# **Jerusalem Chronology 2022**

#### January

- Jan. 1: Rami Oweida is forced to demolish his house in Silwan's Wadi Qaddoum area.
- Jamal Abu Najma is forced to demolish his commercial store in the Sheikh Jarrah.
- **Jan. 2:** Dozens of settlers storm the Qattanin market in the Old City and perform provocative dances in the streets, watched over by Israeli forces, who obstruct and impede the movement of Palestinian residents.
- 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.
- **Jan. 3:** The Hebrew Kan channel reports that Israeli Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked intends to reintroduce the law banning family unification to the Knesset this month.
- For the fifth consecutive days, the Dabash family proceeds with self-demolishing their home in Sur Baher to avoid paying the high costs if the Israeli authorities carry out the demolition.
- In Beit Hanina, Israeli forces demolish a floor of a house belonging to the Al-Rajabi family under the pretext of not having a license.
- Jan. 4: Israeli forces demolish the Abdullah Al-Sheikh Medical Center in Jabal Mukabber.
- In Shu'fat refugee camp, Israeli forces take measurements of the house of Fadi Abu Shkhaydam, who carried out a shooting attack in the Old City in November 2021, in preparation for its demolition.
- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals near the Bab Al-Rahmeh prayer hall.
- **Jan. 5:** 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.
- Israeli forces demolish the family home of Sultan Halisi in Silwan's Wadi Hilweh neighborhood.
- The Christian Islamic Committee for the Support of Jerusalem and the Holy Sanctuaries condemns the Israeli Central Court decision to order the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate to pay a "compensation" of US\$13 million to the Jewish National Fund, calling it a new escalation in the series of targeting the Christian presence in Jerusalem.
- Israel indefinitely postpones the discussion on settlement construction in the E-1 area, which would effectively link the Ma'ale Adumim settlement to Jerusalem and which drew Palestinian and international objections.
- The Jerusalem municipal committee approves plans for the construction of 3,557 settler units in East Jerusalem. One plan ("Lower Aquaduct Plan") would build 1,465 units between Givat Hamatos and Har Homa, cutting off the city from the southern part of the West Bank, and another 2,092 homes elsewhere in East Jerusalem.
- Jan. 7: Naim Humaidan Qara'in is forced to self-demolish part of his family house in Ras Al-Amud/Silwan.
- **Jan. 8:** In a column in *The Times* Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilos III, accuses radical Israeli groups of threatening the presence of Christians in Jerusalem's Old City.
- Jan. 9: Ibrahim Abu Kaf is forced to self-demolish his family home in Sur Baher.
- Israel's Attorney General Achivai Mandelblit gives green light for the expulsion of the Sumrein family in Silwan from the home in which they lived since the 1940s. The case has been open since 1990, with the Jewish National Fund claiming ownership based on the Israeli "Absentee" Properties Law.
- Israeli authorities notify Ali Derbas of the seizure of a 400-m² plot of his land in Al-Issawiya for "public purposes".
- Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and perform Talmudic rituals in its eastern part.
- Initiated by Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked, the Ministerial Committee for Legislation passes a vote on reestablishing the "Citizenship Law" that prevents family reunification of Palestinians who marry Israeli citizens. It now has to pass another three votes in the Knesset before becoming law.
- Jan. 10: Israeli bulldozers demolish a cemetery under construction in Umm Tuba for being built without a permit.
- Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals.
- **Jan. 12:** Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups and perform Talmudic rituals in its eastern part.
- **Jan. 13:** In Isawiyya, Israeli forces storm the vicinity of the Al-Taqwa Mosque, ordering its demolition and arresting two residents.

- Israeli police force the family of Jamal Muhammad Ali to self-demolish their under-construction shops in Shu'fat refugee camp.
- Israeli forces re-arrest Anas Owaisat and Basil Obeidat from Jabal Mukabber right upon their release from the Negev prison, where they served an 8-year sentence, and later expel them to Beit Sahour.
- British Consul in Jerusalem, Diane Corner, says that her government considers East Jerusalem an occupied territory and the continuing threat of eviction faced by Palestinian families in East Jerusalem and other parts of the West Bank a major concern.
- **Jan. 14:** The guards of Al-Aqsa Mosque thwart an attempt by a settler disguised in Islamic gear to enter the mosque during Friday prayers.
- **Jan. 15:** Following pressure from right-wing organizations, the Jerusalem municipality has reportedly ordered the demolition of a public compound in Beit Safafa housing the Abdul Rahman Mosque with its new highly-visible golden dome.
- **Jan. 16:** The Israeli government has reportedly approved a NIS 110 million plan to develop the infrastructure of the Al-Buraq Wall, including improving access to public transportation, developing new educational programs, and supporting existing development projects.
- Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and perform Talmudic rituals.
- Israeli forces re-arrest Areen Al-Zaanin from Wadi Joz immediately after his release from "Raymond" prison, where he served a 9-month sentence.
- **Jan. 17:** Israeli forces storm Sheikh Jarrah to evacuate the Salhiya family and take over their property, but have to delay the eviction after Mohammed Salhiya barricading himself on the roof with his children and threatening to blow up a gas tank and neighbors clash with Israeli forces. They also force the family to evacuate their adjacent "Peace Pottery" nursery before demolishing it and seizing the surrounding land.
- Jamal Abu Nejmeh is forced to complete self-demolishing his store Sheikh Jarrah.
- The Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee advances a 1,465-unit plan for a new settlement, known as the Lower Aqueduct, between Givat Hamatos and Har Homa, both of which are located beyond the Green Line. About half of the planned construction will be in occupied East Jerusalem.
- Jan. 18: In Silwan, Malek Khalila is forced to self-demolish 3 shops which existed since 2016 and provided for 10 families.
- Jalal Al-Rajabi is forced to self-demolish his house in Beit Hanina.
- Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and perform Talmudic rituals.
- **Jan. 19:** At pre-dawn, Israeli forces raid the Salhiya family home in Sheikh Jarrah before demolishing it and arrest 18 protestors, at least five of them Israeli. Jerusalem municipality intends to build a special needs school, kindergartens and other public facilities on the plot. The eviction is widely condemned by the EU, UN and other states.
- While some 38 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Israeli forces arrest the deputy director of the Waqf, Sheikh Najeh Shkeirat from the Bab Al-Silisila area.
- The Jerusalem Municipal Court postpones the decision to demolish Al-Taqwa Mosque in Al-Isawiya until mid-February.
- After being briefly arrested, Hanadi Halawani is banned from Al-Aqsa Mosque for a week, renewable for a period of up to six months.
- The Jerusalem District Planning Committee approves a new Israeli settlement neighborhood connecting Har Homa and Givat Hamatos, contributing to sealing East Jerusalem from Bethlehem. In a joint statement, the foreign ministries of France, Germany, Spain, and Italy condemn the move, saying the planned construction "directly threatens the viability of a future Palestinian state" and that "Israeli settlements are in clear violation of international law and stand in the way of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israelis and Palestinians,"
- Meretz appeal the "Citizenship Law" bill that would reestablish a longstanding ban on permits for Palestinians who marry Israelis to live with their spouses in Israel.
- The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States condemns the displacing of families from Sheikh Jarrah, saying what is happening in Jerusalem is a war crime and ethnic cleansing.
- **Jan. 23:** The Israeli District Court in Jerusalem rejects a petition by the Salhiya family to rebuild their home demolished last week.
- Jan. 25: Israeli forces storm At-Tur and demolish two apartments belonging to the Karameh family.

- **Jan. 26:** Amidst a snowstorm in Jerusalem Israeli police clash with Palestinian youth in At-Tur and arrest at least 22 of them.
- **Jan. 27:** Israel police arrest 45 Palestinians who allegedly took part in a slew of clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian and Jewish rioters across East Jerusalem.
- Jan. 28: After being briefly arrested, Majd Kabha is banned from the Old City for five days.
- **Jan. 30:** Waving banners in Arabic, English and Hebrew including "no to ethnic cleansing", "Stop home demolitions", "Your goals are racist", "Our homes are our lives", and "Determination of the Jerusalemites is high", hundreds of Palestinians demonstrate outside the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem in protest of Israel's home demolition campaign targeting Palestinians as well as Bedouin communities of the Negev.
- Daoud and Mahmoud Shqeirat are forced to demolish their family homes in Jabal Al-Mukabber.
- Jan. 31: The Obeid family is forced to demolish two apartments that were still in the construction stage in Isawiyya.

# **February**

- **Feb. 1:** In Shu'fat camp Israeli forces demolish the house of Fadi Abu Shkhaydam, who carried out a shooting attack at the end November 2021 in the Old City, smashing its interior and sealing it, as it is part of a larger residential building.
- The Salem family receives an order to evict their property in Sheikh Jarrah in favor of settler.
- Ahmed Al-Khalis is forced to self-demolish his house in Silwan.
- Israeli police arrest am Palestinian woman, Khadija Khweis, from Bab Al-Asbat area and hand her a ban from Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for a period of 6 months.
- The Jerusalem municipality approves construction of 400 units in the settlement of Gilo.
- **Feb. 2:** In Anata, Israeli forces demolish an industrial facility belonging to the Haddad family.
- **Feb. 3:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals.
- Feb. 6: After 15 years of forced expulsion from Al-Aqsa Mosque, Sheikh Raed Salah is able to enter and pray there.
- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, carry out provocative tours on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and perform Talmudic rituals near the Bab Ar-Rahmeh prayer hall.
- Israeli forces storm the headquarters of the Zakat Committee at Bab Ar-Rahmeh, seize computers and files, and lock off its roof.
- The Israeli cabinet approves proposed legislation by right-wing Israeli Minister of Interior Ayelet Shaked on denying Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza family reunification with their spouses who hold Israeli citizenship or residency, sending the bill for a Knesset vote this week.
- **Feb. 7:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, carry out provocative tours on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals near the Bab Ar-Rahmeh prayer hall. They are accompanied by rabbis giving false explanations about the alleged "temple."
- The Knesset General Assembly approves, in the first reading, two bills of the so-called "citizenship law" that prohibits family unification for Palestinian families, following unprecedented cooperation between the coalition and the Israeli opposition. There are three versions of the bill, sponsored by Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked (Yamina), MK Simcha Rothman (Religious Zionist Party) and MK Avi Dichter (Likud). Right-wing parties in the coalition agreed to vote for Rothman's bill if the right-wing parties in the opposition first voted for Shaked's bill, in the first significant cooperation between coalition and opposition parties since the current government was formed in June 2021.
- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality hands demolition orders to owners of dozens of Palestinian commercial facilities
- car repair or parts shops, building materials warehouses, restaurants, and groceries in the industrial area of Wadi Al-Joz, to make way for the "Silicon Wadi" project.
- Feb. 12: Mahmoud Abu Diab is forced to self-demolish his house in Ras Al-Amud.
- **Feb. 13:** After far-right MK Itamar Ben Gvir of the Religious Zionist Party sets up a tent "office" in Sheikh Jarrah, clashes break out between Palestinian residents and settlers and Israeli police, during which over 30 Palestinians are wounded.
- Israeli forces forced two Palestinian families in Sur Baher town, southeast of occupied Jerusalem city, to demolish their homes with their own hands.
- **Feb. 14:** In the morning MK Itamar Ben Gvir returns to his "office" in Sheikh Jarrah.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, carry out provocative tours on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and perform Talmudic rituals.

