



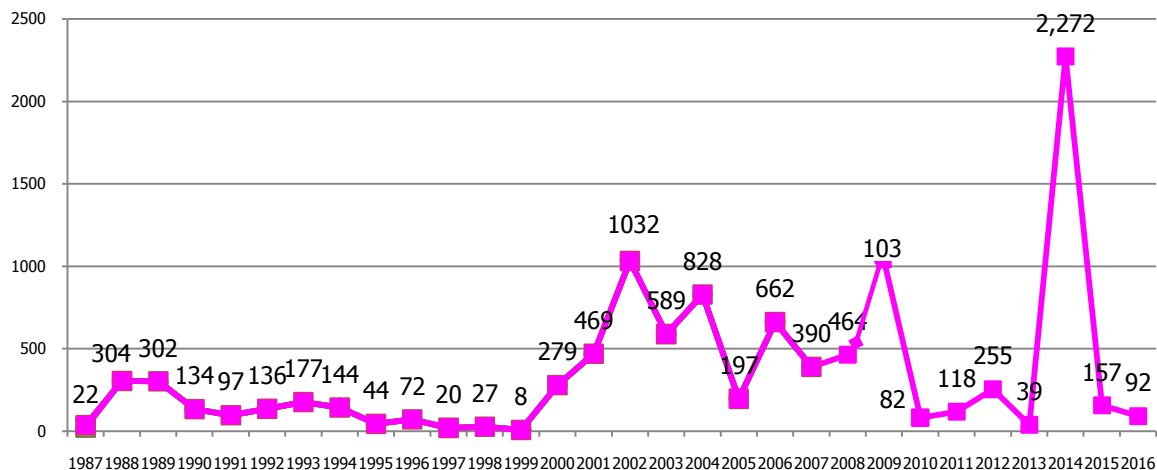
Israeli Occupation

■ Killings & Injuries

- Figures for deaths and injuries differ by source. The following graph shows the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis since the outbreak of the first *Intifada* in Dec. 1987 as monitored by the Israeli human rights group *B'Tselem*. These figures do not include Palestinians who died after being delayed in receiving medical treatment (e.g., by being stopped at checkpoints): As of September 2016, **92** Palestinians had been killed by Israelis in 2016, 86 of which by Israeli **security forces**, 6 by **civilians**. Of the total, 7 were killed in **Gaza**, 80 in the **West Bank**, and 5 inside **Israel**; 27 of the dead were **minors** under the age of 18, 9 were **women**. On the **Israeli side** 9 people were killed by Palestinians (3 inside Israel, 6 in the WBGS): 2 of them security forces and 7 civilians, 1 of them under the age of 18, 3 women.



Palestinians killed by Israelis since the first Intifada (9 Dec. 1987-Sept. 2016)



(Source: B'Tselem website, <http://www.btselem.org/statistics> (Fatalities).

The above numbers do not include the 13 Palestinian citizens of Israel that were killed in Oct. 2000 by Israeli forces, or other Palestinian citizens of Israel that were killed by Israeli forces, or Palestinian suicide bombers. **2014 figures include 2,202 dead from the Gaza War.**

- OCHA** reports 86 Palestinians were **killed** in 2016 by mid-October (WB: 83, GS: 8), compared to a total of 161 in 2015, and 3,162 **injured** (15,475 in 2015) (OCHA, Protection of Civilians, 4-17 October 2016).
- Between Oct. 1, 2015 and Sept. 30, 2016, **Ma'an** has recorded the death of 274 people, including 235 Palestinians, 34 Israeli and 5 foreigners. Of the killed Palestinians, 59 were under 18 years and 22 female ("Death in numbers", <http://www.maannews.com/Content.aspx?id=773407>).
- According to the PLO Negotiations Affairs Dept., **218** Palestinians were **killed** by Israel, 74% 25 or younger, and **16,842** were **injured** during **Sept. 2015-Sept. 2016**.
- According to **Defense for Children** statistics, as of Sept. 2016, a total of **1,977 children** aged 12-17 have been **killed** since the outbreak of the second Intifada in 2000, including 1 in **2016**. Of the total, 513 were between 0-8 years old, 351 were between 9-12, 555 were between 13-15 and 558 were 16 or 17 for details and updates see: <http://www.dci-palestine.org>.

