed Abu Sneineh - hoped to appeal the decision.

- In At-Tur, Israeli forces demolish one house with four apartments still under construction and belonging to Khalil Abu Sneineh and Rami As-Sayyad, without prior notice for of lacking a permit.

- In Sur Baher, Israeli forces destroy the home of Ashraf Fawaqa for lacking the needed permits, rendering six people homeless.

- In Issawiya, Israeli forces demolish two commercial structures belonging to the Abu Riyala family for being built without licenses.

May 7: Israeli police forces shoot and kill Fatima Afif Hajaji, 16, from the Ramallah-area village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, after she allegedly attempted to carry out a stabbing attack at the Damascus Gate.

- PA Minister of Health Jawad Awwad announces that an agreement had been reached with Augusta Victoria Hospital after the latter had warned it would no longer accept new patients, owing to a "crisis level" financial situation due to PA payment delays amounting to some \$41.78 million.

- Palestinians organize a sit-in outside of the ICRC headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah for the third week in a row, defying an Israeli decision that banned demonstrations outside the ICRC building.

- Israeli Police dedicates a new police station at the entrance to the Shu'fat refugee camp, making it the first such "Integrated Service Center", as it is officially called, in East Jerusalem, which will provide municipal and state services and serve as model for possible additional Palestinian neighborhoods.

May 8: The union of parent committees in occupied East Jerusalem schools hold a sit-in in solidarity with the principal of a preparatory school in Beit Hanina, Hassan Ghneim, who was hospitalized the previous week after Israeli police officers arbitrarily assaulted and detained him.

- Speaking at a conference on Jerusalem in Istanbul, President Erdogan, calls on Muslims across the world to visit the Al-Aqsa Mosque and voice support of the Palestinian struggle, saying Turkey backs Palestinian resistance to the Israeli occupation and that "each day that Jerusalem is under occupation is an insult to us." In response, Emanuel Nahshon, a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, says "Those who systematically violate human rights in their own country should not lecture and take the moral high ground over the region's sole real democracy."

May 9: Overnight, around 20 cars are vandalized with anti-Arab graffiti and slashed tires in what police are calling a suspected anti-Arab hate crime or so-called "price tag" attack.

May 10: The Palestinian Prisoners' Society and Palestinian Prisoners' Families Committee in Jerusalem organize a sit-in protest in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners, in front of the ICRC building in Sheikh Jarrah.

May 13: Israeli forces shoot and kill a Jordanian citizen of Palestinian origin, Muhammad al-Skaji, 57, in the Old City after he stabs and injures a police officer.

May 15: *Haaretz* reports that diplomats stationed at the US consulate in Jerusalem have refused to hold talks with Israeli officials about arrangements for President's Trump's upcoming trip to the Western Wall, claiming that the site is in the West Bank, and therefore the Israeli government has no authority over it. Later, the White House disavowed the remarks, saying "These comments, if true, were not authorized by the White House. They do not reflect the U.S. position, and certainly not the President's position."

- Senior US government officials have reportedly contacted the White House to warn Trump against recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital saying such a move would hurt Trump's peace efforts and could ignite violence in the Middle East.

May 16: At a press briefing, President Trump's national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, twice refuses to say whether the Western Wall, which Trump is set to visit during his upcoming trip, is part of Israel.

- US ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley breaks ranks with the Trump Administration telling the right-wing Christian Broadcasting Network that she supports the relocation of the US Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem and that she wasn't even sure if Jerusalem should at all be part of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

May 17: Israeli forces suppress a solidarity demonstration outside the ICRC headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah in support of the Palestinian hunger strikers, assaulting protesters and detaining three.

May 18: Palestinian youths prevent diplomatic vehicles, UN employees, and Palestinian Minister of Finance Shukri Bishara from passing a road towards the Al-Jib Israeli military checkpoint, in protest of what they see as the officials' failure to support the some 1,300 Palestinians currently on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.

May 19: Hundreds of Palestinians clash with Israeli forces across the West Bank and Gaza as demonstrations of support for the prisoners turn violent.

May 21: In overnight arrests, Israeli forces raid several homes and detain at least 11 Palestinians, including five in Issawiya, three in Shufat, one in Silwan and two in the Old City.

- Israel has announced "special procedures" for Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza to enter Israel and Jerusalem during the month of Ramadan. While those with permits denied for "security reasons" would not be allowed to enter, some 200,000 Palestinians with families in Israel get special visiting permits during Ramadan and another 700 for Eid Al-Fitr. Boys under 12 years, women, and men over 40 can pray at the Old City's Al-Aqsa Mosque on Fridays without needing a permit. Men aged 30-40 years can apply for special permits to pray on Fridays and on Laylat Al-Qadr. In addition, 500 Palestinians would be granted permits to travel abroad via Israel's Ben Gurion airport after undergoing security checks. As for Gazans, 100 men over 55 would be granted permits to pray every Friday in Al-Aqsa Mosque, while 300 employees of Palestinian and international organizations, who are married and over 55 and have no security ban, will get permits to travel to Jerusalem Sunday-Thursday during Ramadan.

- Israeli police escort MK Masud Ghanayim, member of the Islamic Movement and the Joint List, out of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, where he joined an event to clean and maintain the compound.

May 23: Relatives of Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike hold a sit-in in the front of the ICRC building in Sheikh Jarrah.

May 24: Right-wing Israelis and settlers hold their annual provocative "Jerusalem Day" march towards and through the Old City, while Palestinian shopkeepers are forced to close their shops and stay away.

- Outside Damascus Gate, Palestinian activists waving Palestinian flags denounce the Jerusalem Day parade, while international and Israeli peace activists form a human chain, but are violently dispersed by Israeli forces, beating and pushing them.

- Three Palestinian security guards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound are assaulted and detained by Israeli police, as an unprecedented over 700 right-wing Israelis and settlers tour the holy site in celebration of "Jerusalem Day," many of them performing religious rituals.

- The Jordanian government condemns the events at the Al-Aqsa compound as provocative against Muslims.

- In an address in front of the Knesset, Prime Minister Netanyahu vows that the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound (the "Temple Mount" for Israelis) and the Western Wall would "remain forever under Israeli sovereignty."

- Israeli President Reuven Rivlin uses the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem's 'reunification' to call for immediate action to improve the quality of life in East Jerusalem, saying "We cannot sing songs of praise for a united Jerusalem while East Jerusalem, the area where 40 percent of its residents live, is the poorest urban area in Israel."

- Channel 10 reports that Israel's National Security Council is considering a plan to transfer control of Kufr Aqab and the Shu'fat refugee camp from the Jerusalem Municipality to a yet-to-be established local council that would remain under Israeli control and receive funding for municipal services directly from the state rather than through the municipality.

May 25: Channel 10 News reports about a joint NIS 180 million plan of the Finance and Jerusalem Affairs Ministries to improve education, sewage infrastructure and waste removal for Palestinians living in East Jerusalem.

