

# *Israel Issues Demolition Orders in West Bank*

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Ramallah, July 24 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime has given the green light for the demolition of five more homes in the occupied West Bank, claiming the buildings have been constructed without permission. The houses are located in the town of Jit in northern West Bank, near Nablus, and Israeli authorities delivered the demolition orders to the owners of the homes on Wednesday, Palestinian Ma'an news agency reported.

The Tel Aviv regime wants Palestinians to obtain permit before building houses. Since Israel rarely issues building permits, Palestinian residents build structures without permission, which are later razed to the ground by Israeli forces.

According to the Palestinian NGO, Applied Research Institute Jerusalem, Jit has so far seen "numerous Israeli confiscations" for the construction of illegal Israeli settlements and the Israeli separation wall.

Reports say from 2000 to 2014, Israel has only issued 206 building permits for Palestinians. This as the Israeli regime destroyed at least 359 Palestinian structures in the West Bank throughout 2014, according to the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions.

Meanwhile, in a separate development on Wednesday, Israeli forces destroyed 450 olive trees, flattened land, and demolished a Roman-era water well in the village of Beit Ula, located northwest of the city of

Hebron, according to locals.

Three Israeli bulldozers also raided areas in western Beit Ula and destroyed crops, said Issa al-Imla, the coordinator of a local popular committee in the village.

The agriculture industry, olive cultivation in particular, provides livelihood for some 80,000 Palestinian families living in the West Bank. Israel has reportedly uprooted more than 800,000 olive trees in the occupied territories since 1967.

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