

## Jerusalem Chronology 2021

### January

**Jan. 4:** Israeli bulldozers demolish four Palestinian-owned structures and walls in Anata.

- A group of Jewish extremists provocatively tours Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection.
- Israeli court has ruled *in absentia* to evict a Palestinian family from its property in Silwan in favor of Israeli settlers.
- In Silwan, Israeli settlers hold the first ever memorial service for Shlomo Madmoni, who was killed there during the 1939 riots, placing a marble memorial plaque in the old Yemenite synagogue and reciting the Kaddish (the Jewish mourners' prayer).

**Jan. 5:** While severely restricting access for Palestinians on the pretext of the Corona-related lockdown, Israeli forces accompany a large group of Jewish extremists touring the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and calling for its destruction. A Palestinian guard is assaulted and banned from the holy site and its surroundings for six months.

- Israeli authorities ban Waqf employee Issam Najib from the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the roads leading to it for a period of 6 months.
- Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine Sheikh Mohammad Hussein condemns the proposal of so-called Temple Mount groups to dismantle the Dome of the Rock Mosque to erect the "Temple" in its place.
- During a news conference, the Christian grassroots Orthodox Central Council in Palestine (OCCP) slams the plans of the Orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem to sell around 27 acres of church property - a dependent of the Mar Elias monastery - to two Israeli companies - Talpiot Hadasha and Broeket Habsaga - seeking to connect Bethlehem-area settlements to Jerusalem.

**Jan. 6:** Israeli forces raid part of Issawiya, triggering protests with Palestinian residents, several of which are injured from teargas inhalation.

**Jan. 7:** Israeli forces demolish 8 tin houses near Beit Iksa, home to members of a Bedouin community.

- A group of Jewish extremists provocatively tours Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection.

**Jan. 8:** Hatem Salaymeh is forced to destroy a section of his family home of 20 years in Silwan/Ras Al-Amud, after the Israeli authorities threaten to demolish the entire house

**Jan. 10:** The Palestinians and Jordan condemn Israeli excavations near the Buraq Wall as latest violation against Al-Aqsa Mosque contradicting international law and UNESCO decisions, calling on Israel to stop seeking to "Judaize" the Western Wall Plaza and other provocations and respect the Old City's legal and historical *status quo*. Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, head of the Supreme Islamic Council denounces the works as an "assault on Muslims with the aim of changing the identity of Jerusalem and tampering with Islamic heritage and antiquities" while creating "a false Jewish identity."

- 14 extremist Jews tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection and perform Talmudic rituals.
- Israeli bulldozers demolish retaining walls on the Palestinian-owned land of Wadi Ar-Rababa in Silwan and uproot dozens of trees, declaring that Israeli crews would carry out cleaning and gardening on agricultural lands.

**Jan. 11:** The PA calls on the UN Security Council to intervene to stop Israeli excavations at the Aqsa Mosque's walls, warning that such diggings are endangering the holy site's foundations.

- The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, warns Israel's exploiting the Corona restrictions to carry out excavations at Al-Buraq Square and near Al-Mughrabi Gate, southwest of Al-Aqsa Mosque, which will weaken the site's foundations.
- Prime Minister Shtayyeh calls on European countries and the UN to put pressure on Israel to enable the Palestinian election process in East Jerusalem.
- Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territory Occupied since 1967, Michael Lynk, calls on Israel to reverse its eviction orders for Palestinian families living in East Jerusalem in light of "an alarming pattern to change the demography of the city," adding that the eviction orders seem to be aimed at clearing the way for the establishment of more illegal Israeli settlements in the area and physically segregating and fragmenting East Jerusalem from the rest of the West Bank.

**Jan. 13:** Jerusalem municipal authorities give preliminary approval to a location for a new US Embassy in the city on Hebron Road, not far from the current temporary embassy.

- Under police protection and authorized by Israeli authorities, an unidentified group carries out 3D surveying and imaging of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, claiming it was for tourist purposes, while Jewish groups say it was for the construction of their third temple. The Islamic Waqf Department in Jerusalem warns that the survey has hidden intentions.

- The Waqf Council warns that Israeli authorities are working to intensify their Judaization projects in the vicinity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, especially at the site of the Umayyad palaces.

**Jan. 14:** Fawwaz Abu Hammad is forced to demolish his own house in Beit Hanina at the pretext of unlicensed construction.

- The International Union of Muslim Scholars (IUMS) expresses its condemnation and rejection of the "aggressive" Israeli Judaization of the occupied city of Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque, calling for the city and mosque to be protected in the face of such a "heinous crime."

- 14 extremist Jews tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection and perform Talmudic rituals.

**Jan. 15:** Israeli police prevents non-residents of the Old City of Jerusalem from reaching the Al-Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayer under the pretext of the Corona lockdown imposed by the Israeli government.

- Sheikh Omar al-Kiswani, director of the Aqsa Mosque, denounces the Israeli authorities' conducting land surveying at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, warning that such step portends malicious intents against the Islamic holy site.

- A day after Ir Amim along with affected East Jerusalem Palestinian residents filed a legal petition to the Jerusalem District Court against the Givat Hamatos tender on the basis of severe housing discrimination within the tender's conditions, the court orders a temporary injunction, giving the state to respond by January 21.

- Palestinian Central Elections Committee head Hana Nasser indicates that in the event that Israel does not permit election activity in Jerusalem there were options the Palestinians are examining to circumvent the opposition.

**Jan. 17:** About 14 extremist Jews tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection despite the lockdown imposed on the holy city.

**Jan. 18:** Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh says the PA will formally request that Israel allow East Jerusalem Palestinians to participate in Palestinian national elections scheduled, both as voters or as candidates.

- The EU calls on Israel to facilitate the holding of elections across all the Palestinian territory and allow them also in East Jerusalem, which the EU considers part of the Occupied Palestinian Territories."

- Jewish extremists tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals under heavy police protection despite the continued comprehensive lockdown.

- Israeli forces arrest one of the guards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Tareq Sanduka.

- The Israel Land Authority publishes six new tenders for construction in Pisgat Ze'ev (TPS 33048 for 210 housing units and TPS 317149 for an old age home with 250 housing units) and Har Homa (TPS 12552 and 7509 for public buildings, TPS 12825, TPS 7509 and 10310 for commercial and office space). The opening of the bidding period for the tenders is slated for the second half of February.

- David Friedman ends his duties as US ambassador to Israel by declaring US recognition of the Israeli settlement project called "City of David" in Silwan. In response, the PA Foreign Ministry pledges to legally pursue the Friedman for his "flagrant violation of international legitimacy and its resolutions, and international law and diplomatic traditions," stressing that all of East Jerusalem is Palestinian territory occupied since 1967.

- Palestinian media reports on Israeli plans to build bypass roads, a bridge and a tunnel on lands belonging to Qalandia, Kufr Aqab, Mikhmas, and Jaba, to link settlements together.

**Jan. 19:** Four days after freezing the Givat Hamatos tender over a petition by Palestinians, an Israeli court reverses the order, allowing the bidding process to resume.

- On the eve of US President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, Israel's Construction and Housing Ministry issues tenders for 2,572 new settlements units, including 460 in Pisgat Ze'ev.

- Incoming US Secretary of State Antony Blinken says the Biden administration will not reverse Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital but will seek a state for the Palestinians.

- Jerusalem deputy mayor Fleur Hassan-Nahoum says she is pushing for the creation of an "embassy district like any other capital city of the world has," around the new US Embassy location on Hebron Road.

**Jan. 23:** Israeli forces prevent the Al-Aqsa Mosque Reconstruction Committee from conducting maintenance works in the Marwani Mosque located on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Jan. 24:** Israeli forces enter Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound and prevent staff from repairing marble and internal struts inside the Dome of the Rock, threatening staff with arrest or banishment if they continued the maintenance works.

- The Waqf Council warns of the consequences of the ongoing Israeli violations against the Al-Aqsa Mosque, targeting also all reconstruction projects and preventing the completion of Hashemite restoration projects.

**Jan. 25:** Governor of Jerusalem Adnan Ghaith condemns plans of the Ateret Cohanim settler association to convert the palace of the former Mufti of Palestine, Hajj Amin Al-Husseini, in Sheikh Jarrah into a synagogue, and double the number of housing units in the enclave from 28 to 56.

- *Haaretz* reports that as part of National Master Plan 49 (for future health institutions), the Israeli Health Ministry plans to increase the current 2,324 hospital beds in the Jerusalem district to between 3,833 to 4,874 in 2050, but not including any new beds in the main East Jerusalem hospitals of Al-Makassed, Saint Joseph's, the Red Crescent, the Saint John Eye Hospital and the Al-Quds Maternity Hospital.

- Al-Makassed Hospital, the main healthcare institution for many Palestinians in Jerusalem, closes to new patients as employees entered a strike in protest against an ongoing financial crisis that made it impossible to carry out their duties due to a shortage of medicine and medical supplies and left 850 employees without salaries since October 2020. Al-Makassed workers' union accuses the hospital administration and the PA of shirking their responsibilities as some 80% of the hospital's work depends on patient referrals from the health ministry, which has failed to cover their medical expenses.

- Instructed by the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem deposits NIS 2.1 million into the Israeli Jerusalem District Court to cover the entire rent value of the Jaffa Gate's Imperial Hotel, as part of its efforts to protect it from being overtaken by the Israeli Ateret Cohanim settler organization.

- Jordan condemns Israel's intervention in the jurisdictions of the Jerusalem Waqf Department and its hindering the restoration work at the Dome of the Rock Mosque, stressing that the Department is the "sole authority responsible for the supervision and maintenance of Al-Haram Al-Sharif" and calling on Israel to "abide by its commitments under international law, halt the irresponsible behavior, and respect the historical and legal *status quo* and the authority of the department."

**Jan. 26:** In a written statement submitted to the quarterly session of the UN Security Council on the situation in the Middle East, Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ayman Safadi denounces the continued Israeli violations against Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al Haram Al Sharif, which mark Israel's failure to meet its commitments as an occupying power.

**Jan. 27:** The Deputy Prime Minister and Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi announces the resumption of the reconstruction and restoration process at the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque as of today, a few days after Israel prevented the Islamic Waqf Department to do so.

**Jan. 28:** Israeli forces demolish a residential structure and a livestock shack belonging to Ismail Saray'a in As-Sawahreh Ash-Sharqiya and seize equipment.

## February

**Feb. 1:** During clashes with Israeli forces in At-Tur, several Palestinian youths are arrested and injured.

- Israeli forces invade the Ath-Thouri School and Sports Club as well as Silwan Club, searching them and summoning for interrogation their directors.

- Kosovo establishes diplomatic ties with Israel, recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Israeli Foreign Minister Gabriel Ashkenazi said he approved "Kosovo's official request to open an embassy in Jerusalem."

- *Al-Quds* reports Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has pledged to right-wing groups to speed up building a settlement on the land of the former Jerusalem Airport in return for their support in the upcoming elections.

**Feb. 2:** In an interview with PA television, Secretary of the Fatah Central Committee Jibril Rajoub says that the PA "will be held in eastern Jerusalem against the wishes of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and we can 'close' on Netanyahu and hold elections in spite of his anger and we will let the campaign over the elections take place between Israel and the international community."

- The EU foreign service has urged Kosovo to reconsider opening an embassy in Jerusalem, with a spokesman saying "Kosovo has identified EU integration as its strategic priority. The EU expects Kosovo to act in line with this commitment so that its European perspective is not undermined."

**Feb. 3:** Moataz Khalil is forced to demolish his family house in Ras Al-Amud.

- The General Secretariat of the OIC condemns the decision by Kosovo to open an embassy in occupied Jerusalem "as running counter to relevant international and UN resolutions."

- Israeli forces demolish a house under construction, and walls in Anata under the pretext they were built without a permit.

- A settler attacks the Romanian Orthodox Church in the Musrara neighborhood, smashing the lock of one of its doors and a camera installed in the place.

**Feb. 4:** The US Senate votes 97-3 to support an amendment to the COVID-19 budget resolution that affirms the country's intention to keep its embassy in Jerusalem.

- The Palestinian Central Election Commission states that Palestinian residents of Jerusalem have the right to vote and stand as candidates in elections for PA institutions.

**Feb. 6:** Israeli authorities ban Fatima Khader, 63, from the Old City and Al-Aqsa Mosque for six months. Two weeks ago, she was arrested after police raided her home in Beit Hanina.

- In Silwan, dozens of Palestinians, along with Israeli and international activists, stage a protest against the planned evacuation of Palestinian families from their homes in favor of settler groups.

**Feb. 7:** At least 48 Jewish extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection and tour the site in a provocative manner, while police confiscate the ID cards of several Palestinian worshippers.

- Israeli police arrest a Palestinian worshipper, Nizam Abu Ramz, 39, from Silwan, near the Bab Al-Rahmeh prayer hall on the eastern side of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Feb. 8:** Some 47 Jewish extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals.

- *Haaretz* reports that the Jerusalem District Planning Committee has rejected master plan that would have given construction permits to residents of Walaja citing environmental concerns, threatening 38 houses with demolition while allowing settlement expansion in same area.

- Israeli forces detain the head of the Committee for the Care of Islamic Cemeteries in Jerusalem, Mustafa Abu Zahra, for interrogation.

- Israeli forces prevent the owners of shops and businesses in the Old City from opening despite the lifting of the Corona restrictions.

**Feb. 9:** 81 British MPs call on the British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab to pressure Israel to prevent the evacuation of Palestinian families from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah in favor of the Ateret Cohanim settler organization and the Shimon Hatzdik Company.

**Feb. 10:** Some 39 Jewish extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection.

- Palestinians rally in front of the Israeli District Court in Jerusalem in protest of the looming eviction of four Palestinian families in Sheikh Jarrah and the transfer of their homes to Israeli settlers.

**Feb. 11:** Escorted by Israeli police, 58 Jewish extremists as well as 45 yeshiva students tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals.

**Feb. 12:** The Abu Hadwan family is forced to dismantle an external room their house in Silwan, overlooking the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque forces.

**Feb. 13:** Jewish extremists escorted by police desecrate graves in the Bab Ar-Rahmeh cemetery and then perform religious rituals near the Lions Gate.

**Feb. 14:** Omar Siyam is forced to demolish his barracks in Silwan.

- Israeli forces notify a family to evacuate their home in Batn al-Hawa neighborhood in Silwan.

- Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh says that Jerusalem and "strengthening the steadfastness of its residents are at the top of the government's priorities."

**Feb. 15:** An Israeli court rejects the appeal submitted by 4 families in Sheikh Jarrah, demanding to stop their eviction for the benefit of settlers. The families are given until 2 May to vacate the homes they have lived in for nearly 70 years.

- In Sur Baher, Nimr Nimr is forced to demolish his son's 5-year-old apartment to avoid paying municipal demolition fines.

- In Shu'fat, Jihad Awadallah is forced to demolish his two-storey building, built, 20 years ago.

- In talks with EU representative in Palestine Sven Kühn von Burgsdorf, Fatah Secretary-General Jibril Rajoub calls on the EU to pressure Israel to allow holding the general elections in East Jerusalem.

- Israeli authorities ban Nizam Abu Ramz and Majd Kabha from Al-Aqsa Mosque and its courtyard for six months.

**Feb. 16:** Israeli forces demolish residential and agricultural shacks belonging to the Abu Ramez family in the Ras Kabsa area of Ras Al-Amud under the pretext of building without a permit.

- In Jabal Al-Mukabber, Israeli forces remove a fence surrounding land belonging to the Talab family.

- Some 127 Jewish extremists enter the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque in successive groups, escorted by Israeli forces.
- Speaking at a cabinet session, Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh calls on the US and the international community to help stop the E1 settlement project near Jerusalem, which would undermine the two-state solution.
- Feb. 17:** The head of Jordan's General Intelligence Directorate (GID), Ahmed Husni, makes a surprise visit to Ramallah, expressing, *inter alia*, concern about the management of Jerusalem's holy sites.
- Feb. 19:** Israeli forces tighten their military measures around the Old City and in the vicinity of Al-Aqsa Mosque, checking the worshipers' ID cards and preventing three buses carrying worshipers from the West Bank from entering the mosque to perform Friday prayers.
- Equatorial Guinea announces its intention to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.
- Feb. 21:** Some 28 Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals. A group of Palestinian women is forced to leave the area of the Dome of the Rock Mosque to facilitate the Jews' "visit".
- As part of their ongoing attack on Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem, Israeli forces arrest Salvia Abu Laban, president of Volunteer for Hope, from her home in Shu'fat.
- Feb. 22:** 89 Jewish extremists provocatively tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and under Israeli police protection.
- Israeli forces demolish a two-storey building containing four apartments belonging to the Alayan family in Issawiya, displacing four families, including 12 children.
- In Sur Baher, Israeli bulldozers demolish without prior notice two shops owned by Mohammad Tarshan built over 50 years ago.
- Feb. 24:** Violent clashes break out in Issawiya, when Israeli forces fire stun and tear gas grenades at youths.
- Confrontations with Israeli forces occur overnight in At-Tur.
- The Israeli High Court demands clarifications from the authorities in charge of the cable car plan to justify establishing the project in the vicinity of the Old City.
- Feb. 25:** Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Fadi Al-Hidmi calls on the international community to work for the participation of Jerusalemites in the Palestinian election.
- Feb. 26:** At Friday prayers held on the ruins of the Alayan family building, which was demolished 4 days ago, Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, head of the Supreme Islamic Commission, denounces Israel's policy of demolishing houses in Jerusalem.
- Israeli forces erect barriers at all entrances to the Old City, obstructing the arrival of worshipers for Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- Feb. 28:** Settlers attack several Jerusalemites and their property in the Old City and the adjacent Musrara neighborhood during their Purim celebrations.
- Palestinian driver Ibrahim Nafez Hamed from Wadi Al-Joz is attacked and injured by Jews in the Mea Shearim neighborhood; while fleeing, he runs over and kills another man and is arrested.
- During Purim celebrations, 153 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and escorted by police, many of whom perform provocative prayers.
- At some of the gates leading into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound settlers dance, sing, and drink alcohol, guarded by the police.
- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs condemns the continued Israeli violations in the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Israeli forces raid areas of the Batn Al-Hawa area of Silwan, assaulting and arresting some of its residents.
- Clashes erupt in Kufr Aqab when Israeli forces storm the area and fire tear gas canisters and sound bombs at residents and shops.

