Punitive Home Demolitions 2014-2018

**1967-2004**
The Israeli Military demolishes some 2,000 homes as a punitive measure.

**2005**
The Minister of Defense instructs a cessation of the home demolition policy, finding it ineffective as a deterrent.

**2014**
Israel renews its use of home demolitions as a punitive measure in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Punitive demolitions target innocent people, the family members of those suspected of violent acts. As such they are a collective punishment, prohibited by international law.

- Completely demolished: 44
- Partially demolished: 10
- 16 neighboring homes suffered damage

Approximately 306 Palestinians (including 132 minors) have lost their homes since 2014.

Israel’s High Court of Justice consistently refrains from addressing the legality of the policy.

- 7 Punitive demolition or sealing orders cancelled following a High Court petition submitted by HaMoked
- 2 Punitive demolitions cancelled following an objection to the military

Israel also conducts administrative demolitions, destroying thousands of Palestinian homes built without permits, although often Palestinians cannot obtain building permits.