May 28: The Israeli security cabinet holds a meeting in tunnels located underneath the Old City of Jerusalem, in a move which Palestinians see as provocation and proof that Israel insists on sabotaging international efforts for peace. During the meeting, Prime Minister Netanyahu unveiled a NIS 200 million plan to build a controversial 1,400-m long cable car linking western Jerusalem to the Western Wall as well as constructing elevators and passages to ease access to the wall. Also approved is a plan to financially incentivize Palestinian schools in East Jerusalem to switch to the Israeli school curriculum.

May 29: The PA Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on the UNSC to uphold its responsibilities vis-à-vis international law and protect occupied East Jerusalem from the latest Israeli attempts to "Judaize" the city.

- Palestinian political factions release a statement, confirming their rejection of Israeli aggressions in occupied East Jerusalem and demanding that protection be provided for Palestinian Jerusalemites against Israeli attempts to "Judaize" the city.

- Israeli forces raid Shu'fat refugee camp, detaining at least two Palestinians.

May 31: Tens of extremist Israelis march through Silwan on the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, shouting insults at local Palestinians and vandalizing vehicles, while Israeli police officers stand by.

June

June 1: As every US President for the past two decades, President Trump signs the renewable six-month presidential waiver, delaying the implementation of a congressional decision to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, despite the issue having been one of his campaign promises during the elections.

June 4: Israeli forces storm Issawiya minutes before the Iftar (first meal after a day of fasting), sparking clashes in a number of areas in the neighborhood, during which several Palestinians are injured, including Layali Eid, Al-Quds Educational TV channel presenter, who was interviewing locals about their experiences during Ramadan for a TV show.

June 5: Overnight, extremist Israelis vandalize a number of Palestinian-owned cars in the French-Hill and Sheikh Jarrah areas, puncturing and spray-painting them with anti-Arab slogans.

- The US Senate approves by a 90-0 vote a non-binding resolution celebrating the 50-year anniversary of Israel's conquering of East Jerusalem in the Six-Day War, under the headline "50th Anniversary of the Reunification of Jerusalem" and declaring Jerusalem the "undivided" capital of Israel. The resolution was introduced by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) in a sign of strong bipartisan support for the Israeli government's position on the disputed holy city.

June 8: The Knesset and the US Congress hold a joint live broadcast event celebrating the "reunification" of Jerusalem.

- A group of right-wing Israeli women dressed up in religious Muslim clothing attempts to pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque, in contravention of agreements regimenting the holy site, but were detected by security guards.

June 9: Israeli settlers slash the tires of several Palestinian cars in Beit Safafa and spray-paint anti-Arab graffiti on several walls in the neighborhood.

- Some 300,000 Palestinians attend the prayers at Al-Aqsa on the second Friday of Ramadan.

June 11: Israeli forces impose a brief lockdown at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, denying entry or exit to Muslim worshipers, after a rock was allegedly thrown at a group of some 60 extremist Israelis who were touring the holy site. Israeli authorities later ban two Palestinians from Nablus and two from Ramallah from entering occupied East Jerusalem and Israel, accusing them of throwing the rocks.

June 12: The Knesset extends by a vote of 57:16 the controversial "Citizenship and Entry into Israel" law, which sets severe limitations on Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory married to Israeli citizens, for the 14th year.

June 16: During overnight raids, Israeli forces detain two Palestinians in Jerusalem, including a 14-year-old boy from Silwan.

- Some 300,000 worshipers perform prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque on the 3rd Friday of Ramadan with Israeli forces heavily deployed in the city's streets leading to the Mosque, as well as at its gates.

- Baraa Saleh, 18, Adel Ankoush, 18, and Usama Ata, 19 from Deir Abu Mashaal near Ramallah are shot and killed in a stabbing attack outside the Old City's Damascus Gate, which leaves an Israeli police woman dead and is allegedly claimed by IS, although the next day PFLP and Hamas both claimed responsibility.

- In response to the attack, Israel revokes permits allowing West Bank Palestinians to visit Al-Aqsa and Jerusalem during Ramadan.

June 17: After Israeli authorities revoked permits for Palestinians to enter Jerusalem and Israel in response to the attack a day earlier, police rounds up at least 350 people in a mass arrest campaign targeting Palestinians without Israeli permission to be in the city.

June 18: Israeli police forces raid a number of Palestinian houses in Jerusalem's Old City overnight and detain at least six Palestinians, five of them minors.

- Israeli forces raid the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and assault Muslim worshipers, injuring at least three of them, as extremist Jews are allowed to tour the holy site.

June 21: Some 300,000 Muslim worshipers from Palestine, Israel, and foreign countries pray overnight at the Al-Aqsa Mosque to mark Laylat Al-Qadr.

June 22: Israel's Channel 2 website reports that top Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Netanyahu, approved a new "security strategy" to be implemented at the Damascus Gate, which will include building high, above-ground "surveillance points", which make "it difficult for Palestinians to approach Israeli soldiers," limited access routes, and more technological devices.

June 23: A group of Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli police and border police forces paste over the Sultan Suleiman Street street sign at Damascus Gate, a sign reading "Heroines Street" in Hebrew, Arabic and English, "in commemoration of killed Israeli soldiers."

- Amid heightened Israeli restrictions on Palestinian movement with some 250,000 Palestinians having had their permits revoked, about 80,000 worshippers pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque on the last Friday of Ramadan,

June 26: According to media reports Israel has approved a budget for the construction of the so-called Eastern Ring Road in the West Bank, known by rights groups as the "Apartheid road," which is part of Israel's plans of developing the controversial E1 area.

June 29: Some 30 members of the Jewish extremist group Lehava assault three Palestinians during a march they organized in downtown Jerusalem. Israeli police reportedly fails to respond and prevent the assault.

June 30: During a police raid in Silwan, Israeli forces detain Nasser Abassi, 15, and summon his brother Hamze, 10, for interrogations, both being accused of throwing stones. Two demolition orders for homes in the Wadi Hilweh area are also delivered.

July

July 2: Dozens of Palestinians are injured, one seriously, and at least one is detained when the funeral for Ali Abu Gharbiyeh, 24, who drowned three days earlier devolved into clashes after Israeli forces storm the procession, firing stun grenades, to seize the Palestinian flags some of the mourners waved.

- Following a legal petition by far-right MK Yehuda Glick, Prime Minister Netanyahu temporarily lifts a ban preventing Israeli MKs from visiting the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, allowing access to the site during a five-day period starting on July 23.

July 3: Peace Now reports about Israeli plans to advance nearly 1,800 housing units in two new three- and five-storey buildings, in addition to a nine-storey yeshiva campus and a six-story office, all in the heart of Sheikh Jarrah, near the Al-Hayat Clinic and the Asmar petrol station. The plan will require the expulsion of five Palestinian families in the neighborhood.

July 4: Israeli forces detained at least 10 Palestinians in overnight raids in Jerusalem.