Feb. 15: At night, dozens of settlers storm Sheikh Jarrah and smash the windows of a number of cars.

- Israeli forces storm Sheikh Jarrah, destroy the office of activist Muhammad Abu Al-Hummus and attack residents and solidarity activists.
- Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and perform Talmudic rituals.
- Residents of Jabal Mukabber participate in a vigil in front of the Israeli municipality in Jerusalem, in protest against the policy of house demolitions.
- **Feb. 16:** Israeli municipality crews hand Ihab Al-Husseini an order to demolish his house in Jabal Mukabber, giving him 21 days to do so.
- **Feb. 17:** Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups and perform Talmudic rituals.
- A visiting delegation of Democrats from the US House of Representatives raise their concern regarding Israel's plan to expand its "Jerusalem Walls National Park" onto church lands.
- At night, Palestinian youths clash with Jews in the Old City and at Damascus Gate
- **Feb. 18:** An international delegation of officials from UN agencies and humanitarian organizations and a number of diplomats pays a solidarity visit to Sheikh Jarrah, where they are briefed on the suffering of the families threatened with eviction of their homes.
- Israeli forces close off Sheikh Jarrah and physically assault Palestinians and solidarity activists outside the Salem family home.
- Dozens of Jerusalemites perform Friday prayers in Sheikh Jarrah in support of the threatened families in the neighborhood.
- The PA has reportedly transferred the file of Sheikh Jarrah to the UN Security Council, in an attempt to pressure Israel to stop the planned displacement of the residents.
- Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem Theopolis III, Catholic Church Custos of the Holy Land Francesco Patton and Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem Nourhan Manougian send a letter to Environmental Protection Minister Tamar Zandberg, whose office oversees the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, calling on her to take steps to get the planned expansion of the "Jerusalem Walls National Park" onto church lands shelved. They call the plan "a brutal measure that constitutes a direct and premeditated attack on the Christians in the Holy Land, on the churches and their ancient, internationally guaranteed rights in the Holy City. Under the guise of protecting green spaces, the plan appears to serve an ideological agenda that denies the status and rights of Christians in Jerusalem."
- **Feb. 20:** MK Itamar Ben Gvir reopens his "office" in Sheikh Jarrah but police refuse to allow him to hold a "staff meeting." Later Religious Zionist Party Chairwoman Orit Struck replaces Ben Gvir so as to allow him to perform his other duties.
- Israel advances an unprecedented plan No. 101-674788, promoted by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority to expand its "Jerusalem Walls National Park" onto church lands and Christian holy sites in East Jerusalem, sparking fierce opposition from local Christian leaders who call it a threat to Christian presence in the Holy Land.
- At a weekly news conference at the UN headquarters in New York, Stephane Dujarric, a spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, says that the forced expulsion of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah violates international law and calls on the Israeli authorities to "adopt the necessary steps to protect civilians, including Palestinian refugees."
- **Feb. 21:** Following outcry from major churches, Israel's Nature and Parks Authority backs down from a plan to encompass Christian holy sites on the Mount of Olives in its "Jerusalem Walls National Park", which was to be approved on March 2 by Jerusalem's planning committee.
- Israeli police attack Palestinians and foreign activists in Sheikh Jarrah, injuring several of them, including a young man with Down Syndrome.
- The police arrest 13 Palestinians, including three minors, during a nighttime raid in Issawiya.
- **Feb. 22:** An Israeli court freezes the decision to evict the Salem family's home in Sheikh Jarrah, on condition of depositing a large sum of money, in what is widely seen a temporary move with which Israel is trying to avoid international criticism and prevent reignition of violence in Jerusalem ahead of Ramadan.
- **February 24:** Right-wing MK Itamar Bin Gvir returns to Sheikh Jarrah to continue inciting against its residents and provoking violence.

- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality orders Mahmoud Shqeirat to demolish his family home in Jabal Al-Mukabber for being built without a permit.

**Feb. 25:** After a car accident near Hizma checkpoint, a settler shoots at two brothers, Muhammad and Jawad Abu Khadija, from Shu'fat camp.

- Israeli authorities force the Abu Sneineh family to self-demolish their home in Jabal Mukabber.
- In Sheikh Jarrah, Palestinian residents and their supporters protesting the provocative presence of right-wing MK Itamar Bin Gvir are attacked by Israeli police who violently suppress their demonstration.
- During a gala dinner hosted by the Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions (CRIF), French Prime Minister Jean Castex claims that "Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Jewish people," drawing harsh condemnation from Palestinians.
- **Feb. 27:** Despite assurances that it was withdrawn due to local Christian leaders' opposition, Israel returns Plan 101-674788 expanding the borders of the Jerusalem Walls National Park by 68 acres to include a large section of church-owned lands on the Mount of Olives along with parts of the Kidron and Ben Hinnom valleys to the Jerusalem Municipality's Local Planning and Construction Committee website, with a session scheduled for August 31.
- The trial of a policeman for the shooting and killing of special-needs Palestinian Iyad Halak on May 30, 2020, opens in the Jerusalem District Court, where the Police Investigations Department had filed an indictment against the policeman in June 2021 for second-degree murder.
- The Israeli Jerusalem municipality orders the demolition of three commercial facilities a grocery store, a bakery and a car-wash workshop belonging to the Jaafreh family in Jabal Al-Mukabber
- Ramzi Shawamreh is forced to self-demolish his family home in Beit Hanina.
- **Feb. 28:** Palestinians from across Jerusalem protest outside Jerusalem City Hall the municipality's decision to demolish dozens of houses in Jabal Mukabber in order to expand a major thoroughfare.
- Israeli forces violently disperse Palestinians celebrating the Muslim holiday of *Isra w-miraj* from the Damascus Gate area with stun grenades and skunk water, triggering clashes that leave at least 36 Palestinians injured, including a 6-month-old baby and two girls, and over 20 arrested.
- A Jerusalem planning board rejects objections by Muslim authorities and Palestinian landowners, who sought to block a plan to expropriate an area near the Old City which contains the Al-Yusufiya cemetery, for the construction of a promenade.
- An Israeli court in Jerusalem sentences Al-Aqsa Mosque guard Louay Abu Al-Saad, who was arrested while working in the Dome of the Rock in December 2021, to six months in prison.

### March

**March 1:** Israel's Supreme Court rules that a group of families slated for eviction from Sheikh Jarrah can remain in their homes for the time being –recognized as protected tenants - until Israel carries out a land arrangement, a process that could take years. The move is widely seen as attempt to ease tensions in the area, especially ahead of Ramadan.

- A group of extremist Jews sing Israel's national anthem at the western part of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound before being removed by police. A waqf guard is arrested after trying to stop them.
- In Sur Baher, Israeli forces demolish Palestinian-owned structures and raze a four-dunum plot of lands, destroying everything on it, including a shack, a warehouse, and walls.

March 2: Dozens of settlers storm Sheikh Jarrah, raise Israeli flags and chant provocative slogans, including in support of the right-wing MK Itamar Ben Gvir, who is placing his office at the heart of the neighborhood for the third week in a row.

- Israeli forces close off the entrances to Sheikh Jarrah, erect barriers, and storm the home of the Sa`u family, forcibly removing people from it.
- Some 270 Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals.

**March 3:** Former Jerusalem Minister Khaled Abu Arafeh, 60, is released from Ofer Prison after 15 months in administrative detention.

- For the second day in a row, a settler is stabbed and injured in Hizma.

**March 4:** In Sheikh Jarrah, Israeli forces attack demonstrators, including Joint List MK Aida Touma Suleiman, and violently disperse them.

March 5: After holding his body for over 3 and a half months Israeli forces decide to hand over the body of Omar Ibrahim Abu Asab from Al-Isawiya, who was shot on 17 November 2021, accused of stabbing two Israeli policemen in the Old City.

**March 6:** In the Old City, Israeli forces shoot and kill Karim Jamal Qawasmeh, 19, from At-Tur after he stabbed a policeman.

- Israeli soldiers shoot and kill 16-year-old Yamen Jaffal after allegedly throwing a fire bomb at an army post near Abu Dis.
- Israeli police hand Mahmoud Al-Sa'u from Sheikh Jarrah a notice ordering him to get rid of his dog under the pretext that there is no fence surrounding the dog's place.

**March 7:** The national and Islamic forces in Jerusalem declare a general strike in mourning over the two Palestinians who were shot and killed by Israeli police the day before.

- In a press release, the Higher Presidential Committee of Church Affairs in Palestine denounces what it described as "the sinful attack" that was carried out by Jewish extremist on the Dormition Abbey, throwing glass tools, stones, garbage in its garden, adding that "this attack was not the first incident" against Islamic and Christian holy sites and reflected "the apartheid regime and the size of racism in Israel."
- Following a petition to the Israeli Supreme Court filed by Adalah The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel in coordination with the Civic Coalition for Defending Palestinians' Rights in Jerusalem a day earlier, Israeli police remove all 10 checkpoints that were erected in Sheikh Jarrah.
- During a visit to Beit Safafa, Spokesperson for the British Government in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, Rosie Dyas, says that Israeli settlements, including in East Jerusalem, are illegal under international law and represent an obstacle to achieving peace and stability, affirming also the UK's position to preserve the *status quo*, including Jordan's custodianship of the holy sites.

