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## Israeli Occupation Authorities Forcibly Displaced Residents of Sheikh Jarrah Neighborhood

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (<u>AOHR UK</u>) said that the Israeli occupation authorities are pursuing a policy of forced displacement of Palestinian citizens to the east and west of occupied Jerusalem, through arbitrary decisions to confiscate or prohibit their use of land, demolishing homes, and eviction decisions, in addition to racial <u>discrimination</u> and exposing Palestinians to violence, persecution and assault, while expanding <u>settlements</u>.

AOHR UK stated that the occupation authorities are seeking to displace the families of Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, established by the Jordanian Ministry of Construction and UNRWA in 1956 north of old Jerusalem.

An Israeli court rejected the appeal of three families from the neighborhood, against the decision issued by the Magistrate's Court to evict them. The court gave the three families a notice until August to evict their homes.

In February, the Central Court issued a decision against four other Palestinian families in the same neighborhood to vacate their homes, no later than the beginning of May.

The policy of <u>displacement</u> threatens 28 families in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood carried out by settlement associations in collusion with the Israeli judiciary, which recently issued the aforementioned decisions against seven families, including 55 individuals, 18 of them are children, while obliging each family to pay 20,000 shekels for the fees of the lawyers and the court.

AOHR UK emphasized that forced eviction and forced <u>displacement</u> are grave crimes which constitute a breach of international humanitarian law, no matter what justifications the occupation authorities try to give. These violations and crimes require the international community to reject it completely and to stop providing any kind of



assistance that leads to the imposition of a fait accompli policy or the consecration of those policies.

AOHR UK called on the <u>international community</u> to take urgent and effective actions to ensure that the Israeli occupation authorities comply with international humanitarian law, and to oblige those authorities to immediately cease the practice of forced displacement, settlement expansion and all policies which violate the rights of the residents protected under international law.

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