

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Presents main Indicators of the Housing Sector in the Palestinian Territory on the Occasion of the Arab Housing Day in the First Monday of October 2010

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) presents main indicators of the Palestinian housing sector on Arab Housing Day. The marking of this day comes as a response to the decision of the Council of Arab Housing and Reconstruction Ministers in the framework of the League of Arab States to consider the First Monday of October each year as the Arab Housing Day.

The need for housing is one of the most critical needs for anyone especially for Palestinian citizens, who suffer from multiple problems in providing housing for their households because of Israeli measures that include: confiscation of land, expansion of settlements, the construction of the Expansion and Annexation wall, and the difficulty of obtaining licensed housing units. In addition, Palestinians face increasing difficulties as a result of repeated Israeli aggression and poor economic conditions especially in the Palestinian refugee camps.

PCBS presents the most important indicators of housing sector in the Palestinian Territory, based on the latest available updated information.

The Average Housing Density in the Palestinian Territory Reached 1.6 Person per Room in 2009

The average housing density in the Palestinian Territory amounted to 1.6 person per room in 2009; while the average for the West Bank reached 1.6 person per room compared with 1.8 person per room for the Gaza Strip. The average number of rooms in a housing unit was 3.6 in the Palestinian Territory.

More than 198 Buildings were Demolished in the West Bank Within the Framework of Israeli Collective Punishment and Land Confiscation in 2010

According to figures issued by the United Nations, Israeli occupation authorities demolished at least 198 Palestinian building in the West Bank in 2010, which led to the forced displacement of about 300 Palestinian, half of them children, while 600 others were affected from this housing demolition.

Regarding Jerusalem, data indicates that 17 housing demolition were carried out since the beginning of 2010, and that demolition led to the displacement of 50 Palestinians including 26 children.

Israeli occupation continue its policy of issuing orders for housing demolition in Jerusalem. Since

the beginning of 2010, Israelis issued orders for the demolition of 1,030 housing unit and that will result in the displacement of more than 2,600 Palestinians including about 1200 children.

The Number of Housing Units that are Expected in the Palestinian Territory in 2017 will Reach 1,124 Thousand

According to PCBS' housing projection, the number of needed housing units in 2017 is expected to reach 1,124,063 units with an increase of about 63% compared with housing figures in 2007. The projected needed housing units in the West Bank in 2017 is about 728, 881 units compared with 395,182 in the Gaza Strip.

The housing sector in the Palestinian Territory need about 470 thousand units over the next decade to meet the increasing demand for housing, according to projection of the Palestinian Investment Fund.