**March 10:** Jabal Mukabber observes a comprehensive strike to protest against Israel's plans to demolish over 70 homes on the pretext of non-licensing.

- Despite opposition from the United Arab List and Meretz, the Knesset passes a new version of the Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law, which effectively bars Palestinians who are married to Israeli citizens from gaining citizenship or residency.

**March 11:** The Israeli District Planning and Building Committee approves a plan to build 730 new housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev settlement.

**March 13:** Some 68 Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups.

- Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Sheikh Mohammad Hussein urges Palestinians to foil Israeli extremists' attempts of mass incursion into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound during the upcoming Purim holiday by being present there the longest they can, saying "Insulting the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque is a heinous crime, and is part of [Israeli] efforts to impose a new fait accompli there [...] posing a real danger to the Arab and Islamic presence in Palestine" and appealing to regional and international organizations to intervene to stop these Israeli violations which risk pushing the entire region "into a religious war that will spare no one".
- Mahmoud Al-Habbash, presidential adviser on religious affairs, accuses Israel of seeking to ignite a religious war as settlers will likely exploit the Jewish holiday of Purim to storm the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound "to impose a fait accompli there," urging Palestinians to reach Al-Aqsa Mosque to thwart those plans and defend the mosque.

**March 15:** About 53 Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and carry out provocative tours.

- Israeli forces hand Jamil Al-Abassi a decision to banish him from Al-Agsa Mosque for a week.

**March 16:** On a press statement, the Islamic-Christian Committee for the Support of Jerusalem and its Sanctuaries warns against Jewish extremists' calls to storm Al-Aqsa Mosque before and during the month of Ramadan.

**March 17:** Some 114 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound guarded by Israeli forces and in groups, dozens performing prayers.

**March 18:** 50 members of Congress sign a letter addressed to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, strongly condemning Israel's planned destruction of Palestinian homes and displacement of 38 families in Al-Walaja and urging him to engage with the Israeli government to prevent this.

**March 19:** Israel forces detain Governor of Jerusalem Adnan Ghaith and his aide, Marouf Rifai at Allenby Bridge border crossing as they were on their way to Saudi Arabia to represent Palestine in the 2022 Arab Cities Conference.

**March 20:** Two police officers are hurt in a stabbing attack in Ras Al-Amud; the attacker, from Jabal Mukabber, is detained a few hours later.

- Israel releases Palestinian Governor of Jerusalem Adnan Ghaith on bail of NIS 10,000 after detaining him for 24 hours and ban him from travelling abroad.

**March 21:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and carry out provocative tours, including performing Talmudic rituals.

- Some 150 students from Columbia University, accompanied by the Judaization (Pedino) organization and led by guides from the Temple groups, provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**March 22:** Israeli settlers seize a roof-top apartment belonging to the Hileisi family in Silwan, claiming they had purchased it.

**March 23:** Rightwing MK Itamar Ben Gvir returns to his "office" in Sheikh Jarrah with several followers and continues to provoke Palestinian residents.

- An Israeli court sentences Sheikh Jarrah resident and activist, Murad Atiyeh, 26, who was detained on 8 August 2021, to one year in prison on classified charges
- Mufti of Jerusalem Sheikh Mohammad Hussein warns of dire consequences if Jewish extremists continue with their provocative intrusions into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, particularly during the upcoming holy month of Ramadan.

March 24: Settlers slash the tires of over 20 Palestinian-owned vehicles in Sheikh Jarrah.

- 63 Jewish extremists, escorted by Israeli forces, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups.
- The Israeli Ministry of Housing and Construction has reportedly kicked off the housing lottery project to purchase apartments in Givat Hamatos at a discounted price.

**March 26:** Under Israeli police protection, settlers from Ateret Cohanim move into the Petra Hotel inside the Old City's Jaffa Gate and also seize a neighboring money change shop, despite possessing no eviction notice.

**March 28:** In a tweet, Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Arieh King calls on US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to leave the city, saying he was not at all welcome as he seems to intend to provoke.

**March 29:** Greek Orthodox Church leaders denounce what they called the "illegal" takeover by Israeli "extremists" from the Ateret Cohanim settler group of the Petra Hotel operated by Palestinians.

- The World Council of Churches Tuesday expresses its firm solidarity with the heads of Jerusalem churches in the wake of the settler takeover of the Petra Hotel and with regard to preserving the Christian presence in Jerusalem.

**March 30:** Israel's Supreme Court postpones a critical hearing on the fate of Al-Walaja, thereby effectively extending the demolition freeze of the 38 homes under threat for the time being.

March 31: Far-right MK Itamar Ben-Gvir provocatively tours Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, calling, among other things, the Waqf Muslim authorities "terrorists," and saying that "whoever controls Temple Mount controls the Land of Israel. The enemy understands this too."

### April

April 3: Israeli Foreign Minister, Yair Lapid provocatively tours the Damascus Gate area.

- Israeli authorities ban the deputy director of the Islamic Waqf Department Najeh Bkeirat from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque for six months.
- In the evening, 19 Palestinians are injured and at least 4 arrested as Israeli forces chase young men gathering in the Damascus Gate area.

**April 4:** Israel renews the closure of 28 Palestinian NGOs in Jerusalem, including the Orient House and the Prisoners' Club offices.

- Jordan, Egypt and the PA say Israel bears responsibility for the escalation in Jerusalem and call for a stop to any measures barring Muslim worshipers from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- For the second day, Israeli forces deploy in large numbers in the Damascus Gate area, suppressing and assaulting hundreds of Palestinians gathering there for Ramadan nights.
- Rafael Morris, leader and founder of the extremist "Return to the Temple Mount" movement, reportedly submits a request to Israeli police in Jerusalem to enable his group to offer the sacrifice on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, saying a rejection of his request constitutes "anti-Jewish" behavior and "a shameful surrender to Arab terrorism."

April 5: Israeli forces arrest the governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith after raiding his house in Silwan.

- Israeli forces again deploy in large numbers around Damascus Gate and adjacent streets, assaulting Palestinians and arresting at least 8 of them.
- The OIC strongly condemns Israel's escalation of daily attacks against Palestinians, their property and institutions, especially in Jerusalem, and their continuous violations of the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**April 6:** Israeli media announces that Israel has approved a plan developed by the Jerusalem municipality to expand its smart surveillance systems and the network of cameras, especially in the areas of Bab Al-Amud, Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan and Jabal Mukabber.

- Israeli forces deployed in large numbers in the Damascus Gate area and in the streets nearby arrest 5 Palestinians.
- UNESCO adopts a resolution, stating that all Israeli procedures aiming to change the identity of the holy city of Jerusalem and its legal status quo are null and void and calling on Israel to stop its provocations and unilateral illegal procedures against Al-Haram Ash-Sharif and the Old City.

April 7: Israeli forces arrest the secretary of Fatah, Ahmed Al-Ghoul, from his home in the Batn Al-Hawa in Silwan.

- Some 90 Jewish extremists tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy police guard, some of them performing prayers. **April 10:** At dawn, Israeli authorities arrest Ihab Abu Asinina, Numan Zuz, and Jihad Al-Shalabi, and release them after hours of interrogation on the condition that they be banned from Al-Aqsa for 10 days.
- **April 11:** The "Returning to the Mount" (Hozrim Lahar) extremist group, which advocates the construction of a third temple on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, announces on Facebook that "sacrifice is the natural response to terrorism" and that it would be offering NIS 10,000 to anyone who manages to sacrifice a goat on the site, NIS 800 for those who manage to get on the compound but not to slaughter it and NIS 400 to anyone who tries and fails and may get arrested.
- The Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem rejects Israeli police's announced restriction on the Christian freedom of worship and affirms "its strong and renewed commitment to our natural right to celebrate our holidays along with our congregation, our families and to participate together in prayers at our churches in the Old City of Jerusalem, including the basic right of all our church members to access the Church of Holy Sepulcher and its vicinity during Easter festivities, including Holy Fire Saturday."

April 12: Some 86 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in different groups.

**April 13:** Some 69 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in different groups, some provokingly performing Talmudic rituals.

- Jordanian Foreign Ministry condemns the campaign by the extremist "Returning to the Mount" group and says such provocations much be stopped. Palestinian factions also warn against the planned sacrifice.
- After visiting Jerusalem's Old City with the office of the Greek Orthodox patriarchate, European diplomats call on Israel to ensure freedom of worship of Christians during the Easter holiday.

**April 14:** Six members of the group "Returning to the Mount" are arrested for planning to perform a sacrifice on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound ahead of the Jewish feast of Passover.

- On the eve of the Jewish Passover, the Israeli Jerusalem municipality launches a 5-day "Gastronomical Festival of World Food" at the Jaffa Gate area, which is seen as an insult to the feelings of Muslims who are in the midst of the Ramadan fast.
- The Israeli District Planning and Building Committee has reportedly approved three large settlement projects in southern Jerusalem, including the construction of 600 settlement units on the lands of Walaja and Beit Safafa, the expansion of the industrial zone on the outskirts of Bethlehem and the establishment of hotels. In addition, two huge plans for the station complex are also approved, comprising 500 settlement units in eight 5-10 story buildings, commercial and employment areas, and hotels, affecting Ath-Thori neighborhood.

**April 15:** After the morning prayer, Israeli forces storm the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, allegedly due to stone-throwing, triggering a six-hour clash with Palestinian worshippers, many of whom had stayed overnight at the site ahead of the second Ramadan Friday prayer amid calls by extremist Jewish groups to enter the compound to perform a Passover sacrifice. Over 180 Palestinians are injured by beatings, rubber bullets, and pepper spray and at least 470 arrested, most of them from within the Al-Qibli Mosque. The assault on the Mosque is harshly condemned throughout the Arab and Muslim world.

- After several extremists were arrested for planning to sacrifice a goat on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, the chief rabbi of the Western Wall, Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, reiterates the prohibition on Jews to do so, saying, it was contrary to the Chief Rabbinate of Israel's ruling."

- Arab and European countries highlight the importance of respecting Jordan's role in caring for the holy sites in Jerusalem, respecting the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al Sharif and stopping all provocative procedures that can only lead to more violence, extremism and instability.
- In a joint statement, the foreign ministries of Germany, France, Italy and Spain denounce violence in Jerusalem, calling on all sides to refrain from all kinds of violence and provocation, and to respect the status quo of the holy places in Jerusalem and Jordan's role in these.