## March

- March 1:** 53 Jewish extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and under Israeli police protection and perform Talmudic rituals.
- At night, clashes break out in Issawiya when Israeli forces storm the neighborhood, attack residents and their homes, and spray wastewater at them and on streets and parked vehicles.
- Israeli forces demolish the two-story house belonging to Hatem Hussein Abu Rayala in Issawiya.

- The monastery of the Romanian Church is attacked for the fourth time in a month by Jewish extremists who set fire to its entrance.

- After briefly detaining her, Israeli police hand Jerusalemite activist Khadija Khuwais an order banning her from the Al-Aqsa Mosque for six months.

**March 2:** Some 89 Jewish extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and under Israeli police protection, performing Talmudic rituals, while police evacuate Muslim worshipers from the site's eastern area.

- Israel has approved a plan to build 930 housing units for Jews in the Pisgat Ze'ev settlement.

- During a raid in Shu'fat refugee camp, Israeli forces arrest the head of the Shu'fat Camp Women's Center and former member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, Jihad Abu Zneid.

**March 3:** Some 69 Jewish extremists escorted by police tour Al-Aqsa Mosque in successive groups.

- Israeli forces demolish for the 4<sup>th</sup> time a residential building in Shu'fat refugee camp belonging to Musa Abu Mayala, who suffers from paraplegia paralysis caused by a fall during an earlier demolition in 2009.

- In Silwan, Nidal Salaymeh is forced to demolish his own house to avoid paying the high municipal demolition fees.

- Clashes break out between youths and Israeli forces raiding Silwan's Ain Al-Luza neighborhood.

- In Issawiya, an Israeli arrest raid at the Obeid family home triggers clashes with youths.

- Jewish extremists attack Jerusalemite photographers Mustafa Kharouf and Fayez Abu Rumaila, who prepared a report on the Mea Shearim neighborhood for the Anadolu Agency, and smashed the windows of their vehicle.

- The Jerusalem District Court rules that seven Palestinian families - 31 people, eight of them children - must vacate their homes in Sheikh Jarrah by 1 August 2021 in favor of Israeli settlers.

**March 4:** Former rightwing MK Yehuda Glick leads a tour of 36 Jewish extremist on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**March 6:** The Jerusalem Reconciliation Court approves a request submitted by two lawyers, Muhannad Jabara and Hamza Quteineh, to stop the excavation work in the Yusufiya cemetery adjacent to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- In Issawiya, Israeli forces tear down a tent set up two weeks ago by members of the Alayan family on the rubble of their demolished home.

**March 7:** 99 Jewish extremists escorted by police tour Al-Aqsa Mosque in successive groups.

- Israeli forces ban two young men, Munir Al-Basiti and Muhammad Sharifa, from the Al-Aqsa Mosque and its surroundings for four months.

- The Jerusalem municipality begins implementing a new phase of its light train project which will link settlements to the planned new settlement at Qalandiya/Atarot airport.

**March 8:** Israeli forces suppress an event on the occasion of International Women's Day at the At-Tur Women's Center and arrest the director, Ikhlas Sayyad, as well as clothes designer Manal Abu Sbeitan over an exhibition of traditional Palestinian clothes and objects made by women.

- Ahmad Dola, 34, dies in a fire in his home in Kufr Aqab after Israeli soldiers prevent a firetruck from passing through the Qalandiya checkpoint to reach the neighborhood. His wife and son are rescued with the help of neighbors.

- In Al-Walaja, Israeli forces hand a Palestinian resident a notice to demolish his agricultural stack.

**March 9:** The PA Education Ministry threatens to deal firmly with any school embracing the Israeli curriculum in Jerusalem, which means adopting the Israeli curriculum, including Israel's historical narrative, and calls for a firm stance on attempts aimed at undermining the Palestinian education system in the city.

- A new Waqf Council is announced, expanding the number of members, recommended by the Jordanian Waqf Ministry and yet to be approved by the Jordanian cabinet, from 19 to 23.

**March 10:** Jordanian Crown Prince Hussein bin Abdullah cancels his planned visit to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the occasion of *Isra' wal-miraj* after Israeli authorities refuse entry to some of his security guards.

- The Israeli municipality has informed the committee and the lawyer of the Al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan that it canceled all agreements, including a freeze of demolition orders, and rejected engineering plans it had requested from the residents as an alternative to demolition. Consequently, it will demolish all homes to make way for a "Biblical national park" dubbed "The King's Garden."

- In Suwaneh, Israeli forces storm the house of Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, head of the Supreme Islamic Council and the imam of Al-Aqsa Mosque and arrest him.

- The 11-member Palestinian Human Rights Organization Council, the Civic Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem, the Community Action Center (Al-Quds University), and the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies send a joint urgent appeal to the UN Special Procedures on the forced evictions of 15 Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan.

**March 11:** Jordan blocks Prime Minister Netanyahu's planned flight to the UAE from entering its airspace in what is seen a response to the cancellation of the Jordanian Crown Prince Hussein bin Abdullah's visit to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound a day earlier.

- The Czech Republic opens the Jerusalem office of its embassy in the Talbieh neighborhood at a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis and Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi. The move is a "first step" toward moving the Czech embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

**March 12:** Israel hands PA Governor of Jerusalem Adnan Gheith an order banning him from communicating with President Mahmoud Abbas and another 50 Palestinian dignitaries as well as members of the Fatah Central Committee.

- Israeli forces attack worshipers after the end of Friday prayers at Al-Ghazali Square near Lions Gate and arrest 5 young men.

**March 13:** The PA and the Arab League condemn the Czech Republic's opening of a diplomatic office in Jerusalem as a violation of international law.

**March 14:** Kosovo's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announces the official opening of its embassy in Israel in Jerusalem and the start of its work.

- Ahmad Hijazi is forced to tear down his own house in the Ein Al-Lawzeh area of Silwan to evade the demolition costs to the Israeli municipality.

- In Jabal Mukabber, Mohammed Abu Hussein is forced to demolish his 20-year-old restaurant to avoid paying for the municipality's demolition.

- Some 193 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform provocative Talmudic rituals in Al-Ghazali Square at the Lions Gate.

**March 15:** PA Minister of Jerusalem Affairs, Fadi Al-Hidmi, calls for urgent international intervention to stop the displacement of Palestinians from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan.

**March 16:** *Al-Quds* reports about Israeli plans to launch a project on the roofs of homes in the Old City which would leave drastic effects on its market and has concerned the Islamic Waqf since it infringes on its property.

- At least 43 Jewish extremists escorted by police provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israeli "archaeologists" accompanied by police forcefully storm the Dome of the Rock Mosque and remove a curtain separating the chapel from the headquarters of the Waqf's Reconstruction Committee.

- Israeli forces raid Kufr Aqab using plastic bullets and tear gas against Palestinian youth, injuring at least 11 of them.

- Israeli forces dismantle and seize three caravans used as shelters in Az-Zayyem under the pretext they were set up without a permit.

**March 18:** The Israeli Jerusalem municipality has reportedly asked the courts to allow the immediate demolition of 100 Palestinian houses in the Bustan area of Silwan, home to over 1,500 people.

- Some 99 Jewish extremists, including 43 Yeshiva students, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, performing Talmudic rituals.

- In Silwan, brothers Khaled and Munir Al-Abbasi are forced to empty their houses in preparation for demolition.

- In Al-Issawiya, Israeli forces attach demolition orders to two houses.

- A delegation of diplomats tour Sheikh Jarrah where Israel intends to evict several Palestinian families from their homes in order to give them to Israeli settlers, expressing concern over the plan.

- *Al-Quds* reports that an Israeli court has fined a Palestinian man around \$18,000 for preventing an Israeli settler leader from entering the mourning house for autistic Iyad Hallaq who was shot dead by Israeli police in the Old City on 30 May 2020.

**March 19:** At dawn, settlers set fire to two cars and write racist slogans in the village of Beit Iksa.

- The Jerusalem Governorate calls on international organizations and countries to urgently take a clear, frank and pressured position on the Israeli government regarding the planned expulsion and house demolition of Jerusalemites in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan.

**March 21:** Some 39 Jewish extremists and 50 Yeshiva students, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, performing Talmudic rituals.

**March 22:** In Al-Issawiya, Raja'e Atiyeh continued to demolish his family apartment, while Sami Obaid also is forced to demolish his 100-square-meter house, only built a few months ago, to avoid the high municipal demolition fees.

- In the Ras Khamis area of Shu'fat, Mohammad As-Sabbah is forced to demolish his house.

**March 23:** Some 82 Jewish extremists escorted by police provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, while Israeli forces prevent Palestinian worshippers from being near the Bab Al-Rahmeh prayer hall and the eastern area of the site.

**March 24:** Israeli forces demolish a house in the Ras Khamis area of Shu'fat refugee camp.

- Israeli forces demolish two Palestinian houses in Jabal Al-Mukabber belonging to brothers Khaled and Munir Abbasi for being built without licenses.

- 57 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, performing Talmudic rituals.

**March 25:** Israeli forces confiscate bulldozers and tractors from a brick factory in Wadi Al-Joz under the pretext that they were on land that is forbidden to work on.

**March 26:** Israeli authorities issue a decision banning Sheikh Ekrima Sabri from traveling for a period of one month.

**March 28:** Mohammad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and the head of the Supreme Fatwa Council, warns of the implications of Israel's plans to demolish the Al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan in order to build a "biblical garden". The council also denounces the eviction threat for 28 families from Sheikh Jarrah.

**March 29:** The PA asks foreign diplomats to pressure Israel into allowing 18 polling stations to open in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem instead of just six, which was the figure during the 2006 elections, although Israel has not responded yet to the request to extend the elections to Jerusalem.

- The PNC says that the forced eviction and demolition of homes in the neighborhoods of Jerusalem and the is ethnic cleansing and a crime against humanity.

- Several Palestinian factions issue a joint statement saying that the right of the Palestinians in East Jerusalem to participate in the general elections "is inalienable."

- PA Jerusalem Minister Fadi Al-Hidmi says that according to the 1995 Oslo II Agreement Palestinians in Jerusalem have the right to vote and stand as candidates, adding "We do not take permission from Israel to hold elections. On the contrary, we ask it, as an occupying power, not to obstruct our participation in the elections."

**March 30:** PLO Executive Committee members Azzam Al-Ahmad, who is also a Fatah Central Committee member, and Ahmad Majdalani say in two separate remarks that the May 22 PLC elections cannot be held without the inclusion of Jerusalem.

- Celebrations for the release of Majd Barbar after 20 years in jail come to an abrupt and violent halt when Israeli forces storm his house in Ras Al-Amud where guests and relatives welcome him back and rearrest him, while wounding 12 people with rubber-coated bullets, tear-gas and beatings.

**March 31:** Escorted by police, 322 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in different groups, many of whom performing prayers.

## April

**April 2:** Israeli forces close roads leading to Al-Aqsa Mosque, impeding the movements of worshipers.

**April 4:** Amer Shkeirat is forced to demolish his own house in Jabal Al-Mukabber for being built illegally to avoid paying the demolition costs to the municipality.

- Escorted by police, 81 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in a provocative way.

**April 5:** Escorted by police, 322 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in a provocative way.

- The Director-General of the Jerusalem Unit in the Presidency, Mutassem Tayem, says that the elections in Jerusalem are an expression "of the right of our people to self-determination" in accordance with international law, the Palestinian Basic Law, and the bilateral agreements with Israel sponsored and supervised by the world.

- In identical letters sent to the members of the Quartet - UN Secretary-General António Guterres, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, EU Foreign Affairs Minister Josep Borrell, and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken - PA Foreign Minister Riad Malki urges them to pressure Israel into allowing PLC elections on May 22 in occupied East Jerusalem.

- In a statement, the PFLP emphasizes the need for Jerusalemites to participate in the upcoming elections, but also warns against attempts by some forces to use this as a pretext to cancel the elections.



**April 6:** *Haaretz* reports that the Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee is about to approve construction plans for 540 new settlement units in the area between Jabal Abu Ghneim and Givat Hamatos, and in Givat Hamatos.

- Escorted by police, 32 Jewish extremists and 50 Yeshiva students provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Israeli police raid the Ambassador Hotel and prevent a public debate on the upcoming PLC elections titled "International Law Guarantees our Right to Vote", although Israel committed itself under the Oslo Accords to facilitate the holding of elections in all of the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem. Fatah Secretary-General in Jerusalem Adel Abu Zneid and the hotel manager Sami Abu-Dayyeh are detained while two others are summoned for interrogation.

**April 7:** Israeli forces storm the Bab Al-Majles area adjacent to Al-Aqsa Mosque and dismantle and confiscate stand selling cold and hot drinks.

- Escorted by police, 28 Jewish extremists and 25 Yeshiva students provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- The Jerusalem District Planning Committee has approved 540 new housing units to be built in the Palestinian neighborhoods of Beit Safafa and Sharafat to create territorial continuity between the settlements of Har Homa and Givat Hamatos.
- Under the pretext of building without a permit, Israeli forces demolish three agricultural facilities in Al-Issawiya as well as car repair stores belonging to Jamil Abul-Hummus and a car garage and two rooms belonging to Majed Al-Mazra'awi and Darwish Darwish.
- As Palestinians start their week-long "Jerusalem Shopping - Night on the Country" festival in the Old City of Jerusalem, which aims to compensate for some of the Corona-related losses of the past year before Ramadan starts and which also draws Palestinians from inside Israel, Israeli forces launch a raid campaign of shops and restaurants, examining their tax papers, licenses, signs, etc. and summoning several merchants to various municipal or tax/Arnona departments.
- During a symposium "Jordanian-Saudi Relations: To Where", the Saudi ambassador to Amman, Nayef bin Bandar Al-Sudairy, affirms his country's support for the Hashemite custodianship of Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem.

**April 8:** Settlers escorted by Israeli forces seize three buildings in the center of Silwan ("Kfar HaShiloach"), which were allegedly sold by members of the Abu Diab and Rishq families to Ateret Cohanim. 15 Jewish families move in.

- Escorted by police, 96 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups.
- Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, preacher of Al-Aqsa Mosque and former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, announces a new fatwa according to which any Muslim who sells land or houses to Jews will be denied burial in a Muslim cemetery. It also states that Muslims should refuse to marry, attend the funeral of, or do business with any Muslim involved in real estate transactions with Jews.

**April 9:** While some 40,000 Palestinian worshippers perform Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque, many others are prevented by Israeli forces to reach the compound.

**April 10:** In a meeting organized by the French Consul General in Jerusalem with the participation of a number of foreign consuls and diplomats, on the occasion of the farewell of the British Consul General, Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Fadi Al-Hidmi says, "The international community must protect Palestinian democracy in the heart of Jerusalem by all possible diplomatic means, and obligate Israel not to obstruct the elections in the city."

**April 11:** Escorted by police, 45 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in a provocative way, performing prayers.

**April 12:** Israeli forces deport two released prisoners from Al-Issawiya, Anwar Obeid and Mohammed Derbas, from Jerusalem for six and four months respectively and ban them from communicating with a number of personalities.

**April 13:** Israeli police cut off the sound wires from the minarets of Al-Aqsa Mosque, preventing the evening call for prayers on the first day of Ramadan, in order to avert possible disruption of a Memorial Day ceremony that was held in the Western Wall Plaza. The move is protested by the Waqf, the Palestinian presidency and the Jordanian ambassador to Israel.

- Escorted by police, 228 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in separate groups.
- Israel decides to allow only 10,000 vaccinated Palestinians to enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the first Friday prayer of Ramadan, citing the high Palestinian Corona-infection rates.
- After the first evening prayer of Ramadan, Muslim worshipers clash with Israeli forces stationed near the Old City's Damascus Gate, which injure 6 and arrest 5 of them.