■ Arrests, Imprisonment & Forced Transfer

- The Israeli military judicial system imposed on the occupied Palestinian Territories affects every aspect of Palestinian life and the fear of imprisonment is omnipresent; not a single day passes without new reports of Israeli arrest operations. The Ministry of Detainees estimates that since 1967, Israel has detained and imprisoned some **850,000 Palestinians** – one fifth of the Palestinian population living in the OPT. Of these, over **90,000** were arrested **since the 2000** Al-Aqsa Intifada, including 12,000 children under 18 years and 1,200 women. The **number** of detainees **varies** not only between sources but also from day to day, ranging in recent years from between 4,000 and 7,000.

- The Israeli General Prisons' Administration governs 10 central **prisons** (Ashqelon, Nafha in the Negev, Beer Sheba, Ramle, Telmond near Hadera, Gelboa, Rimonim, Hadarim, Kfar Yuna, and Shatta near Megiddo) and three **military detention camps** (Megiddo, Ofer near Ramallah, and Ketziot or 'Ansar 3' in the Negev).

- According to **B'Tselem**, the Israeli Prison Service held, as of end of April 2016, 6,295 Palestinian "security" **prisoners** (incl. 692 **administrative detainees**), of which 3,580 were serving a **sentence**. Of the total, 334 were from **Gaza** and 414 were **minors** (3 under 14, 115 14-16, and 320 16-18 years). In addition, 749 prisoners were held for being **in Israel illegally**.

- Between Oct. 2015-and Oct. 2016, at least **7,955 Palestinians** were **arrested**, including 1,963 children, 229 females, 41 journalists and 5 PLC members. Most– 2,355 - were from Jerusalem, including 842 children and 128 females. As of Oct. 2016, 1,436 administrative detention orders were issued in the current year (Report issued monthly by Palestinian organizations working on prisoners' issues, October 2016).

- While an Israeli child cannot be given a custodial sentence until reaching the age of 14 under civilian law, a Palestinian child can be sent to prison at the age of 12 under military law. In 2016, the average monthly number of **Palestinian children** (under 18) held in Israeli **detention** was **420** (up from 220 in 2015), including 12 girls and over 100 aged 12-15 (DCI Palestine, <http://www.dci-pal.org>).

- The PLO Negotiations Affairs Department reports that Israeli forces have **detained 6,653** Palestinians, **temporarily detained** another 2,836, and conducted **3,441 raids** in residential areas between Sept. 2015-Sept. 2016.

- The **death in prison** of Hamas member Yasser Thiab Hamduna, 41, on 25 September 2016, brought the number of such deaths in custody since 1967 to at least **208** (as a result of torture or injuries sustained during arrest, due to medical negligence), some 84 of which since the outbreak of the Al-Aqsa Intifada in 2000 (PA Ministry of Prisoners' Affairs).

Political Prisoners at a Glance

Total: 7,000 (Oct. 2016)

- 350 from Gaza
- 470 from East Jerusalem
- 70 Palestinians from Israel proper
- 720 Administrative Detainees
- 3 PLC members
- 64 women (13 minors)
- 400 children
- 458 serving life sentence
- 459 sentenced to over 20 years
- 30 having served for over 20 years
- 15 having served for over 25 years
- 30 were detained before Oslo

Source: <http://www.addameer.org/statistics>.

