

## Coercive Environment in East Jerusalem

1. Israel occupied the West Bank including East Jerusalem in 1967 in a violation of International Law. the illegal annexation of East Jerusalem is not recognized by the international community which considers East Jerusalem an integral part of the occupied Palestinian territories.<sup>1</sup>
2. In 1967, Israel carried out its first population census in occupied Jerusalem. Approximately 30.000 Palestinian inhabitants of occupied East Jerusalem, including many displaced persons, were absent during the that census. Israeli occupation authorities did not enter them into the population register and, thus, deprived them of the right to return.<sup>2</sup>
3. About 140.000 Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank got their Residency revoked between 1967-1994<sup>3</sup>. Between 1967 - 2015, Israel revoked 14.556 permanent resident status from Palestinians living in East Jerusalem.
4. Since 1967, Israel created a coercive environment which pressures the Palestinians in Jerusalem to leave East Jerusalem to other areas trying to avoid that environment. Home demolitions, evictions, residency revocation, administrative detention, child abduction and other violations are elements of the Coercive Environment.
5. Under the pretext of security, Israel has since 2003 constructed the Wall in occupied East Jerusalem in a manner that serves its "demographic balance" policy, the Wall separated areas with large Palestinian population from the city, such as; Kufur Aqab, Shufat Refugee Camp and others.
6. In August 2017, Israel already passed a law in its first (Out of three) Kinnest reading to exclude Kufur Aqab and Shufat Refugee Camp from its jurisdictional area. A big population of the East Jerusalem's Palestinian residents has been forced to move into the East Jerusalem neighbourhoods cut off by the Wall due to Israel's discriminatory housing and residency policies which can be described in short as "Coercive Environment".

1 See: UN Security Council resolutions 476 ,471 ,267 ,252 and 478.

2 Facing Persecution, Palestinians in Occupied Jerusalem, a study of the Arab Thought Forum, Prepared by Ingrid Jaradat, November 2016.

3 Israel Admits It Covertly Canceled Residency Status of 140.000 Palestinians ,See :<http://www.haaretz.com/israel-admits-it-covertly-canceled-residency-status-of-000-140-palestinians1.360935->