**April 14:** Justice Ofer Grosskopf has instructed the state to respond by May 13 to a petition to the High Court of Justice by Palestinian residents of Issawiya, requesting the reopening of Al-Haruba Street, which connects them to the Hebrew University and which has been closed for 20 years, since the second intifada, arguing that the closure is not for security reasons, but a collective punishment.

- The Supreme Fatwa Council calls on people to come to Al-Aqsa Mosque during the blessed month of Ramadan, in light of the fierce Israeli campaign targeting its existence, sanctity and unity, through desecration and aggression.

- Israeli settlers provocatively march in the Old City and encroach on the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque, while the Israeli police ban entry of *Iftar* meals for worshippers at the Mosque.

- At Damascus Gate, Israeli forces attack worshippers after the Tarawih prayers.

- In a turn-about development, the Israeli District Court in Jerusalem ended the foreclosure on Imperial Hotel and the Dajani family, operator of the hotel located inside the Old City's Jaffa Gate, ending efforts by Jewish settler groups to take over the Palestinian property.

- The Jordanian Foreign Ministry condemns the ongoing Israeli violations in Al-Aqsa Mosque, the latest of which was yesterday's cutting the loudspeaker wires.

- In a letter to the OIC Secretary-General Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, PA Foreign Minister Riad Malki calls on the OIC and all its member states to put pressure on Israel to stop their aggression against Christian and Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem, foremost of which is al-Aqsa Mosque.

- Arab Parliament Speaker, Adel Al-Asoumi, condemns Israeli measures at Al-Aqsa Mosque, stressing that it represents a flagrant violation of international law, and calls on the international community to take urgent action to stop these violations.

- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality has approved the construction of 540 housing units in Har Homa settlement.

**April 15:** Escorted by police and led by former rightwing MK Yehuda Glick, 185 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- The UNESCO Executive Council unanimously adopts a resolution on the Old City of Jerusalem and its walls, reaffirming "that all Israeli measures aimed at changing the character and legal status of the Holy City are null and void." The resolution calls on Israel "the occupying power" to stop its violations and unlawful unilateral actions against the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif and other sites in the Old City and its walls.

- In three letters to the UN Secretariat and the Presidents of the UN Security Council and the General Assembly, Riyad Mansour, Deputy Permanent Observer of Palestine to the UN, denounces Israeli violations against the Palestinians, holy places, and freedom of worship, especially with regard to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**April 16:** Israeli forces erect numerous checkpoints in areas around the Old City preventing worshippers from reaching Al-Aqsa Mosque for the first Friday prayer of Ramadan. According to the Waqf, some 70,000 people pray on the compound.

- Israeli police detain eight Palestinians from Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound amid tensions surrounding Ramadan.

- Hundreds of Jerusalemites, joined by MKs Aida Touma Suleiman and Ahmad Tibi, demonstrate in Sheikh Jarrah against settler attacks and Israeli plans to demolish homes and displace people.

- Clashes break out between Israeli police and Palestinian worshippers in the area of Damascus Gate, after people are banned from sitting on the stairs outside the gate under the guise of implementing the coronavirus restrictions.

**April 17:** Israeli forces shut down a press conference on the Palestinian elections at St. George Hotel and detain three of the candidates - Ashraf A'war, Nasser Qous, and Ratibeh Natsheh.

- Clashes between Palestinians and Israeli forces break out around the Old City after Israeli forces prevent people for the fifth consecutive day from gathering at the Damascus Gate area.

- Overnight in Wadi Al-Joz, Maryam Al-Takrouri, 21, is killed by a stray bullet after being caught in a firefight between two feuding families when returning from Ramadan prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**April 18:** Israeli intelligence summons Sheikh Omar Al-Kiswani, director of Al-Aqsa Mosque, for interrogation.

- Jewish extremists attack Palestinians and hurl stones at vehicles near the Jaffa Street light-rail stop, chanting "death to Arabs," with several waving Israeli flags.

- The Central Elections Commission (CEC) says that 150,000 eligible Palestinian voters from East Jerusalem who live in the suburbs cut off by the separation barrier (i.e., Kufir Aqab and Shu'fat refugee camp) can vote in the upcoming PLC elections without Israeli obstructions.

- The PLO Executive Committee urges the international community, including the UN, the EU, Russia and China to continue their efforts with the Israeli government to allow East Jerusalem residents to vote in the planned election.

- For the sixth night in a row, Israeli police clash with hundreds of Palestinians in the Old City, amid a row over an Israeli decision to put up barriers preventing people from sitting in the Damascus Gate area.

**April 19:** Without giving a reason, Israeli authorities ban Sheikh Ekrima Sabri from traveling for a period of 4 months, by order of Israeli Minister of Interior Rabbi Aryeh Deri.

- Israeli police arrest two 17-year-old Palestinians over an unprompted slapping of two ultra-Orthodox teens on the Jerusalem light rail train, which was circulated on social media. In response, Jewish youth riot in Jerusalem chanting anti-Arab slogans and attacking a young Palestinian with pepper spray, also posting a video of it on social media.

- Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh states that his government keeps making efforts with international partners to remove the barriers and ease the conduct of elections in Jerusalem.

- Saleh Al-Aruri, the deputy leader of Hamas, says that the Palestinian parliamentary elections should take place in Jerusalem and should not depend on the approval of the Israeli "occupation."

- Foreign Minister Riad Malki begins a tour to discuss with European leaders efforts to hold the Palestinian legislative elections on May 22 and to garner support for holding them also in Jerusalem despite Israeli obstructions.

**April 20:** Amjad Ja'abis is forced to demolish his own house in Jabal Al-Mukabber.

- For the seventh consecutive day, Israeli forces violently disperse Palestinians from the Damascus Gate area using sound grenades and sewage water.

- In the Jaffa Gate area of the Old City, a group of settlers attack Palestinian youths.

- An order issued by Israeli Minister of Interior Aryeh Deri bans Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, head of the Higher Islamic Council in Jerusalem, from traveling abroad for six months, without clarifying the reason.

- Jerusalem affairs specialist Mazen Al-Ja'bari reports about Emirati attempts to purchase stores of Jerusalemite merchants in the Old City to allegedly help them survive the coronavirus lockdown but warns that they may intend to re-sell them to Jewish settler groups.

- In a statement, the head of the far-right Lehava organization Bentzi Gopstein calls on members to march to Damascus Gate the next day to protest recent violence toward Jews and show "national honor", saying, "Instead of dealing a fatal blow to terror and causing the Arabs to think a thousand times before they dare lift a hand against a Jew, the police are displaying unprecedented weakness, which only fuels the terror and causes it to grow."

**April 21:** Jordan confirms that it had concluded contracts for renting housing units to residents of Sheikh Jarrah in occupied Jerusalem in 1956 and submits lease contracts and other documents, including a certified copy of a 1954 agreement between the Ministry of Construction and Development and UNRWA.

- Under police escort, a group of extremist settlers from the so-called "Women for the Temple" enter the rooftop of the Khan building overlooking the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

- Some 116 Jewish extremists and 65 police provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in separate groups.

- Israeli forces arrest Jerusalemite Khaled Az-Zir on his way to attend a court related to the Bab Al-Rahme cemetery case against Israel's excavations there.

- Jewish supremacist Bentzi Gopstein, head of the far-right Lehava organization, calls for a rally to "restore Jewish control" of the Damascus Gate area.

- Clashes break out in different places of central West Jerusalem as Jewish extremists search for and attack Palestinians; at Zion Square, crews from Kan TV and from Channel 13 News are attacked. Channel 13's Yossi Eli accuses police of turning a blind eye to the violence.

**April 22:** Violent clashes erupt at the Old City's Damascus Gate as Palestinians confront hundreds of far-right Jewish extremists, many affiliated with the Jewish supremacist Lehava movement, chanting "Death to Arabs," and police. Over 100 Palestinians are injured and over 50 arrested. President Abbas and Hamas separately slam Israel for the violence and praise 'heroic' Palestinian protesters.

- The International Committee for the Defense of Al-Quds delivers three letters to the UN representative at the headquarters of the High Representative in Jerusalem, addressed to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and to the heads of the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council, calling on them to pressure the Israeli government to reverse its unfair, illegal and inhuman decisions and to cancel the forcible deportation of families from Sheikh Jarrah.

- In the aftermath of the UNSC's monthly meeting on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict Estonia, France, Ireland, Belgium and Germany issue a statement calling on Israel "to facilitate the holding of elections across all of the Palestinian territories, including in East Jerusalem, in line with commitments made in the Oslo Accords as well as to facilitate the participation of international observers across all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem."

- Palestine's Permanent Observer to the UN, Riyad Mansour, urges the world countries to press Israel not to block the upcoming Palestinian national elections in occupied East Jerusalem.

- Addressing the UNSC, Rodney Hunter from the US UN mission cautions against allowing Palestinian politicians who do not recognize Israel or who support terrorist activity - such as members of Hamas or the PFLP - from running in the upcoming Palestinian elections.

**April 23:** Some 60,000 worshipers perform the second Friday noon prayer of Ramadan at Al-Aqsa Mosque, while Israeli roadblocks in and around Jerusalem prevent thousands of other Palestinians to reach the mosque.

- In Silwan, a group of settlers tries to seize a plot of land used as a parking lot at the entrance to the Wadi Hilweh area.

- Violent confrontations renew in the evening as Israeli forces close off the Damascus Gate area and set up checkpoints. Clashes also break out in At-Tur, Issawiya, Suwaneh, Wadi Al-Joz, Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan, where Israeli forces try to disperse the protesters with skunk water, sound and tear gas bombs and rubber bullets, injuring over 20 of them.

- After being blocked by police forces from reaching the Old City, several dozen Lehava supporters march up to the Mahane Yehuda market and attack Palestinian workers.

- In Sheikh Jarrah, dozens of settlers throw stones and Molotov cocktails at Palestinian vehicles and try to break into their homes, while the Israeli police look on.

- Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Fadi Al-Hidmi condemns the attacks on Palestinians in the Damascus Gate area since the beginning of Ramadan, saying this confirms the need of international protection for defenseless residents.

- In Gaza, Hamas organizes several solidarity events with the people of Jerusalem, while Islamic Jihad politburo member Khaled Al-Batsh says that what is happening in Jerusalem is a battle to protect and establish national sovereignty over the city and its Islamic and Christian sanctities, stressing the need to unite the Palestinians within a national strategy to counter the occupation projects and plans.

- An estimated 75,000 worshipers perform Friday night *Tarawih* prayers in the Al-Aqsa Mosque despite Israel's attempts to prevent them from reaching the compound.

- The Jordanian House of Representatives condemns the attacks perpetrated by settlers against Palestinians in East Jerusalem with the support of the Israeli authorities, calling them "organized terrorism."

- Turkey calls the Israeli settlers' assault on Palestinians in Jerusalem "dangerous and worrisome," calling on Israel to take measures to protect Palestinian civilians against such attacks and stop provocation and hatred during Ramadan.

- The US Embassy in Jerusalem releases a statement expressing deep concern over recent clashes between in Jerusalem and asking all parties to avoid further stoking the flames and return to "calm, and respect for the safety and dignity of everyone in Jerusalem."

**April 24:** A number of PLC candidates from the various lists from the Jerusalem governorate participate in a sit-down in front of Orient House to emphasize the Jerusalemites' right to elections and to denounce the crimes of settlers in the city.

- In Sheikh Jarrah, settlers attack the home and vehicles of the Palestinian residents, throwing stones and Molotov cocktails at them.

**April 25:** Three Arab sanitation workers are attacked in downtown Jerusalem by Jews.

- Israel Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai orders the removal of the barricades from the plaza in front of the Damascus Gate which have been the main source of incitement of the recent violence in Jerusalem.

- Israeli authorities ban Jerusalemite Fatah member Ahed Al-Rishq from Al-Aqsa Mosque for a period of six months.

- After police removes the barricades at Damascus Gate, hundreds of Palestinians, mainly youth, gather in the area to celebrate. When the police try to confiscate Palestinian flags waved by some and disperse the crowd, new clashes break out.

- Hamas spokesman Abdel Latif Qanou says the rockets launched at Israel are directly linked to the clashes, adding that "What is happening in Jerusalem is an ongoing uprising by youths against the hostile policies of the occupation and the settlers. Hamas supports the youths in Jerusalem."

- Ismail Haniyeh, head of the Hamas politburo, says that there is no calmness while the Israeli occupation continues practicing its aggressive policies and that "Jerusalem is not and will never be alone. Gaza is there with its resistance and rockets to protect the families in Jerusalem."

- Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal tells Al-Aqsa TV that "Lailat Al-Qadr" - the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Ramadan (May 9) – which is believed to be the night in which the angel Gabriel brought down the Quran and opened the gates of heaven for prayers, and which this year coincides with Israel's Yom Yerushalayim, marking the "liberation" and "unification" of Jerusalem during the 1967 War - will be the turning point in the "great battle against the Judaization and control of Jerusalem, and the attempt to divide the use of the Al-Aqsa Mosque," adding that "We have no future, or state, or self-determination without Jerusalem."

- In a phone call, the PA Foreign Minister Riad Malki and his Jordanian counterpart Ayman Safadi warns of serious consequences as a result of the recent developments in Jerusalem and stress the need for Israel to stop all provocative measures and attacks by extremist Israelis that are pushing for a new wave of tension and violence.

- Jordan and Egypt denounce all violent actions by extremist Israeli groups against the Palestinians in the Old City of Jerusalem, calling on Israel to stop such activities immediately.

**April 26:** As Israeli forces attack Palestinians celebrating the removal of roadblocks and police barriers from the Damascus Gate area, beating and pushing young men, women and children and chasing them through the Old City, over 30 rockets are fired from Gaza into Israel overnight.

- Prime Minister Shtayyeh says Israel's attacks against the families in Jerusalem and Gaza and against Al-Aqsa Mosque prove that Israel has the worst racist system in history, adding that "Jerusalem was and will always be an Islamic, Arabic city."

- King Abdullah II of Jordan condemns the attacks against Jerusalemites during the blessed month of Ramadan and confirms his support for their steadfastness.

- The UAE condemn the violence committed by far-right extremist Jews in Jerusalem and warn that any moves to change the historic identity of Jerusalem threaten peace, calling on Israel to put an end to violence.

- Pakistan condemns Israel's closing of areas around the Old City for Palestinians since the start of Ramadan, as well as Israeli forces violent acts and harassment of prayers and people, and urges the international community for prompt action to protect the Palestinians.

**April 27:** Israeli municipal staff distribute demolition notices in Issawiya.

- Escorted by police, 75 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in separate groups.

- Israeli forces renew their storming of the Damascus Gate area and assaulting the people gathering there.

- The Arab League calls on the international community to put an immediate limit on "Israeli aggression and the forcible displacement of the Palestinians in East Jerusalem," adding that Israeli practices will "deepen the occupation, expand the establishment of settlements, and destroy all potentials of achieving peace."

- During a meeting with representatives of the Waqf and Churches of Jerusalem in Amman, King Hussein II affirms his support for the steadfastness of the Jerusalemites and their preservation of the Arab and Islamic identity of the Holy City and stresses the continuing Hashemite guardianship over the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem and his historical and religious responsibility in protecting and defending them, adding that "We do not accept any compromise over Jerusalem and the holy sites."

**April 28:** At night, Israeli forces trying to disperse Palestinians from the Damascus Gate area clash with youths, firing rubber bullets and arresting at least 8 of them.

- Escorted by police, 153 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in separate groups.

- Settlers led by the extremist Yehuda Glick gather at Ribat Al-Kurd, left of the Iron Gate leading to Al-Aqsa Mosque, and listen about the Judaization of the Old City.

**April 29:** Some 60,000 worshipers perform evening and *tarawih* prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Escorted by police, 81 Jewish extremists, including former MK Yehuda Glick, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- An Israeli security guard stationed outside a settler home in Silwan has been filmed beating up Fadi Salah Mheisen, a Palestinian resident with special needs, who requires medical treatment to his face and body.

**April 30:** About 60,000 worshipers perform the third Friday prayer of the month of Ramadan at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, while Israeli restrictions and measures prevent numerous others from reaching the Mosque.

- During the time of the fast breaking, Israeli forces re-establish the checkpoints and fences at the Damascus Gate area.
- Some 70,000 worshipers perform evening and *tarawih* prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

## May

**May 1:** After midnight, Israeli forces arrested 4 Palestinians, and assault dozens of Palestinians with water and stun grenades in the Damascus Gate area and adjacent streets.

- In Sheikh Jarrah, Israeli forces violently suppressed a rally against the impending displacement of 7 families.
- Israeli police obstruct the access of Christians to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to celebrate the Holy Saturday, attacking dozens of them, including monks. The Palestinian leadership and Jordan condemn the harassment and calls on Israel to abide by international law, to respect the historical and legal status quo in Jerusalem, and not to impede religious practices.

