



Demolition of residential structure in Anata ©Photo by OCHA.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of Palestinian-owned structures demolished or seized in June 2022 is the highest monthly total this year, and represents a 48 per cent increase compared with the monthly average of such structures demolished or seized since the beginning of the year.
- However, during the first half of 2022, the rate of structures demolished or seized and people displaced has declined by 8 and 17 percent respectively, compared with the same period in 2021.
- There has been a 47 per cent decrease in the targeting of EU-funded structures in the first six months of 2022, compared with equivalent period in 2021.
- June marked a record month for the issuance of demolition orders, particularly against EU-funded structures, with a total of 55 such structures placed at risk of demolition.
- On 23 June, the Humanitarian Coordinator *a.i.*, called for a halt to demolitions, military activities and other increasingly coercive measures against the Palestinians living in Massafer Yatta.

OVERVIEW

In June 2022, the Israeli authorities demolished, seized or forced people to demolish 96 Palestinian-owned structures across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, twenty of which had been provided as donor-funded humanitarian aid. As a result, 79 people, including 36 children, were displaced, and the livelihoods or access to services of about 6,400 others were affected. All but two of the structures were targeted for lacking building permits, which are nearly impossible for Palestinians to obtain in Area C and East Jerusalem. 84 of the structures were in Area C, 10 were in East Jerusalem, and two were punitively demolished in Area B.

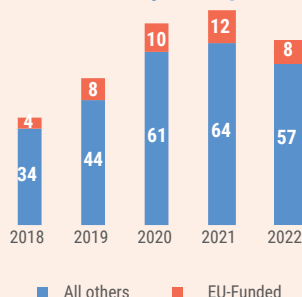
The rate of structures demolished or seized and people displaced in the first half of 2022 (388 structures and 491 people displaced) has declined slightly by 8 and 17 per cent respectively, compared to the same period in 2021, when 423 structures were demolished or seized and 589 people were displaced.

Of the 20 donor-funded structures demolished or seized in June 2022, eleven were funded by the EU or its Member States, for a total value of more than 18,600 euros; all of them were in Area C. Most of the destruction occurred in Ibziq (Tubas), an area designated by the Israeli authorities as a ‘firing zone’ for military training, and where Palestinian communities are at risk of forcible transfer (see below). Another 55 structures funded by the EU or its Member States, valued more than 222,000 euros, received stop-work or demolition orders, the highest number of humanitarian aid structures placed at risk of demolition in a single month, since OCHA began recording the practice in Date. The majority of these structures were in Massafer Yatta, southern Hebron.

Twenty-eight of the 96 structures demolished or seized in June were in herding communities in Israeli-designated ‘firing zones.’ Nearly 30 per cent of Area C is designated as such, and the 38 Palestinian communities in these training areas are among the most vulnerable in the West Bank, with limited access to essential services and basic infrastructure. In the herding community of Ibziq, in the northern Jordan Valley, the Israeli authorities demolished 19 structures, five of which had

STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED

Monthly Averages



JUNE FIGURES

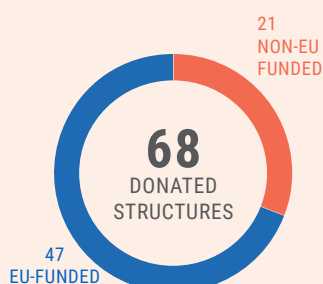
STRUCTURES TARGETED

East Jerusalem	10
Area C	84
Area B	2
Area A	0

PEOPLE IMPACTED

Displaced	79
Affected	6,467

ASSISTANCE DEMOLISHED/SEIZED IN 2022



been provided as humanitarian assistance by the EU or its Member States in response to previous demolitions. 23 households, comprising 143 people, including 62 children, were affected.

In Khirbet al Fakheit and Mirzek, both in the Massafer Yatta area of southern Hebron, the Israeli authorities demolished a total of nine structures, all of which had been provided as donor-funded humanitarian aid in response to previous demolitions. As a result, 38 people, including 16 children, were displaced. On 4 May, the Israeli High Court of Justice approved the eviction of Palestinians living in Massafer Yatta, putting 1,144 people, including 569 children, at imminent risk of forcible transfer. On 23 June, the Humanitarian Coordinator *a.i.*, [called](#) for a halt to demolitions, military activities and other increasingly coercive measures, so that residents can remain in their homes in safety and dignity.

In June, of the 96 structures targeted, two were seized without warning in Area C, preventing the owners from objecting in advance. This represents a significant decrease in the use of this procedure compared with the monthly average of seized structures (35 structures) during the first half of 2021.

