



# IMPORTANT FACTS SHEET

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## Alqurmi Neighborhood in the Old City (AL-QUDS) *Danger of collapse, Judaization, and Displacement*

- Alqurmi is one of the old city neighborhoods, which is located between the valley and Attarin market. It is accessible through an Saraya Pass, Khalidiya Pass, or Bab al-Silsila. It is one of the targeted neighborhoods where Jewish settlers took over many Arab homes.

- The residents of the neighborhood confirmed that they heard the sounds of drillers working all night for 6 months or more. They started noticing the cracks in the walls, floors, and ceilings of their homes. They keep talking about tunnels dug under the ground based on the Jewish associations supervision which took over nearly five houses in the neighborhood.

- On the evening of Wednesday, 9/11/2013, the residents woke up on the sounds of the cracks in the walls and ceilings of their homes, which shelter more than 20 Jerusalemite families, specifically from the Loloya School building till the crossroads of the Alqurma and Al-Hakari, where the the basic walls of the premises collapsed. This led to serious cracks which threaten the existence of the buildings and the families there .

- The residents had to be evacuated from large parts of their homes. Some homes have been entirely evacuated in order to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe . It is well-known that the people of the old city of Jerusalem are low-income families that live separately. A part of the families lives in the home of relatives or neighbors, while the other part lives in another house in the old city because of the little space of the families' houses that provides assistance.

- After the engineering staff examined the damaged site in Jerusalem and followed up the occurred cracks, they confirmed that those cracks newly appeared in the houses after Saturday 09/14/2013, when the staff were present for examination and investigation for the second time in order to follow up the situation and developments in the field .

**Based on that, the engineering staff recommended the following:**

- Protecting the neighborhood residents from the dangers of damaged buildings and ensuring safe passes for the neighborhood pedestrians and residents.
- Developing plans and mechanisms to ensure the preservation of historical buildings and re-configure them for housing.

The initial estimations for rehabilitating and restoring the damaged buildings: around € 900,000 according to the following details:

Item	Expected cost
• equipment to secure the area and residents	€ 35,000
• laboratory tests to make sure that the collapses have stopped	€ 5,000
• mobile shoring with the possibility of work	€ 60,000
• rehabilitating and restoring buildings	€ 800,000
<b>Total Approximate total expected</b>	<b>€ 900,000</b>

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