- The UNESCO World Heritage Committee adopts with a vote of 10:3 and 8 abstentions a resolution reaffirming its non-recognition of Israeli sovereignty in occupied East Jerusalem, and condemning Israeli policies in the Old City. It refers to Israel as an "occupying power" in East Jerusalem, and "regrets the failure of the Israeli occupying authorities to cease the persistent excavations, tunneling, works, projects and other illegal practices in East Jerusalem, particularly in and around the Old City of Jerusalem, which are illegal under international law." While Israel condemns the resolution, the PA hails it.

- The Jerusalem Regional Planning Committee approves of a number of plans that together will allow for the construction of 944 units in the Pisgat Ze'ev settlement (Town Plan 330530, for 250 units; Town Plan 330506, for 130 units; Town Plan 330498, for 210 units; Town Plan 317149, for 250 units; and Town Plan 330514, for 104 units).

July 5: Israeli forces assault Palestinians during a raid in Silwan, beating and pepper-spraying residents and detaining two youths.

- Israeli forces detained at least 16 Palestinians during overnight raids.

July 7: The EU condemns in a statement Israel's plan to advance some 1,500 new illegal settlement units in East Jerusalem, saying the plan "undermines the viability of the two-state solution and the prospect for a lasting peace."

July 9: 13-year-old Nur Hamdan loses an eye after Israeli forces shoot him with sponge-tipped bullet when playing with other children on the second-floor balcony of his family home in Issawiya during clashes between Palestinians and Israeli forces.

July 10: In Silwan's Batn Al-Hawa area, Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli forces and 20 workers attempt to take over a tract of land belonging to the family of Rifaat Basbous, claiming it had been owned by Yemenite Jews before 1948. When residents try to stop them from fencing off the plot they are assaulted by Israeli forces, pushing them and using pepper spray.

July 11: Israeli forces demolish a four-story, under-construction building in Issawiya, although the owner, Hanan Mahmoud, had a scheduled meeting with Israeli authorities to postpone the demolition.

July 12: During an overnight raid in Shufat refugee camp, Israeli police detain several Palestinian youths.

- Israeli forces raid Jabal Mukabber and demolish a house belonging to Musa Obeidat for being built without a permit.

- In Silwan, Israeli forces raid the in the Bir Ayoub area and demolish the home of Salih Shweiki for the second time, after he was forced to demolish it himself in February, as well as a car wash and its office.

- Israeli special forces raid the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound with one officer having an Israeli flag on his shoulder in what was widely seen as attempt to provoke Al-Aqsa guards.

- Israeli police detain four Palestinians for possessing and shooting off fireworks during celebrations throughout the occupied Palestinian territory following the announcement of official results from the *tawjihi* high school exams.

July 14: Two Israeli Officers are killed and one is injured in an early morning shooting attack at the entrance to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. The assailants - three Palestinian citizens of Israel - Mohammed Ahmed Mohammed Jabareen, Mohammed Hamed Jabareen and Mohammed Ahmed Mafdal Jabareen all from Um Al-Fahm - escape into the compound where they are shot by Israel forces, who also clear the compound of

people and close it, canceling Friday prayers for the first time in years, forcing people to pray in the streets of East Jerusalem. Israel forces also detain dozens of Al-Aqsa employees and shutter the Old City.

- Jerusalem's Mufti Sheikh Muhammad Hussein is detained after prayers at Damascus Gate.
- President Abbas condemns the attack but asks Prime Minister Netanyahu to reopen the holy site to worshipers to avoid further escalations. Netanyahu says the incident will not disturb the status quo.
- Tension between Israel and Jordan escalates as Jordan accuses Israel of violating the status quo by barring Muslims from praying at Al-Aqsa Mosque and demands its immediate reopening, while Israeli officials say Jordan should stop inflaming the situation.
- The Arab League condemns Israel's restrictions on Al-Aqsa, warning that they would flame extremism and demanding its reopening.
- During a raid in Abu Dis, Israeli forces injure over 25 Palestinians, at least 6 of them with rubber-coated steel bullets.
- Israeli police detain Palestinian activist Mohammad Jadallah after giving an allegedly inciting TV interview on the closure of Al-Aqsa, and later place him under a five-day house arrest in Beit Safafa as well as ban him from giving press interviews for 30 days.

July 15: Israeli forces have continued to enforce a closure on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and strengthened security arrangements on access roads to it, despite international calls to immediately open the holy site.

- Palestinian merchants who open their shops in the Old City are beaten by Israeli police and threatened with NIS 5,000 fines if they do not close.
- Palestinians and Israeli police clash outside of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound as the holy site remains closed for the second consecutive day.
- Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has decided to introduce heightened security measures at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, starting with the erection of metal detectors at every entrance to the compound as well as more surveillance cameras.
- Hundreds of people are protesting in Amman against Israel's actions at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

July 16: Wafa news agency reports that the Israeli ministerial committee for legislative affairs approved a bill that "prohibits the division of Jerusalem city" in any future Israeli-Palestinian peace deal and is now pending in the Knesset.

- As Israeli officials gradually reopen the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Waqf officials reject the new metal detectors installed at the site's entrances.
- Roads around the Old City remain closed to traffic and the Old City itself shuttered to Palestinians who don't reside there for the third day, while Israelis and tourists are allowed to enter. Traffic at the central bus station near the Damascus Gate is disrupted.
- Clashes erupt outside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound when a group of Palestinians trying to enter the site with a casket are prevented by Israeli forces.
- The Regional Planning Committee approves three settlement plans in Sheikh Jarrah (Town Plan 68858, to build a yeshiva; and Town Plans 14151 and 140249, involving the demolition of two Palestinian homes to be replaced by settler homes). Another plan - Town Plan 466699, for a multi-story, settler-controlled office bloc - is approved for public review (a final step in the approval process).

July 17: Throughout the day, Palestinians perform prayers outside of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in protest of new metal detectors installed by Israeli authorities at the mosque's entrances. Over 50 Palestinians are injured when Israeli forces violently disperse worshipers performing the night-time Isha prayer in the streets outside of the holy site.

- Fatah calls for a "day of rage" against increased Israeli security measures restricting access to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Israeli authorities demolished a Palestinian-owned building in Az-Zayem for lack of a building permit.
- In Silwan, Israeli forces shoot and injure Alaa Abu Tayih, 19, during a raid in the Ein Al-Luza area. Later, police raid the Al-Makassed Hospital, where the youth was taken for surgery.
- The Regional Planning Committee approved 869 units in settlements: 270 in Gilo (Town Plan 400812), 244 in Ramot (Town Plans 291419 and 483354), 214 in Neve Ya'acov (Town Plan 413658), 116 in Pisgat Ze'ev (Town Plan 464859), and 15 in Har Homa (Town Plan 430848).

July 18: Saudi King Salman has reportedly personally intervened in the Al-Aqsa Mosque crisis, passing on a message to Israel via Washington that the compound be reopened to worshipers.

- During clashes between Muslim worshippers and police outside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Israeli forces injure at least 70 Palestinians throughout the day and at night.
- At night, Israeli forces clash with Palestinians in Silwan and Issawiya, injuring at least 15.