**May 2:** Israeli police allows Jewish extremists and soldiers to conduct Jewish prayers next to Bab Al-Rahmeh.

- The Israeli Supreme Court responds to the appeal submitted by the Al-Jaouni, Shikafi, Al-Kurd, Al-Qasim families of Sheikh Jarrah regarding their planned evacuation, presenting a proposal requiring recognition of the land ownership of the Jews in exchange for residents staying in their homes with specific lease contracts in the names of a person of the family and upon his death the house will be transferred to the settlers. The families and settlers are given 5 days to respond to the suggestion.
- Israeli forces attempt to violently disperse demonstrators protesting in front of the houses threatened by evacuation in favor of settlers in Sheikh Jarrah, throwing sound bombs at them.
- Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Fadi Al-Hidmi calls on the international community to immediately and urgently intervene to stop the displacement of Palestinians from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah, calling it a crime in violation of all international laws.

- Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh calls on Europe to keep its efforts to force Israel to allow elections in Jerusalem, saying they were "delayed, not canceled."- Fatah calls upon the UN to fulfill their legal responsibilities and act against Israel's imminent plan to displace Palestinian families from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah.

- In a statement, Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum holds Israel responsible for harming the inhabitants of Sheikh Jarrah and warns Israel against their evictions. He also calls on the Arab League, the OIC, and the broader Muslim world to assume their responsibilities in protecting Palestinians and supporting their resistance.

**May 3:** An Israeli court issues a decision to freeze the evacuation of the Palestinian homes in the Umm Haroun area of Sheikh Jarrah until 3 June.

- Israeli forces prevent a Palestinian sit-in in front of the houses threatened with eviction in favor of the settlers and attack the protestors, injuring at least 10 of them and arresting 3.
- Escorted by police, 59 Jewish extremists and 20 yeshiva students provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- In a statement, the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs says it has ratified 14 agreements with the people of Sheikh Jarrah, which were signed with the former Jordanian Ministry of Construction and Development and UNRWA, in support of their rights to their lands and properties.
- Foreign Minister Riad Malki sends a letter to ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda calling for a clear and public stand against Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people in Sheikh Jarrah.

**May 4:** Israeli forces clash with solidarity activists in Sheikh Jarrah, detain Samer Abu Aisha, Anas Jabareen and a woman, who are later released but banned from the area for 1-2 months and forced to pay a financial guarantee.

- Over tensions in East Jerusalem, Mohammed Deif, the elusive head of Hamas's armed wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, warns in a rare statement that Israel would pay a "heavy price" if the Sheikh Jarrah evictions went ahead.
- Hebrew media reports that fearing fresh outbreaks of violence in Jerusalem, police have closed Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to Jews until further notice.
- According to the Jerusalem Institute the population of Jerusalem at the end of 2020 was 952,000, 38% of them Palestinians (a 10% increase since 2000) and 62% Jewish, of which 36% are Haredim.
- The Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Yousef Al-Othaimeen, sends a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, called on the UN to put pressure on Israel to stop violations against the Palestinians in Jerusalem and allow them to vote.

**May 5:** In Sheikh Jarrah, Israeli forces clash with Palestinians protesting the planned eviction of families in favor of settlers.

- In response to Israel's announced intention to construct 540 new housing units in Har Homa E, the EU reiterates its position that all settlements in are illegal and calls on the Israel to halt settlement construction and to reverse these latest decisions as a matter of urgency, including evictions and demolitions in Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, and Al-Walajah.

- The PA has complained to the ICC regarding the "forced eviction of Arab families from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem".

- Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov voiced concerns about escalating tensions in East Jerusalem and Gaza.

- In an online conference hosted by Tehran, Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader Ziad Al-Nakhalah says the battle against the Israeli regime and for Jerusalem has further empowered the movement.

**May 6:** Expressing deep concern about the rising tensions in East Jerusalem in recent weeks, UN envoy for Middle East peace process Tor Wennesland urges Israel "to cease demolitions and evictions, in line with its obligations under international humanitarian law," warning that "if unaddressed, the situation could spiral out of control."

- France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Britain urged Israel "to reverse its decision to advance the construction of 540 settlement units in the Har Homa E area (...) and to cease its policy of settlement expansion across the Occupied Palestinian Territories," as those actions "will cause further damage to the prospects for a viable Palestinian State."

- Channel 12 reports that Prime Minister Netanyahu has repeatedly dismissed objections made by the Biden administration in the past month over Israeli politics in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, especially regarding Har Homa and Sheikh Jarrah.

- The Arab League condemns the forced eviction of residents of Sheikh Jarrah in favor of settlers, calling it "a full-fledged crime" and urging the international community to put an end to the violations.

- The Israeli Supreme Court postpones its ruling on the eviction of Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah until May 10.

- In renewed clashes in Sheikh Jarrah, at least 15 Palestinians are arrested.

- Israel Police's Jerusalem District Chief Doron Turgeman implores that the annual "Dance of Flags" parade through the Old City on Jerusalem Day be re-routed amid the ongoing violence between Arabs and Jews throughout the city. warning that a parade passing through Damascus Gate "in the last week of Ramadan fasting, when all warnings relate to a possible flare-up due to events related to Jerusalem would be irresponsible and could claim human lives" and even incite "a violent outbreak in Judea and Samaria and Gaza."

- Hamas politburo head Ismail Haniyeh says that Palestinians won't allow settlers to raid Al-Aqsa Mosque on Ramadan 28th (Leilat Al-Qadr) and that the battle of Jerusalem is open, adding that "The Islamic nation has to support Jerusalem and Jerusalemites, and we will keep going in the road of resistance, freedom, and return."

**May 7:** Israel deploys large numbers of forces in Jerusalem, especially in and around the Old City, and closes the surrounding streets and roads leading to Al-Aqsa Mosque on the last Friday of Ramadan. Still, about 70,000 perform prayers on the compound.

**May 8:** After storming the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and attacking worshipers, firing sound bombs and rubber bullets, Israeli forces close Al-Qibli Mosque and prevent medical staff from reaching the injured.

- The Palestinian Red Crescent Society opens a field hospital in Jerusalem to treat hundreds of injured from Israeli attacks on worshipers in Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Old City and surrounding neighborhoods.

- Israeli authorities launch an arrest campaign of Jerusalemites, detaining at least 25.

- In a statement, Fatah salutes the masses in Jerusalem and Sheikh Jarrah, calling them a symbol of the dignity of the Palestinian people and the Arab and Islamic nations, and saying that the battle in Jerusalem is a battle over the narrative, identity and imposition of sovereignty.

- UNSCO head Tor Wennesland urges all parties to "act responsibly and calmly" in the wake of the clashes between Israeli police and Palestinians on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, which left at least 205 Palestinians injured on the last Friday of Ramadan.

- In a statement, Saudi Arabia "rejects Israel's plans and measures to evict dozens of Palestinians from their homes in Jerusalem and impose Israeli sovereignty over them."

- UAE Foreign Minister Khalifa Al-Marar "strongly condemns" the recent clashes and the planned evictions in Jerusalem, urging Israeli authorities to reduce tensions and "to prevent practices that violate the sanctity of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque".

- The Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns Israeli forces' storming Al-Aqsa Mosque that injured hundreds of Palestinians and calls on the Israeli forces to end the acts against the Palestinians.

- Iran's Foreign Ministry strongly condemns the Israeli forces storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem, calling it a "war crime."

**May 9:** UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expresses deep concern over the continuing violence in East Jerusalem and urges Israel to cease demolitions and evictions, in line with its obligations under international humanitarian and international human rights law. also stressing that "the status quo at the holy sites be upheld and respected."

- At a cabinet meeting in Ramallah, Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh strongly condemns the Israeli assault against worshippers at Al-Aqsa Mosque, warning that this action may have serious repercussions.

- Jordan summons Israel's envoy to protest continuous violations in Jerusalem and urges Israel to stop what it described as "barbaric" attacks on worshippers in Jerusalem's al Aqsa Mosque, also saying that it would step up international pressure. Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi says Jordan would do its utmost to protect rights of Palestinians against Jewish settlers. Jordanian Foreign Ministry's Secretary-General Yousef Bataineh stresses that the recent Israeli practices against the Al-Aqsa Mosque contradicted international law and its historical and legal status quo, and urges Israel to stop such violations immediately, warning of the consequences of continuing provocations and escalation.

- Canada and the Middle East Quartet (UN, US, EU and Russia) condemn the violence that took place on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, and call on Israel to halt eviction plans for Sheikh Jarrah.

- In a press statement, Switzerland says that it "is very concerned about the escalation of violence in Jerusalem, particularly on the Haram al-Sharif and in Sheikh Jarrah," adding that "the preservation of the historic status quo on the Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount and the peaceful coexistence of all residents of Jerusalem must be guaranteed in accordance with international law.

- Pope Francis calls for an end to violence in Jerusalem.

- Pakistani Premier Imran Khan strongly condemns the Israeli aggression against Palestinians at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and calls for immediate international action to protect Palestinians and their legitimate rights.

- US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan expresses "serious concerns" to his Israeli counterpart Meir Ben-Shabbat about violent clashes in Jerusalem sparked by planned evictions of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah and calls on him to ensure calm during 'Jerusalem Day'.

- UNICEF reports that over the past two days, 29 Palestinian children were injured and 8 others arrested in East Jerusalem, while ambulances were restricted from arriving to assist and evacuate the injured and an on-site clinic was hit and searched. It urges the Israeli authorities to refrain from using violence against children and release those detained.

- Statements against the violence and the pending Sheikh Jarrah evictions are also issued by Turkey, Qatar, Egypt, Bahrain, individual European countries, and South Africa.

**May 10:** Israeli police firing tear gas, stun grenades and rubber-coated bullets clash with Palestinian on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, including inside the mosque, leaving at least 215 Palestinians as well as 9 Israeli police injured and the gates, a historic window and the guards' room of the Qibli Mosque destroyed.

- Israeli soldiers performed military salute while Jewish extremist settlers pray inside Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- The Israeli Supreme Court cancels a hearing over the eviction of Palestinian families in Sheikh Jarrah until further notice.

- The EU envoy to the Palestinians is "extremely concerned" by the ongoing clashes in Jerusalem, calls for immediate calm and refrain from resorting to violence, and urges Israeli security forces to "exercise maximum restraint" and allow paramedics to serve the injured, as well as "uphold and respect the status quo of the holy sites."

- The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches of Jerusalem release a statement saying, "We the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches of Jerusalem, are profoundly disheartened and concerned about the recent violent events in East Jerusalem. These concerning developments, whether at the Al Aqsa Mosque or in Sheikh Jarrah, violate the sanctity of the people of Jerusalem and of Jerusalem as the City of Peace. The actions undermining the safety of worshippers and the dignity of the Palestinians who are subject to eviction are unacceptable." It further called on the international community "to intervene in order to put an end to these provocative actions, as well as to continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem."



- Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan calls on Islamic countries and the entire world to act effectively against the Israeli attacks and protect the "dignity, pride and honor of the holy city of Jerusalem."

**May 11:** After their visit to Sheikh Jarrah, European diplomats say what is happening "is a matter of grave concern, and is illegal under international humanitarian law, and only leads to inflame tension on the ground."

- France says the forced expulsion of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah is part of the illegal settlement policy and calls on all concerned parties to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain from any provocative action in order to allow calm to return as soon as possible.

**May 13:** The Al-Azhar Observatory for Combating Extremism in Cairo launches a "Zionist allegations" campaign, through which it refutes the allegations made by the occupying power, which the Palestinian people have suffered and are still suffering.

**May 14:** Jewish extremists perform Talmudic rituals in Imam Al-Ghazali Square in front of the Lions Gate before moving into the Bab Ar-Rahmeh cemetery, where they pray near the Gate of Mercy, desecrating Muslim graves.

**May 17:** Jewish right-wingers provocatively dance at Bab Al-Asbat and Bab Al-Qattaneen, both gates leading to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Jewish extremists chant and walk over Muslim graves in Bab Al-Rahmeh Cemetery.

**May 20:** The Jerusalem District Planning Committee approved with conditions the Har Homa E plan for 540 housing units.

**May 21:** Israeli forces set up barriers at the entrances to Sheikh Jarrah and impede the movement of residents, while allowing settlers free access.

- After Friday prayers, Israeli forces storm the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, move people from Al-Rahmeh prayer hall, and clash with worshippers, injuring at least 20 of them. They close the doors of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, arrest a number of youth and obstruct the entry of medical staff.

**May 22:** Dar Al-Ifta and the Supreme Fatwa Council denounces Israel's storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound a day earlier and the attack on Grand Mufti Sheikh Muhammad Hussein.

**May 23:** Amid simmering tensions, Israel opens the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to Jews for the first time in 20 days.

- Jordan condemns Israeli escalations at Al-Aqsa Mosque with attacks on worshipers and Waqf employees and the entry of large numbers of Jewish extremists to the site under the protection of Israeli forces.

- Presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh warns that the ongoing Israeli siege of the Sheikh Jarrah and the continued raids of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound could drag the situation back into escalation and tensions.

**May 24:** Jadallah Abdel Rauf, 17, from Kufr Aqab who stabbed an Israeli soldier and a civilian near Ammunition Hill is shot dead by a policeman.

**May 25:** Escorted by police, 91 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israel's High Court orders Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit to submit a legal opinion by June 8 on the eviction case before the court against Palestinian residents of Sheikh Jarrah.

**May 26:** Escorted by police, 58 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- A hearing at the Jerusalem District Court of an appeal filed by Palestinian families from the Batn Al-Hawa neighborhood in Silwan against their planned eviction ends without a ruling.

- Israeli forces attack participants at a solidarity stand for the residents of Batn Al-Hawa.

- Staff from the Israeli municipality remove national slogans and family names from the walls of Sheikh Jarrah.

- While Palestinian welcome the planned reopening of the US Consulate in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Netanyahu informs US Secretary of State Antony Blinken that Israel opposes a US consulate for Palestinians in sovereign Israel.

- Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar threatens that Hamas would react if Israel continued its "aggression toward Al-Aqsa."

- During separate meetings with the Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Sameh Shoukry, and Jordan, Ayman Safadi, in Ramallah, President Mahmoud Abbas says the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas must include banning visits by Jews to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- King Abdullah II of Jordan warns Israel not to continue its violations in Jerusalem and against Al-Aqsa Mosque, while condemning its illegal attempts to expel Palestinians from their homes.

- During his meeting with visiting US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, King Abdullah II of Jordan says Jordan will continue its efforts to safeguard Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem, highlighting the necessity to preserve the historical and legal status quo of the holy city. He also welcomes the US's move to reopen the US consulate in Jerusalem.

**May 27:** *Haaretz* reports that the National Insurance Institute has suspended the social and medical benefits of at least 11 political activists and former prisoners from East Jerusalem as well as their family members - a common procedure inflicted on East Jerusalem residents.

- Escorted by police, dozens of Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**May 28:** The Jerusalem District Court indefinitely postpones announcing a decision on an appeal against the eviction of several dozen Palestinian residents from their homes in Silwan's Batn Al-Hawa neighborhood, delaying a verdict that could reignite violence in the city.

**May 29:** Israeli forces violently break up a peaceful solidarity vigil with the residents of Sheikh Jarrah, dispersing the protestors with beatings and tear gas.

**May 30:** After meeting with Egypt's intelligence chief Abbas Kamel, Hamas official Khalil Al-Hayeh says that calm in Gaza depends on Israeli actions in Jerusalem

**May 31:** Escorted by police, 51 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups.

## June

**June 1:** Israeli forces detain a woman and close the main road leading into Sheikh Jarrah.

- Escorted by police, 52 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**June 2:** After one month of imprisonment, Mahmoud Ashraf Obaid from Al-Issawiya is released on condition of a 10-day house arrest, 90-day ban from Al-Aqsa Mosque, and payment of NIS 2,000 fine.

**June 3:** Escorted by police, dozens of Jewish extremists led by Yehuda Glick provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Channel 13 news reports that the wooden bridge serving as the sole access point for Jews and tourists into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound is in immediate danger of collapsing, thus posing a risk to anyone who uses it.

- Visiting the Palestinian families threatened by eviction in Sheikh Jarrah, UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini says that the suffering of the population threatened with eviction from their homes goes beyond reality, adding that "To prevent further escalations of tensions in West Bank, including in East Jerusalem, forced displacement and administrative demolitions, contrary to international law, should end."

- Honduras' President Juan Orlando Hernandez says his country will open an embassy in Jerusalem this month.

**June 4:** Dozens of people participate in the "Jerusalem Marathon" from Sheikh Jarrah to Silwan wearing shirts reading "Save Sheikh Jarrah... Save Silwan" and "7,850" in reference to the number of people threatened with eviction.

- Israeli forces detain Nufouth Hammad, 14, in Sheikh Jarrah, for painting a flag of Palestine on the faces of her colleagues during an entertainment event for Palestinian children in the neighborhood.

- Israeli forces demolish the sit-in tent of the Batn Al-Hawa neighborhood in Silwan, after throwing sound bombs and violently dispersing the protestors, which were joined by the participants of the "Jerusalem marathon" arriving from Sheikh Jarrah. At least 12 people are injured.

**June 5:** Israeli forces arrest Al-Jazeera journalist Givara Budeiri in Sheikh Jarrah and break her camera equipment; she is later released but banned for 15 days from the area.

