



# Amman Center for Human Rights Studies Statement

## Israeli Supreme Court Verdict on Sheikh Jarrah Expulsions

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Twenty-eight Palestinian families were facing expulsion in their homes in Sheikh Jarrah. Last week, in an Israeli Supreme Court hearing, a verdict was reached: That Palestinians could continue staying in their houses in Sheikh Jarrah as “protected” tenants and would have to pay an annual fee of 1,500 NIS to the Jewish settlement company, Nahalat Shimon.

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### Expulsions in Sheikh Jarrah

The threatened expulsion of around 500 Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah has sparked global outrage. The 28 Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah have lived in their homes since 1956, after they had been expelled from their original homes in 1948. Protests began in 2020 after a court in Jerusalem issued eviction notices to several families in Sheikh Jarrah.

The case was brought before the Israeli Supreme Court last Monday, judges came to a proposal that Palestinians could stay in their homes in Sheikh Jarrah only if they were tenants, not owners, and will have to recognize that the property belongs to a Jewish settlement company. These families become “protected tenants” and cannot be evicted as long as they pay rent to the Jewish organization which legally owns the land.

Palestinian families have rejected the compromise claiming it ignores their right to own property. They claim that they are rightful owners to the property when it was guaranteed to them by Jordan after their displacement. They view the recent verdict as an agreement with settlers and not a fair solution, but rather one that prioritizes the needs of a settlement company.

### International Law & Human Rights Violations

This verdict is a violation of article 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that states that everyone has the right to own property and that they cannot be arbitrarily deprived of their property.

All settlement activities, including evictions and demolitions, are illegal under international law. Sheikh Jarrah is bought by Nahalat Shimon which plans to develop the area for Jewish settlement, the company’s lawyers and representatives maintain the belief that Jewish expansion into this area is necessary.

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies condemns illegal Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories and the Israeli Supreme Court’s lack of acknowledgment of Palestinians claims to property in the recent verdict on the expulsion of Palestinian families in Sheikh Jarrah.