

# World Week for Peace in Palestine & Israel

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## Demolitions and displacement



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- Destruction of private property is prohibited by Article 53, 4<sup>th</sup> Geneva Conventions. Demolitions are being used to forcibly transfer Palestinians out of certain areas of the occupied West Bank, East Jerusalem, and from areas within Israel itself.
- The United Nations reports a 4-fold increase in demolitions and evictions in the occupied Palestinian territory this year compared to last, carried out by the Israeli government.
- An average of 33 Palestinian-owned structures are being destroyed each week. 900 Palestinians were displaced between Jan-July. A further 11,000 structures are threatened with demolition orders.

To

MP/MSP

In reference to the facts on the front of this postcard, I am writing to you to express my extreme concern at the forced displacement of hundreds of Palestinians due to demolitions in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and parts of Israel, carried out by the Israeli government so far this year.

**Please will you do the following:**

Write to Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson MP requesting his response to the demolitions and displacement, and ask him what pressure the UK is putting on the Israeli government to stop these destructive policies.

Raise with your party the failure of the UK to exert sufficient pressure on Israel to end its illegal occupation of Palestinian land. Given that the UK has an obligation to ensure respect for international law, including imposing sanctions if necessary, ask how they intend to move forward with this in the future.

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*Date*

*Address*

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