WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS AND DISPLACEMENT: AN OVERVIEW



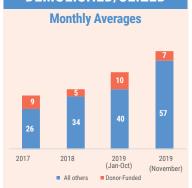
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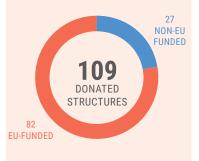
- Number of people displaced due to demolitions almost doubled in 2019, compared to 2018.
- 98 per cent increase in the targeting of donor-funded aid structures this year, compared to 2018.
- Thirteen structures demolished since July through the expedited process under Military Order 1797.

STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED



NOVEMBER FIGURES

STRUCTURES TARGETED				
East Jerusalem	8			
Area C	49			
Area B	7			
Area A	0			
PEOPLE IMPACTED				
Displaced	141			
Affected	431			
ASSISTANCE DEMOLISHED/ SEIZED IN 2019				



OVERVIEW

In November 2019, 64 Palestinian-owned structures were demolished or seized, displacing 141 people, including 71 children, and otherwise affecting the livelihoods or access to services of over 400 others. Fifty-seven of these structures, located in Area C or East Jerusalem, were targeted on grounds of lack of building permits, while the other seven, in an Area B community, were demolished on punitive grounds.

So far in 2019 (as of end November), a total of 815 Palestinians, half of them children, have been displaced in the West Bank as a result of Israeli demolitions, almost double the equivalent figure for 2018.

Six of the structures targeted this month in Area C, including one donor-funded shelter, were demolished based on Military Order 1797, which allows the demolition/seizure of unlicensed structures deemed as "new", within 96 hours after the issuance of a removal notice. Since coming into effect in July 2019, the military order has resulted in the demolition of 13 structures, including one provided as humanitarian assistance.

Twenty-one structures, including homes, animal shelters and solar panel systems were demolished or seized in areas declared closed for military trainings (firing zone 918 and 912). Six of these structures had been provided as humanitarian assistance. About 21 per cent of all structures targeted so far in 2019, and 39 per cent of all donor-funded aid structures, were located in firing zones, which cover about 30 per cent of Area C.

Another five structures, one of them provided as humanitarian assistance, were located in four Palestinian Bedouin communities in Area C of the Jerusalem Governorate in, or around, an area planned for settlement expansion (the "E1" plan), all of which face the risk of forcible transfer.

So far this year, the Israeli authorities have demolished or seized 109 structures provided as humanitarian assistance, including 82 funded by the EU and its member states, almost double the equivalent figures in 2018.

In East Jerusalem, eight structures were demolished this month, marking one of the lowest such figures this year. Three of these structures, including a two-story home, were in the Silwan neighborhood, where nine people were displaced and another 14 affected. Apart from the demolitions on grounds of lack of permit, Silwan is one of the neighbourhoods most affected by settlement activity, with at least 421 Palestinians at risk of eviction due to legal action by settler organizations, out of nearly 900 Palestinians in such a situation in all East Jerusalem.

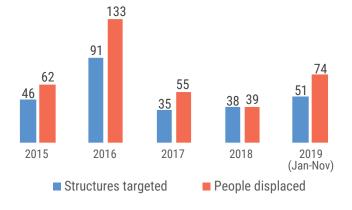
In addition, Israeli forces punitively demolished seven structures, including four homes and three water cisterns, in Beit Kahil village (Hebron). The structures belong to the families of four Palestinians accused of kidnapping and killing an off-duty Israeli soldier in August 2019. This is the seventh punitive demolition incident so far this year, carried out by the Israeli authorities citing "deterrence" needs; punitive demolitions are illegal under international law.

WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS / SEIZURES / SEALINGS - NOVEMBER 2019

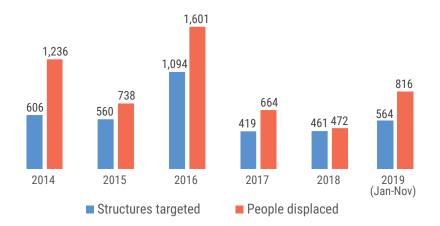
	Structures	People displaced*		People Affected**	
	demolished	All	Children	All	Children
East Jerusalem	8	35	19	31	15
Area B	7	15	6	0	0
Area C	49	91	46	400	206
TOTAL	64	141	71	431	221

^{*} Includes all people who had a structure used as their habitual place of residence demolished.

STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED-MONTHLY AVERAGES



STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED-TOTALS



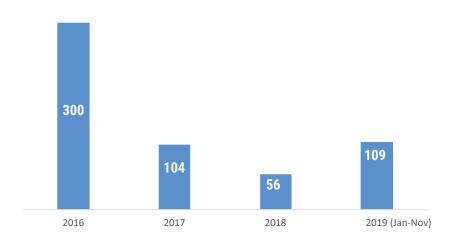
^{**} Includes all people who had any of their property, other than their residence, demolished. Displaced and affected are mutually exclusive categories, i.e. people counted under the former are not included in the latter.

DEMOLITION/SEIZURE OF DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES - NOVEMBER 2019

Date	Community	Governorate	Type of structure	Number of structures	Type of incident	Estimated cost in Euros
21 November	Khallet Al Thaba'	Hebron	Residential shelter	1	Demolition M01797*	9,282
18 November	Jabal al Baba	Jerusalem	Agricultural road	1	Demolition	N/A
11 November	Al Muntar	Jerusalem	Mobile latrine	1	Seizure	983
6 November	Maghayir al Abeed	Hebron	Animal shelter	2	Seizure	N/A
6 November	Maghayir al Abeed	Hebron	Livelihood tents, incl. equipment	2	Seizure	2,933
Total				7		13,198

^{*} It allows the demolition/seizure of unlicensed structures deemed as "new", within 96 hours after the issuance of a removal notice.

TARGETED DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES



DEMOLITION OR STOP-WORK ORDERS AFFECTING DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES NOVEMBER 2019

Date	Community	Governorate	Type of structure	Number of structures	Type of incident	Estimated cost in Euros
14 November	Khan al Ahmar - Mihtawish	Jerusalem	Kindergarten	1	Stop-work order	19,291
12 November	Fasayil al Wusta	Jericho	Caravan	1	Stop-work order	7,838
3 November	Maghayir al Abeed	Hebron	Residential shelter	3	M01797*	39,764
Total				5		66,893

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