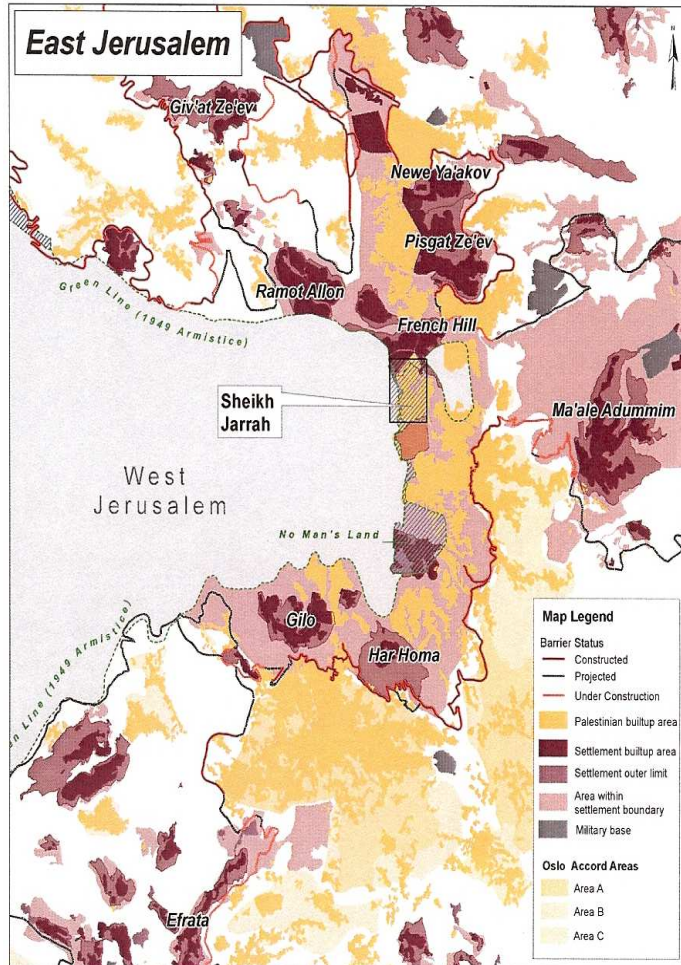


Al-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood:

It's a Palestinian neighborhood northern the Old city, and eastern the Occupied Jerusalem. 2700 Palestinians live there, where there are several popular places as the Orient House, the American Colony Hotel, the Palestinian National Theater and many other places for diplomatic and international missions. Accordingly, Israeli settlers have tried since 1972 to presence in the area by appropriate lands and houses which include Shepherded Hotel and enclosed lands as Karm Al-Mufti, Qubaniet Em Haroon and Karm Al-Ajlouni. In order to have the chance to do so they used complicated legal systems and tools which facilitate Israeli organizations settlement activities. In some cases settlement organizations used the Israeli laws in order to approve their ownership for the appropriation lands before the year 1948. Since the British mandate, East Jerusalem neighborhoods as Al-Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, Wade Al-Joz and Mount Scopus were goals for the Zionist settler-colonialism activities where they built the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus in 1925. Moreover, they built several Israeli's official buildings, army headquarters, buildings for the Hebrew University and the French Hill settlement. According to "Eir Amim" statistics around 2500 settlers live in these neighborhoods. Also, Israeli's organizations plan to exceed this number through all ways such as overtaken houses, build more settlements...est¹. In 1999 (6) houses were overtaken by the Israeli organization "Zion Settlers" and on November 2008 and under the Israeli Army protection **Al-Kurd Family** (Ms. Em Kamel Al-Kurd and Mouhamad Al-Kurd) was evacuated from their house after the Israeli Supreme Court gave the approval.



¹ According to the Fourth Geneva Convention article 49 "Individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory to the territory of the Occupying Power or to that of any other country, occupied or not, are prohibited, regardless of their motive". Also, in 1980 the Security Council (SC) ensures with the resolution number 465 the illegality of settlements.

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This same court didn't approve the Palestinians refugee's rights to regain their appropriation lands and properties which were overtaken by the groups of settlements.

The last evacuation activities in Al-Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood were on 27/11/2009, where Israeli's settlers attacked **Mr. Nabil AL-Kurd** house at **2:00 am** (which was closed by the Israeli's court order for 9 years). They **attacked his mother Rifka Al-Kurd** where she was injured and taken to hospital accordingly. Also, they damaged and threw out their furniture's and properties outside the house.²



In addition, settlement groups takeover **Hanoon and Al-Ghawi** houses on 2/8/2009, under the protection of the Israeli's police and army. Where 53 Palestinians were forcibly displaced of which 20 were children.³ The settlements organizations oversight these houses in order to built more settlements in the area. These organizations and groups seek to takeover at least another 24 buildings where 400 Palestinians live there. And so, 500 Palestinians in Al-Saikh Jarrah



threatened if these activities carried out to be displaced. In order to implement these plans, 540 residency buildings will be built, where settlers claim their ownership for 18 acres around the historical Grave in the middle of Al-Sheikh Jarrah (Shim'oun Hatsedeq). And there is another plan to destroy 28 Palestрина's houses in order to build 200 settlements unites according to the Jerusalem Municipality plan number 12750. While one of the settlements organizations has already takeover many buildings in the area, where they have dwelled 40 settlers and have built a Jewish religious school for 50 students since 1999.

