

Day 126: Jerusalem during "Al-Aqsa Flood" Operation

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On the 126th day of "Al-Aqsa Flood Operation", the occupation authorities imposed their restrictions on the entry of Muslims to Al-Aqsa Mosque to perform the Friday prayer, and the Abu Sbitan family self-demolished their house by decision of the Ministry of the Interior, and the raids into the neighborhoods and towns of the city of Jerusalem continued.

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center – Jerusalem explained that the occupation forces deployed their elements and set up barriers in the streets of the city of Jerusalem and the neighborhoods near Al-Aqsa and the Old City, and were stationed at the gates of the mosque and the Old City, and stopped those coming to Al-Aqsa, especially the young men and women, and prevented hundreds of them from entering.

The forces pushed and beat a group of worshipers during their attempt to enter and pray in Al-Aqsa.

Because of the prohibition and restrictions imposed on the entry of the worshipers, especially the young ones, the prayer was held in the neighborhood of Ras Al-Amoud and on the thresholds of some of the gates of Al-Aqsa.

The Islamic Endowment Department estimated the number of worshipers who performed the Friday prayer at 20 thousand worshippers.

As for the Friday Dawn prayer, the forces prevented hundreds of worshipers from entering Al-Aqsa, so they performed the prayer on the way to the Yusufiya Cemetery after forcibly removing them from the vicinity of the gates of the Old City and Al-Aqsa.

Demolition for the Abu Sbitan family

The Jerusalemite Abdullah Abu Sbitan self-demolished his house in the town of Al-Tur, by decision of the Ministry of Interior.

Abu Sbitan explained that the occupation authorities only gave him 20 days to implement the demolition order, otherwise its vehicles and crews will do so and he must pay "demolition fees

and costs", so he was forced to carry out the demolition by himself.

Abu Sbitan explained that parts of his house have been established since 2011, and 4 years ago he added a room to expand the apartment, then the Ministry of the Interior issued the demolition order, and rejected all attempts at licensing.

He added that the municipality imposed on him a construction fee of NIS 30,000, and he has been paying the monthly payments.

Abu Sbitan lives with his family of 5 members including "3 children, the oldest is 6 years old and the youngest is no more than two months old".

Raids

The occupation authorities also continued to raid the neighborhoods and towns in the city of Jerusalem, and set up checkpoints in the streets of the city.

The forces arrested two young men from the Herods Gate area, and a young woman from the Lions Gate area.