**April 17:** During new clashes erupting on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound when Israeli police enters in large numbers to allow visits by Jews, at least 17 Palestinians are wounded.

- At night, Palestinian youths clash with Israeli forces in At-Tur and Jabal Mukabber.
- Jordan's king Abdullah urges Israel to "cease illegal provocative measures" on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, especially allowing Jewish worshippers on the site, and calls for more international pressure.

**April 18:** Israel storms Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and beats Palestinian worshipers to make way for Jewish extremists who enter in successive groups and provocatively tour the site.

- Right-wing extremists, including the Im Tirtzu group, send a request to Israeli police for holding a march on 20 April outside Jerusalem's Old City.
- The United Arab List's Shura Council decides to freeze the party's membership in the governing coalition over violence at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi announce that the acting head of the Israeli mission in Amman, had been summoned to convey Jordan's message of protest for Israel's provocations and demand that it immediately "stop the violations in al-Aqsa Mosque."
- Jordanian Prime Minister Bishar Khasawneh salutes "every Palestinian, and all the employees of the Jordanian Islamic Waqf, who proudly stand like minarets, hurling their stones in a volley of clay at the Zionist sympathizers defiling al-Aqsa Mosque under the protection of the Israeli occupation government."
- The Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani tells Jordan's King Abdallah that Israel's raids on Al-Aqsa Mosque have to end along with all its provocations against the Palestinian people
- Russian President Putin has sent a letter to Prime Minister Bennett, requesting that he authorize transferring control of the Church of St. Alexander Nevsky, located in the Old City of Jerusalem, to Moscow.

**April 19:** In the morning, Israeli police storm Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the third consecutive day to secure the entrance of some 622 Jewish extremist in successive groups.

- During a meeting with the UN Middle East peace envoy, Tor Wennesland in Ramallah, President Mahmoud Abbas affirms his absolute rejection to any change to the historical status quo at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Amidst heightened tensions in Jerusalem, Israeli police reject a plan by right-wing groups to stage a march outside Jerusalem's Old City on 20 April, offering to discuss an alternative date and format. Organizers nevertheless organizers announced the march.
- Israeli authorities decide to close the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound to Jews starting Friday, 22 April until the end of the month of Ramadan on May 2.
- The UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation, Reem bint Ibrahim Al-Hashemi, summons the Israeli ambassador to the country, Amir Hayek, to express the UAE's strong protest and denunciation of the events taking place in Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- The Saudi Cabinet calls on the international community to play its role in holding the Israeli occupation forces fully responsible for their crimes and violations at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, and their repercussions on the chances of reviving the peace process in the Middle East.

**April 20:** Under heavy presence of Israeli forces, hundreds of Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the fourth day in a row triggering clashes with Palestinians.

- Christian Orthodox institutions and figures in Jerusalem submit a petition to the Supreme Court in Jerusalem against the restrictions and limiting the number of Christians allowed to participate in the upcoming Holy Saturday celebrations to 1,000.
- In separate occasions, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid reiterate that Israel was committed to maintaining the status quo on the "Temple Mount" and that "fake news" spreading on social media that Israeli intends to split the site just like it did with the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron was not true.
- Hundreds of right-wing Jews defy police orders and hold a "flag march" toward the Damascus Gate/the Old City's Muslim Quarter but are Israel police block their route. Among them, far-right MK Itamar Ben Gvir, who vows to erect a temporary office in area.

**April 21:** At least 20 Palestinians are wounded by rubber bullets and tear gas in clashes on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound with Israeli forces, who evacuated the site to make way for several groups of a total of 740 Jewish extremists.

- In a letter addressed to its District Police Commander and signed by Archbishop Aristarchus, the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem officially rejects any restrictions on the number of celebrants on Holy Fire Saturday inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, its courtyard, its surroundings, its roof, or the entrances leading to it.
- In Amman, the Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of international action to confront illegal Israeli policies and measures in Jerusalem holds an emergency meeting to discuss the Israeli escalation at Al-Aqsa Mosque. Participants Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Morocco, the UAE and the Secretary-General of the Arab League demand an end to Jewish prayer at the site.
- The Arab League calls on Israel to end Jewish prayers inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, warning it was a flagrant affront to Muslim feelings that could trigger a wider conflict.

**April 22:** At Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, 57 Palestinians are wounded, 14 of whom are hospitalized, in a five-hour clash with Israeli forces, who fire rubber bullets and use drones to fire tear gas grenades.

- In a statement, the State of Palestine warns against Israel's continued aggression against Christian and Muslim holy sites and worshippers and rejects "Israel's illegitimate decision to impose additional punitive restrictions on the entry of Christian pilgrims and worshippers to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher during the sacred service of Orthodox Easter." read a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates.
- The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights calls for an independent investigation after dozens of worshipers are injured at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

**April 23:** Israeli checkpoints and large deployment of forces prevent thousands of Christians from entering the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to celebrate the "Saturday of Light" and witness the moment the "Holy Light" erupts.

**April 24:** Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, preacher of Al-Aqsa Mosque and head of the Supreme Islamic Council in Jerusalem, calls on leaders of Arab and Islamic countries to intervene to stop Israel's "aggressive plans" in the mosque.

- Jordan condemns Israel's restrictions on attendance at the "Holy Fire" ceremony at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher a day earlier, saying in a statement that "All Israeli measures aimed at restricting the right of Christians to free and unrestricted access to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to perform their religious rites, including imposing restrictions on the number of worshipers, are rejected and condemned."
- At the Egypt-Jordan-UAE summit in Cairo, leaders stress *inter alia* the importance of respecting the role of the historical Hashemite custodianship in protecting the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem and call on Israel to stop all forms of escalation in order to enable worshipers to perform their religious rituals without hindrances or harassment.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres reiterates his call to preserve and respect the status quo in the holy sites in occupied Jerusalem.

**April 25:** The Israeli Magistrate Court in Jerusalem decides that an earlier decision to freeze the eviction of the Salem family from its home in Sheikh Jarrah for the benefit of Israeli settlers will continue to apply until it will be reheard.

- The Moriah Company, owned by the Israeli Jerusalem Municipality, issues a new tender for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Wadi Rababa in Ath-Thori (Ben Hinnom Valley), south of the Old City.
- The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) holds an exceptional meeting to discuss the escalating Israeli violations against Al-Aqsa Mosque and Palestinian worshippers, calling for an end to these violations and stressing the need to preserve the historical and legal *status quo* in Al-Aqsa Mosque as a place of worship for Muslims only.
- At its monthly session, the UN Security Council focusses on Israeli violations of Al-Aqsa Mosque and other holy sites in Jerusalem, with speakers stressing the need to uphold the historic and legal status quo to avoid escalation.

**April 26:** The Municipal Affairs Court approves the request of the Jerusalem families' lawyer to freeze until further notice the implementation of all demolition orders issued against a 5-story apartment building in At-Tur, built "illegally" in 2011 and home to 70 people.

**April 27:** The extremist "Returning to the Temple Mount group" announces an online course on how to pose as Muslims, so that Jews can sneak into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound when it is otherwise closed to them.

- According to the "Temple Mount Heritage Foundation", some 4,625 Jews visited the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound over five days of Passover last week double the figure from (pre-COVID) 2019.
- Laylat Al-Qadr, the most important night in Ramadan, passes without any incident at Al-Aqsa Mosque, where over 200,000 Muslim worshippers gathered for prayers.

- President Abbas and King Abdullah II meeting in Amman call for the defense and protection of Jerusalem and its holy sites, with a focus on restoring calm on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Experts from the UN Human Rights Council issue a statement, saying that "The discriminatory zoning and planning regime in East Jerusalem, which prioritize zoning for Israeli settlements and limits housing options for Palestinians, clearly amounts to segregation based on race, color, descent or national or ethnic origin."

**April 29:** In the morning of this last Friday of Ramadan, Palestinians clash with Israeli forces using crowd dispersal methods.

- Israeli authorities ban Ahmed Firas Al-Awar from Silwan from the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque for a period of 17 days.
- In a statement, the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) condemns the repeated attacks by Israeli forces against Al-Aqsa Mosque and its worshipers.

**April 30:** At dawn, a number of Palestinian worshipers from Nazareth are injured near French Hill in an attack by settlers throwing stones and bottles on the bus carrying them *en route* to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

# May

May 3: Israeli forces prevent the call to Isha prayer at Al-Aqsa Mosque by disconnecting the mosque's loudspeakers under the pretext that the Israeli prime minister was delivering a speech at the Buraq Wall (Western Wall).

- Minister of Waqf and Religious Affairs Sheikh Hatem al-Bakri, slams today's raising of the Israeli flag and the singing of the Israeli anthem at Al-Aqsa Mosque as a flagrant assault and desecration of holy sites.
- Israeli media reports that activists of some rightwing Jewish organizations have called for an "incursion into Al-Aqsa Mosque's compound," on 5 May to raise Israeli flags and sing the Israeli national anthem.
- Palestine calls on the UN Security Council to stop Israel from escalating tensions against Palestinians after Jewish activists reportedly decided to break into Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- Israeli forces deliver two demolition notices, one to Khaled Abu Khudair for his family's house in Silwan, and one to Khaled Zaytoun for a structure used as a horse barn in Shu'fat refugee camp.
- According to a new poll by the Israel Democracy Institute, half of Jewish Israelis support Jewish prayer on the "Temple Mount"/Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. The main reason is that it provides "proof of Israel's sovereignty over the Temple Mount" (38%) and because it is a religious commandment (12%), while the main reason for those objecting is its likelihood liable to spark a strong response from the Muslim world.

**May 4:** Clashes break out between Palestinians and Israel Police on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound as groups of Jewish extremists arrive to tour the site on Israel's Independence Day. At least 12 Palestinians are injured.

- Israeli forces arrest the deputy director of the Islamic Waqf Department in Jerusalem, Dr. Najeh Bkeirat, at a military roadblock outside Jerusalem.

**May 9:** Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul-Gheit strongly rejects any Israeli statements or positions that would attempt to change the historical and legal *status quo* of Jerusalem or to violate the *status quo* at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, adding, that any alleged Israeli sovereignty over East Jerusalem and its Islamic and Christian holy sites represents a blatant violation of international law and UN resolutions.

- Jordan confirms that the responsibility and authority to appoint the guards of Al-Aqsa Mosque belong to its Ministry of Endowments, in coordination with the Wagf Department in Jerusalem.

