

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 March 2012 – 31 March 2012

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 March 2012 to 31 March 2012. 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 MARCH 2012

- **06 March:** An Israeli UXO exploded in Wadi Reem area south of Sair town in Hebron District killing 2 children and injuring 5 civilians including two children.
- **07 March:** Israeli settler vehicle ran over a Palestinian child, 7, on the main road near the entrance to Al-Jabaa village in Bethlehem District.
- **08 March:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians during confrontations that took place in Yatta town in Hebron District and killed 1 child and injured 1 civilian.
- **09 March:** Israeli war crafts bombarded a 4-storey building on Al-Jala' Road in Gaza city and injured 4 civilians including 1 child and 1 female civilian.
- **10 March:** An Israeli drone fired 1 missile at a group of Palestinian civilians near Asaliya Street in Jabalia town in N. Gaza District, killed 1 child, 12, and injured 2 civilians including a child, 5.
- **11 March:** Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a civilian home in Zammo roundabout out area north-east of Jabalia town in N. Gaza District, injured 31 civilians, including 12 children and 6 female civilians.
- **11 March:** An Israeli drone fired 1 missile at armed Palestinians in Al-Fakhora area northeast Gaza city, killed 1 elderly civilian, 63, and injured 2 armed Palestinians.
- **12 March:** An Israeli drone fired 1 missile at agricultural land near Tel Zaatar School in Beit Lahia in N. Gaza, killed 2 civilians, including 1 elderly civilian, 65 and his daughter.
- **12 March:** An Israeli drone fired 1 missile at a civilian vehicle in Tel Hawa neighbourhood in Gaza city and killed 2 armed Palestinians.
- **13 March:** An Israeli UXO exploded near Mitzpe Yeriho settlement in Jericho District injuring 1 child, 15.
- **19 March:** The Israeli army opened fire toward agricultural land and civilian homes near Arafat International Airport east of Rafah city and injured 1 child, 6.
- **23 March:** The Israeli army opened fire during confrontations in Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah District and injured 2 children.
- **30 March:** An Israeli military jeep ran over a child, 17, on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem District.
- **30 March:** The Israeli army opened fire during confrontations near Qalandia checkpoint in Jerusalem District and injured 22 civilians. Tens of other civilians were also suffocated from tear gas including 8 children and paramedics.
- **30 March:** The Israeli army opened fire from its post at Beit Hanun Crossing – Erez at civilians during confrontations, killed 1 civilian and injured 3 including 6 children.

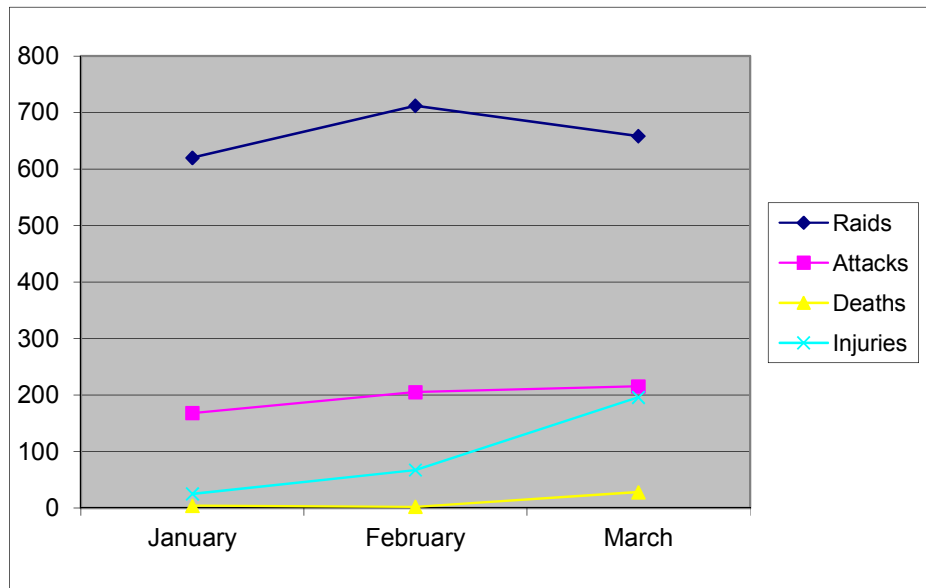
SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – MARCH 2012

