

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 February 2013 – 28 February 2013

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 February 2013 to 28 February 2013. The report includes a summary table of events, classified by type, throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in addition to a comparative table surveying events over the past three months. The survey is compiled from the Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG) of the Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD) of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The PMG monitors ground conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Israeli and Palestinian violations. The PMG Daily Situation Reports are a survey of daily events collated from information provided by civil ministries and security agencies of the Palestinian National Authority. The information reported through the PMG process represents data available at the time of distribution only.

SAMPLE OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2013

- **01 February:**Israeli forces opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards several residents near the border fence in Jabaliya and injured 2 children aged 16 and 17.
- **02 February:** Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards demonstrators near the entrance gate of Kafr Qaddum village protesting against land confiscation and settlement expansion on land in Burin village and as a result injured Hakim Ishtawi (15 year old) after being struck in the face and chest by a tear gas grenade canisters leaving him hospitalised.
- **02 February:** Israeli Forces raided Burin village, opened fire towards several residents and as a result injured 2 children: Zakariya Al-Najar (16 years old) and Daoud Al-Zin (8 years old) including the 1 month old infant Alaa Qaddus who suffocated from tear gas inhalation and also Israeli forces assaulted and injured Nash'at Abdallah (61 years old) during which Israeli forces seized several tents installed by demonstrators and detained 6 residents including a child, a Security officer and a Civil defence officer.
- **05 February:** Qassam Al-Damini (20 years old) died at a hospital in Jerusalem from serious injuries sustained from being ran over by an Israeli military jeep in 2005 when he was 12 years old which seriously injured his head and left him in a coma
- **11 February:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and injured Baha Odeh (8 years old) leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **15 February:**Israeli forces positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint fired rubber coated steel bullets , stun and tear gas grenades towards residents for alleged stoning and injured Shadi Al-Tahan (16 years old) with serious head injuries during which confrontations erupted between residents and Israeli forces and as a result injured Nassar Ya'coub (17 years old) and Taha Abu Latif (16 years old).
- **20 February:**Rami Al-Talib, a resident of Al-Jalazun camp died of injuries sustained after being shot by Israeli forces in his spinal cord on October 20th 2000.
- **22February:**Israeli forces positioned near Ofar prison in Beituniya fired tear gas grenades towards several demonstrators and as a result injured 6 residents including Faris Hamadan (16 year old).
- **23 February:** Israeli forces positioned at the entrance of Al-Jalazun camp fired tear gas grenades towards several residents and as a result injured Mahmoud Maghmas (15 years old).
- **23 February:**Arafat Jaradat, a resident of Hebron died in Migdo prison after being detained from his home on February 18th 2013.
- **24February:** Israeli forces opened fire towards demonstrators ,who were protesting the death of Arafat Jaradat while in custody of Israeli prisons and in solidarity with Palestinian detainees, and as a result injured 21 residents including 2 children one of whom sustained critical injuries: Walid Al-Rih (16 years old), Yusef Jamil, Murad Kandah, and Mahmoud Al-Hadathi as well as leaving several others suffocated from tear gas inhalation.
- **24February:**Israeli forces opened fire towards several residents who were demonstrating near Bab Al-Zawiya area in Hebron protesting the death of Arafat Jaradat, who died in Migido prison, and as a result injured 14residents including 5 children and left several others suffocated from tea gas inhalation.
- **25 February:** Israeli forces positioned near Bilal Bin Rabah mosque located in north Bethlehem fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards residents and injured Oday Sarhan with critical injuries to the head as result of being struck with a tear gas grenade canister.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – FEBRUARY 2013