**June 6:** Israeli forces attack dozens of Palestinians at a sit-in in front of the Salah El-Din Street police station protesting the arrest of journalist and activist Mona Al-Kurd and her transfer from to the Al-Maskobiya interrogation and detention center, trying to disperse them with sound bombs and rubber bullets.

- Israeli forces arrest Zuhair Al-Rajabi, head of the Committee for the Defense of the Batn Al-Hawa neighborhood in Silwan.

**June 7:** Muhannad Ibrahim Bashir is forced to self-demolish his house in Jabal Mukabber to avoid the municipality's demolition fees.

- The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine and preacher of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, urges people who can to come to Al-Aqsa Mosque in light of the escalating pace of extremist Jews' incursions.

- Israel's attorney general Avichai Mendelblit informs the Supreme Court that he will not intervene in the high-profile eviction case before the court against Palestinian families of Sheikh Jarrah, as his legal opinion would not be able to prevent the eviction.

- The right-wing Women for the Temple organization puts up a sign reading "Bab Hillel" at the entrance to the Mughrabi Gate - one of the gates of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound - in an attempt to change the name in relation of a settler who was killed in 2016 in the Kiryat Arba settlement near Hebron.

- Jerusalem Affairs Minister Fadi Hidmi says Israeli violence against Palestinians in Jerusalem requires an urgent and immediate intervention by the international community to remove all restrictions placed in Sheikh Jarrah and ensure the cancellation of all ethnic cleansing decisions in the city as well as the release of all Palestinian detainees.

- After Israel's security cabinet announces that the "Flag March" planned for June 10 would not be allowed to pass through the Old City's Muslim Quarter due to security concerns, the organizers decide to cancel the event.

**June 8:** Rightwing MKs and settlement associations call for a massive Jewish storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque in response to the Israeli police's cancellation of the "Flag March" that was scheduled for June 10.

- Extreme right-wing MK Itamar Ben Gvir announces his intention to storm Al-Aqsa Mosque after, as he says, Israeli police surrendered to Hamas.

- The Israeli Supreme Court decides to hold a session to consider the appeal submitted by the residents of Sheikh Jarrah until July 20.

- Hamas leader Ismail Radwan says that the resistance factions warn Israel against harming Al-Aqsa Mosque or provoking residents in the Sheikh Jarrah and Batn Al-Hawa, stressing that "Jerusalem is a red line."

**June 9:** Israeli police Commissioner Yaakov Shabtai bars far-right Religious Zionism MK Itamar Ben Gvir and May Golan (Likud) from the "Flag March" as it would cause harm to public order.

- Israeli authorities ban Fatah member Awad Al-Salaymeh from Sheikh Jarrah and Batn Al-Hawa for a period of 15 days.

- In the evening, about 100 settlers protected by Israeli forces participate in a provocative march through the Old City.

- The US urges Israelis and Palestinians to avoid "provocations" and preserve a ceasefire after Israel approved a controversial nationalist march in Jerusalem.

**June 10:** Israeli forces storm the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound triggering clashes with Palestinian worshippers.

- The Central Court postpones the appeal filed against the decisions to evict the Ghaith and Abu Nab families from their homes in Batn Al-Hawa, while Israeli forces beat and arrest dozens of people at a protest sit-in.

- 14 Palestinians are arrested at Damascus Gate Amid tensions over the visit by far-right MK Itamar Ben-Gvir of the ultranationalist Otzma Yehudit Party who came in protest at being banned by the police from marching through the Muslim Quarter of the Old City and visiting Al-Aqsa Mosque compound today and yesterday.

**June 11:** In Issawiya, Israeli forces raze Palestinian-owned land and destroy a shed belonging to Amjad Hasan Mustafa.

- At the invitation of the Higher Follow-up Committee of the Arab in Israel, dozens march in solidarity in Sheikh Jarrah, expressing their condemnation and rejection of attempts to displace the Palestinian residents.

- Amid strict Israeli measures and with police checking ID Cards at the gates of the compound, some 40,000 worshipers perform Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**June 14:** Israeli municipality crews, accompanied by police, distribute summons to home owners in Silwan's Al-Bustan neighborhood to appear before the municipal inspector for not implementing home demolition orders years ago.

- Escorted by police, 80 Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in different groups.

**June 15:** Israeli authorities summon a number of Fatah leaders and members in Jerusalem, including Shadi Mutawer and Awad Al-Salaymeh, to appear before the intelligence for interrogation ahead of the Jerusalem Flag March later the day.

- Ahead of the provocative Flag March by Jewish extremists, some 2,000 Israeli forces deploy throughout the Old City, set up checkpoints and vacate the Damascus Gate area and nearby streets, violently forcing shop owners to close and people to leave. Clashes erupt when the March, attended by thousands, reaches Damascus Gate. At least 33 Palestinians are injured and 17 arrested.

- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs holds the Israel responsible for the escalation that took place in an around the Old City and demands an end to attacks and provocations and to respect the historical and legal status quo in Jerusalem.

- The Israeli Supreme Court has set 2 August as the date for hearing the petitions of Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah against their eviction.

**June 16:** Near Hizma, Israeli forces shoot and kill Mai Afana, 29, a recent PhD graduate and mother from Abu Dis, who allegedly attempted a stabbing and ramming attack.

- The new Israeli unity government fails to extend a law barring Palestinians who marry Israeli citizens from receiving citizenship as coalition chairman Idit Silman (Yamina) pulls it from the agenda upon realizing that there won't be enough votes for it to pass.

**June 17:** At Al-Aqsa Mosque, Israeli forces beat and arrest Abdel Karim Qaoud, a guard at the holy site.

**June 18:** Three Palestinians are wounded in clashes with Israeli police after Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the Israeli police's attack on worshipers in the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque as a flagrant violation of the site's sanctity and the safety of worshipers and calling on Israel to respect the historical and legal status quo as well as the authority of the Jerusalem Waqf.

**June 20:** Israeli authorities ban the Secretary of Fatah in Jerusalem, Shadi Mutawer, from entering the West Bank for a period of six months. Prior to this the his and his family's health insurance was already suspended and his wife's residency status withdrawn.

- At a conference in Gaza, Hamas leader Yahya Al-Sinwar says that Al-Aqsa Mosque will soon be liberated from the Israeli occupation.

- Islamic Jihad politburo member Khaled Al-Batsh warns that the next battle over Jerusalem will be a "regional war", hinting at several leaders in the region having expressed their "readiness to defend Jerusalem."

**June 21:** In Sheikh Jarrah, 20 Palestinians are wounded and 4 arrested during clashes with Israeli forces after settlers assault residents with stones, chairs and words. One settler sprays four girls, 12-14 years old, training Dabkeh for an artistic event in the neighborhood with pepper gas causing them burns in the face.

- Musab Sami Jaabis is forced to self-demolish his commercial building in Jabal Al-Mukabber for being built without a permit.

**June 22:** Protest erupt in Sheikh Jarrah when Religious Zionism MKs Bezalel Smotrich and Orit Strock join a group of settlers trying to enter the Al-Kurd family home, one of several houses threatened with eviction.

- Denouncing the recent settler and police attacks on residents of Sheikh Jarrah, Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Fadi Al-Hidmi warns of a serious escalation as the international community remains silent on the forced expulsions of families from the neighborhood.

- Israeli police forces Abdel Rahman Ahmed Obaid to demolish his three-storey building in Al-Issawiya.

**June 22:** The Israeli forces arrest the son of Jerusalem Governor Adnan Ghaith, Louay, 20, after he summoning him for interrogation at the Al-Maskobiya Center.

**June 23:** Israeli forces demolish an apartment in Al-Issawiya owned by Musa Ismail Hilou.

**June 24:** Escorted by Israeli police, dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque in a provocative manner.

- Mohammad Hamada, a senior member of Hamas, warns Israel against continuing aggressive attacks on Sheikh Jarrah.

- The Southern Faction of the Islamic Movement, through the Al-Aqsa Association, has reportedly launched a fundraising campaign at the sum of about NIS 300,000 for the payment of fines imposed on construction offenders in the Arab neighborhood of Beit Safafa in Jerusalem, with the objective of preventing the destruction of the illegally built houses.

- Honduras officially moves its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem in the presence of Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and visiting Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández, becoming the fourth country to do so. The PA and the Arab League condemn the move.

**June 25:** The Jerusalem District Court rejects the objection of the owners of a bus parking lot and car wash business in Sheikh Jarrah against their planned expropriation for "public needs" - to turn the site into a green area and roads.

**June 27:** The deadline set by Israel for 13 Palestinian families to self-demolish their homes in Silwan's Al-Bustan quarter ends. These homes in question are among 86 homes that Israel intends to demolish.

- Escorted by Israeli police, dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque in a provocative manner.

**June 28:** Muhammad Ali Siam is forced to demolish his warehouse in the Wadi Hilweh area of Silwan to avoid paying demotion fees to the municipality.

- Guarded by police forces, Jewish extremists perform prayers at Lions Gate - one of the gates of Al-Aqsa, after storming Al-Ghazali Square

**June 29:** Two days after a deadline for the self-demolition of 17 Palestinian structures expired, Israeli forces close off the Al-Bustan neighborhood in Silwan and demolish a shop owned by Nidal Rajabi, triggering scuffles between police and residents. Later the day, Israeli police use rubber-coated steel bullets, tear gas, and stun grenades against a sit-in staged in protest of Israel's plans to forcibly expel Palestinians from the area in favor of settlers.

- At night, Israeli undercover police arrest at least five Palestinians during protests in Sheikh Jarrah.

**June 30:** Israeli municipality vehicles demolish barracks in Sur Baher.

- The PA calls for immediate intervention from the international community to stop Israel from demolishing homes in Silwan.

- The General Secretariat of the OIC condemns the demolition of homes and facilities by Israeli forces in the Al-Bustan neighborhood of Silwan.

- The Deputy Spokesperson of the US Department of State, Jalina Porter, urges Israel to stop the demolition of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem, saying "We believe it is important to refrain from any steps that may increase tensions and make diplomatic agreements more difficult, and this also applies to home demolitions."

## July

**July 2:** Overnight, settlers from the Ateret Cohanim group, protected by Israeli forces, take over a Palestinian building in Silwan's Wadi Hilweh neighborhood, which was apparently sold for \$1.4 million by a Palestinian family that subsequently has fled the country.

**July 4:** Israeli authorities force Mohammed Darwish to self-demolish his house in Al-Issawiya to avoid the high municipal demolition costs.

- Escorted by Israeli police, dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in a provocative manner.

- Senior European ambassadors to Israel, including of Germany and France, , boycott the July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day ceremony at the US Embassy in Jerusalem, because their countries do not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

**July 5:** Israeli police stop the vehicle of Reconstruction Committee workers on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, demanding they obtain a permit to complete the work.

- Escorted by Israeli police, dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in a provocative manner, performing religious rituals.

- Israeli forces summon Fatah Secretary in Jerusalem, Shadi Mutwar, for interrogation to the Al-Maskubiya detention center.

- Days after his arrest, Israeli authorities transfer Jerusalemite PLC member Mohammad Abu Teir, 71, to 6-month administrative detention.

**July 6:** The Ziada family is forced to demolish their house, which was built in 1963 but now sits in the middle of Gilo settlement.

- Israeli forces demolish a school under construction in the Dahiet As-Salam neighborhood of Shu'fat refugee camp, apparently after the school refused to teach the Israeli curriculum.

- Brothers, Ahmed and Mohammad Abu Ghannam are forced to demolish their building – three apartments and a fourth under construction – in At-Tur, rendering 21 people homeless.

- With 59:59, the Knesset votes down an extension to the amendment on the Citizenship Law, which since 2002 prevents Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza who marry Palestinian residents or citizens of Israel from being eligible for either citizenship or residency status.

**July 7:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, including Rabbi Yehuda Glick, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and perform Talmudic rituals.

**July 8:** Israeli authorities deliver a demolition order against a 4-story Palestinian building in Shu'fat owned by Nasser Abu Khdeir, giving the 55 occupants only two weeks to evacuate. The building, constructed in 2003, is located in near the now encroaching Ramat Shlomo settlement.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, including a group of women from the so-called "Women for the Temple" organization, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, escorted by police.

- Israeli forces hand four former Palestinian prisoners - Nasser Al-Hadmi, who is the head of the Jerusalem Committee against Demolition and Displacement, as well as Salim Al-Jubeh, Majed Al-Jubeh, and Yaqoub Abu Assab - expulsion orders from Jerusalem for terms of between three and six months and ban them from having any contact with a number of people and activists, alleging they are Hamas activist and pose a threat.

- The Israeli Supreme Court rules with 5-4 in favor of a petition submitted by Adalah, Addameer and DCI, challenging an amendment to a 2015 law which denied social welfare benefits to Palestinian families, mostly from East Jerusalem, whose children (under age 18) are convicted and jailed in Israeli prisons for certain security offenses with "nationalist motivations," primarily stone-throwing.

**July 11:** Some 84 Jewish extremists, escorted by police, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups.

**July 12:** Israeli municipality crews roam the Al-Bustan neighborhood of Silwan, taking photographs of homes and streets.

- Jamal Ajaj is forced to demolish his house in the Al-Sala'a neighborhood of Jabal Al-Mukabber.

- Izzat Ziada is forced to demolish his house located near the Gilo settlement.

- Likud MK Eli Cohen tours Al-Aqsa Mosque, accompanied by a number of rabbis.

- *Haaretz* reports that a decade after the previous battle to prevent construction on the remnants of Lifta, the Israel Land Authority now plans to issue a tender for the construction of an affluent neighborhood in the area of the abandoned village that has become a symbol of the Nakba for Palestinians.

**July 13:** Mohammed Nassar Al-Husseini is forced to self-demolish his house in Wadi Qaddoum, Silwan.

- The Islamic Jihad spokesperson Tariq Salmi states that the "escalation" of Israel's policy of demolishing Palestinians' homes built without a permit in Jerusalem, requires "action to ... protect and rescue them, and to strengthen their steadfastness in the face of ethnic cleansing policies", calling for the activation of "resistance in all its forms."

**July 14:** Likud MK Nir Barkat has initiated a bill, endorsed by over 30 MKs, to prevent the opening of a US consulate in Jerusalem saying it was a security risk giving Palestinians a pretext to enter Jerusalem and would undermine Jerusalem's status as the undivided "capital of Israel." The bill proposes an amendment to the *Basic Law: Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel*, which stipulates that "no country will open or plan a diplomatic representative office in Jerusalem to serve a foreign political entity."

- At night, clashes erupt in Silwan after Israeli undercover units storm the Bir Ayoub area and arrest 3 young men.

- In At-Tur, Israeli forces and settlers clash with Palestinian residents.

- Israeli forces demolish a barrack for sheep belonging to Ibrahim Obeid in Nabi Samuel and distribute further demolition notices in the village.

- Slovakian Foreign Minister Ivan Korcok announces the opening of the Slovak Institute in Jerusalem on 1 September 2021, while also saying that his country supports resuming the Middle East peace process and a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**July 17:** At night, Israeli forces deploy metal barriers in the Damascus Gate area of the Old City, expecting large settler incursions on the Jewish holiday the next day.

**July 18:** Dozens of Muslim worshipers barricade themselves on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and clash with police ahead of the arrival of Jewish extremists marking Tisha B'Av. Israeli forces storm the minarets of Al-Aqsa Mosque and cut the wires connected to the loudspeakers, close the doors of the Al-Qibli prayer hall with iron chains, assault worshippers, and arrest some of them.

- Some 1,700 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and under heavy police guard on the occasion of Tisha B'Av, a day of mourning and repentance when Jews reflect on the destruction of the First and Second Temples.

- Prime Minister Naftali Bennett says that both Jews and Muslims have "freedom of worship" on the "Temple Mount", causing outrage.

- *Times of Israel* reports Israel, in a major change to the *status quo*, has quietly started allowing Jewish prayers on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in recent months, referring to Channel 12's reporter Yair Cherki who filmed prayers at the site in recent days, as policemen - who in the past would eject any person suspected of prayer, and sometimes kicked people out for merely citing a biblical verse while speaking - passively looked on.

- The PA, Jordan, and Egypt criticize the entry by hundreds of Jews to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Condemning the entry of hundreds of Jews to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, the United Arab List party, which is part of the governing coalition, says that Al-Aqsa Mosque "is solely the property of Muslims" and "the people of the UAL and the activists of the Islamic Movement will defend the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque with their bodies."

- In a press statement, EU Representative in Palestine Sven Kuehn von Burgsdorff expresses his concerns about the continuing Israeli-Palestinian tension around the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and calls for "avoiding incitement and respecting the status quo" by the two sides, adding, that "the Israeli authorities, the religious and community leaders on all sides must act urgently to de-escalate this volatile situation."

- The Jerusalem Municipality's Local Planning and Construction Committee has approved the establishment of a vocational training college in Wadi Joz as part of its "Silicon Wadi" project. The plan is located next to Othman Ben Afan Street and includes the college, a kindergarten, and offices.