² <http://web.alquds.com/docs/pdf-docs/2009/11/27/page2.pdf>

³ <http://web.alquds.com/docs/pdf-docs/2009/8/3/page1.pdf>
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Palestinians who are threatened with displaced and eviction in Al-Sheikh Jarrah are refugees live there since 1956 according to an agreement between ANRWA and the Jordanian Ministry of Housing. These Palestinians were displaced from what they call it now West Jerusalem in 1948 where their houses and properties were taken and they can't get them again.

Qubaniat Em Haroon: there is a settlement organization claims its ownership for a part of Qubaniat Em Haroon lands. Where it's located between the green line and Nablus Street, its square 8 acres, 33 buildings were built on it, 175 Palestinian live in these buildings all of them are refugees of the year 1948 from many places in Palestine. On 26/7/2009 some settlers with the protection of the Israeli's police takeover one of the empty buildings although the lawsuits are still in the courts. **2 Palestinians** were injured in that day and in the protests after that.⁴ In 1971 a settlement organization claimed its ownership for Abu Ktaish Family house and so raised a lawsuit in the Israeli court. Accordingly Abu Ktaish family appointed an Israeli lawyer named "Aved Slanger". He didn't attend the court hearings and so a sentence in absentia was taken to leave the house during 1 year and 6 months. The family refused the sentence till the year 2000 where a settlement group resumed the case in the court. In 2006 the sentence was taken to evacuate the house and pay NIS 140,000. Abu Ktaish Family tried to resume the sentence but the court refused it and issued to leave the house on 15/10/2009 and paid NIS 7500 as a fees. Accordingly, Abed Al-Rahman Ktaish house was evacuated on 15/10/2009 and settlements instead live now in his house.



Shepherd hotel/ Karm Al-

Mufti:

the hotel and the land surrounding related to Al-Husani Family which is named on the name of Mr. Amin Al-Hussani who was one of Jerusalem religious men in the twentieth of this century. In 1967 and after occupying East Jerusalem (EJ), Israeli's authority

takeover the hotel and the lands surrounding, whereas Mr. Amen's children are still alive and live in Jerusalem till now. Then in 1985 they transfer the ownership of it to a settlement organization when the Israeli millionaire (Irfeg Moscoufetsh) bought it from Custodian of Absentee Property. He rented it to the Israeli police to be their HQ. Also, in collaboration with a settlement organization called "Atareet

⁴ Look at the map illustration, page 5 of the report.

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Kohneem” and C&M Company for real estate they plan to build 90 settlements unites a Synagogue, a kindergarten and a park according to Jerusalem Municipality (JM) order number 11536.

The built request was submitted to JM and they gave the approval on October 2005. On November 2006 the Israeli monuments committee recommended to demolish the hotel because there is no historic significance for it. Karm Al-Mufti square 40 acres in addition to 110 acres extend to the bottom of the mountain. It's plant with olives trees. The Israeli Lands Administration (ILA) transfers the lands ownership to “Atareet Kohaneem (AK)” organization illegally as the Palestinians ownership of the lands and the Arabs Hotel organization document in the warrant they submitted to the Israeli Supreme Court. ILA gave AK organization the right to carry out agriculture work on the land although they don't have the experience in such a work. It should be noted that ILA didn't own the lands which they rented to AK organization. After 40 years of the threatening of appropriate the lands, the appropriation take place actually on March 2007. The Minster of the Interior (Abraham Harshon) singed the appropriation order under the pretext that the lands will be used for popularly needs (Ha'arets Newspaper, 20/8/2007) which classified as a “green lands”.⁵ The main reasons for that are to build the Jewish neighborhood on the lands and establish the urban communication between the Israeli government HQ (northern the Shepherd Hotel) with “Al-Sadeq Shim'on” area in the south.

⁵ The green lands: are the lands that JM indicated in order to save lands for trees in the city, where the building construction is prohibited. But in Jerusalem these areas are indicated in order to limit the Palestinians natural growth near settlements because any of the green lands that were indicated haven't cultivated. By that they can use these lands in the future if there is a need to extend the settlements in the area. For example: Abu-Gneum Mountain was indicated as a green lands but they built “Har Houma” settlement there. Also, in Shu'fat they built “Ramat Shlomo” settlement in another indicated green lands. The statistics show that 44% of Palestinians lands in East Jerusalem are indicated as a green lands, while 6% of them only used for the popular needs.

Map illustration:

