



17 March 2017. The European Union is financing psychological help for people who suffer the traumatic experience of having their houses demolished without notice by the Israeli army.

1,094 demolitions were carried out last year, 2016, in the West Bank, more in one year than ever since [UNRWA](#), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, started collecting data in 2009.

In an interview in Brussels, Scott Anderson, the West Bank Operation Chief of UNRWA, told UNRIC that demolitions were usually carried out with virtually no advance warning. He gave as an example a recent demolition of an apartment block in the town of Betunia on the West Bank.