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassination	0	0	0	No assassinations were committed this month.
Killing	3	0	3	including: Arafat Jaradat who died in Magido prison on February 23rd 2013, a resident from Al-Jalazun camp who died of serious injuries sustained after being shot by Israeli forces in his spinal cord on October 20th 2000 and Qassam Al-Damini (20 years old) died at a hospital in Jerusalem from serious injuries sustained from being ran over by an Israeli military jeep in 2005 when he was 12 years old which seriously injured his head and left him in a coma.
Injuries	199	11	210	Injuries included 32 , children: 1 from being ran over by a settler vehicle, 4 from settler assaults, a journalist, 2 fishermen and 3 from being ran over by Israeli military jeeps
Attacks	287	34	310	The Israeli military carried out 11 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas, 269 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and 23 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy vessels carried out 12 attacks on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli military carried out 3 attacks from a military checkpoint. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians and property on 1 occasions
Raids	458	7	465	The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (30); Ramallah (31); Jenin (60); Tubas (7); Tulkarem (37); Qalqiliya (40); Nablus (70); Salfit (22); Jericho (22); Bethlehem (42); Hebron (97); North Gaza (2); Gaza (2); Khan Yunis (2) and Rafah (1).
Arrests	449	25	474	The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (112); Ramallah (40); Jenin (21); Tulkarem (15); Qalqiliya (26); Nablus (84); Salfit (21); Jericho (17); Bethlehem (62); Hebron (51); North Gaza (4); Gaza (4) and Central Gaza (17). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 68 children; 6 Women, 12 University students (including 2 females); 2fishermen; 3 Parliament members and 16 Security Officers.
Home Demolition	10	0	10	The Israeli military demolished a 4 floor building in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, *served notices for the eviction and demolition of 7 homes in Tubas, demolished a home in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, demolished a building (under construction) in Bethlehem for allegedly being built without proper licencing, demolished 2 rooms in Beit Awa, demolished a Caravan in Ithna, demolished a house in Isaka village in Jerusalem, demolished a home in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, demolished a section of a home Aqbat Al-Siri area in the old city of Jerusalem, demolished a caravan in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem. Israeli forces served demolition orders for the demolition of 2 homes in Nablus for allegedly being built without licencing, demolitions for 3 homes in Jericho, demolition order for an building in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem, demolition orders for several homes in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem, demolition of a building consisting of 16 apartments in Al Siwana neighbourhood in Jerusalem and the demolition of 15 homes (under construction) in Anata in Jerusalem
Attacks on Public & Private Property	67	4	71	Israeli forces destroyed: House furniture, vehicles, uprooted olive trees, demolished a shelter. Israeli forces Confiscated the following: Jerusalem: Israeli forces confiscated 4 computer and surveillance cameras as they stormed a medical eye clinic in Silwan neighbourhood. Ramallah: Israeli forces confiscated a computer in Al-Bireh city, confiscated a cellular phone and a computer as they detained a resident in Silwad and confiscated several tents from demonstrators in Burin village. Jenin: Israeli forces confiscated 2 agricultural caravans in east Barta'a village . Tulkarem: Israeli forces confiscated a computer in Quffin village and several computers and files from the district office of Al-Waqf Religious Affairs Ministry office in Tulkarem. Salfit: Israeli forces confiscated a hunting rifle in Yasuf village. Hebron: Israeli forces confiscated a computer as they detained a University student in Beit Ummar and confiscated several protest tents in Mu'in village. North Gaza: A fishing boat off the shores of Gaza.
Home Occupation	12	0	12	The Israeli military occupied the rooftops and converted4 civilian home into military posts in Jenin, Ramallah and Hebron.
Closure of Crossing Points	0	128	128	International crossing points were closed on 100 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 28 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	416	0	416	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (76); Ramallah (22); Jenin (16); Tubas (2); Tulkarem (17); Qalqiliya (70); Nablus (65); Salfit (10);