**May 10:** With regard to the issue of new Waqf employees at Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Israeli Prime Minister's Office denies that Israel has agreed to a demand from Jordan to increase Waqf staff and states that "All decisions regarding the Temple Mount will be made by the Israeli government out of considerations of sovereignty, freedom of religion and security, and not under the pressure of foreign or political factors."

- In response to Israeli Prime Minister Bennett's comments on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound Jordan's foreign minister Ayman Safadi says that "Israel has no sovereignty over the holy sites in Jerusalem", adding that "This is occupied Palestinian land" and that "Israel has no sovereignty over the Al Aqsa Mosque it is a Muslim place of worship, only the Jordanian Waqf has full authority over the management of the compound."
- After a month long (due to Ramadan) freeze, Israel resumes home demolitions destroying a three-story building owned by Samir Rajabi in Silwan, home to 45 people and a branch of Kupat Holim Clalit.

**May 11:** Jerusalemite *Al-Jazeera* correspondent Shireen Abu Aqleh is shot in the head and killed by Israeli forces while covering an Israeli army raid on the Jenin refugee camp.

- Israeli forces break into the Abu Aqleh family house in Beit Hanina to take down Palestinian flags but are confronted by the hundreds of mourners.

- Israeli bulldozers raze a commercial facility in Jabal Al-Mukabber.

**May 12:** Israeli police today break into the mourning house for Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh at Al-Liqa church in Beit Hanina to take down Palestinian flags.

- Israeli Police summons Anton Abu Aqleh, brother of *Al-Jazeera* journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh, ahead of her funeral, warning him that police will disperse the procession if things get out of hand, and imposing a ban on raising the Palestinian flag or singing nationalist songs.
- Israeli police disrupts the Shireen Abu Aqleh's funeral procession on its way to St. Joseph's Hospital in Sheikh Jarrah where her body will be kept until her funeral the next day.
- **May 13:** Shireen Abu Aqleh is laid to rest at the Greek Catholic Church on Jerusalem's Mount Zion in a funeral procession attended by thousands of Palestinians. Israeli forces attack mourners, injuring 33, and arrest at least 14. Their brutal conduct and disproportionate use of force, especially outside the St. Joseph's hospital where pallbearers were beaten so that the coffin almost fell, is globally criticized and condemned.
- During a meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II at the White House US President Joe Biden stresses the need to preserve the current *status quo* on the Haram Ash-Sharif/Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and reaffirms support for the historical role of Jordan's custodianship.

**May 14:** Walid Al-Sharif, 21, who was severely wounded by a sponge-tipped bullet during clashes at Al-Aqsa Mosque on 22 April, succumbs to his injuries at Hadassah Hospital. Israeli authorities hold his body for an autopsy.

- Faraj Dabash is forced to self-demolish his family home in Sur Baher.

May 15: Israeli and Palestinian opponents of Israel's plan to run a cable car over the walls of the Old City lose their case at the Supreme Court, which rules in favor of the plan. In response, the PA appeals to the US, UNESCO, and international community to exert pressure on Israel to halt the construction of the cable car project.

**May 16:** Israeli authorities ban Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, preacher of Al-Aqsa Mosque, from traveling for four months on charges of "terrorist activity and posing a real threat to state security."

- At a press conference local Christian leaders present security footage from last week's funeral for Shireen Abu Aqleh showing dozens of Israel police rushing into Saint Joseph's Hospital before the procession began, hitting and shoving people, including patients, and firing from within.
- As thousands gather in Jerusalem for the funeral of Walid Al-Sharif, who died two days earlier, clashes break out between Palestinians and Israeli forces in and around the Old City as well as in At-Tur. Dozens of Palestinians are injured and at least 35 arrested, including Walid's cousin Nader Al-Sharif, 50, who is taken from Shaare Zedek Hospital, where he received treatment. Hospital officials report that Israeli forces assault and beat several of his relatives during the arrest.

May 18: The head of the Lahava Organization, Bentzi Gopstein, publishes an announcement on social networks, in which he called on rightwing and "Temple organizations" to mobilize, next Sunday, on the occasion of the so-called "Jerusalem Day", in order to storm the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque, and start the plan to dismantle the Dome of the Rock in order to begin in the construction of the "Temple".

- Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev and Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai decide that Israel's "Jerusalem Day" flag march on May 29th will pass through Damascus Gate and the Old City's Muslim Quarter despite already tense situation on the ground.

May 19: The Egyptian Minister of Awqaf, Muhammad Mukhtar Gomaa, says the calls of Jewish extremists to for the demolition of the Dome of the Rock is stirring up religious extremism, a blatant provocation of the feelings of Muslims around the world, and abhorrent racism.

**May 22:** The Jerusalem Magistrate Court Judge Zion Saharay overturns a police order barring four Jews from the Al-Agsa Mosque compound for 15 days, after they prayed there in violation of the *status quo*.

- An expropriation order is issued for about 55 dunums of At-Tur lands for the purpose of paving the northern part of the Eastern Ring Road.
- The Israeli Prime Minister's Office releases a statement at night saying that there is no plan to change the *status* quo of banning Jewish prayer at the site.

May 23: Israeli police detain a Jewish man for bowing down on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound a day after a court decision appeared to approve Jews engaging in such religious practices.

- Rejecting the Israeli court decision to allow performance of religious rituals, Islamic bodies - the Waqf Council, the Islamic Higher Council, the House of Fatwa, the Court of the Chief Justice in Jerusalem, and the Department of Islamic Endowments and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs — issue a joint statement saying that they do not recognize any decision or

law issued by any Israeli court or entity regarding Al-Aqsa Mosque and that the Waqf Department in Jerusalem is the legal authority with jurisdiction to administer all the affairs of the holy compound.

- Israel charges three East Jerusalem residents allegedly belonging to a Hamas cell, who were arrested in late April, with planning attacks against Israelis, including to assassinate far-right MK Itamar Ben-Gvir.

May 24: UN ambassadors from Benin, Burundi, the Czech Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Slovakia, Tanzania, and Uzbekistan arrive in Israel to participate in a special delegation led by Israel's Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan to learn about "the historical and eternal connection to our capital and the strenuous activities Israel undertakes to preserve religious freedom for all religions."

May 25: Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Çavuşoğlu visits Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israeli forces demolish a two-story building in Beit Safafa belonging to Mohammad Judeh and Yazid Tina.
- The Jerusalem's District Court accepts the Israel Police's appeal against the Jerusalem Magistrates Court ruling to deny the police's request to ban four Jews from visiting the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for 15 days after they had bowed in prayer and recited Shema Yisrael prayer while visiting the site. The District Court rules that even though every Jew had the right to exercise his or her right to worship on the Temple Mount, that right was not absolute and often needed to take a back seat to other interests, such as maintaining public order and the public's safety.
- The Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research releases its Jerusalem 2022 Yearbook, according to which Jerusalem had a population of 951,000 in 2021 61% (570,100) of the are Jews and 39% (366,800) Palestinians.

May 26: The Jerusalem District Court rules against four Jewish teens who prayed on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, reversing the lower Magistrate court's 22 May decision which had annulled their 15-day ban, saying that the right to freedom of worship was "not absolute, and it should be superseded by other interests, among them the safeguarding of public order."

May 29: Tens of thousands of Jewish extremists participating in the "flag march" stream through the Muslim Quarter of the Old City, chanting and cursing racist slogans such as "Death to the Arabs" and "May your village burn," "Mohammed is dead," "Shu'fat is burning," blocking access to Palestinians, who were removed by police from the streets, and some even entering private yards assaulting Palestinian residents. Clashes break out in and around the Old City and towards the end of the march, Jews attacked Palestinian houses and vehicles in Sheikh Jarrah. In total, at least 40 Palestinian and 8 Israelis are injured.

- On the occasion of Israel's provocative "Jerusalem Day," the record number of 2,600 Jewish extremist tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups, several of whom bowing, praying and raising flags.
- The Israeli government adopts Decision No. 1513 for Phase II of the Shalem Plan ("the National Plan for the Exposure of Ancient Jerusalem"), which includes various archeology, excavation and tourism projects that are controlled and operated by Elad, including a tunnel between the City of David and the Umayyad Palaces.
- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs condemns the touring of Jewish extremists and rightwing MKs of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, warning of the worsening of the situation in Jerusalem.

**May 30**: A new Israel Democracy Institute poll reveals that half of Jewish Israelis support Jewish prayer on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, while 40% oppose it and the rest are not sure. 75% of those supporting do so "because it is proof of Israel's sovereignty" over the site, while for 25% it was "a religious commandment." Most of those opposing do so for practical considerations, with 57.5% of them because it would "invoke a severe negative reaction from the Muslim world."

- A UAE foreign ministry statement calls on Israel to provide "full protection" at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, respect Jordan's role as custodian of Jerusalem's holy sites, and end the "provocative violations" at the site.

May 31: Various press report that after shelving the E1 plan - totaling 3,412 settler housing units while bisecting the West Bank - in January amid international pressure, Israel has put it back on the agenda for a July 18 meeting.

- Settlers, backed by Israeli police, attack Palestinian residents' homes in the Wadi Al-Rababa neighborhood of Silwan, injuring at least three youth and vandalizing a vehicle.

# June

**June 1:** Protected by Israeli police, dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups, many of whom perform Talmudic rituals in the eastern area of the site.

**June 2:** Israeli Jerusalem municipality hands a demolition order to a four-story Palestinian building with 12 flats and home to over 100 people in Silwan's Wadi Qaddum area.

**June 3:** Israel's Local Committee for Planning and Building has approved a plan to build 820 new settlement units in two areas south of the Old City. First, 130 units will be built in the Ottoman train station, second 490 units along the Green Line at Al-Walaja-Qatamon.

**June 5:** Clashes erupt between Palestinians and Israeli police on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound as Jewish extremists provocatively tour the site for the Shavuot holiday.

- Sheikh Mohammad Hassan Salamah (Ra'am Party) and his family are assaulted by Israeli forces after he tells them not to smoke at the entrance to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- After detaining and interrogating her, Israeli forces ban Jerusalemite Nafisa Khweis from Al-Aqsa Mosque for one week.

**June 6:** Some 333 Jewish extremists, including right-wing Rabbi Yehuda Glick, tour Al-Aqsa Mosque in groups, escorted by Israeli forces, many of whom performing prayers.