Additionally, in the Area C communities of Ni'lin and Bir Zeit (both in Ramallah) and Al Buweib (Hebron), the Israeli authorities demolished a total of four structures based on Military Order 1797, which provides only a 96-hour notice and very limited grounds for legally challenging a demolition. This affected five households, comprising 24 people, including 12 children. A total of 201 Palestinian-owned structures have been demolished based on this order, since it came into effect in July 2019.

Ten structures, including five homes, were demolished in East Jerusalem: eight were demolished by the Jerusalem Municipality and two by the owners, following the issuance of demolition orders. On 1 June, the authorities demolished a home in Al 'Isawiya, displacing two households comprising eight people, including four children, and affecting another two households of two people. The households had been paying fines as a penalty for lacking Israeli-issued building permits.

In the first six months of 2022, the proportion of structures demolished by their owners in East Jerusalem, following the issuance of demolition orders, reached 44 per cent, up from an average of 35 per cent in the previous five years. This is attributed to new Israeli legislation, which limits the authority of Israeli courts to intervene and enables the Jerusalem Municipality to exert pressure on families to demolish their properties themselves.

On 1 June, the Israeli authorities punitively demolished a residential structure in Ya'bad (Jenin), in Area B, home to the family of a Palestinian who had killed five people in Israel in month/year, before being shot dead. Two apartments were destroyed; as a result one household of five, including one child, was displaced, and another household of seven, including three children, was otherwise affected. During the operation, clashes were reported between Palestinian residents, who threw stones at Israeli forces who fired live ammunition, killing one Palestinian man and injuring another, who later died of wounds. On 8 June, the Israeli High Court of Justice approved the punitive demolition of the family homes of two Palestinians indicted for killing an Israeli settlement guard in April 2022. Since the beginning of 2022, six homes have been demolished on punitive grounds, compared with three in all of 2021 and seven in 2020. Punitive demolitions are a form of collective punishment and as such are illegal under international law as they target the families of a perpetrator, or alleged perpetrator, who are not involved in the alleged act.

Additionally, on 7 June, the Israeli authorities sealed off an under-construction artesian water well in Area B in Beit Lid village (Tulkarm), without any prior notice. The well was intended to replace an old well that is used as the main drinking water source of at least 1,000 Palestinian families in the community.

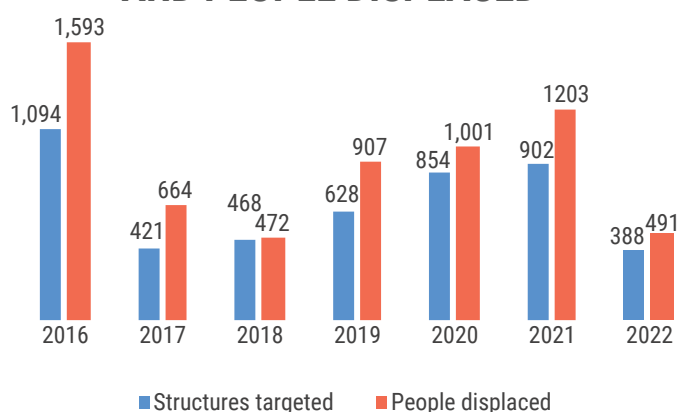
WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS / SEIZURES JUNE 2022

	Structures demolished	People displaced*		People Affected**	
		All	Children	All	Children
East Jerusalem	10	14	6	59	27
Area C	84	60	29	401	193
Area B	2	5	1	6,007	2,643
Area A	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL**	96	79	36	6,467	2,863

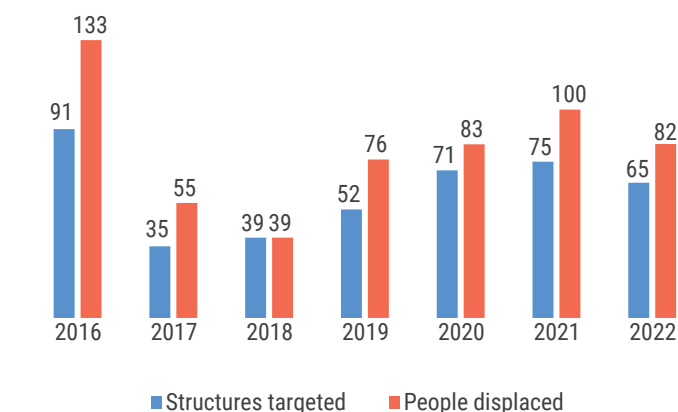
* Includes all people who had a structure demolished which was used as their habitual place of residence.