**July 19:** Prime Minister Naftali Bennett backpedals on statements he made a day earlier, in which he said Israel will preserve freedom of worship for Jews on the "Temple Mount", saying "There is no change in the status quo" (which bans non-Muslims from prayer on the site) and that he had only meant freedom of *access* for Jews.

- Daifallah Al-Fayez, spokesman for Jordan's Foreign Ministry, rejects and condemns Israel's actions against the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, saying they represent a violation of the historical and legal status quo, international law, and Israel's obligations as an occupying power in East Jerusalem, and that the ministry has sent an official letter of protest calling on Israel to stop its violations and provocations, respect the historical and legal status quo, respect the sanctity of the mosque and the freedom of worshipers, and respect the authority of the Jordan-run Jerusalem Endowment Department and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs.

**July 20:** Some 100,000 worshipers pray in the morning at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound marking the Muslim holiday of Eid Al-Adha.

- Two 15-year-old Palestinians with Israeli citizenship are arrested on suspicion of attacking a passerby and taking a flag she was carrying near Damascus Gate.

**July 21:** A Syrian Foreign Ministry statement denounces an unprecedented aggressive escalation by Israeli settlers against Palestinians, particularly in Jerusalem and especially three days ago when large groups of Jewish extremists stormed al-Aqsa Mosque under protection of the Israeli police who attacked the worshipers inside and outside the mosque.

- Abdel Yusuf Al-Tamimi, 43, a father of four from Shu'fat refugee camp dies after being jailed at the Russian compound detention center for traffic violations. His family demands an autopsy, rejecting the version of events offered by the prison service, which claimed that Al-Tamimi suffered from preexisting medical conditions.

**July 22:** *Haaretz* reports that Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked has ordered the Interior Ministry's Population and Immigration Authority, which handles requests for family unification, not to discuss them as long as the ministry has not formulated a policy on the subject, after the amendment to the Citizenship and Entry Into Israel Law, which bans such unification, failed to pass in the Knesset on 6 July.

**July 23:** Amid strict Israeli military measures, over 25,000 Palestinian worshippers attend Friday prayers at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**July 25:** Ali Khalil Shqeirat is forced to demolish his own house in Jabal Mukabber to avoid paying heavy fees.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by police, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**July 26:** The Waqf Council denounces the Israeli "city center" project which targets an area of 655 dunums around the Old City – especially Salah Eddin, Sultan Suleiman and Az-Zahra streets and the Sheikh Jarrah and Wadi Al-Joz areas – as attempt to Judaize the commercial and cultural heart of East Jerusalem. Most of the buildings in the area are Waqf property.

- Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Advisor to the President for Religious Affairs and Islamic Relations, also condemns the planned scheme, which targets the religious, cultural and civilizational identity of the holy city in violation of international law, and calls on international institutions and the UN to pressure Israel to stop its Judaization measures against the heritage and culture in Jerusalem.

- Israeli municipal crews, accompanied by police, hang a "demolition" notice at Sheikh Jarrah's protest tent but suspend the decision a few hours later.

**July 28:** The Israeli Supreme Court issues a decision freezing the eviction of the Dajani, Hammad and Al-Dahudi families from Sheikh Jarrah, planned on 1 August.

- In At-Tur, Israeli forces destroy land and trees belonging to Ahmed Abu Sbeitan, who had self-demolished two rooms a day earlier, and a horse stable belonging to the Hadrah family.

- A PA Foreign Ministry statement condemns the decision of Israeli Minister of Public Security Omer Barlev to extend the closure of some 80 Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem and calls on the international community to pressure Israel to reopen them.

**July 29:** *Haaretz* reports that Israel has retaken control of Davidson Archaeological Park, near the Western Wall, from the right-wing settler group Elad, which runs the City of David tourist site in East Jerusalem.

- Settlers seize a house in Wadi Hilweh, Silwan.

- Church leaders, including Latin Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa, pay a solidarity visit to the Sheikh Jarrah families facing eviction.

**July 30:** Brothers Firas, Suhaib and Ahmed Dajani continue to demolish their three homes in At-Tur.

## **August**

**Aug. 1:** In a solidarity message to the residents of Sheikh Jarrah, the Palestinian resistance factions in Gaza hail the Palestinian people in Jerusalem and state that they would not give up their resistance against Israeli aggression.

**Aug. 2:** The Israeli Supreme Court proposes to allow the Palestinian residents of Sheikh Jarrah to remain in their homes, where they have been living since the 1950s, under a "protected tenants" status, who cannot be evicted. The residents would have to pay a small rent fee to the Nahalat Shimon settler association that acquired the rights to the land that used to belong to Jewish families prior to 1948. Nahalat Shimon Attorney Ilan Shemer opposes the "compromise" and demands the families recognize the Jewish ownership of the land, which the Palestinians reject. Justice Isaac Amit delays the decision on the evictions and calls for further documentation.

- Prime Minister Shtayyeh urges the international community to work on ending the Israeli policies of persecution, racism, and ethnic cleansing committed against Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan with the aim of replacing them with settlers. PA Minister for Jerusalem Affairs, Fadi Al-Hidmi, also calls on the international community to "immediately intervene" in the Sheikh Jarrah case.

- In the wake of the Sheikh Jarrah court case, Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for the UN Secretary General, stresses that all Israeli settlement activities, including evictions and demolitions, are illegal under international law.

- During a meeting with PA Chief Justice and Presidential Advisor for Religious Affairs and Islamic Relations Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry affirms his country's position, rejecting any action that would target the Arab, Islamic and Christian identity of Jerusalem and its holy sites

- Israel's Housing Ministry reportedly placed a plan to build 9,000 settler units in Atarot on the agenda for a December meeting of the Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee in an apparent bid to advance the controversial plan ahead of Prime Minister Bennett's expected visit to Washington.

**Aug. 3:** Israel renews its decision to prevent the PA Jerusalem governor, Adnan Ghaith, from entering the West Bank, from participating in events in Jerusalem, and from being present and moving inside the city except for his place of residence in Silwan.

- The PA Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejects the announcement made by Slovak Foreign Minister Ivan Korcok regarding his ministry's intention to open a cultural center in Jerusalem.

- Israeli forces storm several neighborhoods of Silwan, arrest the director of the Al-Bustan Center, Qutaiba Odeh, confiscate goods from several stores, and deliver summonses for investigation to several young men.

**Aug. 4:** Palestinian factions in the Gaza Strip inform the Egyptian mediator that if the evacuation of the Palestinian families from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah was approved, the rocket launch into the Israeli would be resumed.

**Aug. 5:** Israeli officials have reportedly asked the Biden administration to put pressure on the Palestinians to have the families in Sheikh Jarrah agree to the compromise suggested 3 days ago by Israel's Supreme Court.

**Aug. 8:** In Jerusalem, Bahraini Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs aimed at boosting cooperation against Iran.

**Aug. 10:** In Sheikh Jarrah, Israeli police raid the home of Murad Atiyeh, 26, one of the activists in the against Israeli eviction plans, and detain him.

- The Israeli municipality reportedly begins works on establishing a vocational training college in Wadi Al-Joz, as part of its "Silicon Valley" Judaization project planned in the neighborhood.

- Palestinian resistance groups condemn a visit by a US delegation to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, saying such provocations embolden the Tel Aviv regime to keep violating Palestinians' rights.

**Aug. 11:** In Silwan's Bir Ayoub area, Israeli forces demolish a building owned by brothers Ali and Remah Odeh, rendering 12 people homeless.

- Israeli police summons Sheikh Jarrah residents Mohammad Al-Kurd and Omar Abu Sneineh for questioning after taking part in a protest outside the Magistrate Court against the detention of fellow resident and activist Murad Atiyeh a day earlier.

- A Jerusalem court rules that most of the nearly 100 planned home demolitions in Silwan's Bustan area should be frozen for six months, while allowing 16 homes to be razed immediately.

**Aug. 12:** *Yedioth Ahronoth* reports that construction companies in Israel who submit tenders to the Western Wall Heritage Foundation for the replacement of the wooden Mughrabi Gate Bridge – used by non-Muslims to enter



the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound - must sign a confidentiality clause, pledging "to maintain complete and absolute confidentiality of classified information and every detail related to or stemming from it, and not to publish or disclose in any way whatsoever before any person or body and all for an unlimited period."

- US Congresswoman Marie Newman calls for an end to Israeli evictions in Silwan, describing the forceful expulsion of Palestinian families in occupied Jerusalem as despicable and saying that the Israeli government is trampling on Palestinian rights and international law in East Jerusalem.

**Aug. 13:** Following Israeli claims that the land the houses were built on was owned by Jews before 1967, Abdullah Khader and his sons and their families are forced to demolish their five apartments in the Ashqariya area of Beit Hanina to avoid paying exorbitant municipal demolition fees.

**Aug. 15:** Mohammed Dweik is forced to demolish his own house in the Khilet Al-Ein area of At-Tur to avoid paying high municipal demolition costs.

- During a meeting in Amman with President Mahmoud Abbas, Jordanian King Abdullah II reiterates Jordan's commitment to its historical and religious role in safeguarding Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem, stressing the need to preserve the historical and legal status quo in Jerusalem and end all unilateral Israeli measures in the city.

**Aug. 16:** The Israeli municipality announces a plan for the construction of 296 settler homes near the Pat junction area, adjacent to Beit Safafa.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by police, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- The Jerusalem governorate councils of Jaba', Mikhmas, Burqa, Ar-Ram and Kufr Aqab, as well as the owners of damaged private lands, submit a petition to the Israeli courts against a settler scheme linking Route 60, east of Ramallah, to Road 443 and including a tunnel, all of which at the expense of hundreds of dunums of Palestinian land.

**Aug. 17:** In Issawiya, Israeli forces storm a high school graduation ceremony in the sport stadium, claiming it was sponsored by the PA, and arresting the sport club's official Aziz Khaled Obeid.

- Israeli forces demolish a kindergarten in Beit Safafa belonging to Mohammad Jum'a.

- The PA sends four Civil Defense fire-fighting teams to assist Israel as fires continue to burn in the Jerusalem hills for the third consecutive day.

**Aug. 18:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by police, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, performing prayers and religious rituals.

**Aug. 19:** The Palestinian Supreme Fatwa Council accuses Israel of working to "undermine the foundations" of Al-Aqsa Mosque, specifically by working on a 159-meter-long tunnel linking the Jewish Quarter with the Mughrabi Gate. The Council also renews a ban on selling real estate to Jews in Jerusalem or any other Palestinian land.

- While finishing up his shift at a restaurant in the Mahane Yehuda market, a young Palestinian Ahmed Salima, 20, is stabbed and severely injured by a Jewish mob.

**Aug. 21:** Marking the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the arson attack on the Al-Aqsa Mosque by an extremist Australian Christian, Dennis Michael Rohan, the PA Presidency calls upon the international community to provide protection for the Muslim and Christian holy sites in occupied Jerusalem. Palestinian factions, the Arab League, and Jordan, also mark the anniversary with statements.

**Aug. 23:** After one year in administrative detention, PLC member Ahmed Atoun is released from an Israeli prison and deported from Jerusalem.

**Aug. 25:** Israeli forces demolish a house under construction in Ras Al-Amud that belonged to Muhannad Al-Zaghal.

**Aug. 26:** According to a poll commissioned by MK Nir Barkat and conducted by Direct Talks, 72.8% of Israelis oppose the reopening of a US Consulate in Jerusalem as the *de facto* mission for Palestinians.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, including former MK Moshe Feiglin and escorted by police, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Aug. 27:** The Simrin family is forced to self-demolish their house in the Wadi Hilweh neighborhood of Silwan.

**Aug. 28:** The Al-Dalal family is forced to self-demolish three of their homes in the Ashqariya neighborhood of Beit Hanina.

**Aug. 29:** The PA's Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs warns against the Israeli plans to register Palestinian property in Jerusalem.

**Aug. 30:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by police, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Iqab Jaabis is forced to demolish his dwelling - a container and a tin room - in Jabal Al-Mukabber.

**Aug. 31:** Israeli authorities re-arrest Jerusalemite Mohammad Jamil Al-Joulani, from Shu'fat camp, the moment he is released from the Negev jail where he served 13 years.

## September

**Sept. 1:** Under the pretext of meeting with employees of the PA Ministry of Education, Israeli forces storm the Young Muslim Women's Secondary School in Wadi Al-Joz, during school hours, and arrest its principal Ikram Al-Wahidi and teacher Rana Obeidat, as well as seized a number of computers and files.

- Escorted by police, Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Sept. 2:** Settlers walk from the Western Wall to Lion's Gate, performing prayers and dances at the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque, especially at Al-Ghazali Square.

- Freed prisoner Jamil Al-Abbasi is summoned for interrogation and handed a ban from Al-Aqsa Mosque for 6 months.

- The board of the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael) approves a project to register some 530 West Bank and 2,050 Jerusalem properties, a process that could lead to Palestinians being evicted from their homes.

**Sept. 4:** Ayman Abu Hadwan is forced to demolish his house in the Wadi Al-Rababa neighborhood of Silwan.

**Sept. 5:** Jewish extremist groups call for storming Al-Aqsa Mosque compound during the upcoming Sukkot and Yom Kippur holidays.

- Israeli bulldozers raze part of the Martyrs' Cemetery, which is part of the Yusufiya cemetery.

**Sept. 6:** Escorted by police, dozens of Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups.

- A large crowd attends a Jordanian military ceremony at Al-Aqsa Mosque before the remains of a Jordanian soldier, which were found in Sheikh Jarrah, are buried in nearby Yusufiya cemetery.

- Jordan rejects and condemns Israel's so-called "Property Rights Settlement and Land Remigration" bill in occupied Jerusalem, saying international law recognizes East Jerusalem as an Israeli-occupied city and confirming the invalidity of all Israeli administrative and legislative measures that seek to change its status quo.

**Sept. 7:** Jewish extremists, including Yehuda Glick, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound dressed in Jewish prayer clothes.

**Sept. 8:** Escorted by police, Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Sept. 9:** Israel gives a letter to Slovakian Ambassador Igor Maukš granting Slovakia permission to open an office of its embassy in Jerusalem.

- A Palestinian family is forced to self-demolish their home in Batn Al-Hawa/Silwan, leaving 9 people homeless.

**Sept. 10:** In the Old City, Israeli forces shoot and kill Dr. Hazem Al-Joulani, 50, director of the Al-Rayyan alternative medicine college, after he tries to stab a policeman.

- *Haaretz* reports that the Jerusalem municipality told the Jerusalem District Court last week that it opposes a controversial construction plan in the depopulated Palestinian village of Lifta, and wants the Israel Land Authority's plan cancelled, as it would "would crush many green areas and areas of utmost historical importance. In the city's opinion, the plan does not serve the public interest."

**Sept. 10/11:** Overnight, clashes erupt in various neighborhoods, including Shu'fat, Silwan, Ras Al-Amud, At-Tur and Al-Issawiya. In Shu'fat camp, an undercover unit arrests two young men.

**Sept. 12:** In At-Tur, Walid Samir Abu Al-Hawa, 25, is run over and injured by a settler.

**Sept. 13:** Basil Khaled Shawamreh, 17, from Hebron, stabs two Israelis at a store near the Central Bus Station in Jerusalem before being shot by police

- The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine Sheikh Mohammad Hussein, warns against the calls launched by the Jewish extremist organizations against Palestinian sanctities, especially the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron.

**Sept. 14:** Bahrain's first-ever ambassador to Israel Khaled Yousef Al-Jalahma presents his credentials to President Isaac Herzog at the President's Residence in Jerusalem.

**Sept. 15:** Near Bab Al-Qattaneen at the southern-western stairways of the Dome of the Rock plaza, Jewish extremists attempt to create a new Jewish ritual of sitting on the ground of Al-Aqsa Mosque for first time in history, while others pray nearby.

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the calls made by so-called "Union of Temple Organizations" to organize massive incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque and its courtyards on the eve of the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday.

**Sept. 16:** Large numbers of extremist Jews provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the occasion of Yom Kippur. Among them, far-right Israeli Rabbi Yehudah Etzion, whose group openly practices religious rituals and prayers.

- On the occasion of Yom Kippur, Israeli forces block off several roads and erect barriers, severely disrupting Palestinian traffic.

**Sept. 17:** Large numbers of extremist Jews provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- The Jordanian Foreign Ministry condemns Israel's ongoing violations against the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound calling them in a press release "unacceptable and reprehensible and constitut[ing] a violation of the historical and legal status quo, the international law and Israel's obligations as an occupying power in east Jerusalem."

- A group of Israeli settlers stab Mohammed Abu Nab, 42, Palestinian Egged bus driver from Silwan, when a fight broke out after a collision in Jerusalem.

**Sept. 19:** Some 48 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and escorted by Israeli forces.

**Sept. 20:** An Israeli man tries to strangle Palestinian taxi driver Samir Mujahid with his seatbelt.

**Sept. 21:** Some 126 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and escorted by Israeli forces, many of whom performing prayers at the site.

- The Israeli municipality forces the family of Ali Obeidiya to demolish two rooms of their house in Jabal Mukabber.

- Addressing the UN General Assembly, Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani blames Israel for the May war, condemning its Jerusalem policies as well as attacks against Muslim and Christian holy sites as well as Palestinian homes.