July 19: Israeli police shutter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to non-Muslim visitors after a group of Jewish extremist attempted to pray at the site. The site is later reopened to non-Muslims, while Palestinian worshippers continue to pray in the streets outside the compound.

- Clashes break out between Muslim worshipers and police in the Old City for the fourth day in a row. Among the protestors are MKs Ahmad Tibi, Jamal Zahalqa, Jumaa Zabaraka, and Osama Saadi as well as Archbishop Atallah Hanna of the Greek Orthodox Church, who says the assault against Al-Aqsa Mosque was “an aggression against all.”

- Israeli forces prevent medics and injured protestors from reaching the clinic at the Bab Al-Ghawanima entrance to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov states that he was “deeply concerned” by the situation, and calls “on all concerned parties to de-escalate the situation and on moderate voices to speak up against those who try to fuel tensions.”

- A bill titled "Basic Law: Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel," that would require a special two-thirds support of the Knesset to relinquish any part of Jerusalem to the Palestinians under a future peace accord is approved in its preliminary reading by a vote of 58:48 MKs (and 1 abstaining).

- Members of the Waqf call on Palestinians in Jerusalem to close all mosques in the neighborhoods on Friday and for prayers to take place in front of the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in protest of unprecedented Israeli security measures at the holy site.

- Palestinians across the West Bank and Gaza Strip participate in a “Day of Rage” to express their rejection to Israeli policies at the holy site, with several clashes erupting where Israeli forces attempt to suppress the actions.

- The Jerusalem municipality announces plans for 800 new housing units in the settlements of Pisgat Ze’ev, Neve Yaakov, Ramot and Gilo as well as 114 units in Palestinian neighborhoods, all of which are advanced by private, not public, construction firms.

July 20: The White House voices its concerns regarding the recent tensions surrounding the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, calling on Israel and Jordan to find a solution and assure public safety.

- The Jerusalem municipality announces its advancement of two construction plans: 500 new housing units in Ramat Shlomo (extending toward Beit Hanina) and 152 in Ramot settlement (toward Beit Hanina and Bir Nabala).

- Israel’s Construction and Housing Ministry announces plans for a new 1,100-unit neighborhood filling in the “gap” between the Adam (or Geva Binyamin) and Neve Yaakov settlements. The area - west of the separation wall but outside Jerusalem’s municipal boundaries - is a sparsely forested hill known as ‘Mir Forest’.

- President Abbas has contacted a number of foreign states and international bodies urging them to intervene to defuse the tense situation following increased Israeli security measures in East Jerusalem.

July 21: After Israeli authorities decide to maintain the new security measures in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound despite recommendations from the Shin Bet security agency, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) and the army to remove them, at least 3,000 Israeli forces are deployed across the Old City and checkpoints are set up at the entrances to East Jerusalem neighborhoods to prevent Palestinians from heading towards the Old City for Friday prayers. Israeli police prevent Palestinian men below the age of 50 to enter the Old City and Al-Aqsa. At least one bus carrying Palestinians with Israeli citizenship from the area of Latrun is prevented from entering Jerusalem.

- Israeli forces violently suppress demonstrations and protests that break out after the Friday prayers held in the streets of Jerusalem. Some 80 Palestinians are injured and three killed: in Ras Al-Amud, an Israeli settler shoots and kills Mohammed Mahmoud Sharaf, 17, of Silwan, in At-Tur, Mohammad Abu Ghanam, 20, and Muhammad Mahmoud Lafi, 17, is shot dead in Abu Dis. At least 10 Palestinians are detained.

- Clashes across the occupied Palestinian territory in protest over the measures at Al-Aqsa continue and leave over 300 Palestinians are injured.

July 23: Palestinians reiterate their rejection of all forms of security inspection regarding worshipping at Al-Aqsa Mosque, including a reported proposal to replace the new metal detectors with “smart cameras” able to recognize faces.

- Worshipers continue to pray in the streets of and surrounding the Old City and to clash with Israeli forces trying to disperse them. Clashes spread to Wadi Joz, Issawiya, and At-Tur, leaving at least 63 Palestinians injured.

- The Israeli magistrate court in Jerusalem releases head of the Fatah movement in Jerusalem Hatem Abdul-Qader, Fatah’s Jerusalem secretary Adnan Ghaith, and activists Nasser Al-Hadmi, Nasser Ajaj, and Mohammad Al-Hawa, though banning them from entering Jerusalem for 10 days and forbidding them to give interviews to journalists for 50 days and to use social media for 30 days.

- The PA and Hamas both call for Palestinian national unity amid the crisis at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

July 24: During clashes in Hizma, Muhammad Kanaan, 25, is shot in the head by Israeli forces; three days later, he succumbs to his wounds.

- The Israeli security cabinet decides to remove the recently installed metal detectors at Al-Aqsa, only to replace them with more advanced surveillance technology in the Old City - a move which was denounced by MK Jamal Zahalqa as "a new provocation."

- Palestinians continue protests as Israeli police entrench security measures at Al-Aqsa

- A statement by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) says that since Palestinians in Jerusalem launched a civil disobedience campaign in protest of Israeli security measures at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound ten days ago, some 1,090 Palestinians have been injured, 376 of them in Jerusalem.

July 25: The Israeli security cabinet has reportedly decided to remove the metal detectors at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and install advanced surveillance technology in the Old City instead.

- During the weekly PA meeting, Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah holds Israel responsible for tampering with the fragile *status quo* at Al-Aqsa and attempting to erase Jerusalem's Palestinian identity, calling the recent Israeli security measures "unacceptable" and for restoring the status quo, adding that the PA had allocated \$25 million to support Palestinian "citizens, merchants, and organizations in Jerusalem."

- In Gaza City, thousands of Palestinians protest in solidarity with Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem against Israeli actions at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- B'Tselem accuses Israel of displaying "sweeping disregard" for Palestinian lives in occupied East Jerusalem and condemns Israeli forces for their "excessive and unjustified force against worshippers."

- At a leadership meeting in Ramallah, President Abbas says that unless things went back to where they were before July 14, "there will be no change in relations with Israel," referring to his decision to cut ties with the Israeli government amid the growing unrest. He adds a message to Jerusalemites saying: "We are with you in all that you have done. You make us proud in your fear for Al-Aqsa, your lands, your people, your religion, and your holy sites. To whoever assaults our holy sites, our response is: Jerusalem is ours, it is our capital, and under our sovereignty."

- Addressing the UNSC, UN envoy for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov expresses concern over the Al-Aqsa crisis and calls on "all parties" to "refrain from provocative action."

July 26: Israeli forces suppress thousands of worshippers performing the night-time *ishaa* prayer outside Lions' Gate after hearing that Israeli forces had removed barricades and scaffolding in the area, injuring at least four with stun grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets, including medics, journalists, and a 10-year-old girl.