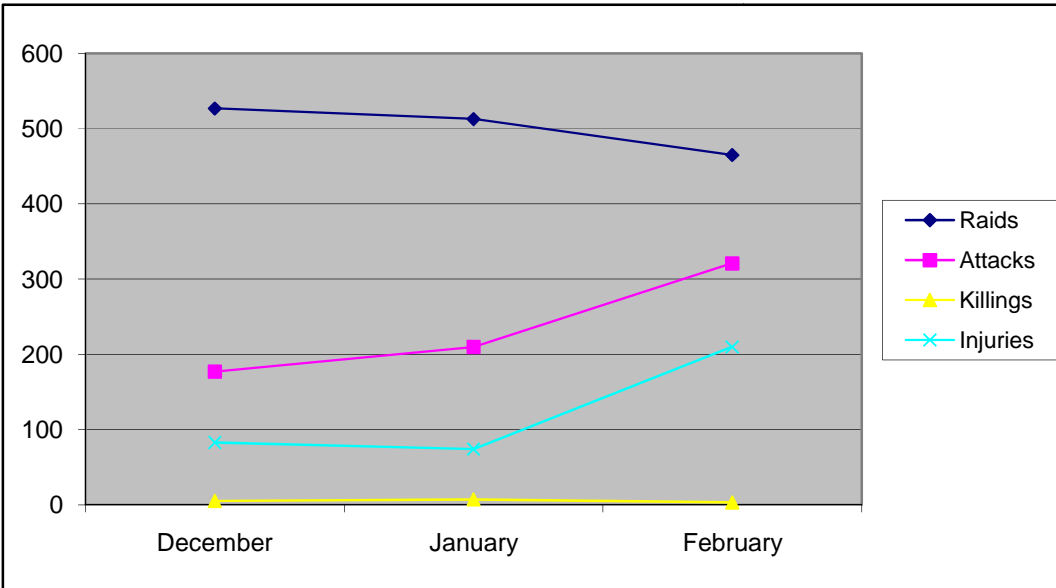
				Jericho (35); Bethlehem (34); Hebron (69).
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	7	0	7	The Israeli military provoked or harassed the National Security force on 3 occasions, Palestinian Police on 2 occasions, Preventive Security Forces on 1 occasion and Civil defence forces on 1 occasion.
Settlement Activity	11	0	11	A total of 11 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of February which included: Israeli authorities began levelling land for the expansion of "Sal'it" settlement on land in Kafr Jamal village in Tulkarem and also continued its demolition works by digging near Bab Al-Magharbeh in the old city of Jerusalem, the continued construction of the tunnel in Al-Wad street in the old city of Jerusalem, installed bill board map which outlines the future plans of expanding the road connecting "Malee Adumin" settlement with Jerusalem. The Israeli Ministry of Defence approved the construction of 90 settlement unites in Bet El settlement on Palestinian land occupied in 1967 located north of Al-Bireh city. Israeli authorities approved the paving of a road in Beit Amrana located near "Anatil" settlement in Hebron; Israeli forces also paved a road on land in Beit Dajan for the purpose of settlement expansion near "Alon Mira" settlement. Israeli settlers levelled agricultural land and placed caravans in Ras Khamis area in Deir Al-Hatab village in Nablus. Israeli forces levelled agricultural land in Al-Suidiya area in Jerusalem, Israeli forces levelled a plot of land in Rafatvillage which is located behind the wall in Salfit. Israeli forces also levelled a plot of land near Qalandiya checkpoint in Jerusalem, levelled agricultural land for the purpose of wall construction near Jayyus village in Qalqiliya. Israeli authorities issued tenders for the construction of 40 settlements unites and the construction of commercial center in "Efrat" settlement located in south Bethlehem on land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities also issued tenders for the construction of 346 settlement unites (200 settlement unites in "Taquu" settlement and 146 in "Noqdim" settlement) located in Taquu' village in Bethlehem on land occupied in 1967.
Settler Violence	69	0	69	Israeli settlers opened fire towards civilians; stoned civilians and civilian vehicles, ran over residents and children with their vehicles and wrote racist graffiti on vehicles.
Attacks on Religious Sites	9	0	9	Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound and stormed and searched a mosque in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem.
Medical Obstruction	1	0	1	Storm medical centre at Silwan in Jerusalem.
Assault on Educational Sector	1	-	1	Israeli forces stormed a school and assaulted several teachers in Beit Ur Al-Tahta in Ramallah
TOTAL	1999	209	2208	

