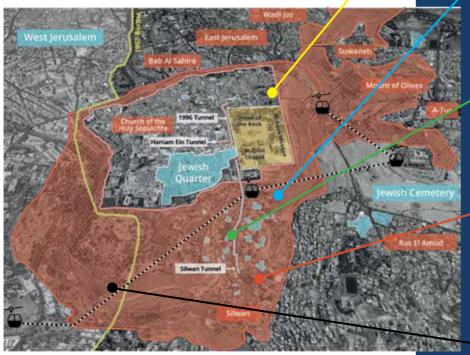


50 YEARS

OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY OCCUPATION OF EAST JERUSALEM

Israeli settler-colonial policies in occupied East Jerusalem extend from three central strategies: The first creates a Jewish majority in the city through establishing "Jewish only" settlements; the second pursues the same goal by reducing the Palestinian population through policies that either forcefully evict Palestinians from Jerusalem or impede their growth and development as a community; the third isolates East Jerusalem and divides the West Bank into two parts. A policy of spatial colonial segregation reduces the visibility, if not the demographic ratio, of the Palestinian presence in their city.



Raids on Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound / Al-Haram Al-Sharif

The Israeli government has allowed Israeli extremists to invade Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, the third holiest site in Islam and a symbol for all Palestinians. In 2016 alone, Israeli extremists made 14,800 incursions into the compound.

Colonial Settlement Installations (outposts)

The Israeli government, together with settler organizations, is creating an arc of settlements that surround the Old City. Currently, there are 83 settlement installations within the walls of the Old City, in addition to 87 installations in Silwan neighborhood, and approximately 160 installations in other neighborhoods around the Old City.

Settlement Tunnels and Excavations

Excavation work is continuing nonstop on three tunnels adjacent to Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Old City: a new 720-meter tunnel that stretches from Silwan to Al-Aqsa Mosque. Another 100-meter-long tunnel stretches from Hammam Al-Ein toward Al-Aqsa Mosque. And the expansion of the "Western Wall" tunnel beneath the Buraq Wall, which is a part of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Talmudic Gardens - Declaration of "National Parks"

As a tool to control land in the city of Jerusalem, Israel declares certain areas to be "National Parks." In 1974, Israel declared a 1,100-dunum (270-acre) plot of land near the Old City to be the Jerusalem Walls Park. In 2000, a 165-dunum (40-acre) plot of land on Mount Scopus was declared Tzurim Valley Park. Israel plans to declare a 467-dunum (115-acre) plot of land to be the Mount of Olives Park.

Cable Car Project

The Israeli government's settlement-infrastructural cable car project is designed to operate within Jerusalem's discriminatory transportation system to serve the Israeli population, in particular, Israeli settlers and Israeli-hosted tourists. The project will link West Jerusalem to the Old City, south of Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Mount of Olives, and Gethsemane Church.

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