

Day 45: Al-Aqsa Flood Operation in the city of Jerusalem

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On the 45th day of “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation, the occupation forces demolished an under-construction building in the village of Al-Z’ayem, east of Jerusalem, while the siege imposed on Al-Aqsa Mosque continued amid continued settlers’ incursions into it.

Demolishing an under-construction building

The forces, accompanied by bulldozers, stormed the village of Al-Z’ayem, east of Jerusalem, and surrounded an under-construction residential building belonging to the Abulhawa family.

The bulldozers demolished the 4-storey building.

Continuous siege

For 44 days, the forces have been imposing strict restrictions on Al-Aqsa Mosque, stationing themselves at all of its gates, placing iron barriers over them, and deploying on the roads leading to it.

The forces prevent entry to Al-Aqsa, except for the Islamic Endowment employees and the elderly.

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center - Jerusalem reported from worshipers that the forces tightened the procedures imposed on the entry of worshipers to Al-Aqsa, especially at the dawn prayers, and prevented young men and elderly worshipers from entering it, and restricted entry to Lions Gate - one of the gates of the Old City, “for the elderly residents of the Old City”.

Worshipers added: “Strict measures, arrest and field investigation, and a complete ban on young men entering the mosque.”

The forces also continue to be present at the gates of the Old City, on its roads, and in the streets adjacent to it.

Raids and arrests

Crews from the municipality and special forces stormed the village of Issawiya and toured its neighborhoods.

The occupation forces stormed houses for freed prisoners in Issawiya, completely searched them, and then imposed 7 fines on them, ranging in value from 470–740 shekels. The violations were “the presence of a dryer in an inappropriate place, the house’s storeroom is untidy, the presence of dirt on the roof of the house, in addition to canceling licenses of a vehicle and a motorcycle.”

The arrests continued in the city of Jerusalem, and the center monitored the arrest of:

1. Mohammad Zghayyar
2. Mohammad Shabaneh
3. Jihad Hadreh
4. Mahdi Abulhawa
5. Siraj Abu Sbitan
6. Mus’ab Hadreh
7. A young man from the village of Issawiya