ABSOLUTE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

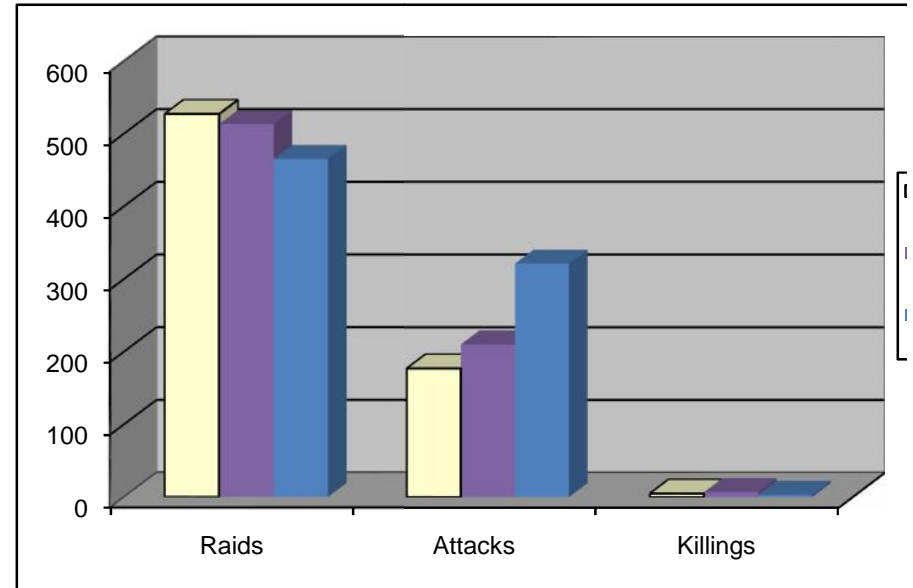
EVENT	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	COMMENTS
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	2012	2013	2013	
Assassinations	0	0	0	No assassination during the month of January.
Deaths	5	7	3	A decrease of 57.1% compared to last month.
Injuries	83	74	210	An increase by 283.8% compared to last January. The number of children injured in January is 32 compared with 10 in January and 9 in December.
Attacks	177	210	321	A rise in the number of attacks by 52.9% compared to last month and an increase by 81.4% compared to December.
Raids	527	513	465	A decrease by 9.35% compared to January and a decrease by 2.7% compared to December.
Arrests	393	384	474	An increase of 23.4% compared to January and a rise of 20.6% compared to December. The number of arrested children was 68 compared to 60 in January and 44 in December.
Home Demolition	10	31	10	A decrease of 67.7% compared to last month.
Attacks on Property	87	84	71	A decrease by 15.5% compared to last month and by 18.4% compared to last December.
Home Occupation	8	4	12	An increase by 200% compared to last month.
Curfews	0	1	0	No curfews for this month.
Flying Checkpoints	465	357	416	A decrease of 16.5% compared to January and of 10.5% compared to last December.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	138	138	128	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 128 occasions compared to 107 last month The Israeli military closed international crossing points on 28 occasions. <i>Rafah Crossing</i> was open for 28 days to allow access to civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to those arriving from Egypt. <i>Yasser Arafat International Airport</i> has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> .
Medical Obstruction	1	0	1	There was 1 incident of medical disruption for this month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	14	9	9	A decrease of 35.7% compared to December.
School Disruption	2	0	1	There was 1 incident of school disruption for this month.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	12	9	7	A decrease of 22.2% compared to the last month.
Settlement Activity	9	10	11	An increase of 10% in settlement activities compared to last month and 22.2% increase compared to December.
Settler Violence	74	67	69	An increase of 2.98% compared to the last month and 6.8% compared to December.
TOTAL	2005	1898	2208	During the month of February, the total incidents increased by 16.33% compared to December due to the increase in the number of raids, Killings, and. Likewise, total events rise by 10.1% compared to January as a result in the rise in the number of checkpoints, killings, Attacks, and raids.

COMPARISON OF ISRAELI RAIDS, ATTACKS AND PALESTINIAN HUMAN CASUALTIES OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS



COMPARISON OF INCIDENTS OF DEATHS, INJURIES, AND ARR OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS



ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

1. Killing

A total of 3 civilians were reported killed during the month of February (3 in the West Bank and 0 in Gaza Strip including: Arafat Jaradat who died in Magido prison on February 23rd 2013, a resident from Al-Jalazun camp who died of serious injuries sustained after being shot by Israeli forces in his spinal cord on October 20th 2000 and Qassam Al-Damini (20 years old) died at a hospital in Jerusalem from serious injuries sustained from being ran over by an Israeli military jeep in 2005 when he was 12 years old which seriously injured his head and left him in a coma .

2. Injuries

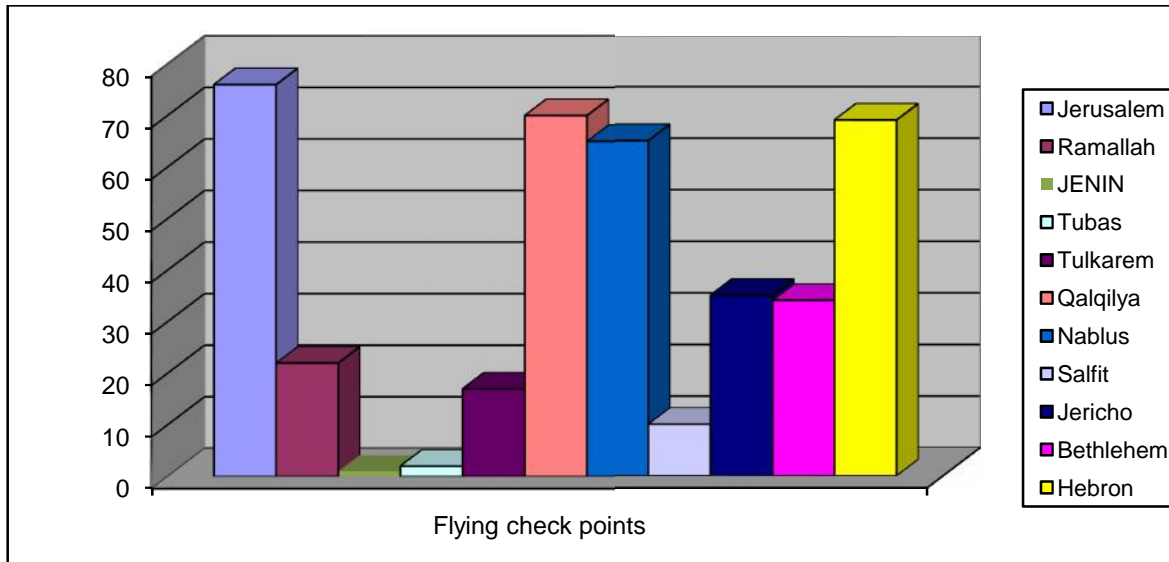
A total of **210 injuries** were reported in the month of February(199 Palestinians in the West Bank and 11 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 32 , children: 1 from being ran over by a settler vehicle, 4 from settler assaults, a journalist, 2 fishermen and 3 from being ran over by Israeli military jeeps.

