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THE ONGOING PHENOMENON OF PALESTINIAN INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

By the end of 2021, out of the 9.1 million Palestinians forcibly displaced worldwide, 812,000 of them are internally displaced persons with 440,000 displaced inside what is now Israel and 373,000 displaced inside the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967.

Israel fosters a coercive environment through systematic policies and practices within a colonial-apartheid system to sustain ongoing Palestinian displacement.

In 2021, more than 1,200 Palestinians were internally displaced in the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli excessive use of force caused 117,000 Palestinian displacements in less than 10 days in May 2021. In the Naqab, 500 Palestinians of the unrecognized village of Ras Jrabah face the eminent threat of demolition and forced eviction.

The current size and socio-economic situation of Palestinian IDPs is difficult to assess due to reoccurring forced displacement and the absence of a dedicated and comprehensive monitoring and registration system. Therefore, BADIL calls on:

1. The mandate holder to investigate the issue of Palestinian internal displacement on both sides of the Green Line and submit the findings to the Human Rights Council;
2. And the Human Rights Council to take measures to hold Israel accountable, to prevent further Palestinian forced displacement, to establish a body to monitor and register Palestinian internal displacement and to provide Palestinian IDPs with the protection they are due.