

Day 278 Jerusalem during "Al-Aqsa Flood" Operation

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On the 278th day of "Al-Aqsa Flood Operation", the occupation municipality's bulldozers demolished a residential building in the village of Umm Tuba in Jerusalem, and a session was held to consider the evacuation of 7 residential apartments in Silwan for the benefit of settlers, and settlers' raids on Al-Aqsa Mosque continued.

Demolishing an under-construction building

The occupation municipality crews, accompanied by large police forces and special units, stormed the village of Umm Tuba, south of Jerusalem, and surrounded an under-construction building for the Qunbar family under the pretext of "building without a permit." After closing the roads leading to it and imposing a complete siege on it, the bulldozers began the demolition process, which lasted for several hours.

The family began the construction process two years ago, and a fine for "building without a license" was imposed on them, and they tried to obtain a building permit to no avail.

A hearing session in the District Court

On Wednesday morning, a session was held in the District Court to consider the appeal submitted by the Al-Rajabi families, against the decision to evict them from their homes in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood in the town of Silwan, in favor of the settlers.

Yazid Ka'war, a lawyer for the people of the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood, said that the court considered the appeal submitted by the Al-Rajabi families against the decisions to evict them from their homes, "7 residential units," housing 57 individuals from the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood in Silwan.

Ka'war added that during the session he called for the cancellation of the eviction decisions, stressing that they were "illegal and unjust decisions."

Ka'war added that the settlers claim that the land in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood is a "Jewish endowment," and these are false claims.

Ka'war pointed out that the Israeli courts rejected Palestinian requests in which they demanded their endowment properties – the opposite of what happens with Israeli claims.

Jabr Al-Rajabi – one of those threatened with eviction – said: “The settlers’ lawyer demanded during the session that the people leave their homes in exchange for “financial compensation,” but we reject that. We reject compensation and displacement. This is our land. We were born in these homes and we will remain in them.”

The homes of the Al-Rajabi families are part of the “Ateret Cohanim” plan to control 5200 square meters of the “Batn al-Hawa” neighborhood, under the pretext of their ownership by Jews from Yemen since 1881. The “Ateret Cohanim” association claims that the Israeli Supreme Court approved the ownership of the land of Batn Al-Hawa neighborhood by Jews from Yemen.

The land of the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood – which is threatened with confiscation and eviction of residents – has more than 35 residential buildings built on it, inhabited by about 80 families, and all residents have lived in the neighborhood for decades, after purchasing the lands and properties from their previous owners with official documents.

Arrests...extension of arrest

The lawyers of the Wadi Hilweh Information Center – Jerusalem, Siraj Abu Arafa and Firas Al-Jabrini, explained that the forces arrested 4 boys from Jerusalem, two days after their release.

Mohammad Mahmoud, the lawyer of the Wadi Hilweh Information Center – Jerusalem, explained that the court extended the detention of the Jerusalemite woman, Zeina Barbar, until tomorrow, Thursday, noting that she was arrested yesterday from Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Al-Aqsa

On Wednesday, 194 settlers carried out their incursions into Al-Aqsa, through the Dung Gate, the keys of which have been controlled by the occupation authorities since the occupation of the city of Jerusalem.