- Amnesty International has condemned Israeli forces for multiple violent raids into an East Jerusalem hospital, which has been struggling to treat hundreds of Palestinians who have been injured by Israeli forces in recent days in a brutal crackdown on demonstrations surrounding the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

July 27: After nearly two weeks, Israeli forces dismantle security measures installed at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and reopen all its gates, in what was celebrated as a victory by Palestinian Jerusalemites, prompting thousands of worshippers to enter the site.

- A bill seeking to prevent the division of Jerusalem under a possible future two-state solution passes its first reading in the Knesset with 51 votes in favor and 42 against. It requires a two-thirds majority to approve any decision to cede Israeli sovereignty over any part of Jerusalem.

July 28: Overnight, over 100 Palestinian worshippers are detained at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and transferred to the Russian Compound detention center, just hours after the site was fully reopened.

- Thousands of Palestinians performed Friday prayers across the streets of East Jerusalem after being prevented by Israeli forces from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- As frustrations continue to boil over after further Israeli restrictions are implemented on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the morning, deadly clashes erupt across the occupied Palestinian territory, leaving tens of Palestinians are injured.

July 29: After new deadly clashes the day before, Israel lifts all restrictions and opens all gates for Palestinians of all ages from Jerusalem, Israel, or those with Israeli permits from the West Bank, to perform afternoon prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

July 31: In overnight raids, Israeli police detain at least 33 Palestinians in Jerusalem in a continued crack down on locals in the wake of large-scale protests over Israeli measures at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- The Jerusalem District Court awards the title to three **Old City** properties belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church (two hotels at Jaffa Gate and one property in Bab Hutta) to the Ateret Cohanim settler organization.

August

Aug. 1: Some 870 far-right religious Israelis enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in large groups under heavy military protection on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Tisha B'av, which commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temple. Although prohibited, several Jews perform religious rites in the compound.

- The Waqf has formed four committees to officially assess any damage caused to the properties of the premises by Israeli forces following recent unrest around the holy site.

Aug. 4: Israeli forces re-detain Jerusalemite PLC member Muhammad Abu Teir, 66, two months after he was released from Israeli custody after serving a 17-month prison sentence.

Aug. 5: In a speech at the Muqataa, President Abbas calls Jerusalem "the eternal capital of the state of Palestine and nothing else", adding that the "Palestinian leadership listened to Jerusalemites' appeals and would continue to do so" and applauding Palestinian residents of Jerusalem for their courage and strength during the recent 13 days of protests.

Aug. 7: During a meeting between King Abdallah of Jordan and President Abbas in Ramallah, both sides agree to continue coordinating over the fate of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and occupied East Jerusalem.

Aug. 8: Israeli forces demolish a home belonging to Hamza Shaludi in Jabal Al-Mukabber.

- In Beit Hanina, Israeli forces demolish a structure made of tin sheets.

- According to joint report from the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS), al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, and the Palestinian Committee of Prisoners' Affairs, Israeli forces detained 425 Palestinians from the Jerusalem area in July.

Aug. 9: Israeli authorities enforce a road closure, cutting the villages of Qatanna, Biddu, Beit Surik, Beit Anan, Al-Qubeiba, Beit Duqqu, Beit Ijza, Khirbet Em Al-Lahem, Beit Iksa and Nabi Samwil northeast of Jerusalem off from the main road.

- Israeli forces prevent dozens of Palestinian citizens of Israel from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and force some buses carrying worshipers to leave Jerusalem.

Aug. 11: Israeli forces raid Silwan and take pictures of streets and properties, sparking of possible forthcoming Israeli demolitions.

- The Israeli-enforced road closure for ten villages northeast of Jerusalem continues for the third consecutive day.

- Palestinians perform Friday prayers outside the Shamasna home in Sheikh Jarrah in a show of solidarity with the family, who is facing imminent evacuation from their home of 53 years.

Aug. 12: In an ongoing crackdown on Jerusalemites following a two-week civil disobedience campaign against Israeli policies at Al-Aqsa, Israeli authorities ban four Palestinian brothers from the Idriss family living near Al-Aqsa Mosque from entering the compound for 45 days.

Aug. 13: The *Jerusalem Post* reports that Israel's former Attorney-General, Michael Ben Yair, has spoken out against the forcible expulsion of the Shamasna family from their home in Sheikh Jarrah, saying that the Israeli government should expropriate disputed properties in East Jerusalem and give them to the Palestinian inhabitants of the homes, who have lived there for decades.

- The Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem announces that the church would be appealing a recent Israeli court decision approving the sale of church property - three large properties near the Old City's Jaffa Gate - to right-wing settler organizations seeking to expand Jewish Israeli presence in East Jerusalem's Old City.

Aug. 14: During overnight raids, Israeli forces detain at least 8 Palestinians from Jerusalem, including 4 from Silwan.

- Dozens of far-right Israelis tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under heavy police protection.

- Right-wing MK Yehuda Glick protests outside of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to denounce the ban preventing Knesset members from accessing the compound for the past year and a half.

Aug. 15: Overnight, Israeli forces raid areas in Ras Al-Amud, Beit Hanina, Issawiya, and Wadi Al-Joz, storming and ransacking Palestinian homes accused of being financially supported by Hamas, and seizing some NIS 100,000 as well as jewelry and a private car.

- In Issawiya, Israeli forces demolish a 10-year old two-story building containing apartments and shops and belonging to Abdullah Hamdan.

- Israeli forces demolish a home in Silwan owned by the Abu Sneineh family, rendering eight people, including six minors, homeless.

Aug. 16: In Beit Hanina, Israeli forces demolish a car wash and sale lot belonging to the Badr family.

- In Jabal Mukaber, Israeli forces demolish a tire repair shop.

- Adalah releases a statement, calling Israel's ban on residents of the Palestinian majority town of Umm al-Fahm in Israel from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque "illegal" and "irrational."

Aug. 17: Israeli police detain journalist Sabreen Diab, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, at the Damascus Gate. The next day, she is released on the condition that she observes a one-month ban on entering Jerusalem.

- Due to unsatisfactory documentation of the plots of lands in the neighborhood, an Israeli magistrate court suspends and postpones “until further notice” the eviction of the Shamasna family in Sheikh Jarrah, after the family refuse to leave their home of 53 years amid claims that it was the property of Israeli settlers.

Aug. 20: A group of 91 Palestinian children from the Gaza Strip travels to Jerusalem for the first time ever as part of a project organized by the UNRWA, visiting the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City.

Aug. 21: Israeli forces have reportedly demolished a kindergarten in the Bedouin community of Jabal Al-Baba in the outskirts of Al-Izzariya.

- A group of Palestinians prevents Israeli bulldozers from demolishing a wall of Al-Shuhada cemetery, which is an extension of the Al-Yusifiya cemetery located at the Lion’s Gate entrance of the Old City. The attempted demolition is part of an ongoing campaign by the Israel Land Authority (ILA) to level the lands of the cemetery in order to build a national park.

- Palestinian political factions commemorate the 48th anniversary of the 1969 arson attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque by Australian citizen Denis Michael Rohan.