- A joint force of municipality crews and police raid several areas in Silwan, hand out demolition notices, and photographed installations, streets, and roads leading to buildings threatened with demolition.
- Jewish extremists trespass into the Greek Garden on Mt. Zion, which belongs to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, threatening the church groundskeeper, breaking locks and into the chapel and desecrating it. The Patriarchate files a report with the police and issues a statement denouncing the transgressions by Israeli extremists on its property.

June 8: The Israeli Supreme Court rejected yet another appeal by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate regarding the settler takeover of the New Imperial and Petra hotels at Jaffa Gate, with which all legal recourse has now been exhausted.

- Liberia intends reportedly to open its first official representation in Israel to initially serve as a commercial office and eventually become the Liberian embassy in Israel.

**June 9:** The Finance Committee of the Israeli Jerusalem municipality confirms the allocation of a budget estimated at NIS 514 million to strengthen its grip on the education sector in East Jerusalem, including building classrooms and kindergartens.

- The US upgrades its diplomatic mission to the Palestinians, reversing a Trump administration move ahead of a planned visit by President Joe Biden, by renaming the "Palestinian Affairs Unit" (PAU) to "US Office of Palestinian Affairs" (OPA), which will report directly to Washington "on substantive matters."

**June 14:** Protected by Israeli police, dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in groups, many of whom listen to explanations about the alleged temple and perform Talmudic rituals in the site's eastern area.

**June 15:** Israeli forces demolish the family house of Baha Ad-Din Rabayaa in the Wadi Al-Humus neighborhood of Sur Baher.

- Israeli bulldozers also demolish a house owned by the Al-Ja'abari family in Beit Hanina.

June 18: Settlers storm the Burj Al-Luqluq institution in the Old City and open fire inside the compound.

- Settlers perform Talmudic rituals in front of the Iron Gate, one of the entrances to Al-Aqsa Mosque, under the protection of Israeli police.

**June 19:** Several groups of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, many of whom perform Talmudic prayers.

June 22: In Issawiya, Israeli forces demolish horse stable belonging to the Muhaisen family without prior warning.

- In Beit Hanina, Israeli forces destroy the concrete floor of a house under construction.
- Jordan and Saudi Arabia issues a joint statement stressing the importance of following up on the implementation of the agreements from the 17th session of the Jordanian-Saudi Joint Committee meeting, including the need for Israel to respect the historical and legal status quo in Jerusalem and its Islamic and Christian holy sites as well as the role of the Waqf and Aqsa Affairs Department as the exclusive authority to supervise the affairs of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the role of Hashemite Custodianship over Jerusalem's Islamic and Christian holy sites, in safeguarding the holy shrines and maintaining the holy city's Arab, Islamic and Christian identity.

June 23: Israeli forces carry out excavations in Umayyad Palaces area, south of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

- Israel's Justice Ministry has begun the process of registering ownership of land in the Ath-Thori area as well as the Umayyad Palaces site adjacent to the southern wall of al-Aqsa Mosque, using government funding earmarked for

narrowing economic disparities and improving the quality of life of Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, in what Palestinian fear is only another bid to enable Israeli takeover of their properties.

**June 24:** Four years of legal battles pushed by Jerusalem-focused Zionist organizations, including Elad, Ateret Cohanim, HaTzedek, Keep Jerusalem, conclude with the cancelation of the "Mukhtar Protocol," a procedure by which property ownership was determined in East Jerusalem by the testimony of a local village mukhtar as the basis for construction permits and other legal processes. Palestinians now have to prove actual verifiable, legal and documented ownership over contested property.

June 26: Israeli authorities force Farid Jaber to demolish his house in Wadi Al-Joz.

June 27: Dozens of extremist Jews tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups, including heads of settlement associations and rabbis from West Bank settlements, under the protection of Israeli forces.

June 28: Israeli forces demolish a barrack and a commercial facility in Jabal Mukabber.

- After an alleged stabbing attempt with the suspect fleeing into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Israeli forces launch a manhunt, closing off the gates to the holy site and other areas of the Old City and arresting a Palestinian from Bethlehem.

June 29: Israeli forces demolish four shacks and three animal sheds in Anata for being built without a permit.

- In Beit Safafa, Israeli police arrest a young Palestinian and his wife, claiming she has no permit to enter Jerusalem, and leave their two children — a bay and a toddler — crying in their father's car.

#### July

July 1: Israeli forces violently suppress the weekly solidarity demonstration in Sheikh Jarrah and arrest 5 people.

July 4: Israeli forces demolish a residential facility under construction in Al-Sawahrah Al-Sharqiya.

- Israel postpones a hearing by the Civil Administration's High Planning Subcommittee (the Defense Ministry body that authorizes settlement construction) to advance the massive E-1 settlement project from 18 July to 12 September 2022.

**July 7:** Israeli occupation authorities expel Jerusalemite Nizam Abu Ramoz from Al-Aqsa Mosque for two months, subject to renewal.

**July 10:** New discoveries of archival records by Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel offer proof of Palestinian ownership of the lands designated for the US embassy in Jerusalem as per the plan submitted to the Israeli planning authorities on 15 February 2021 (Plan 101-0810796). The land is registered in the name of the State of Israel, but was confiscated illegally from Palestinian refugees (from the Habib, Qleibo, El Khalidi, Razzaq and El-Khalili families) using the 1950 Israeli Absentees' Property Law.

**July 12:** President Abbas briefs Pope Francis in a phone call on Israeli measures against Christian and Muslim holy places in Jerusalem with the Pope expressing great concern about Israel's actions, adding that he feels the pain of the Palestinian people in the Holy Land.

**July 15:** Meeting US President Joe Biden at the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem, Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem Patriarch Theophilos III speaks out against what he called "unprecedented attacks by Israeli radical groups" which act "without accountability" with the goal to alter the history of the Old City's Christian Quarter and to repel Christians from the holy city.

**July 18:** Israeli occupation authorities expel Jerusalemite Khadija Khweis from Al-Aqsa Mosque for one week, subject to renewal.

**July 19:** Israeli occupation authorities renew for the fourth time the ban for Shadi Matour, Fatah Secretary in Jerusalem, from entering the West Bank for another six months.

July 20: Israeli authorities expel Jerusalemite activist Muhammad Abu Al-Hummus from Al-Aqsa Mosque for a week.

**July 21:** Israel's High Court of Justice partially grants a petition by a Palestinian family in Silwan to postpone their eviction until a further hearing.

**July 24:** Dozens of Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under the protection of Israeli forces, among them American conservative political commentator and editor-in-chief of the Daily Wire, Ben Shapiro, who performs Talmudic rituals at the site.

**July 25:** The Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee approves the "Lower Aqueduct" project for 1,446 housing units between the Har Homa and Givat Hamatos settlements that will break up contiguity between Sur Baher and Beit Safafa.

- The Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee postpones the advancement of a new settlement, Givat Shaked, near Beit Safafa for two weeks to review environmental implications.
- Bilal Sub Laban, from Kufr Aqab, is indicted for allegedly establishing a kindergarten and a soup kitchen on orders from Hamas, in order to strengthen its influence in East Jerusalem.

**July 26:** Dozens of Jewish extremists, escorted by police, tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups, many of whom perform Talmudic rituals at the site.

**July 27:** Tunisia passes a new constitution which enshrines the right for Palestinians to establish a state with Jerusalem as capital.

**July 28:** Israeli Education Minister Shasha Biton revokes the permanent operating licenses of six schools in East Jerusalem (Ibrahimieh College, the Al-Eman elementary schools for boys and girls and the Al-Eman secondary schools for boys and girls) and replaces them with conditional temporary licenses on the pretext that textbooks they sue include material deemed as incitement against the State of Israel and its army.

- After summoning him in the morning, Israeli occupation authorities expel young Jerusalemite Muntaser Abu Nab from Al-Aqsa Mosque for a week, subject to renewal.
- The PA's Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs warns of Israel's attempts to impose its curriculum on schools in occupied Jerusalem by force.

**July 29:** Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid refuses Jordanian King Abdullah's request to send copies of the Qur'an to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

### **August**

- Aug. 4: An Israeli court imposes house arrest on Governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith, for an unspecified time period.
- **Aug. 6:** Groups affiliated with the so-called "Union of Temple Organizations" called on their supporters and settlers to participate widely in storming Al-Aqsa Mosque compound the next day.
- Aug. 9: Israeli forces demolish two rooms in Isawiyya for being built without a permit.
- Aug. 10: Munir Rajabi is forced to self-to demolish his family house in Beit Hanina.
- The Israeli Justice Ministry has just completed transferring temporary ownership of a total of 16 dunums of land on the eastern border of Jabal Mukabber to the state, claiming it was purchased by Jews in the 1920s.
- **Aug. 14:** Amir Sidawi, 26, from East Jerusalem, opens fire at a bus near Zion's Gate outside the Old City, wounding eight, among them US citizens.
- Othman Kaljawi is forced to demolish a room he had annexed to his home in At-Tur to accommodate the growth of his 7-member family.
- Israeli forces storm the house of the Governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith, in Silwan, searching and photographed its contents to ensure that he was in the house.
- Israeli occupation authorities expel Jerusalemite activist Muhammad Abu Al-Humus from Al-Aqsa Mosque for three months.
- Aug. 15: Mohammad Al-Shaham is shot dead Israeli troops who mistakenly raid his family home in Kufr Aqab.
- **Aug. 16:** The Israeli Jerusalem municipality demolishes the Salam events hall in Isawiyya, belonging to Yousef Muheisen, who run it for the last 10 years.
- Farouq Mustafa is forced to demolish his family house in Isawiyya.
- Israel approves two settlement plans in occupied Jerusalem: one is set to build 270 new units in Ramot settlement and the other a settlement building and a commercial floor near the settlement of Givat HaVradim.
- **Aug. 18:** The Supreme Fatwa Council warns against targeting Palestinian education in Jerusalem and the rest of the Palestinian territories by canceling the Palestinian curriculum, closing and demolishing schools, and attempts to impose the Israeli curriculum on Palestinian students in Jerusalem schools.
- **Aug. 22:** Israel approves a plan to construct 15 buildings with a total of 1,324 units in the Gilo settlement on an area of 80 dunums.
- The PA's Council of Ministers affirms its rejection of all Israeli measures and policies against education in Jerusalem and calls on school administrations, students, parents' councils and Jerusalemites to reject them in order to preserve the identity and the national narrative. The council also approves the establishment of a special fund to support schools so that they are not forced to use the imposed distorted books.