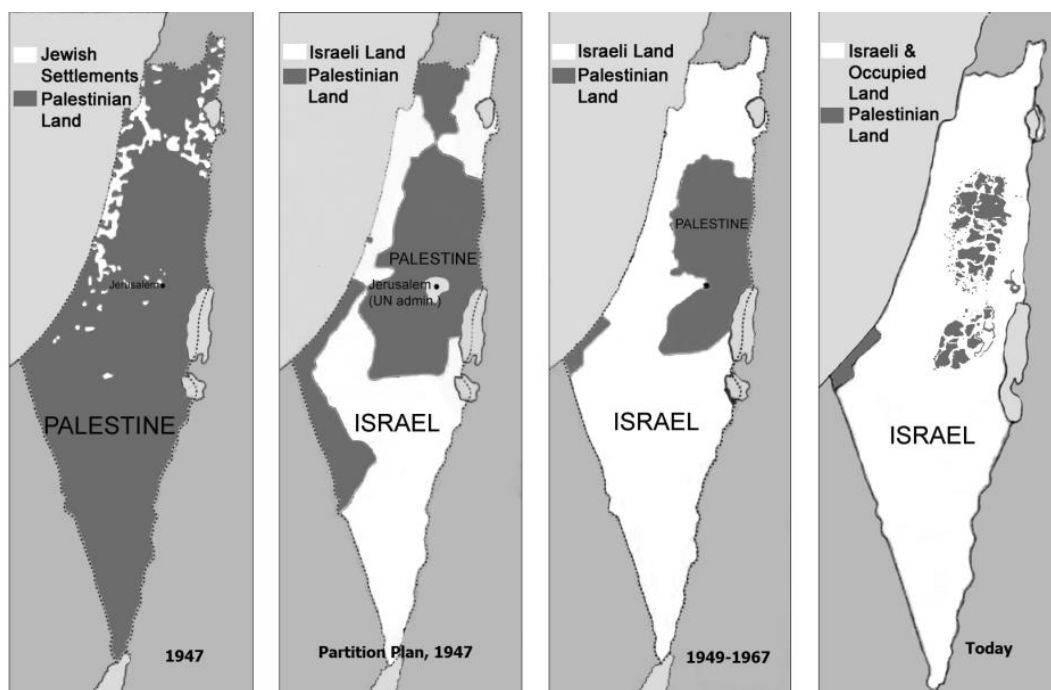


- On 6 Sept. 1999, the Israeli High Court outlawed the use of arbitrary **torture** as an interrogation method (though stopping short of absolutely banning it as required by international law). However, certain forms of physical punishment persist. A recent report confirmed that Israel still practices ill-treatment and torture, such as isolation, denial of access to lawyers and family members, prolonged interrogation sessions, use of collaborators to threaten detainees, and threats to family members (B'Tselem and Hamoked, *Absolute Prohibition: The Torture and Ill-Treatment of Palestinian Detainees*, May 2007).

■ Expropriation & Destruction of Land

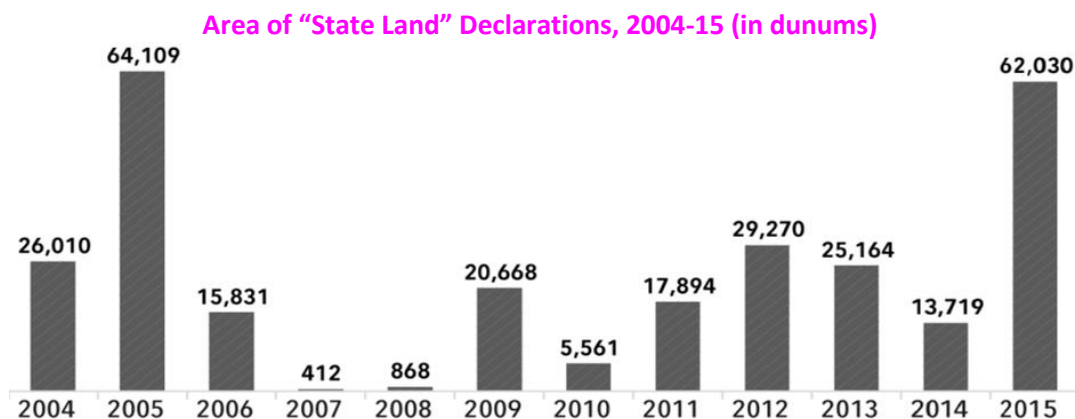
- After the 1948 War, Israel adopted new land laws to facilitate the **expropriation** of refugee property and its transfer to the state and the Jewish National Fund (JNF). Between 1947-49, an estimated 17,178,000 dunums (1,000 dunums=1 km²) of land were expropriated from Palestinians. Between 1950-1966, 700,000 dunums were expropriated from Palestinians who remained within the territory of the new state. After the 1967 War, Israel expropriated 849,000 dunums (849 km²) of Palestinian land, over 400,000 dunums (400 km²) of which owned by Palestinians who had been displaced from the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the war (Badil, *Survey of Palestinian Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (2010-2012)*, Vol. VII, 2012).
- Today, Jews control over **85% of the land of historic Palestine** (compared to 6.2% during the British Mandate) (PCBS, *Special Statistical Bulletin on the 68th Anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba*, May 2016).

Palestinian Loss of Land since 1947



- At least 10% of the most **fertile West Bank land** has been lost due to construction of the Separation Barrier. Moreover, since 1967, over 2.5 million **productive trees** have been **uprooted** (UNCTAD, *Report on UNCTAD's Assistance to the Palestinian People*, Sept. 2016).
- In 2016, as of end of October, Israeli forces or settlers have **uprooted** 1,344 Palestinian trees (OCHA).
- In 2016, as of early November, Israeli forces have **confiscated** some 8,800 dunums of land (ARIJ).