Aug. 22: In Silwan, Israeli authorities demolish a house belonging to the Abu Sneh family for the second time in a week, after it was rebuilt as a temporary home made of tin sheets.

- A day before the first day of school, Israeli police at Lions’ Gate prevent textbooks from being delivered to Palestinian schools located inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, on the grounds that they were printed with the PA logo.

Aug. 23: Over 130 right-wing Israelis tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under heavy police presence, while ultra nationalist MK Yehuda Glick performs prayers outside the holy site’s Cotton Merchants gate.

Aug. 24: Israeli forces detained at least 8 Palestinians in Jerusalem during overnight raids.

- Arieh King, director of the right-wing Israel Land Fund (ILF) settler organization which targets Sheikh Jarrah, tells the *Jerusalem Post* that up to 500 Israeli families would move into Sheikh Jarrah within the next decade, adding that the ILF is currently working on “four main compounds” and “In our next phase we plan to house families in two more compounds - one of 300 housing units and the other of 200 housing units.”

- In Silwan, settlers inaugurate a synagogue set up in a building owned by the Palestinian Abu Nab family, with some 300 Israelis, including MKs and Israel’s Minister of Agriculture Uri Ariel attending.

Aug. 25: Israeli authorities notify several Palestinian homeowners in Silwan that their houses are slated for demolition.

Aug. 27: Under heavy military protection, Israel’s Minister of Public Security Gilad Erdan visits a newly established synagogue in Silwan.

Aug. 28: Israeli forces raid the Yabous Cultural Center in Az-Zahra Street and order it closed to prevent the presentation of a research paper on Al-Aqsa Mosque from taking place, claiming the event was organized by Hamas.

Aug. 29: After PM Netanyahu lifts a ban on MK visits to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound a number of right-wing MKs, including Likud MK Yehuda Glick, tour the holy site under heavy military protection.

- Jordanian State Minister for Media Affairs and government spokesperson Muhammad Momani condemns PM Netanyahu’s decision to lift a ban on MKs from visiting Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, calling the move “irresponsible,” as it would increase tensions at the holy site.

Aug. 31: Israeli authorities ban Mahdi Abu Nijmeh, Secretary of Fatah in the Ath-Thori neighborhood, from entering Jerusalem City for four months over alleged accusations of “incitement.”

September

Sept. 1: During search and detention raids carried out in East Jerusalem on the first day of the Muslim holiday Eid Al-Adha, Israeli forces detain at least two Palestinians.

Sept. 4: Israeli authorities raid Sheikh Jarrah and deliver six eviction notices to the Tarwa, Shalalda, and Bader families. They also raid the home of the Shamasna family, telling them they had until Sept. 9 to leave their home voluntarily.

Sept. 5: Israeli police evict the Shamasneh family from their home of 53 years in Sheikh Jarrah, making way for Jews deemed by the Supreme Court to be the rightful owners of the property. Later the day, a first group of settlers move into the home.

Sept. 6: In pre-dawn raids in Issawiya, At-Tur, and Shu’fat refugee camp, Israeli police detain five Palestinians (four in At-Tur, one from Shu’fat camp).

- UNRWA) releases a statement condemning the eviction of the Shamasna family from their home in Sheikh Jarrah.

Sept. 7: In overnight raids, Israeli police detain three Palestinian in the Old City and Silwan, and five others in other areas of East Jerusalem.

- A new major traffic interchange opens in Gilo settlement to link settlements in the Etzion bloc (south of Jerusalem) to Tel Aviv.

Sept. 8: Palestinians, including Jerusalem Governor Adnan Al-Husseini, Fatah's Jerusalem Secretary Shadi Mtour, Fatah official Hatem Abdel-Qader, and other religious and national figures, perform Friday prayers in front of the Shamasna family home in Sheikh Jarrah in an act of solidarity protest. Israeli police detain at least five protesters, including two Palestinian minors during the nonviolent protest.

Sept. 9: Some 300 Orthodox Christians stage a demonstration in the Old City to protest the sale of church property by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate and calling for the resignation of Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III, demanding that he be replaced with a Palestinian.

Sept. 10: Israeli forces fire tear gas at university students and young schoolchildren in Abu Dis.

Sept. 11: Israeli forces demolish parts of the outer wall of the Muslim Al-Shuhada ('martyrs') cemetery next to the Al-Yusifiya cemetery outside the Old City's Lion's Gate. The move is part of an ongoing campaign by the Israel Land Authority to level the lands of the cemetery in order to build a national park in the area.

- Israeli forces arrest at least 3 Palestinians from Silwan in overnight raids.

Sept. 12: Israeli forces detain an employee of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Mahmoud Al-Anati, while some 57 right-wing Israelis and settlers tour the compound.

- Israeli police and Jerusalem municipality officials post demolition warrants, stop-work orders, and court summonses on the walls of several structures in Issawiya, under the pretext that they were built without permits.

Sept. 13: The Israeli Supreme Court had accepts a petition by ACRI and Adalah amid a 10-year legal battle where Israeli authorities attempted to revoke the Jerusalem residency of PLC members Mohammad Abu-Teir, Ahmad Attoun, Mohammad Totah, and Khaled Abu-Arafah, who were elected to in 2006 for Hamas' "Change and Reform" list.

- Israeli bulldozers demolish a two-story home belonging to the Abu Farha family in Ras Al-Amud, displacing 8 people.

Sept. 16: In Silwan, Israeli forces detain two teenagers - Mahmoud al-Awar, 16, and Islam al-Natsheh, 15 - from Issawiya overnight.

Sept. 17: According to a joint report released by the Palestinian Prisoners' Society, Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, Addameer, and the Palestinian Committee of Prisoners' Affairs, Israeli forces detained 194 Palestinians from Jerusalem throughout August.

Sept. 18: In Zayim, Israeli bulldozers demolish a residential building, owned by Muhammad As-Sairy, for not having a building permit.

Sept. 19: Israeli forces demolish a "car wash workshop" in Shu'fat.

- Israeli authorities impose a 4-day general closure for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, starting midnight, and heightened security measures in Jerusalem.

Sept. 20: Under the protection of Israeli forces, some 241 Jews enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the eve of the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah (Jewish new year),

- Addressing the UN General Assembly meeting in New York, President Abbas says Israel was "playing with fire" by attempting to change the historical integrity of religious sites in Jerusalem, particularly Al-Aqsa Mosque, and warns Israel not to transform their "political conflict" into a religious one by increasing tensions in East Jerusalem.

Sept. 24: The Israeli state has called on the Israeli Supreme Court to approve plans to demolish the entire Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar and forcibly transfer its residents to Abu Dis by mid-2018.

Sept. 25: In pre-dawn raids, Israeli forces detain three Palestinians from Silwan and one girl, 14, from Anata.

- Israeli forces and municipality officials photograph streets and buildings in Issawiya and hand demolition notices to several homes.

Sept. 26: Israeli forces shoot dead Nimr Mahmoud Jamal, 37, from Beit Surik, after he killed two security guards and a border police officer in a shooting attack at the entrance of the Har Adar settlement.