3. Arrests

During the month of February, the Israeli military **arrested 474Palestinians** (449 the West Bank and 25 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (112); Ramallah (40); Jenin (21); Tulkarem (15); Qalqiliya (26); Nablus (84); Salfit (21); Jericho (17); Bethlehem (62); Hebron (51); North Gaza (4); Gaza (4) and Central Gaza (17).Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 68 children; 6 Women,12 University students (including 2 females);2 fishermen; 3 Parliament members; 16 journalists and 2 Security Officers.

4. Closure

Especially on Fridays, the Israeli military continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances of Jerusalem, and to restrict entrance to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, preventing worshippers from accessing the Mosque. At the *Qalandiya checkpoint north of Jerusalem*, the Israeli military continues to prevent PNA registered civilian vehicles from crossing the checkpoint towards Ar Ram and Qalandiya as well as Dahiyat al Bared. The checkpoint is overcrowded daily, particularly during rush hours, due to intensified restrictions and search measures applied by Israeli troops. During the month of November, the Israeli military also continued to intensify restrictions at the *Tayasir checkpoint* and *Al Hamra junction checkpoint* leading to the Jordan Valley area, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate District of Jericho residence or others holding special access permits. In addition, restrictions were intensified and civilian access was obstructed at the *Za'tara junction checkpoint* (separating the northern and central West Bank districts) as well as at the *As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint* (separating the central and southern West Bank districts).



Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank

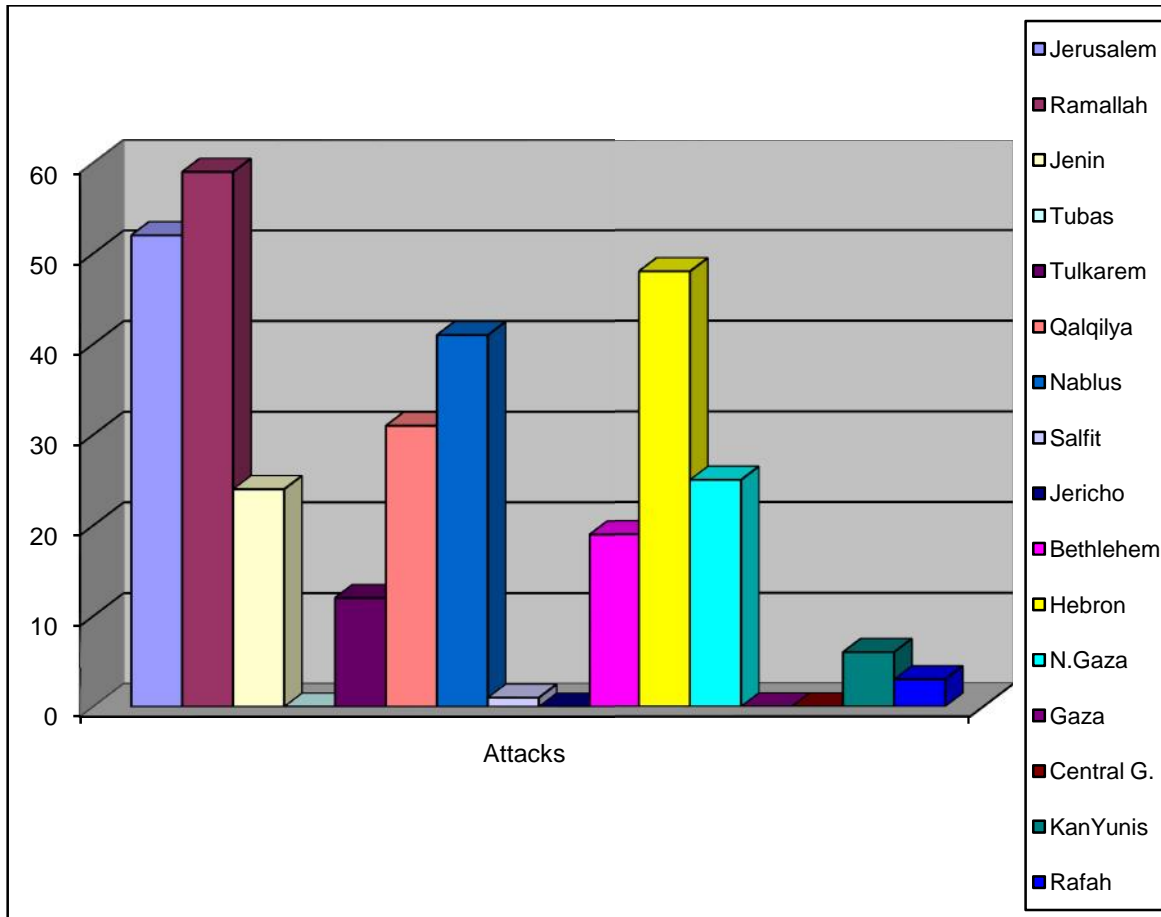
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **416 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in February, compared to 375 last month and 465 in December. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