Aug. 23: The Abu Ramoz family is forced to evacuate their house in Ras Al-Amud in preparation for self-demolition.

- At a press conference with President Mahmoud Abbas in Ankara, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan affirm his country's rejection of any change in the status of Jerusalem and the Al-Agsa Mosque.

**Aug. 24:** After the so-called "Union of Temple Organizations" issued calls to carry out large-scale incursions into the Al-Aqsa Mosque to mark the beginning of the Jewish holiday season, dozens of Jewish extremists enter the site.

Aug. 25: Faraj Abu Ramoz is forced to self-demolish his home in Shayyah.

- Israeli occupation authorities expel Muntaha Emara from Um Al-Fahm from Al-Agsa Mosque for six months.

**Aug. 27:** Parents and students of the Ibrahimieh School in Jerusalem hold a protest outside their school against Israeli attempts to force the school to use distorted Israeli-issued textbooks instead of the Palestinian curriculum.

**Aug. 28:** A group of 40 extremist Jews enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and start dancing and singing near the Bab Ar-Rahmeh area, due to which they are expelled by police via Lion's Gate. Some of them forcibly re-enter the site from there under the supervision of an officer and in violation of the status quo, which sparks protests by Palestinians, with Hamas calling it a "serious escalation".

**Aug. 29:** In Silwan, Israeli authorities give Issam Sharaf seven days to self-demolish his house under construction in the Wadi Qaddoum area, and Fakhri Abu Diab a demolition order for his house in the Bustan neighborhood.

- Dozens of Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound guarded by Israeli forces, with many performing prayers.

**Aug. 30:** The National Insurance Institute revokes the health rights from 20 families of Palestinian activists based on information passed by the Shin Bet.

**Aug. 31:** Israel announces the expansion of the Gilo settlement by a total 1,250 new units, starting with 27 9-13 floor buildings.

- Israeli forces arrest Al-Aqsa Mosque guard Arafat Najib, while at least 83 of Jewish extremists entered the site in successive groups.
- The Jerusalem Municipality has reportedly launched the "Ahlan" education program, which will see 30 schools across the city teach Jewish students spoken Arabic which currently is not a compulsory subject in Israeli education and only offered by very few schools.

### September

**Sept. 1:** Israeli municipal workers resume groundwork at the Yusufiya cemetery near the Old City's Lion's Gate as part of a plan to turn the area into a park.

**Sept. 2**: The Hadia family is forced to self-demolish their home in Ras Al-Amud.

**Sept. 3:** Israeli forces arrest Al-Aqsa guard Hamza Khalaf, while he was at his workplace near Bab Al-Silsila, one of the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Sept. 5:** The Jerusalem District Planning Committee has advanced a plan for the new 700-unit Givat HaShaked settlement next to Beit Safafa.

**Sept. 6:** Dozens of Jewish extremists and yeshiva students tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound guarded by Israeli forces, with many performing prayers.

- Palestinian residents of the Nashashibi neighborhood (also known as the Nurses neighborhood) near Bab As-Silsila in the Old City protest over Israel's refusal to repair the houses of 26 families that were damaged due to Israeli digging and excavations in the area.
- Israeli forces demolish a retaining wall surrounding agricultural land in Jabal Mukabber.
- During a meeting in Cairo, the Arab League's Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem calls for stronger joint action against Israeli measures to change the historical and legal status quo in the occupied city of Jerusalem.

**Sept. 8:** Israeli forces demolish the foundations of a house belonging to Arafat Abu Rizeq and retaining walls in Al-Walajeh.

**Sept. 10:** So-called Temple Mount organizations have begun mobilizing for the largest storming of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound later this month when the Jewish holiday season begins with Rosh Hashana (New Year), including announcement that free transportation will be provided for settlers from all over the country.

- In a letter to the Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem, US secretary of State Anthony Blinken says that Jerusalem "must be a city for all, and the status quo of its holy sites must be preserved."

**Sept. 11:** The "Temple Organizations" submit a petition to the Israeli Supreme Court, demanding permission to blow the Shofar (trumpet) inside Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the upcoming Hebrew New Year 26/27 September), and

to bring in "the four kinds of vegetable offerings to the throne" (i.e., citrus fruits, palm fronds, willow branches, and myrtle roses) during Sukkot, which runs from 10-17 October, as well as special prayer tools suitable for these holidays, such as "prayer robes, black wrappings, and books.

- Israeli authorities ban Sheikh Najeh Bkeirat, Deputy Director of the Waqf Department, from Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for 6 months.
- The family of the widowed Um Bashar Abu Tayeh is forced to self-demolish their house in Silwan.
- **Sept. 12:** Haaretz reports that Israeli authorities are preparing a plan to double the number of settlers in the Har Homa settlement and to establish a new neighborhood in Har Gilo "Har Gilo West".
- Waqf officials warn of serious repercussions if provocations by Jewish fanatics who intrude into Al-Aqsa Mosque and perform Jewish rituals despite a ban are not restrained.
- **Sept. 13:** Israeli forces raid a number of shops in Al-Isawiyya.
- **Sept. 15:** Rightwing extremist MK Rabbi Yehuda Glick places the Israeli flag on one of the graves inside the Bab Ar-Rahmeh cemetery and blows the shofar.
- **Sept. 17:** The Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee announces its approval of a 700-dunum "National Park Deer" plan adjacent to the Pisgat Ze'ev settlement, which involves confiscation of about 1,170 dunums of lands belonging to Shu'fat, Beit Hanina and Anata.
- **Sept. 19:** Palestinian schools in Jerusalem observe a strike to protest the Israeli attempts to impose a distorted curriculum on their students.
- According to the umbrella group of Temple Mount activists Beyadenu, Jews visited the holy site 50,000 times over the past Jewish year (since September 7, 2021).
- Israeli forces arrest the director of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Sheikh Omar Kiswani, after storming his house in At-Tur and seizing his computer and some documents.
- **Sept. 20:** Israel prevents the Waqf from undertaking necessary repairs to the acoustics and headphones system in the Qibli prayer hall inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- An Israeli court in Jerusalem has approved allowing extremist settlers to blow trumpets and hold Jewish rituals at the Al-Buraq Wall.
- At the UN General Assembly in New York, King Abdullah says that Christianity is under attack in Jerusalem, reiterating that "As custodians of Jerusalem's Muslim and Christian holy sites, we are committed to protecting the historical and legal status quo and to their safety and future. We are committed to defending the rights, the precious heritage and the historic identity of the Christian people of our region."
- Sept. 22: Jewish Extremist MK Itamar Ben Gvir provocatively tours the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, British Prime Minister Liz Truss tells her Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid that the UK is considering relocating its embassy to Jerusalem.
- In At-Tur, clashes break out after Israeli forces kill Mohammad Abu Juma'a from the neighborhood, near Modi'in claiming he attempted a stabbing attack, which family members deny.
- Israeli occupation authorities expel Jerusalemite activist Zaid Ghorab from Al-Aqsa Mosque for six months, and Ms. Sahar Al-Natsheh for one week, subject to renewal.
- Sept. 23: Dozens of Jewish extremists, including right-wing MKs, enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Israeli MK Simha Rothman of the right-wing Religious Zionist party blows the trumpet in the Bab Ar-Rahmeh cemetery.
- Based on the 2016 "Anti-Terrorism" Law, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz issues a decision to seize huge sums of money for 49 Palestinian prisoners from Jerusalem and from inside Israel on the pretext that they receive monthly allowances from the PA that encourage them to carry out operations.
- Clashes renew in At-Tur, in anger over the withholding of the body of martyred Mohammad Abu Juma'a.
- **Sept. 25:** Clashes break out in At-Tur after Israeli forces enter the neighborhood, launch a monitoring drone, photograph streets and houses, and provoke residents, arresting several of them.
- Clashes also spread to Silwan where Israeli forces roam through some neighborhoods.
- **Sept. 26:** Clashes take place on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and around the nearby Lion's Gate to the Old City triggered by Jewish extremists entering the holy site in large numbers and acting provocatively.
- Israeli forces isolate Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Old City from its surroundings, to secure the entrance of Jewish extremists, some 355 of whom enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in successive groups.
- The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the escalating and continuous violations committed by Jewish extremists storming the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and carrying out provocative practices that violate its sanctity.

- **Sept. 27:** Overnight Palestinians clash with Israeli forces in Al-Issawiya, At-Tur and Silwan in protest against the violations of Jewish extremists on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- For the second day in a row, Israeli forces prevent Palestinian worshipers from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque to perform the dawn prayer.
- Israel Police Commissioner Yaakov "Kobi" Shabtai tours the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound amid heightened tensions
- Jordan, Egypt, the Arab League and others condemn the repeated and escalating violations against the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque by Jewish extremists under the sight of Israeli forces.
- **Sept. 28:** Overnight clash break out between Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli forces Sur Baher, Suwanneh and Silwan.
- **Sept. 30:** Israeli forces arrest Mustafa Abu Al-Hawa from At-Tur and hand him a deportation order from Jerusalem for 4 months.