Sept. 28: An Israeli magistrate court rules to release detained Hanadi Al-Halawani and Khadijeh Khweis from Jerusalem on the condition not to enter Al-Aqsa Mosque for 1 month, not to enter the West Bank or travel abroad for 180 days, and remain under house arrest for two weeks.

Sept. late: Netanyahu green lights construction at the planned new settlement of Givat Hamatos between Gilo settlement and Bethlehem, with tenders expected early 2018.

October

Oct. 1: According to Israeli media reports Israel will completely seal off the West Bank and Gaza Strip for 11 consecutive days over the Jewish holiday of Sukkot (4-14 October).

- During an Israeli raid into Shu'fat refugee camp, three Palestinians are injured by rubber bullets, including a 60-year old man and an 11-year-old boy, who was shot in the head.

Oct. 3: During a visit to the Maale Adumim settlement, Prime Minister Netanyahu pledges to build "thousands" of new homes there as well as add industrial zones.

Oct. 5: In Shu'fat refugee camp, Israeli forces detain five Palestinian youth during overnight raids.

- Israeli police detain a Palestinian security guard of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound after he guard reportedly stepped in as an Israeli soldier assaulted a Palestinian child.

- Under the protection of Israeli forces, 55 extremist Jews tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and attempt to perform prayers at the Golden Gate.

Oct. 8: Between 200 and 300 right-wing Israelis and settlers escorted by Israeli forces tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound with a number of them performing Jewish rituals as Israeli forces imposed strict restrictions on the entry of Muslim worshippers.

- In the archaeological park beneath Al-Aqsa Mosque, hundreds of Jews and Temple Mount activists participate in an ancient ceremony, which reenacts the ceremony in which the priests would pour water from the Siloam Spring on the Temple's altar during Sukkot two millennia ago.

Oct. 9: Some 462 right-wing Israelis and settlers tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under the protection of Israeli forces.

Oct. 10: Israeli police detain four Palestinian youth from the Old City, Wadi Al-Joz, and Ras Al-Amud for hanging posters praising Misbah Abu Sbeih, who was killed by Israeli forces a year ago carrying out a shooting attack that left two Israelis dead.

Oct. 11: Hundreds of Israelis rampage through the Old City marching from the Western Wall to the Muslim Quarter, shouting, beating the doors of houses and shops, throwing rocks and smashing car windows, as well as attacking a shop owner, who as a result had to be hospitalized overnight.

Oct. 12: Dozens of Israeli settlers attack properties of Palestinians in the Old City on their way to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under the protection of Israeli forces.

- Israeli forces close main roads and streets in Silwan, in order to allow Israeli settlers living in the area to head to the Al-Aqsa Mosque Old for ongoing Jewish holidays.

Oct. 15: During clashes in Issawiya Israeli forces injure four school students.

Oct. 16: The Parents' Committee in Issawiya suspends school studies until further notice to protest the presence of Israeli forces during school hours and at times when children leave school deliberately provoking disturbances.

- Addressing a conference for Christian journalists in Jerusalem, Israeli Jerusalem and Heritage Minister Ze'ev Elkin announces that his government is launching a new plan to "defend Jerusalem in the international arena," as the city was under "an unprecedented assault," pointing to recent UNESCO resolutions.

- The Israeli government announces that the sealed, "segregated" road between Hizma and Anata - part of the "Eastern Ring Road" - was to be opened soon to provide access into Jerusalem from the east for Israeli settlers, while channeling Palestinian traffic around/away from Jerusalem.

Oct. 17: Israeli authorities raid Silwan and demolish two homes belonging to Murad Abu Rajab and his son Raed under the pretext that they were built without a permit.

Oct. 18: Israeli forces demolish a building in Beit Hanina for being built without a permit.

Oct. 19: Overnight, Israeli police detain six Palestinians after raiding their homes in Issawiya, a woman near Al-Aqsa Mosque and another Palestinian.

- *Haaretz* reports that Lifta, a Palestinian Jerusalem-area village forcibly depopulated during the Nakba but one of few yet intact has been named by the World Monuments Fund as one of 25 at-risk sites around the world.

Oct. 22: Israeli forces raid Silwan and deliver several home demolition notices to Palestinian residents.

Oct. 23: In Issawiya, at least 51 Palestinians are arrested in a large overnight raid in which hundreds of Israeli forces participated.

- The Jerusalem District Court sentences Bahaa Eweisat, 22, from Jabal Al-Mukabber, to 16 years in prison for illegal possession of a knife and attempted murder, claiming he had allegedly planned a stabbing attack at the Nof Zion settlement in October 2015.

Oct. 24: Under the escort of Israeli forces, 25 right-wing Israelis enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israeli forces deliver several home demolition notices Silwan under the pretext of being built without permits.

- Employees from the Israeli water company Gihon cut off the water supply to a number of homes in Silwan under the pretext of accumulated debts.

- The Jerusalem Municipality approves the construction of 176 new units in the Nof Zion settlement in the midst of Jabel Mukabber, adding to the existing 91 settler homes.

Oct. 25: The Israeli government has reportedly set aside millions of shekels for some 10,000 new homes for Jews to be built in at the site of Atarot airport settlement near Qalandia.

- The Jerusalem Municipal Planning Committee put approval of plans for 500 new settlement units in Ramat Shlomo, and 200 in Ramot, on the agenda of its 1 November meeting.

- Israeli Police closes down a Palestinian conference about the selling of Jerusalem properties to Jewish settlers, on the grounds that it was sponsored by the PA, with Israeli Minister of Public Security Gilad Erdan stating: "I will continue to act vigorously in order to prevent any political foothold for the Palestinians in Jerusalem."

Oct. 28: The proposed Greater Jerusalem bill - due to be considered in the Cabinet's Ministerial Legislation Committee - is taken off of the Committee's agenda, reportedly due to US pressure.

Oct. 29: After stalling the Greater Jerusalem Bill (for now), Jerusalem Affairs Elkin (Likud) announces his intention to push another Jerusalem-related bill, which would exclude Palestinian neighborhoods located beyond the separation wall (like Kufr Aqab and the Shu'fat Refugee Camp) from the municipality of Jerusalem.

November

Nov. 1: The Jerusalem Local Planning and Construction Committee approves a master plan for Sur Baher and neighboring Umm Lisan and Umm Tuba, regulating the current illegal buildings and providing for the construction of 5,200 new housing units, with the option to increase the number to 9,300 in the future. Admitting that there was a lack of proper planning in the past, the municipality says it now intends to solve the problem.

Nov. 5: Groups of Israeli settlers tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under the protection of Israeli forces, partially performing Talmudic rituals.

Nov. 8: The subcommittee on national security in the US House of Representatives hosts five witnesses to address the bombshell issue of moving the US embassy to Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem - all well-known rightwing figures.

Nov. 11: Abdul Ghani Dweik is forced to destroy his own home in Silwan in order to avoid incurring a demolition fee from the Jerusalem Municipality.