5. Attacks

A total of **321 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of February: **287** in the West Bank and **34** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **11 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **269 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **23 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy vessels carried out **12 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli military carried out **3 attacks** from a military checkpoint. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on **1 occasions**.

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli military declared a unilateral ceasefire following the large-scale offensive it had launched against the Gaza Strip. However, the Israeli military violated the ceasefire on **34 occasions** during the month of February (compared to **48** last January). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **1 mortar round** towards the Green Line.

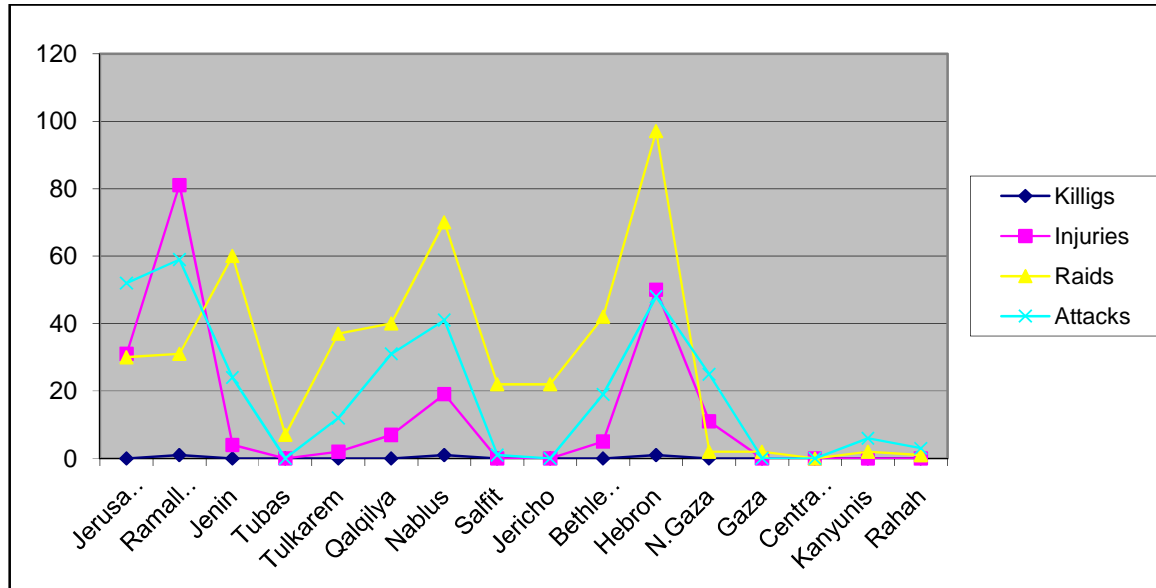


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **465 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of February, including **458 in the West Bank** and **7 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (30); Ramallah (31); Jenin (60); Tubas (7); Tulkarem (37); Qalqiliya (40); Nablus (70); Salfit (22); Jericho (22); Bethlehem (41); Hebron (97); North Gaza (2); Gaza (2); Khan Yunis (3) and Rafah (1). The Israeli army **opened fire during confrontations and raids on 280 occasions** (i.e. **87.2%** of the total number of attacks).

The chart below shows the correlation between the number of raids and the resulting human casualties in January.