#### October

- **Oct. 2:** Israeli forces expel Muhammad Mustafa and Muhammad Derbas from Issawiya from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for three months, while some 155 Jewish extremists enter the site in successive groups, escorted by police.
- Israeli MK Simha Rothman of the right-wing Religious Zionist party blows the shofar in the Bab Ar-Rahmeh cemetery for the second time.
- So-called Temple Mount organizations renew their calls for mass incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on Yom Kippur (4-5 October) and during Sukkot (9-17 October) and for holding collective prayers at the site, its gates and in the streets of the Old City. They also announce the provision of free transportation to the Old City.
- In the Old City, Israeli forces arrest children in their football shirts with "Palestine" written on them.
- Oct. 3: Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound with one of them raising the Israeli flag.
- The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court rejects for the fourth time the efforts to ban Temple Mount activist Emanuel Brosh from the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, thereby upholding his right, for all intents and purposes, to blow the shofar anywhere along the Eastern Wall.
- **Oct. 4:** Right-wing extremists including Israeli MKs Simha Rothman and Michal Waldigerof the right-wing Religious Zionist party blow the shofar near the Bab Ar-Rahmeh cemetery for the second time.
- Oct. 5: Israeli forces raid the home of Jerusalem's governor and Fatah official Adnan Ghaith in Silwan.
- Israeli occupation authorities arrest five young Jerusalemites Tariq Alayan, Rami Abdel Salam, Mohammad and Na'el Jabarin, and Mohammad Mahamid as Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. The next day, they are handed a fine of NIS 500 and a ban from Al-Aqsa Mosque for 12 days.
- **Oct. 6:** A cornerstone laying ceremony, attended by Jerusalem Affairs Minister Ze'ev Elkin, Tourism Minister Yoel Razvozov, and Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion, is held for the construction of a NIS 20 million pedestrian bridge over the Wadi Rababa/Ben Hinnom valley, which is part of a wider controversial initiative to turn the valley into a tourist venue. The project was not promoted as usual within the permit committee of the Jerusalem Municipality and impedes any future development and housing potentials for adjacent Silwan and Ath-Thori.
- Israeli occupation authorities hand five young Jerusalemite Tariq Alayan, Rami Abdel Salam, Mohammad and Na'el Jabarin, and Mohammad Mahamid a fine of NIS 500 and ban them from Al-Aqsa Mosque for a period of 12 days.
- **Oct. 8:** Udai Tamimi, 22, from Shu'fat refugee camp, opens fire at Israeli forces manning the checkpoint at the camp's entrance, killing a female soldier and injuring another one before fleeing the scene.
- Israeli authorities force a family to demolish their home in Wadi Al-Joz.
- **Oct. 9:** As the manhunt for the perpetrator of the shooting attack a day earlier continues, Israeli forces close all entrances to Shu'fat refugee camp, raid houses and arrest relatives of the suspect. Palestinians denounce the blockade as "collective punishment" for the 150,000 camp residents and neighboring Anata.
- **Oct. 10:** Amid intense deployment of Israeli forces on the first day of Sukkot, hundreds of Jewish extremists march through the Old City and perform collective prayers at Qattanin Gate near Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- **Oct. 11:** Residents of Shu'fat refugee camp announce civil disobedience in protest of the siege imposed on them four days ago.
- Over 1,032 Jewish extremists tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection, performing religious rituals, while Palestinians worshippers are kept away.

- Jordan condemns the storming of Israeli extremists into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection and their provocative practices violating international laws as well as the sanctity of the site.
- **Oct. 12:** For the second day in a row, Israeli forces prevent Palestinian worshipers under 50 years from entering the Old City and Al-Aqsa Mosque to perform the dawn prayer, while allowing Jewish extremists to enter the site and even perform prayers and religious rituals. In total, some 776 Jews entered the site under heavy police security, some of them led by rightwing extremist MK Itamar Ben-Gvir.
- Israeli forces arrest the two guards from Al-Aqsa Mosque, Khalil Al-Tarhouni and Hamza Al-Nabali, after beating them while they were working at the compound.
- Jerusalem observes a comprehensive commercial and educational strike in response to the call for civil disobedience launched by Shu'fat camp residents in protest against the siege on the camp and adjacent Anata and the harassment against the people living there.
- In the evening, riots over the closure of Shu'fat refugee camp spread to other Palestinian neighborhoods throughout the city, during which at least 23 Palestinians are arrested, 10 of whom in Issawiya.
- Right-wing Israeli Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked tours Beit Hanina, calling it a "warzone" and demanding that Palestinian protestors should be stripped of their citizenship, given 10-year-jail terms, a cordon be built around the area, and open-fire rules be loosened.
- In East Jerusalem, ultranationalist MK Itamar Ben-Gvir urges Public Security Minister Omer Barlev to allow police to use live fire against rioters.
- Right-wing MK Boaz Smotrich (Religious Zionist Party) calls for the military to be deployed to East Jerusalem to put down the unrest.
- Settlers vandalize vehicles in As-Suwaneh neighborhood, smashing windows and tires of at least five cars parked near the Beit Orot settler enclave.
- The UNESCO Executive Council unanimously adopts a resolution on the Old City of Jerusalem and its walls, calling on Israel to stop its violations and illegal unilateral measures there, and especially against Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif.
- **Oct. 13:** Palestinians heavy clash with Israeli police in several locations across East Jerusalem, including Issawiya, At-Tur, Ras Al-Amud, Silwan, Sheikh Jarrah, Shu'fat, Beit Hanina, Sur Baher, Jabal Al-Mukabber and Kufr Aqab.
- In the early morning, hundreds of settlers roam the streets of Jerusalem, vandalize property in the Al-Musrara area near the Damascus Gate, attack Palestinians in Silwan, Ras Al-Amud, and Sheikh Jarrah.
- Israel's Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev instructs police to ease the Shu'fat checkpoint's strict inspections in a bid to reduce tensions in East Jerusalem. He also orders an immediate call-up of four police reserve companies to be deployed to the Jerusalem area.
- Right wing MK Itamar Ben Gvir provocatively tours At-Tur heavily protected by Israeli forces.
- **Oct. 14:** More than 6,000 Jews entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound since the start of the High Holidays a new record for monthly visits, according to Yaraeh.
- Police announce the arrest of 18 people after overnight clashes in several areas of East Jerusalem, including Sheikh Jarrah.
- **Oct. 15:** Israeli forces re-close the Shu'fat refugee camp.
- **Oct. 18:** Dozens of Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection, performing religious rituals.
- **Oct. 19:** Press reports reveal that Australia discreetly reversed its recognition of West Jerusalem as Israel's capital by deleting a statement from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website.
- After a 12-day manhunt following his attack at Shu'fat camp checkpoint, during which a female soldier was killed, Udai Tamimi is shot dead by Israeli forces while attempting another attack on the Ma'ale Adumim settlement checkpoint. A massive march is launched in the streets of Shu'fat refugee camp after the news of Tamimi's death.
- **Oct. 20:** The National and Islamic Forces in the Jerusalem governorate announce a comprehensive strike in mourning for Udai Tamimi.
- Dozens of Jewish extremists provocatively tour Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under police protection, performing religious rituals.
- Israeli occupation authorities expel Zainat Abu Sbeih from Al-Aqsa Mosque for one week, subject to renewal.

#### Oct. 21:

**Oct. 22:** Mohammad Rajab Abu Qtaish from Anata is shot and injured in the middle of the Sheikh Jarrah sports compound after escaping from a stabbing attack near French Hill in which he injured an Israeli.

- Israeli occupation authorities expel four Jerusalemite teenage boys from At-Tur, Al-Isawiyya and Silwan, from Al-Aqsa Mosque for a period of 15 days.
- Oct. 23: The Jaabis family is forced to self-demolish their home in Jabal Al-Mukabber.
- **Oct. 26:** Inspectors of the Israeli Ministry of Education storm 3 branches of Al-Iman schools in Beit Hanina and inspect bags of Palestinian students in Al-Iman and the Ibrahimieh schools in search of Palestinian textbooks.
- Sanad Al-Ajlouni is forced to demolish a room in his home in the Old City's Al-Sa`dia neighborhood.
- **Oct. 27:** The Committee of Parents of Students in Al-Iman Schools holds a sit-in in front of the school in protest against the storming of the school by inspectors of the Israeli Ministry of Education a day earlier.
- Oct. 28: In At-Tur, Iyad Al-Imam is forced to self-demolish his family house, home to 8 people.
- Oct. 29: Israeli occupation authorities force Azzam Abu Asab to demolish part of his house, home to ten people, on Salah Eddin Street.

#### November

- **Nov. 1:** Guarded by Israeli forces over 200 Jewish extremists enter Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on "Israeli election holiday", some wearing T-shirts with the "Israeli flag" and some performing prayers, while young Palestinian worshipers are prevented from praying at the site.
- **Nov. 3:** Bader Amer, 20, from Beit Hanina is shot dead after wounding an Israeli policeman in a stabbing attack in the Old City, during which another police officer was hurt by friendly fire.
- **Nov. 6:** The Israeli Jerusalem municipality announces a NIS 24 million "infrastructure development project" in Shu'fat refugee camp to improve transportation and upgrade roads, water, electricity, sanitation and the environmental situation.
- **Nov. 7:** Jordanian officials have warned that bilateral ties with Israel will suffer if Israel's new government tries to change the *status quo* arrangement on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.
- Israeli forces demolish a commercial facility in Shu'fat belonging to the Issa family.
- Haaretz reports that the Elad settler association, which promotes Palestinian displacement by Jewish settlers in East Jerusalem, has received NIS 28 million double its original public funding for tourism projects in the Hinnom Valley, next to Silwan.
- **Nov. 9:** Rightwing Jerusalem deputy mayor Aryeh King announces on Facebook that he is helping an anonymous philanthropist build a program to "encourage" non-Jews emigrate from Israel.
- **Nov. 13:** Central Court judges give the Shehadeh family two months to appeal the decision to the Israeli Supreme Court to evict their homes in the Batn Al-Hawa neighborhood in Silwan.
- **Nov. 15:** Israeli police and Israeli municipality staff place demolition notices against a number of homes in At-Tur after photographing them.
- **Nov. 18:** Palestinians perform Friday prayers on the lands of Silwan's Wadi Al-Rababa protesting the expansion of "fake graves" used by settlers as a way to seize the land for their settlement projects.
- **Nov. 23:** The Jerusalem Local Planning Committee is scheduled to discuss a plan (TPS 976597) for the expansion of the Nof Zion settlement (known as "Nof Zahav") in the midst of Jabal Mukabber by constructing 100 new housing units and 275 hotel rooms.
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# December

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Dec. 12: Sheikh Najeh Bakirat, Deputy Director of the Jerusalem Waqf, warns of the danger behind so-called Temple groups' replacing the banner at the Mughrabi Gate issued by rabbis warning against entering Al-Aqsa compound - "It is prohibited, according to Torah law, to enter the Temple Mount area due to its sanctity" - with a new banner encouraging the storming of the site: "The Directorate of Those who ascend the Temple Mount welcome the pilgrims, and accept your prayers with good deeds."

- Far-right Otzma Yehudit party leader Itamar Ben Gvir calls for an end to Jewish prayer restrictions at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, saying they constituted anti-Jewish "apartheid" at the holy site.

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Dec. 28: Jordan's King Abdullah warns Israel not to cross 'red lines' on Jerusalem holy sites, saying Jordan was 'quite prepared' for conflict if Al-Aqsa Mosque status quo altered.

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