Nov. 12: The Israeli government has reportedly informed the Palestinian residents of Al-Walaja that the nearby Ein Yael checkpoint - built on the village's land - will be relocated deeper into Palestinian area to eventually become part of the "Jerusalem metropolitan park." The move will cut the villagers off their main water source and recreational area, Ain Al-Haniya spring, as well as some farmlands.

Nov. 14: Israeli police arrest 20 Palestinians during an overnight raid in At-Tur, conducted together with municipal and tax officials.

- Amin Abbasi is forced to demolish his own shop in Silwan to avoid the municipality's demolition fee.

Nov. 17: Israeli authorities distribute evacuation notices to all 300 Palestinian residents of the Bedouin village of Jabal Al-Baba, located in the E-1 area, where they have lived for 65 years, and where Israel plans to build thousands of Jewish-only settler homes.

- US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has reportedly send a letter to the Palestinian leadership warning that the delegation might be shut down as a result of statements made by President Abbas, who called on the ICC to investigate Israel and prosecute actions by Israelis, alleging that the statement violated a US law which stipulates that the PLO mission should be closed if Palestinian leadership attempts to take any action against Israel at the ICC.

Nov. 20: In Silwan, clashes break out between Israeli officers and residents, leaving one Palestinian hospitalized.

Nov. 21: Israeli forces detain 15 Palestinians for allegedly conducting polls on behalf of the PA, including four women and a teenage girl as well as Fateh official Hatem Abdel Qader during predawn raids in Beit Hanina, Silwan, the Old City, and Issawiya.

- Israeli police release Basel Abed from detention but ban him entry to the Old City for one month.

Nov. 22: Israeli forces demolish an unfinished house belonging to Sharif Muhsein in Al-Issawiya and a two-storey house in Shu'fat owned by Jamal Abd al-Hamid Abu Khdeir - both for being built without permits.

Nov. 24: President Trump's administration decides that the PLO Mission in Washington D.C. will remain open for at least the next 90 days, with its activity limited to "actions that support efforts to renew the Israeli-Palestinian peace process."

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Nov. 26: The Israeli government votes on a budget to create a new hiking route to "Israel's National Trail" to pass through East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Golan Heights.

Nov. 27: *Jerusalem Post* quotes Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat as saying that a plan to cut off Palestinian neighborhoods located behind the barrier is not an acceptable solution, and if it will be advanced, the Jerusalem Municipality will object it, adding that "This is not the right step that should be taken. Instead, the services we provide there should be improved," so as to attract people to come settle in the city.

- After raiding Kufr Aqab and surrounding its cemetery from all sides, Israeli forces begin excavating inside the cemetery, including inside several graves, preventing Palestinians from reaching it.

Nov. 28: The Knesset's Constitution, Justice and Law Committee approves a new legislation designed to obstruct any future peace agreement with the Palestinians, by making it much harder for any government to give up Israeli control over any part of Jerusalem. Now the second and third readings of the bill in the Knesset plenary are pending.

December

Dec. 5: After days of speculation over whether the US would be moving its Israeli embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, President Trump calls President Abbas to confirm his intentions to recognize Jerusalem as Israeli capital, as world leaders warn of consequences.

Dec. 6: In a last-ditch-effort to stop President Trump from recognizing Jerusalem as Israeli capital, President Abbas sends a letter urging the United Nations to stop the move.

- Breaking with decades of US policy, and despite warnings from international leaders, President Trump recognizes Jerusalem as capital of Israel and announces his intention to move the US embassy there from Tel Aviv. Praising his decision as "a new approach" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, he lauds himself for making a decision that former US presidents did not have "the courage" to make.

Dec. 7: Palestinians observe a general strike, shuttering businesses and institutions in protest of President Trump's announcement recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

- In Bethlehem, the Greek Orthodox Church declares a day of mourning and rings its bells at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in mourning and condemnation of Trump's announcement.

- Clashes with Israeli forces escalate across the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza, in response to President Trump's announcement, leaving over 50 people injured.

- High-tech delegations from Japan (Toyota Fund) and China (Singulato, Tencent) cancel their trips to Israel following President Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Dec. 8: Clashes with Israeli forces erupt throughout the occupied territories following Friday prayers. At least two Palestinians are killed and over 270 injured by Israeli forces trying to disperse the crowds.

Dec. 9: During protests in Gaza at least 2 Palestinians are shot dead by Israeli forces and dozens more are injured.

Dec. 11: In view of US Vice-President Pence's upcoming visit, President Abbas' diplomatic adviser Majdi Al-Khalidi says that "There will be no meeting with the vice president of America in Palestine," as "The United States has crossed all the red lines with the Jerusalem decision."

Dec. 12: Over 100 Palestinian citizens of Israel demonstrate in front of US Embassy in Tel Aviv against Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, chanting "hands off Al-Quds".

- According to a new PCPSR poll, 91% of the Palestinian respondents view the US recognition of Jerusalem as capital of Israel as a threat to Palestinian interests, some 84% believe that the most appropriate Palestinian measure should be to stop all contacts with the US Administration, 72% think a complaint should be submitted to the ICC, and 45% demand a return to an armed intifada.

Dec. 13: Saudi Arabia's King Salman says that the Palestinians have a right to East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

- Middle Eastern and Islamic leaders gather in Istanbul for an emergency meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to discuss US President Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan criticizes the weak Arab response so far, calls on world powers to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine and on the US to reverse its decision.

- Addressing the Istanbul meeting, President Abbas says Saudi King Salman had promised him personally that there will be no peace deal without a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. He also calls on world nations to officially recognize Palestine within the 1967 borders and to reconsider their recognition of Israel.

- Israel's plan to build a cable car running between the First Train Station and the Old City's Dung Gate/the northern entrance to Silwan is presented to the National Infrastructure Committee.

Dec. 14: Over 230 Jews in different groups tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for Hanukkah under heavy police protection.

Dec. 15: Thousands of Palestinians take to the streets in continued protest of President Trump's announcement on Jerusalem.

- During clashes in Anata, Basel Mustafa Ibrahim, 29, is shot in the chest by Israeli forces and later succumbs to his wounds.

Dec. 18: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan declares his intention to open an embassy in Jerusalem, "the capital of Palestine."

- Prime Minister Netanyahu thanks President Trump for his "determination and leadership in defending the truth on Israel" and for "rebuffing attempts to use the United Nations as a platform against Israel."

- The US vetoes a UN resolution seeking to reaffirm Jerusalem's status as unresolved, after 14 UN Security Council members voted in favor of the resolution.

Dec. 23: The Abu Rajab family is forced to tear down their own home in the al-Bustan area of Silwan to avoid paying exorbitant demolition fees to the Israeli Municipality.

Dec. 26: Israeli forces demolish a commercial store and an agricultural structure housing animals and deliver demolition notice to several homes in Silwan.

Dec. 27: Israeli Minister of Transportation Yaacov Katz announces that as a thank you for recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, a new station of the Kotel train planned at the Western Wall would be named after President Donald Trump.