7. Home Demolition

The Israeli military demolished a 4 floor building in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, *served notices for the eviction and demolition of 7 homes in Tubas, demolished a home in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, demolished a building (under construction) in Bethlehem for allegedly being built without proper licencing, demolished 2 rooms in Beit Awa, demolished a Caravan in Ithna, demolished a house in Isaka village in Jerusalem, demolished a home in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, demolished a section of a home Aqbat Al-Siri area in the old city of Jerusalem, demolished a caravan in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem.

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in Jerusalem.

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 71 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in February, including 67 in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli forces demolished a chicken farm in Beit Ikhsa village, conducted demolition works near the vicinity of (Clive) Hotel which was converted into a military post in Abu Dis and Israeli forces demolished the outer layers of Al-Barq area in the old city of Jerusalem. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers uprooted several olive trees in Al-Jinaya village and damaged several vehicles after stoning them near Bet El settlement junction. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli forces exploded a vehicle near Kafr Laqif village junction, Israeli settlers damaged several vehicles after stoning them near “Karni Shomron” settlement, Israeli settlers uprooted olive trees and removed a barbed wire fence as they levelled agricultural land in Al-Suidiya area, Israeli settlers levelled and uprooted 60 olive trees in Jayyus and Israeli forces damaged the main entrance of the Religious Affairs Ministry building in Qalqiliya. In **Nablus**, Israeli forces destroyed house furniture as they searched 3 homes, Israeli settlers uprooted and destroyed several olive trees in Qusra village, Israeli settlers set fire to 6 vehicles in Qusra village, Israeli settlers removed several electrical poles that provides electricity to residents of Qusra village, Israeli forces uprooted several olive trees in Burin village and Israeli forces demolished and removed several protest tents well as uprooting 64 olive trees near Burin village. In **Salfit**, Israeli settlers slashed the tires of 3 vehicles in Yasuf village, damaged the entrance of the Detainees club office in Salfit, uprooted 30 olive trees in the area between Kafr Al-Dik and Balout. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli forces served notices for the eviction of 5 dunums of agricultural land and uprooted several trees in the area located near Al-Khadr and lies between “Eliazar” and “Alon Shifot” settlements. In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers damaged 45 olive trees in Beit Awa, Israeli forces destroyed a Barracks and water tank in Beit Awa, destroyed a water well in Ithna, destroyed a vegetable cart in Al-Ramadin village, uprooted several fruit bearing trees and flowers in Tel Al-Rumayda neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, Israeli settlers destroyed and uprooted several olive trees in Al-Rihiya village, Israeli forces prevented several labourers and International peace activists from reaching their work place in Yatta, Israeli forces damaged the entrance and destroyed office equipment in Beit Ulla municipality and damaged a water well in Al-Fuwar camp. In **North Gaza**, Israeli naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats and damaged a boat. In **Khan Yunis**, Israeli forces damaged several wheat crops as they levelled agricultural land located between Khaz’a and Al-Fakhari.

In addition, the Israeli army delivered notices to demolish a barracks, 3 merchant shops and a reception hall in Anata in Jerusalem District, served notices for the demolition of 3 merchant shops in Nablus, served notices for the demolition of 5 barracks in Hebron, served halt to construction notices for 6 homes in Salfit, served notices for the eviction of agricultural land and warning residents from entering the area in Husan village in Bethlehem district, served notices for the eviction of 40 acres of agricultural land and preventing residents from entering the area in Nihalin village in Bethlehem district, Israeli forces served eviction notices of 120 acres of agricultural land in Zif village in Hebron district, Israeli forces served demolition notices to demolish 9 barracks in Al-Fasayil village in Jericho, served demolition orders to demolish 2 barracks and a water tank in Beit Dajan in Nablus and served eviction notices to residents in Khirbit Humsa to leave their homes near the Jordan valley in order to conduct military exercises in the area.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Jerusalem: Israeli forces confiscated 4 computer and surveillance cameras as they stormed a medical eye clinic in Silwan neighbourhood.

Ramallah: Israeli forces confiscated a computer in Al-Bireh city, confiscated a cellular phone and a computer as they detained a resident in Silwad and confiscated several tents from demonstrators in Burin village.

Jenin: Israeli forces confiscated 2 agricultural caravans in east Barta'a village .

Tulkarem: Israeli forces confiscated a computer in Quffin village and several computers and files from the district office of Al-Waqf Religious Affairs Ministry office in Tulkarem.

Salfit: Israeli forces confiscated a hunting rifle in Yasuf village.

