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## **Local EU Statement on the eviction of the An-Natsha family in Beit Hanina, East-Jerusalem**

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah condemn the eviction of the An-Natsha family from their home in the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Beit Hanina on 18 April.

Moreover, EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah are deeply concerned by the plans to build a new settlement in the midst of this traditional Palestinian neighbourhood. Settlements are illegal under international law. The EU further recalls Article 49, paragraph 6, of the Fourth Geneva Convention which states that “the Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies”. The international community has repeatedly called upon Israel to cease settlement activity.

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