- Over 60% of the West Bank is considered Area C, where Israel retains near exclusive control. Under the Israeli planning regime, Palestinian construction is effectively prohibited in over **70% of Area C** (about 44% of the West Bank), mainly in areas designated for the use of Israeli settlements or the military. In the remaining 30% (18% of the West Bank), a range of other restrictions make obtaining a building permit often impossible. Hence effectively, **Palestinians can build freely on only 1% of Area C** - most of which is already totally built over (OCHA, *Area C of the West Bank: Key Humanitarian Concerns*, Update, August 2014).
- In 2015, an Israeli Civil Administration body known as the **Blue Line Team** has **ratified** over 62,000 dunums as “**state land**”, which is a necessary step for the allocation of land for settlement expansion or the retroactive “legalization” of unauthorized outposts. Some 52.4% of this land (~32,500 dunums) was in **closed military areas** (“firing zones”, which cover about 18% of the West Bank), where any construction or development is prohibited (OCHA, *Humanitarian Bulletin*, June 2016).

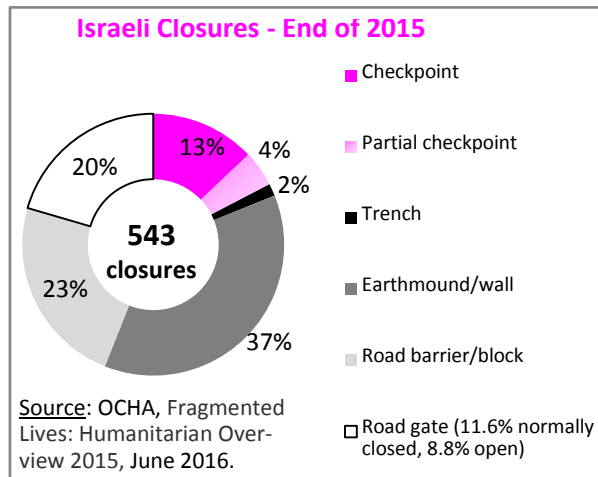


Source: OCHA, *Humanitarian Bulletin*, June 2016 (Israeli Civil Administration figures).

Residency, Closures & Movement Restrictions

- In June 1967, an Israeli census of Palestinians only registered as legal residents in the **population registry** those who were present in the WBGS at that time, providing them with ID cards. Ever since, Israel has retained full control of the registry despite the fact that the Oslo Accords required its transfer - along with other civil matters - to the PA for Areas A and B. Consequently, all residence issues are subject to Israeli approval. Persons not listed in the registry can only legally join their families and reside in the West Bank upon Israel’s approval for **family unification**, which, however, is not a vested right based on fundamental rights to family, but a “benevolent” act of the Israeli authorities. At the start of the Second Intifada in 2000, Israel stopped processing family unification requests and visitor permits to non-resident family members. According to the PA Ministry of Civil Affairs some 120,000 requests for family unification have since been made (not including the thousands of cases which were pending when the freeze began).
- Between the 1967 occupation and the establishment of the PA in 1994, Israel **stripped** over 100,000 residents of Gaza and some 140,000 residents of the West Bank of their **residency rights**, many of them students or young professionals working abroad who were barred from ever returning (Akiva Eldar, “Israel admits it revoked residency rights of quarter million Palestinians since 1967,” *Ha’aretz*, 12 June 2012).

- In March 1993, Israel (then under Prime Minister Rabin) imposed a **general closure** denying Palestinians from the WBGS entrance to Israel and Jerusalem and free movement between the southern and northern West Bank. Ever since, thousands of Palestinians are deprived from reaching places of work and worship as well as medical, educational and economic services. Those who enter Israel/Jerusalem 'illegally' or assist others to do so risk imprisonment and penalties. While Gaza is sealed off from the rest of the world, the closure in the West Bank is maintained in the form of 543 closures (OCHA, as of end 2015) - checkpoints, roadblocks, metal gates, earth mounds and walls, road barriers and trenches – as well as the Separation Barrier. The **closure policy** disregards **international law**, according to which East Jerusalem is an integral part of the West Bank, and the Oslo Accords, which view the WBGS as 'one territorial unit', and has had a devastating impact on the Palestinian economy in general.



- Palestinians must obtain **permits** for nearly all **movement** to move between the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem or to travel abroad. Permits are only valid for certain periods, times and individuals; private, public and commercial vehicles need separate permits. Severe movement restrictions apply specifically with regard to Palestinian access to roads used by settlers or to areas near or controlled by settlements, as well as to land and other natural resources. In some rural West Bank communities the inhabitants must even obtain special residency permits from the Israeli military in order to remain in their homes.
- According to the PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, 6,045 **fly-ing checkpoints** were set up between Sept. 2015-Sept. 2016.



