



## The True Story Behind the “Demolitions”

You may have heard of the demolition of ‘Palestinian’ homes that were illegally built right next to the security fence close to Jerusalem, posing a real security threat. All 12 buildings were said to have only three (possibly planted) occupants. If you look carefully at the picture you will notice that the building has gaping, open window frames.



*Illegal Palestinian structures in Wadi Hummus (YouTube)*

The UN, of course, is spouting the usual objections. As follows:

“Israeli demolition of 12 West Bank Palestinian structures in Wadi Hummus violates the Oslo Accords, five European members of the United Nations Security Council and an incoming member state said on Tuesday.

“We remain seriously concerned by the continued demolition of Palestinian property by Israeli authorities,” ambassadors from the nations said in a statement.

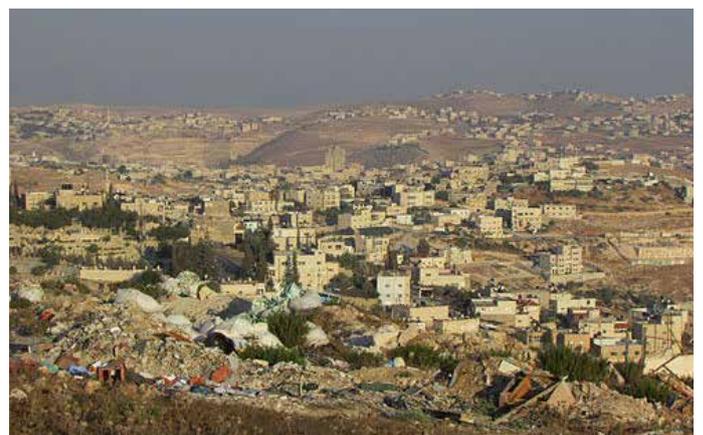
Such action “is contrary to international humanitarian law and UN Security Council resolutions.”

Israel has once again found itself under the magnifying glass of international glare, following Monday’s demolitions in Sur Bahir on the outskirts of Jerusalem in an area now known around the world as Wadi Hummus.

In the military operation that lasted from the predawn hours until nightfall, bulldozers were used to take down the structures as cameramen recorded the play-by-play that was then broadcast around the world.

It is important to point out that these were a few of the reported close to 25,000 *illegal* apartment-type buildings constructed throughout Judea and Samaria these past 5 - 10 years. The large majority of these buildings are empty shells...the purpose of which is to “create a presence” and take illegal occupancy of Israel’s land. They constitute a security threat because they are located too close to the security barrier. This is usually not explained, so it is important to have all of the facts before passing judgment on Israel.

The world has a short memory, not the least of which is why the security barrier exists in the first place. Built to protect Israelis from the plague of Palestinian suicide attacks in the early 2000s – some of them emanating from residents of the Sur Bahir area – the barrier has helped to drastically reduce the deadly attacks on Israeli civilians. (Portions taken from *JPost* article, July 2019).



*Zur Baher on the outskirts of East Jerusalem (CC BY-SA 4.0, Wikimedia Commons)*



*Israeli demolition of illegal Palestinian structures in Wadi Hummus (YouTube)*

Please take what you read in the press with a large grain of salt and be informed of the reality.

## **BDS bill passed in the US House of Representatives.**

The resolution, which passed on an overwhelming vote of 398-17, puts the House on record as opposing the Boycott, Divest and Sanctions movement and its efforts to target U.S. companies that do business with Israel. The House overwhelmingly approved a resolution Tuesday opposing an international effort to boycott Israel, a rare bipartisan vote as Democrats try to tamp down increasingly heated political rhetoric over differences with the longtime U.S. ally.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations applauded the vote, declaring that “Congress has taken a strong stand in support of Israel’s right to exist in safety and the Jewish people’s right to self-determination.”

AIPAC noted that 92% of the House voted “to condemn the BDS campaign as anti-Israel, anti-peace and damaging to U.S. interests” saying it was “representative of the broad, bipartisan support in Congress for Israel and the U.S.-Israel relationship.” (*The Associated Press and Allison Kaplan Sommer*)

***“In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues” (Psalm 31:20).***

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