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Local EU Statement on demolitions

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah are seriously concerned by the demolition of nearly all structures in the herding community of Ein Al Hilweh / Um Al Jamal in Tubas District on 30 Jan, which resulted in the displacement of 66 people including 36 children.

These demolitions come in addition to other recent demolitions, such as the demolition of a home and a caravan in the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Beit Hanina on 27 Jan, which resulted in the displacement of 19 people, including 11 children. On 29 January, 2 houses and one animal barn were demolished in the village of al-Jiftlik al Musafah, rendering two families homeless.

As in their statement of 19 December 2013, the EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah recall the 16 December 2013 Council Conclusions as well as the 14 May 2012 Council Conclusions, in which the EU expressed grave concern at house demolitions and called upon Israel to meet its obligations regarding the living conditions of the Palestinian population in Area C, including by halting the forced transfer of population and demolitions of Palestinian housing and infrastructure.

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