- Addressing the UN General Assembly, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan slams Israel's "oppression" of Palestinians and "violations of the international status of Jerusalem" and the sanctity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Sept. 22:** Israeli forces clash with Palestinians in At-Tur, beating up a number of students from the At-Tur Secondary Boys' School and shooting and injuring one youth with a rubber-coated steel bullet.

- Addressing the UN General Assembly, the kings of Jordan and Saudi Arabia urge a two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by creating a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

**Sept. 23:** The Supreme Fatwa Council in Palestine warns of the danger of the Israeli business district project, which aims to register property and real estate in occupied Jerusalem, and called on Palestinians to refuse to deal with it.

- An Israeli man tries to strangle Palestinian taxi driver Samir Mujahid with his seatbelt.

- Around 1,000 Jewish and Arab mothers march in Jerusalem, forming a human chain along the walls of the Old City and assembling at Jaffa Gate Plaza for a rally, demanding peace with the Palestinians for the sake of future generations.

- The Jordanian Foreign Ministry condemns the continuous incursions of Jewish extremists and their behavior at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, calling it a violation of the historical and legal status quo, and of international law, and represent an unacceptable practice that contradicts Israel's obligations as an occupying power in East Jerusalem.

**Sept. 23/24:** In light of the fierce Israeli attempts to Judaize Jerusalem, Ramzi Khoury, head of the Higher Presidential Committee for Church Affairs in Palestine, has sent a letter to the Catholicos Karekin II, the supreme head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, seeking clarification about the Armenian Patriarchate renting the piece of land known as Cow's Garden to the Israeli municipality that seeks to change the historical and geographical character of the neighborhood.

**Sept. 26:** Escorted by police, 651 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in large and successive groups, many of whom conducting prayers.

**Sept. 27:** Some 778 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups, amid calls to hold prayers on the last days of the Sukkot holiday. Dozens hold public prayers at the site and at least two Israeli flags are hoisted.

- The Islamic Ra'am party issues a statement which warns the government and the police against the continued attacks on the Al-Aqsa Mosque by extremist Jews, calling Al-Aqsa Mosque "a red line."

- The Jerusalem Governorate condemns the continuous violations and provocations carried out by extremist Jews touring Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and performing Talmudic prayers.

- The Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs has warned against Israeli attempts to change the historical status of Al-Aqsa Mosque in light of the continued incursions by large numbers of Jews, under the pretext of the Jewish holidays.

- In Ras Al-Amud, a settler fires bullets in the air as students leave the school.

**Sept. 28:** Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups, while Israeli police arrest a young Palestinian, beat him, and prevent him from praying. So far, some 3,000 Jews have entered the compound so far during the Sukkot holiday.

- Foreign Minister Riad Al-Malki sends identical messages to the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation regarding the Israeli escalation on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, especially performing religious rituals and prayers and raising the Israeli flag at the site.

- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs sends an official protest note, calling on Israel to stop its violations and provocations on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and respect its sanctity and historical and legal status quo.

**Sept. 29:** Israeli forces carry out raids in Al-Isawiya, At-Tur, and Wadi Al-Joz, arresting at least 7 people.

**Sept. 30:** Some 59 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups.

- Israeli forces shoot and kill a Palestinian mother of four, Esraa Khaled Aref Khuzaymah, 30, from Qabatiya, after she allegedly tried to stop one of them.

## October

**Oct. 1:** The Yaghmour family is forced to demolish its house in Al-Thouri.

- The Arab League calls on the international community to adopt a firm stance and a clear condemnation of the grave violations of Israel against Jerusalem in general and the Al-Aqsa Mosque in particular.

**Oct. 2:** The OIC condemns the systematic escalation in Israel's violations against Al-Aqsa Mosque compound - daily provocative visits by Jewish extremists, raising the Israeli flag on the site, restricting the freedom of access of Palestinians, and violating the sanctity of the holy places – warning of the consequences of continuing such policy.

**Oct. 4:** Israel's Civil Administration in the West Bank has agreed to let Palestinians without internet access to attend a hearing on controversial construction plans in E-1 only hours before it started, meaning they were effectively unable to attend.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and escorted by Israeli forces.

- The Israeli Supreme Court proposes a “compromise” to prevent the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah, according to which the settler company Nahalat Shimon would be recognized as owners of the land and the Palestinian families as first-generation protected tenants, meaning they would be able to live there for 15 more years, during which land ownership could be adjudicated. As protected tenants, the families would have the right to make repairs or renovations but would also be required to pay NIS 2,400 rent biennially as well as NIS 30,000 in legal and court costs to Nahalat Shimon. Both sides are given until 2 November to reply to the offer or find another agreement; otherwise, the court will issue a binding ruling.

- Mohammed Al-Khatib is forced him to tear down his house in Sur Baher after spending over \$24,000 in legal fees to appeal the demolition decision.

- Arafat Al-Rajabi is forced to self-demolish his house in Beit Hanina, rendering 10 family members homeless.

**Oct. 5:** In Sheikh Jarrah, Israeli police set up roadblocks and closes several streets to ensure the settlers' buses reach the place for prayers and special celebrations, while causing huge caused traffic congestion for Palestinian residents.

**Oct. 6:** Israeli forces demolish the house of Mohammed Matar in the Ein Lawza area of Silwan and distribute three more demolition orders in the Bustan area.

- Under protection of Israeli forces settlers seize an apartment in the Wadi Al-Rababa neighborhood of Silwan.

- Jerusalem Magistrates' Court Judge Bilha Yahalom issues a ruling on an appeal by Rabbi Aryeh Lippo against a 15-day police ban on his visits to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound because of his prayers there, saying that he “like many others, prays on a daily basis on the Temple Mount,” which cannot be deemed a “criminal act”. Thus, the ruling for the first time supports “silent” Jewish prayer at the holy site. The Waqf calls it a “flagrant violation” of the complex's sanctity and a “clear provocation” for Muslims worldwide; PA officials, Hamas and other factions, as well as Christian leaders also decry it and the PNC calls it a direct and explicit aggression against Muslims. The Arab League, Jordan, Turkey, and Egypt also condemn the move.

- The Hebrew channel "13" reports that the Jerusalem municipality will submit for approval of tendering a plan to construct 10,000 settlement units in the Atarot area in December.

**Oct. 7:** Several members of a Palestinian family are attacked by Jewish youths in the center of Jerusalem.

**Oct. 8:** After Jerusalem police appeals the Magistrate's Court's decision of a day earlier to lift a ban on Jews praying on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, with the Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev warning that "a change in the status quo will endanger public security and could cause a flare-up", the Jerusalem District Court overturns the ruling.

- Some 50,000 Muslim worshippers perform Friday prayers.

- In a statement issued on the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the 1990 Al-Aqsa Massacre, in which 21 Palestinians were killed and over 100 injured Hamas strongly warns Israel of committing any attempt to change the status quo of the Al-Aqsa compound

**Oct. 9:** After clashes break out near the Damascus Gate between Palestinians and Jewish passers-by amidst tension over measures at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Israeli police use crowd dispersal measures, including assault dogs to disperse Palestinian protestors.

**Oct. 10:** Israeli forces storm the house of Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, head of the Supreme Islamic Council and imam and preacher of Al-Aqsa Mosque, in Al-Suwanneh and take him for interrogation regarding prayers in the Bab Al-Rahmeh prayer hall. He is later released on condition of deportation from Al-Aqsa for one week.

- Construction works carried out by the Jerusalem Development Authority and the Nature and Parks Authority at the Yusufiya cemetery located near Bab Al-Rahmeh as part of the Jewish "biblical garden" project around the Old City, unearth human bones, which triggers violent clashes with Palestinians, leaving at least 10 injured. The PA Jerusalem governorate calls the razing of the cemetery a "heinous crime." Later in the day, Palestinian collect and bury the bones, performing a funeral prayer over them.

- The Waqf's Committee for the Care of Islamic Graves of the Islamic Endowments in Jerusalem petitions the Magistrate's Court with an urgent request to order the Jerusalem Municipality and the Nature and Parks Authority, to stop bulldozing and exhuming Muslim graves in the Yusufiya Cemetery.

**Oct. 11:** Israeli forces clash with Palestinians at the Damascus Gate area for the third consecutive day. At least four Palestinians are detained.

- Several groups of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, escorted by Israeli forces.

- Palestinian entrepreneur and founder of Rawabi city, Bashar Masri, launches the \$300-million, 400-unit housing project "Lana" in partnership with the Greek Orthodox Church in East Jerusalem, which draws a lot of criticism as it is aimed at the upper-income people "in order to keep them in their country." The project, located north of Beit Hanina near Qalandia checkpoint, will have apartments ranging from 90 to 170 m<sup>2</sup>, the first 94 of which are planned to be ready within 2 ½ years.

- Hebrew media reports on Israeli plans to expand Gilo settlement with 104 housing units through the Karta real estate company.

**Oct. 12:** Israeli forces attack Palestinian youths sitting at the Damascus Gate and adjacent areas, beating some of them and arresting at least 7.

- The OIC condemns the Israeli assault on the historic Islamic cemetery of Ma'manullah, where the controversial "Museum of Tolerance" was opened.

**Oct. 13:** A local planning committee in Jerusalem approves the expropriation of public land for the controversial Givat Hamatos settlement, which would largely cut Palestinian parts of East Jerusalem off from the southern West Bank. In addition, plans are advanced for the construction of 470 homes in the Pisgat Zeev settlement and a hearing is scheduled for 6 December on a plan to build 9,000 homes in the Atarot area.

- The Jerusalem Local Planning Committee initiated the planning process for the "Silicon Wadi" project, which plans to build a large industrial zone for hi-tech, commercial, and hospitality businesses in the heart of Wadi Al-Joz and would require the demolition of some 200 Palestinian-owned businesses.

- Several groups of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Oct. 14:** Israeli forces demolish some 30 commercial facilities and a fuel station near Qalandia checkpoint and adjacent Ar-Ram to make way for the construction and expansion of settlement roads.

- During a meeting in Ramallah with the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh calls for concerted efforts to face Israel's "war" against Christian and Islamic holy sites and counteract all attempts to obliterate the Palestinian character of Jerusalem and alter the status.

**Oct. 16:** Hamza Bazbazat is forced to self-demolish a room annexed to his family home in Wadi Al-Joz.

**Oct. 17:** Salman Abu Sbeitan is forced to self-demolish his newly built home in At-Tur.

- *Walla* reports that Israel's Shin Bet had warned that allowing settlers to perform prayers in Al-Aqsa Mosque will lead to a significant flare-up of the situation.

- At a meeting called for by Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev to discuss growing tensions at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound amid media reports on police turning a blind eye on Jews openly praying there, representatives of the General Security Service express worries about an “extreme scenario” in which a large group of Jews might try to enter the site with the goal of holding public and full prayer services in a way that might result in violence erupting. Omer Barlev himself insists that the status quo on the ‘Temple Mount’ “was in place and will remain in place.”

- An Israeli court rejects the request of the Waqf’s Islamic Cemetery Care Committee in Jerusalem to have the Israeli municipality and the Nature and Parks Authority stop works in the Yusufiya cemetery immediately.

**Oct. 18:** On the second day of a Civil Administration hearing on plans to construct nearly 3,500 settler homes in the E-1 area, architect Uri Reicher, who represented Peace Now, Ir Amim and the Association of Environmental Justice in Israel, testified that the plan is designed to thwart a two-state resolution.

- Israel revokes the right to residency in Jerusalem to Palestinian-French attorney Salah Hammouri, 36, who was born in Jerusalem where he lived all his life, claiming he did not show allegiance to Israel

**Oct. 19:** 22 Palestinians are arrested and at least 20 injured as hundreds clash with police forces at Damascus Gate, amid growing tensions over the past two weeks.

- Thousands of worshippers celebrate the Prophet’s birthday at Al-Aqsa

- Israeli bus company announces that its buses would no longer complete their route in East Jerusalem to avoid constant stoning.

- The Jerusalem Municipality announces the deposition of three new business zones plans in At-Tur (100,000 m<sup>2</sup> of office, industrial and commercial space on 45 dunums of land), Wadi Al-Joz (200,000 m<sup>2</sup> of office, commercial, residential and hotel space on 80 dunums), and Umm Tuba (75,000 m<sup>2</sup> of office, light industry, workshops and commercial space on 66 dunums).

**Oct. 20:** The coalition under Prime Minister Naftali Bennett votes against the amended Jerusalem Sovereignty Law, which would have enshrined the prohibition set forth in the Oslo Accords forbidding PA activities within the State of Israel. Many consider the existing law meaningless as it does not provide criminal sanctions for those who violate it so that it cannot be enforced. far-right MK Bezael Smotrich, who had initiated the vote, calls the vote against it a “serious violation of Jerusalem’s sovereignty.”

- In the wake of the clashes at Damascus Gate, MKs of the far-right Religious Zionist Party visit the area, protesting the “lack of governance” there, MK Itamar Ben-Gvir (Otzma Yehudit) saying it was “Kill or be killed.” During the visit, Israeli police assault Palestinian protestors, detaining one of them.

**Oct. 21:** The Supreme Fatwa Council in Palestine denounces the escalation of Israeli violations against the Al-Aqsa Mosque in particular and the city of Jerusalem in general and condemns the crime of desecrating Muslim graves and cemeteries.

**Oct. 23:** The Jaber family is forced to self-demolish their home in Wadi-Al-Joz.

**Oct. 24:** The Israeli Ministry of Housing publishes tenders for 83 housing units in Givat Hamatos.

**Oct. 25:** Ismail Aramin is forced to self-demolish his house in Wadi Al-Joz to avoid the heavy municipal demolition fines.

- Jerusalemites perform the Maghreb prayer in front of the Yusufiya cemetery to protest Israeli violations at the site.

- The Israeli Supreme Court is holding a decisive hearing concerning the eviction of the Dweik family from their home in the Batn Al-Hawa area of Silwan– which could also affect the possible eviction of dozens of other families in the area.

- Some 148 Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in separate groups.

- Israeli municipality crews renew their bulldozing work at the Yusufiya cemetery after destroying a number of tombstones a week earlier.

**Oct. 26:** Israeli forces continue their bulldozing work in the Yusufiya cemetery, adjacent to the walls of the Old City, for the second day in a row.

- Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev signs an order prohibiting a three-day cultural festival at the Beit Abraham compound - supported by Finland, Austria and the UNDP - for allegedly being connected to the PA. The Catholic Church condemns the ban as “harsh, unjustifiable decision.”

- The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine, Muhammad Hussein, says that Israel's targeting of Islamic cemeteries in Jerusalem comes within the framework of its attempts to change the city's geographical and demographic character.

**Oct. 27:** Jewish extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform provocative prayer rituals.

- Israeli occupation forces continue the Judaization and bulldozing work in the Yusufiya cemetery, expelling two youth, Firas Al-Atrash and Ahmed Al-Tawil, from the site and banning them for two weeks from the cemetery.

- The Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs says that the demolishing of the Yusufiya cemetery and changing the names of the streets in Jerusalem are an aggression against the history, culture and identity of Palestinians and Arabs in the city.

**Oct. 28:** Jewish extremists enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals.

- Israeli forces close the western entrance to the memorial of the martyrs in the Yusufiya cemetery with iron sheets and fence off the surrounding area, preventing residents and journalists from entering.

- After a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett in Jerusalem, Felix Tshisekedi, president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and current African Union chair announces that country will open a diplomatic and trade representation in Jerusalem.

- An appeal by the landowners of the parking lot in Sheikh Jarrah filed in the Supreme Court is rejected.

**Oct. 31:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israeli forces continue their Judaization work in the Yusufiya cemetery for the seventh consecutive day and install a new set of surveillance cameras inside the site.

## November

**Nov. 1:** The Israeli Supreme Court approves the decision of the Central Court to confiscate plot of land currently used as a parking lot for buses and car wash at the eastern entrance to Sheikh Jarrah which is owned by the Obeidat, Odeh, Mansour, and Jarallah families under the pretext of "public interest" to turn it into a "public garden." The decision is based on the request of the "Mahi Hotels in the Middle East" company, which wants to build a hotel on the adjacent plot.

**Nov. 2:** The residents of Sheikh Jarrah announce their rejection of the compromise proposal put forward by the Israeli Supreme Court according to which the four families threatened with eviction (Al-Jaouni, Al-Kurd, Qassem and Iskafi) would have been "protected tenants" in their own homes, paving the way for the future displacement by settlers, who in turn would have been recognized as owners.

- Israeli forces attack Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah forcing them to evacuate the tent erected at the entrance to the Al-Kurd family's house.

- Israeli forces summon an employee of the Al-Aqsa Mosque Reconstruction Committee, Mohsen Al-Mohtaseb, for interrogation under the pretext that he had placed cement in a space between one of the mosque's tiles, without permission from the Israeli authorities.

**Nov. 3:** In Jabal Mukabber, Israeli forces demolish a house belonging to Muhammad Harb without prior notice.

- Near Hizma checkpoint, Israeli forces demolish a building material store and a car dealership belonging to the Khatib family.