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassinations	0	2	2	2 militants in Gaza
Deaths	3	23	26	Incl. 4 children in UXO explosions, 1 run over by a settler vehicle, 1 female civilian, and 18 militants.
Injuries	82	114	196	Incl. 24 children, 10 female civilians, 1 student, 2 reporters, 8 paramedics, and 21 militants.
Attacks	131	84	215	The Israeli military carried out 30 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 98 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 28 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 8 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 47 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 4 occasions.
Raids	651	7	658	13 in Jerusalem; 54 in Ramallah; 86 in Jenin; 48 in Tubas; 57 in Tulkarem; 83 in Qalqiliya; 72 in Nablus; 16 in Salfit; 38 in Jericho; 61 in Bethlehem; 123 in Hebron; 3 in Northern Gaza; 1 in Central Gaza; 2 in Khan Younis; 1 in Rafah.
Arrests	265	4	269	28 in Jerusalem; 32 in Ramallah; 13 in Jenin; 3 in Toubas; 11 in Tulkarem; 35 in Qalqiliya; 39 in Nablus; 9 in Salfit; 11 in Jericho; 17 in Bethlehem; 67 in Hebron; 1 in Northern Gaza; 3 in Central Gaza. Arrested persons included 60 children; 3 female civilians; 1 ex-detainee; 6 university students; 2 security officers.
Home Demolition	14	0	14	The Israeli military demolished 7 barracks in Tubas District, 1 civilian home under construction in Qalqilya, and 6 tents in Nablus District. In addition, the Israeli authorities delivered 5 home demolition notifications in Silwan neighbourhood, 3 in Beit Sahour, and in Ramadin village 3 in Hebron District.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	69	11	80	Destruction of Property: The Israeli military and settlers destroyed civilian vehicles; olive trees; sheep pens; barracks; support walls; blacksmiths' workshops; a ready-mix concrete factory; civilian homes; water tanks; commercial premises; beehives; artesian wells; and land. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli military confiscated computers; ID cards; a pistol; a hunting rifle; a truck; water pumps; a tractor; and irrigation networks.
Home Occupation	6	0	6	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts homes in Kafr Qaddum village, Edna town in Hebron District, 'Azzun town in Qalqilya District, and 'Urif village in Nablus District.
Closure of Crossing Points	0	145	145	International crossing points were closed on 36 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 109 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	660	0	660	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (68); Ramallah (41); Jenin (26); Tubas (6); Tulkarem (30); Qalqilya (133); Nablus (116); Salfit (21); Jericho (60); Bethlehem (46); Hebron (113).
School disruption	1	0	1	The Israeli authorities raided classrooms in Qadri Tuqan School near Joseph's Tomb in Nablus District.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	13	0	13	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian National Security forces on 6 occasions; PCP on 4 occasions; Preventive Security Forces on 1 occasion; Civil Defence on 2 occasions.
Medical Obstruction	2	0	2	The Israeli army detained ambulances in Ramon village in Ramallah District and in Yatta town in Hebron District.
Settlement Activity	1	0	1	Israeli authorities razed agricultural land in Kafr Qaddoum village near Qadumim settlement.
Settler Violence	66	0	66	Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles; injured and beat civilians; opened fire; attacked property; cut down and uprooted olive trees; and raided Palestinian towns and villages. Settler vehicles also ran over children.
Attacks on Religious Sites	1	0	1	Settlers raided the yards of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the old city of East Jerusalem.
TOTAL	1965	390	2355	

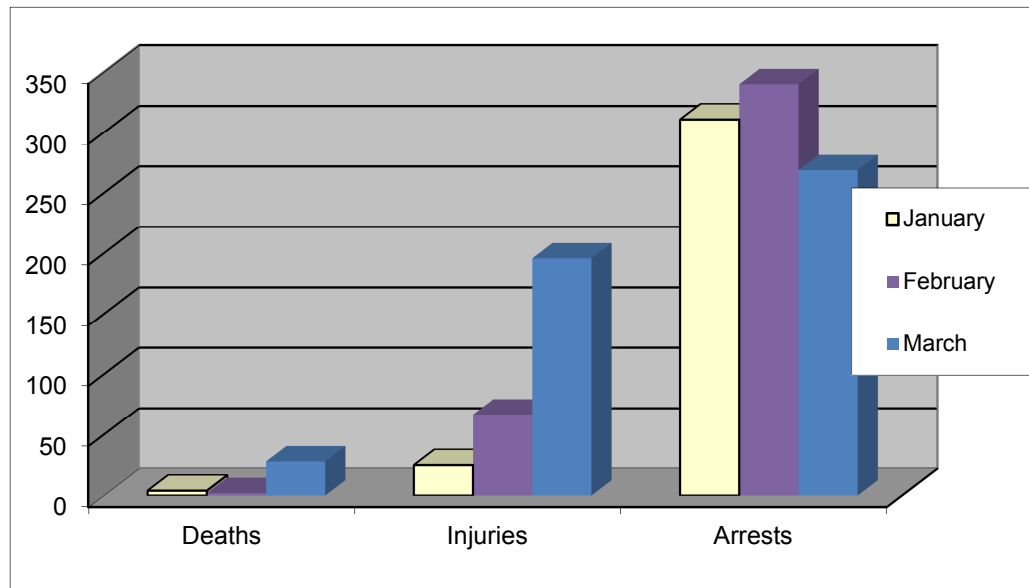
COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	JAN. 2012	FEB. 2012	MAR 2012	COMMENTS
Assassinations	0	0	2	In Gaza.
Deaths	4	2	26	Death toll rose by 120% compared to last February.
Injuries	25	67	196	A rise by 192.5% compared to last February and by 684% compared to last January. The number of wounded children was 24 compared to 10 last February and 6 last January.
Attacks	168	205	215	A rise in the number of attacks by 4.9% compared to last month and of 28% compared to last January.
Raids	620	712	658	A drop by 7.6% compared to February and a rise by 6.1% compared to January.
Arrests	311	340	269	Rise of 20.9% compared to last February and a rise of 13.5% compared to January. The number of arrested children was 60 compared to 55 last month and 54 in January.
Home Demolition	12	24	14	A drop of 41.6% compared to last February and a rise of 16.6% compared to last January.
Attacks on Property	88	164	80	A drop by 51.2% compared to last month and a rise by 9% compared to last January.
Home Occupation	6	13	6	A drop of 53.8% compared to last February.
Curfews	0	1	0	No incidents of curfew were reported for this month.
Flying Checkpoints	7223	607	660	A rise of 8.7% compared to last February and a drop of 8.6% compared to last January.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	144	133	145	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 109 occasions in March, compared to 99 last February and 105 last January. Rafah Crossing was closed for 5 days. Yasser Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	0	1	2	A rise compared to last month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	6	7	1	Israeli settlers raided Al-Aqsa Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem.
School Disruption	1	0	1	A rise compared to last month.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	19	18	13	Drop of 27.7% compared to last month and of 31.6% compared to last January.
Settlement Activity	5	16	1	A drop compared to the last two months.
Settler Violence	60	79	66	A drop of 16.5% compared to last month and a rise of 10% compared to last January.
TOTAL	2191	2389	2355	During the month of March, total incidents dropped by 1.4% compared to February due to the drop in the number of demolition of property and settler violence. In contrast, total events rose by 7.49% compared to February as a result in the rise in the number of deaths, injuries, arrests, and closure of crossing points.