Hebron: Israeli forces confiscated a computer as they detained a University student in Beit Ummar and confiscated several protest tents in Mu'in village.

NorthGaza: A fishing boat off the shores of Gaza.

11. Settlement Activities

A total of 11 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of February which included:

Israeli authorities began levelling land for the expansion of "Sal'it" settlement on land in Kafr Jamal village in Tulkarem and also continued its demolition works by digging near Bab Al-Magharbeh in the old city of Jerusalem, the continued construction of the tunnel in Al-Wad street in the old city of Jerusalem, installed bill board map which outlines the future plans of expanding the road connecting "Malee Adumin" settlement with Jerusalem.

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12. Settler Violence

A total of 69 incidents of Settler violence occurred during the month of February including:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settler's assaulted and injured residents at a train station in Jerusalem. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers damaged and destroyed the limbs of several olive trees in Al-Janiya village, stoned vehicles near "Bet El" settlement junction, stormed Silwad, set fire to 2 vehicles and wrote racist graffiti on house wall in Deir Jerir. In **Jenin**, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles and set fire to tires near the entrance of "Movo Dotan" settlement, stole several agricultural equipment from agricultural land in Burin village. In **Nablus**, Israeli settler stoned vehicles and residents passing near "Yitsahar settlement junction, levelled a plot of land in Burin village, uprooted and damaged several olive trees as they stormed Qusra village, ploughed several plots of land in Ras Hasana area in Salem village, stoned residents in Qusra village, stoned several homes, residents and several Sheppard's in Burin village, set fire to 6 vehicles as they stormed Qusra village, stormed Beit Dajan, stormed Al-Nasiriya village, dumped 30 truckloads of solid waste and garbage on land in Qusin village, stoned vehicles near the area between Awarta and Yanun villages, assaulted several Sheppard's in the area between Aqraba and Awarta, pumped sewage waste onto land in Sabastiya, stormed Orif village, uprooted several Olive trees and fruit bearing trees in Burin village, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over and injured a residents near Aqraba, stormed Nablus and Awarta, opened fire towards several residents as they were cleaning a road which was previously closed by Israeli forces located between Awarta and Yanun and stormed Al-Fursh village in Beit Dajan. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settlers installed 4 caravans on agricultural land in an attempt to establish a settlement outpost on land in Jayyus, stoned 2 homes and residents in Azzun, stoned several vehicles near "Karni Shomron" settlement, assaulted and injured a Sheppard as he was herding his sheep near "Jil'ad" settlement outpost. In **Salfit**, Israeli settlers slashed the tires of 3 vehicles and wrote racist graffiti on outer walls of several homes as they stormed Yasuf village and assaulted residents near Za'tara checkpoint. In **Jericho**, Israeli settlers stormed several homes near Al-Oja village and damaged and destroyed 30 olive trees in the area between Kafr Al-Dik and Deir Ballut. **Bethlehem**, Israeli settler vehicle ran over a child at the west entrance Wadi Fuqin village, restricted several residents from reaching their agricultural land in Wadi Rahal area near "Efrat" settlement, stormed Beit Sahur and levelled plots of land in Um Al-Natur area in Habat Al-Thib village.

In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers stoned residents in the old city of Hebron, assaulted and injured 2 residents as they were in their agricultural land located near "Sweissa" settlement, damaged the limbs of 45 olive trees in Beit Awa, assaulted and injured a resident in Al-Thahriya, assaulted and injured a Sheppard as he was herding his sheep in Yatta, Israeli settlers attempted to construct a wall on residential owned land in Tel Al-Rumayda neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, ran over and injured a child in the old city of Hebron, several armed Israeli settlers blocked a road, threatened residents and impeded the free flow of traffic along the road connecting Awarta and Yanun, uprooted and destroyed several olive trees and flowers grown in Tel-Rumayda neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, uprooted and destroyed several olive trees in A-Rayhiya village and assaulted a Palestinian National Security officer near Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron .

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **128** occasions during the month of February. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **100** occasions. It opened ***Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing*** for 24 days for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals and ***Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing*** for 16 days for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to allowing in animal feed, construction cargo designated for UNRWA and internationally-funded projects was transported through the Crossing. ***Sufa Crossing*** was closed throughout the month. On the other hand, the Israeli authorities have continued to unilaterally close ***Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing***. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Israeli authorities has also continued to completely close ***Al Muntar (Karnei) Commercial Crossing***.

The Israeli military closed international crossing points on **28** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 28 days to allow access to civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to those arriving from Egypt. ***Yasser Arafat International Airport*** has remained closed since the outbreak of the second *Intifada*.