

Record number of Palestinian children displaced in West Bank in first half of 2025



Ramallah, July 23 (RHC)-- New analysis by Save the Children has found that more children were displaced in the occupied West Bank during the first half of this year due to the demolitions of their homes by Israeli forces compared with any other corresponding period since records began.

The organization said analysis of data on demolitions and displacement collected by OCHA showed 607 children were among the more than 1,200 people displaced in the first six months of 2025 in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The figure represented an increase from 542 during the same period in 2024 and 328 in the first half of 2023.

It also said that since the war on Gaza began, there had been a sharp rise in displacement of Palestinian families due to the destruction of homes, impacting more than 2,850 children.

“According to OCHA data, more than 10,300 children have been displaced in the West Bank since records began in 2009 due to demolition of their homes. Of those, nearly 80 percent of cases, or 8,200 children, were due to the fact their homes were built without Israeli-issued permits, which are almost impossible for Palestinians to obtain,” Save the Children said, calling it “part of a longstanding, systematic policy to annex parts of the West Bank.”

At a protest in Parliament Square in London, Fiona Smith from the Oxfam charity told Al Jazeera that after watching “atrocities after atrocities being perpetrated on civilians in Gaza”, the protesters want to signal to the British government that “enough is enough.”

“We want our politicians to move from words to action and actually make sure something tangible is put into place to make this violence stop,” she said. “From an Oxfam perspective, our own aid workers are so hungry at the minute that they’re sleeping all the time,” Smith said.

“We know that aid has not been able to get into Gaza since March; there are hundreds of trucks in the Rafah crossing and Jordan waiting to go and feed these hungry people, but they simply cannot get access,” she added.

“What has been put into place – the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation – is basically a killing foundation.”

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