■ House Demolitions

- ICAHD estimates that **since 1967**, Israel has destroyed over **27,000** Palestinian homes and structures. Of these, 6% were **punitive**, 23% **administrative** and 47% **military** demolitions, while 27% are **undefined** (see box). These figures do **not** include the some 18,000 homes destroyed during the 2014 Gaza assault.
- According to the PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, between Sept. 2015-Sept. 2016 there were 281 **demolition incidents** and **home demolitions** and 1,221 cases of **property destruction or confiscation**.
- In 2016, as of October 24th, **964** Palestinian structures had been demolished (814 in the

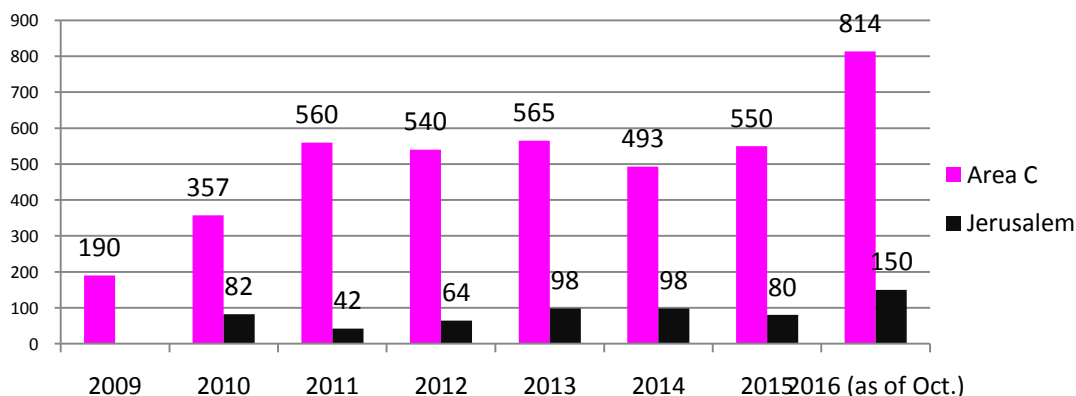
Types of demolitions:

- **Punitive:** (8.5% of all demolitions): punishment for the actions of people associated with the houses (e.g., suicide attacks). Ceased in 2005 but resumed in 2014.
- **Administrative:** (26%): for lack of a building permit (i.e., for violating Israeli zoning and planning laws). Mainly in Area C and East Jerusalem, where it is almost impossible to obtain permits, and to a lesser extent in Area B, if a house is too close to a military base or settler road.
- **Land-clearing operations/military:** (65.5%): in the course of military operations (arrests, raids, etc.)

Source: Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) - <http://www.icahd.org/>

West Bank, 150 in East Jerusalem), displacing 1,474 people, incl. 690 children (OCHA, West Bank-Online Demolitions Database). As of Sept. 2015, **11,134 demolition orders** were pending against at least 13,000 Palestinian structures in Area C (OCHA, *Under Threat - Demolition Orders in Area C of the West Bank*, 2015).

House Demolitions 2009-Oct. 2016



Sources: OCHA, *Under Threat - Demolition Orders in Area C*, 2015; OCHA West Bank Online Demolitions Database.

B'Tselem reports that from 2006-August 2016, Israel demolished at least **1,179** Palestinian housing units in the West Bank (excluding East Jerusalem), leaving **5,469 people** (2,748 of them minors) homeless. In the first eight months of 2016 alone, **234** housing units were destroyed in the West Bank for lack of permits, 16 as punitive measure (www.btselem.org/planning_and_building/statistics).



Year	Punitive Demolitions ^a			Administrative (lack of permit)	
	Homes		People rendered homeless	Homes demolished	People rendered homeless
	demolished	sealed			
2006				49	225
2007				47	267
2008				44	276
2009				28	218
2010				85	387
2011				150	814
2012				98	526
2013				175	528
2014	4	1	27	144	722
2015	11 ^b	2	85	125	496
2016	16 ^b	3	104	234	1,010
Total	31	6	216 (incl. 92 minors)	1,179	5,469 (incl. 2,748 minors)

^a They had ceased in 2005 but resumed in 2014; ^b 16 additional nearby housing units were made uninhabitable.

Source: www.btselem.org/planning_and_building/statistics.

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