** 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.

TOTAL STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED*



MONTHLY AVERAGES OF STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED



DEMOLITION/SEIZURE OF EU-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES JUNE 2022

Date	Community	Governorate	Type of structure	Number of structures	Type of incident	Estimated cost in Euros
14 June	Al Ganoub	Hebron	One residential tent	1	Confiscation	2,456.25*
27 June	lbziq	Tubas	Two residential structures, two mobile latrines and 150-metre-long water network	5	Demolition	8,077.99
28 June	At Taybe	Hebron	Two livelihood tents	2	Confiscation	2,415.25
29 June	South 'Anata Bedouins	Jerusalem	Three Residential structures	3	Demolition	5,704.90
Total				11		18,654.39

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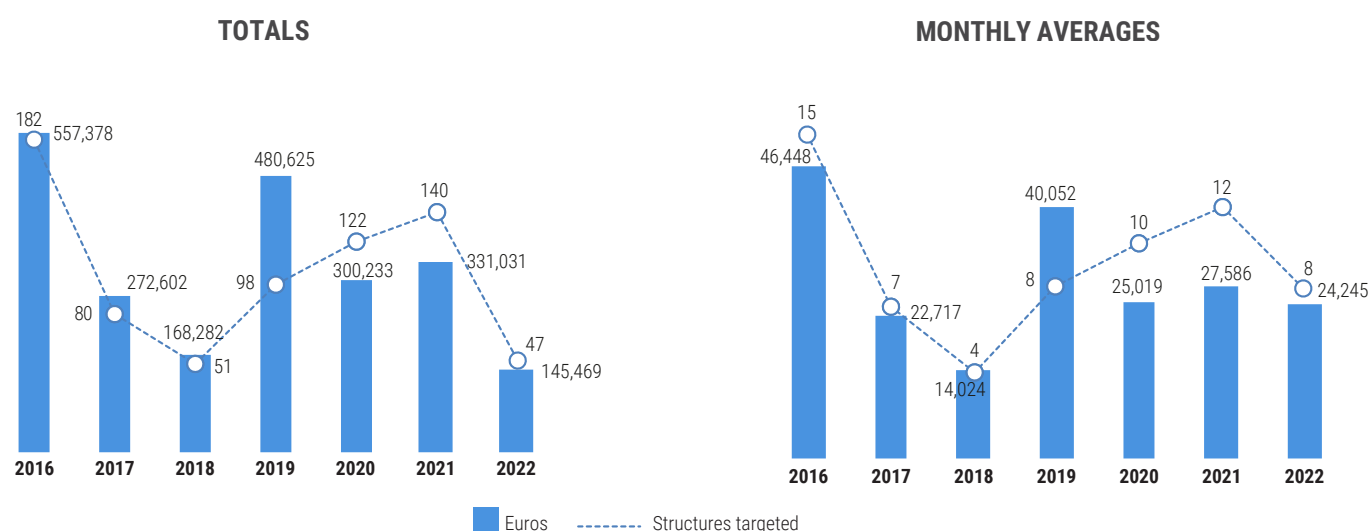
DEMOLITION/STOP-WORK ORDERS AFFECTING EU-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES JUNE 2022

Date	Community	Governorate	Type of structure	Number of structures	Type of incident	Estimated cost in Euros
6 June	Khirbet At Tabban	Hebron	Seven residential shelters	7	Demolition orders	21,700.00
13 June	Ar Rakeez	Hebron	One residential shelter	1	Stop-work order	4,237.29
14 June	Al Ganoub	Hebron	One residential shelter	1	Demolition order	11,000.00
16 June	Khallet Athaba	Hebron	One road and two water cisterns	3	Demolition order	52,850.00
16 June	Khallet Athaba	Hebron	Six water cisterns, 12 residential structures, one animal shelter one water network, six mobile latrines, one school with WASH facilities, two roads, three residential tent covers	32	Demolition order	90,534.52
16 June	Khallet Athaba	Hebron	Two water cisterns, five latrines, one water network	8	Demolition order	30,667.80
28 June	Ar Rakeez	Hebron	Three residential shelters	3	Stop-work order	11,965.00
Total				55		222,954.61

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EU-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED AND CUMULATIVE LOSSES*



* The amounts include the cost of items such as trees, water tanks, fencing units and uninstalled equipment, which are not counted as structures in OCHA's tracking system.

This is an internal note prepared by OCHA as part of a project initiated and funded by the European Commission (ECHO). It provides a monthly overview of developments concerning the demolition of structures and the displacement of people in the West Bank, particularly in Area C and East Jerusalem, by the Israeli authorities. It also provides disaggregated information on the demolition, threat of demolition and seizure of structures, and other humanitarian assistance funded by the European Union or by any of its member states.

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