**Nov. 4:** Israeli forces storm the Dome of the Rock, in an attempt to obstruct the restoration work in the place, threatening to arrest Waqf employees, including the director of the reconstruction committee.

- A meeting of extremist Temple groups recommends *inter alia* to increase the number of Jewish "visitors" to Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound tenfold, adopt the "Temple Mount" as a mandatory site for school trips, and hold biblical religious education inside the compound.

**Nov. 6:** A Jewish rabbi publishes a picture of the Dome of the Rock Mosque on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound with a call for an engineering expert in the demolition of buildings to remove the mosque from its current location and move it to another place.

**Nov. 7:** The Chief Justice of Palestine, Mahmoud Al-Habbash, the President's advisor for religious affairs and Islamic relations, calls for a trial of the Israeli rabbi who published a picture of the Dome of the Rock, calling for its demolition and transfer to another location outside Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Nov. 8:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, partly performing Talmudic prayers.

- 70 members of the Abu Sbaitan, Khalfawi, Al-Ghouj, Abu Halawa, and Ashour families threatened with the demolition of their apartments in a residential building in At-Tur, file an appeal to the Central Court.

**Nov. 9:** Colombia opens a trade and innovation office in Jerusalem.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups, partly performing Talmudic prayers.

**Nov. 10:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups, while inspection of Palestinian worshippers is tightened.

- Ali Owaisat is forced to self-demolish his house in Jabal Mukabber.

- In Beit Hanina, the Nashashibi family is forced to self-demolish a two-storey building, home to 10 people.

- In Wadi Al-Joz, Israeli forces storm the Jaber family house and destroy its inner walls, before ordering the family to complete the demolition.

- Israeli forces demolish the balcony of a house in Beit Safafa belonging to Mohammad Hussain Juma Salman.

**Nov. 11:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and perform public prayers in its eastern area.

- Israeli settlers vandalize and erase murals painted on the wall of the Al-Kurd family home in Sheikh Jarrah, drawing racist slogans and the star of David on the murals.

**Nov. 13:** Israeli settlers escorted by Israeli Police roam through Ras Al-Amud, with one of them opening fire at Palestinian residents, injuring Ahmed Khaled Al-Qiswani, 20, with a bullet in his hand.

- A group of settlers attacks two young Palestinians - Jad 'Aqel and Nour Abu Khudeir on Jaffa Street while they were on their way back from work.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Mohammed Khaled Rabay'ah is forced to self-demolish his house in Wadi al-Hummus area in Sur Baher.

**Nov. 14:** Israeli forces storm and search the house of Al-Aqsa Mosque guard Ahmed Abu Alia in the Old City and hand him a summons for interrogation.

**Nov. 15:** During its weekly meeting, the PA announces a NIS 16.5 million aid package for Jerusalem, which will be defined as Development Area A, to develop programs in education, housing, security, energy, and infrastructure. Additional NIS 96 million will assist localities in the Jerusalem district, where the government will establish branches of its offices. *Inter alia*, financial aid will be provided to residents whose homes are slated for demolition and for local merchants in the Old City, including payment of their electricity bills. Some 500 jobs for at least six months will be created for city residents, \$20 million will be invested in schools, and \$2 million in housing.

**Nov. 16:** Israeli forces demolish a Palestinian-owned supermarket, a vegetable shop, and a gas station on the West Bank side of the Qalandia checkpoint, in what is believed to facilitate Israeli work on two road projects for settlers that include a tunnel.

- While tightening entry procedures for Palestinian worshippers, dozens of Jewish extremists, guarded by Israeli police, tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in various groups.

- Israeli authorities force Eyad Barqan to self-demolish his house in Ras Al-Amud.

- *Haaretz* reports that the State Prosecutor's Office backs Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked's directive to treat Palestinian applications for family unification as if the temporary Citizenship Law barring most of the applications was still in effect, urging the Jerusalem District Court to uphold Shaked's policy, saying the expiration of the law was temporary.

**Nov. 17:** Israeli forces kill Omar Ibrahim Abu 'Asab, 16, from Al-Issawiya, for attempting a stabbing attack against two Israeli border guard officers in the Old City's Al-Wad Street.

- Israeli forces hand two demolition notices for two agricultural shacks in Issawiya belonging to Naser Obaid and Ahmad Abdel-Nabi.

**Nov. 18:** The Jerusalem Waqf Council condemns a decision issued by the Israeli Knesset Education Committee to compel schools affiliated with the Israeli Ministry of Education to include the "Temple Mount" in the list of mandatory sites for students' educational trips.

**Nov. 21:** Fadi Abu Shkhydam, 42, from the Shu'fat refugee camp is shot and killed by Israeli forces after opening fire in the Old City, killing one man and wounding four others.

- After Israeli forces raid Shu'fat refugee camp in the wake of the attack in the Old City and arrest family members of the perpetrator, clashes break out.

**Nov. 22:** Israeli forces storm the home of PA Jerusalem Governor Adnan Ghaith in Silwan, throwing sound bombs inside it, assaulting him and family members, vandalizing his property, and detaining three of his relatives.



**Nov. 23:** Bashar Masalha, 19, is beaten and injured by a group of settlers while walking with his friend to his car near the Independence Park.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups.

**Nov. 24:** Israeli forces arrest the deputy director of the Waqf Sheikh Najeh Bkeirat near Lion's Gate.

- The Jerusalem Municipality's planning committee approves the construction of a new settlement at the site of the Atarot airport.

**Nov. 25:** Israeli settlers erect a huge electric menorah on the roof of a historical mosque in Nabi Samwil village on the occasion of the Jewish Hanukkah feast. After protest by residents and the Waqf, calling the move an "infringement upon the sanctity" of the site, the menorah was relocated to the nearby synagogue.

- The Supreme Fatwa Council in Palestine denounces an agreement by of the so-called "temple groups" and the Israeli Ministry of Religious Affairs to hold celebrations of the Jewish Passover at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in 2022, which falls on the third week of Ramadan.

**Nov. 26:** The Knesset has reportedly issued a recommendation to the Education Ministry to include field trips to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in school curricula in order to teach about the Jewish history and heritage of the site.

- Due to movement restrictions imposed on him by Israel, PA Governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith, is not able to attend the wedding his only daughter, Mona, in Ramallah.

**Nov. 28:** Israeli court rejects appeal filed by Palestinian residents against demolition of 58 houses (out of 84 houses threatened by Israel's planned biblical park as part of the City of David) in Silwan's Wadi Yasoul neighborhood, giving the municipality the right to carry out demolitions at any time.

- Israeli authorities briefly arrest the deputy head of the Jerusalem Waqf, Sheikh Najeh Bkreirat, and release him on the condition of banning him from Al-Aqsa Mosque for 20 days.

**Nov. 29:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour provocatively Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**Nov. 30:** 9 In a discussion held by the Knesset's Education Committee, the committee chair, MK Sharren Haskel (of the New Hope party), who initiated the discussion, demands the submission of a formal plan for the closure of private schools in East Jerusalem, i.e., schools managed by UNRWA, the Waqf, and others, with approximately 20,000 students.

In Silwan, Israeli forces destroy the house of Mohammad Zaytoun.

- Amir Rabay'a is forced to self-demolish his house in Jabal Al-Mukabber.

## December

**Dec. 1:** On the occasion of Hannukah, about 150 Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups, many of who perform provocative Talmudic rituals.

- The UNGA adopts three resolutions on the questions of Palestine and the Middle East, including one titled "Jerusalem" by a vote of 129:11, reiterating that any actions taken by Israel to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City are illegal and calling for respect for the historic status quo at Al-Haram Al-Sharif and other holy places of Jerusalem.

**Dec. 2:** Israeli forces re-arrest the two Palestinians from the Old City, Ammar Al-Rajabi and Ziad Abu Hadwan, at the moment of their release from the Negev desert prison, after they served their six-year sentences, and transfer them to the Al-Maskobiya interrogation center in Jerusalem.

- Two young men, Imad Abu Al-Hawa and Tariq Khweis from At-Tur, are injured, one with fractures in his foot, after being run over by a settler near Jouret Al-Anab.

**Dec. 3:** Under the protection of Israeli forces, Jewish extremists hold a provocative march in the Old City, dancing in the streets and near Qattanin market.

- Amid increased deployment of Israeli forces, Jewish extremists hold provocative dances in the area of the Umayyad palaces and Al-Buraq Wall as well as Talmudic rituals inside Ribat Al-Kurd, before staging a provocative march through the streets of the Old City on the occasion of Hannukah, while Palestinian shop owners are forced to close their businesses.

**Dec. 4:** Muhammad Shawkat Salima, 25, from Salfit, is shot dead by the Israeli forces while lying on the ground, after stabbing a settler outside the Old City's Damascus Gate.

- Moaz Al-Rajabi is forced to self-demolish his house in the Ashqariya neighborhood of Beit Hanina.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals near the Bab Al-Rahmah prayer hall.

**Dec. 5:** Mohammad Zaytoun is forced to complete the demolition of his family house in the Bir Ayoub area of Silwan.

- In the Wadi Al-Hummus area of Sur Baher, Mohammad Amira is forced to demolish his 165-m<sup>2</sup> house.

**Dec. 6:** *Haaretz* reports that Israel is advancing plans for a new Jewish neighborhood in south Jerusalem, beyond the Green Line and near Beit Safafa called "Givat Shaked".

- The Jerusalem District Planning Committee delays the construction of a new 9,000-unit settlement in Atarot (Plan No. 764936) "until further notice" to examine its environmental impact, a process that will likely take a year to conclude.

- In Silwan, Bahaa Zaytoun is forced to self-demolish his family's home.

- In an attempt to falsify the history of Jerusalem, the Israeli municipality lights up the Old City walls in the area of the Damascus, New and Jaffa gates with provocative Talmudic drawings and slogans, coinciding with the Jewish Hannukah feast.

**Dec. 7:** In Jabal Mukabber, Israeli forces destroy the retaining walls surrounding the land of Kayed Naim Fatafta, before bulldozing it, destroying all the planted crops.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals.

**Dec. 8:** In Sheikh Jarrah, a female settler is stabbed and lightly injured by a 14-year-old girl from one of the families threatened with eviction. She is shortly after detained in her nearby school along with her father, mother, another student, a teacher, and her school's principal. In the evening, 50 right-wing settlers march through the neighborhood chanting "death for terrorists" and Israeli forces demolish the sit-in tent and confiscate a sign with the names of the families.

- The Local Planning Committee in the Jerusalem municipality advances the plan for the new Givat Shaked settlement to be built next to Beit Safafa.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups.

**Dec. 9:** Jerusalem right-wing city council member Yonatan Yosef, who along with deputy Jerusalem mayor, Arieh King, claims ownership, delivers an eviction notice to the matriarch of the Salem family, 74-year-old Fatima, in Sheikh Jarrah.

- Israeli forces notify Ali Derbas of seizing a 400-m<sup>2</sup> plot of land he owns in the middle of Al-Isawiyya, claiming that it has been a public square since the 1990s.

**Dec. 10:** A group of settlers attack properties of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah in the area near the Al-Hayat Medical Center and stone a car while the Palestinian owners sits inside.

**Dec. 12:** Jawad Nassar is forced to self-demolish his family home in Silwan's Wadi Qaddoum neighborhood.

- At night, Israeli settlers vandalize a number of Palestinian vehicles in Nablus Road and the city center.

**Dec. 13:** Israeli authorities seize a 5-dunum plot of land at the eastern entrance to Sheikh Jarrah owned by the Obeidat, Odeh, Mansour, and Jarallah families under the pretext of "public interest".

- An official Palestinian delegation led by the Chairman of the Supreme Presidential Committee for Church Affairs, Minister Ramzi Khoury, holds separate meetings in Armenia with the Supreme Patriarch of all Armenians, Catholicos Karekin II, President Armen Sarkissian and Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan to discuss the importance of preserving the Christian presence in the Middle East and the protection of the Armenian sanctuaries and heritage, with special reference to the issue of the Armenian Patriarchate's leasing the "Cows' Garden" estate - the "Goveroun Bardez" area located in the Old City's Armenian Quarter - to the Jerusalem Municipality to be used as a parking lot for Jews.

- The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem issue a joint statement warning on the current threat to the Christian presence in the Holy Land posed by extremist Israeli groups who desecrate and vandalize holy sites and intimidate and assault clergy and worshipers, and calling for urgent dialogue with political authorities in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan.

**Dec. 14:** Israeli forces demolish the family home of Majd Halisi in Silwan.

- In Shayyah, Israeli forces complete the demolition of the Burqan family home.

- The Municipal Affairs Court freezes the decision to demolish a 5-floor, 10-apartment building in At-Tur belonging to Mustafa Abu Sbeitan "until further notice".

- *Channel 13 news* reports that the far-right Returning to the Mount group, which advocates Jewish sovereignty on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, has prompted concerns among security officials, who warn that their actions - especially disguising themselves as Muslims to pray on the site - could spark violence.

**Dec. 15:** During the hearing on the case of a Palestinian woman whose application for citizenship was denied, Supreme Court Justice Uzi Vogelmann harshly criticizes the policy of Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked, who decided that her ministry would continue refusing to process requests for family unification of Palestinians married to Israeli citizens – although the ban on such family unification expired.

- In Sheikh Jarrah, Israeli settlers fence off a plot of land belonging to Ibrahim Salem with barbed wires and physically assault Salem family members, while Israeli authorities hand him an order to “evict” his house, inhabited since 1948, by the end of the month.

- The Nassar family is forced to self-demolish three homes they own in Silwan’s Wadi Qaddoum neighborhood.

**Dec. 16:** Ambassador of the Ukraine to Israel Yevgen Korniychuk says his country recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's "one and only capital" and intends to open a branch of its embassy in 2022.

- The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem verbally notified Mohammad Alayan and other community leaders in Beit Safafa of its intention to demolish the golden dome of the recently-renovated and expanded al-Rahman Mosque, built before Israel’s foundation in 1948, following a complaint lodged by settlers.

**Dec. 17:** Near Jaffa Gate, a Palestinian from the Old City, Raed Abu Assab, 44, is attacked by a group of Jews and hit on the head with an iron bar.

**Dec. 19:** Israeli police arrest a young Palestinian from Anata suspected of attempting to carry out a stabbing attack near the Old City’s Damascus Gate.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals.

- On an order signed by Minister of Public Security Omer Barlev, Israeli forces prevent a gathering of Arab businessmen at the Ambassador Hotel from being held, claiming the event is held under the auspices of the PA.

**Dec. 20:** Israeli authorities notify Mahmoud Salhiya - for the second time within four months – of a decision to evict a piece of land on which the family's two homes are built in Sheikh Jarrah by 25 January 2022 under the pretext of "public interest" to establish a school there.

**Dec. 21:** Mohammed Ja’abis is forced to demolish his own 20-year-old house in Jabal Mukabber to avoid paying high municipal destruction costs and fines.

- Al-Aqsa Mosque guard Fadi Alayan is beaten and detained at Bab Hutta, Old City, by Israeli forces who then take him for interrogation.

**Dec. 23:** Upon a police request following protests and confrontations between Palestinians and Israeli forces in the area, an Israeli court temporarily halts the forced expulsion of the Salem family from their home in Sheikh Jarrah.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israeli authorities renew the ban for Fatah Secretary in Jerusalem, Shadi Mutawar, of entering the West Bank for another six months.

**Dec. 26:** Israeli forces arrest three employees of the Islamic Waqf Department - Khalil Al-Tarhouni, Loay Abu Al-Saad and Raed Zughayer - while they are working in Al-Aqsa Mosque.

- Israeli forces storm and raid the house of the Waqf’s Deputy Director General Sheikh Najeh Bakirat in Jabal Mukabber.

**Dec. 27:** Israeli forces demolish a three-story building in Isawiyya, owned by Yasin Mustafa, displacing 16 people.

- An Israeli court issues a demolition order against Sur Baher Club.

**Dec. 28:** Israeli forces demolish the home of the Mustafa family in Issawiya.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals.

**Dec. 29:** Israeli forces demolish the home Basel Jalajel in the Bustan area of Silwan.

- In Jabal Mukabber, Israeli forces demolish a Palestinian-owned house, triggering clashes with the residents.

- Settlers open fire at the homes of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah as nearby Israeli forces look on.

- Israeli forces summon Fatah Secretary in Jerusalem, Shadi Mutawar, for interrogation and warn him against organizing any national activities in Jerusalem on Fatah’s 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

- In the wake of an Israeli army raid in Kufr Aqab, clashes spread to adjacent Qalandia camp, where three Palestinians are shot and injured.

- A Jerusalem court has reportedly ordered the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate to pay the KKL-JNF Jewish National Fund \$13 million, plus NIS 250,000 in costs, to compensate for the theft of \$20 million over 20 years ago by two fraudsters who were subsequently convicted of embezzling the church, which was also tricked at the time.

**Dec. 30:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals.

**Dec. 31:** During 2021, 34,562 Israeli Jews have entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Israeli forces issued 262 decisions of expulsion from Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Old City for periods that varied between one week and six months.