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



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



ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

1. Assassinations

On 9 March 2012 an Israeli drone fired 1 missile at a civilian vehicle in Tel Hawa neighbourhood in Gaza city killing 2 militants and injuring a third.

2. Deaths

The Israeli military **killed 26 Palestinians**, (3 in the West Bank and 23 in the Gaza Strip) including 4 children, 2 elderly civilians, 1 female civilian and 18 militants.

3. Injuries

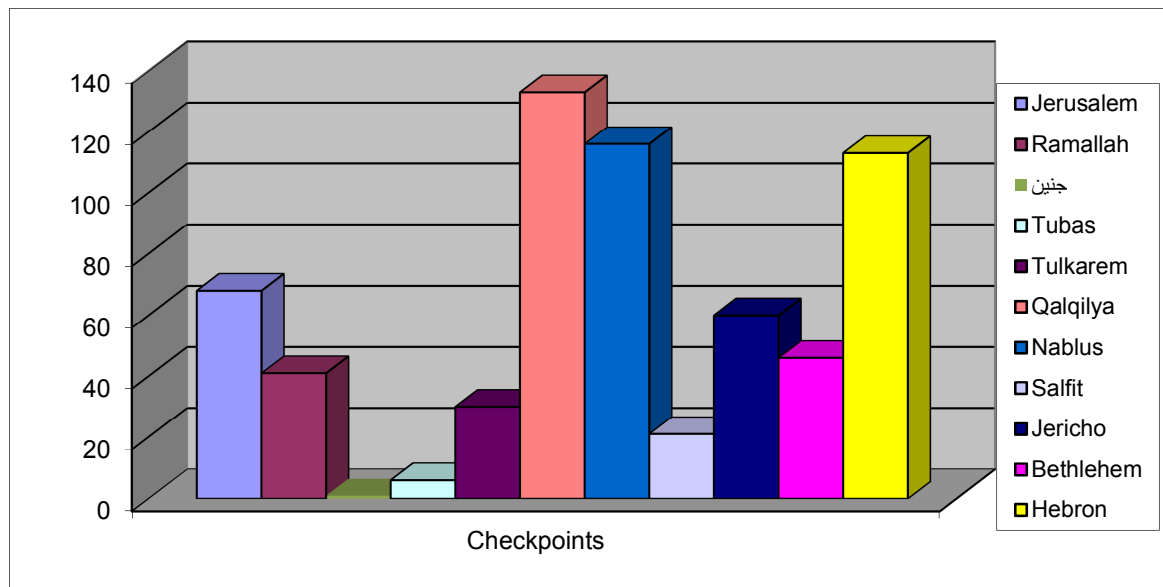
A total of **196 injuries** were reported in the month of March (82 Palestinians in the West Bank and 114 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 24 children 10 female civilians, 1 student, 2 reporters, 8 civilians attacked by settlers, 2 paramedics, and 21 militants.

4. Arrests

During the month of March, the Israeli military **arrested 269 Palestinians** (265 in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (28); Ramallah (32); Jenin (13); Tubas (3); Tulkarem (11); Qalqilya (35); Nablus (39); Salfit (9); Jericho (11); Bethlehem (17); Hebron (67); Northern Gaza (1); Central Gaza (3). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 60 children; 3 female civilians; 1 ex-detainee; 9 university students; 2 security officers.

5. 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 ***Qalandia checkpoint north of Jerusalem***, the Israeli military continues to prevent PNA registered civilian vehicles from crossing the checkpoint towards Ar Ram and Qalandia 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 March, 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

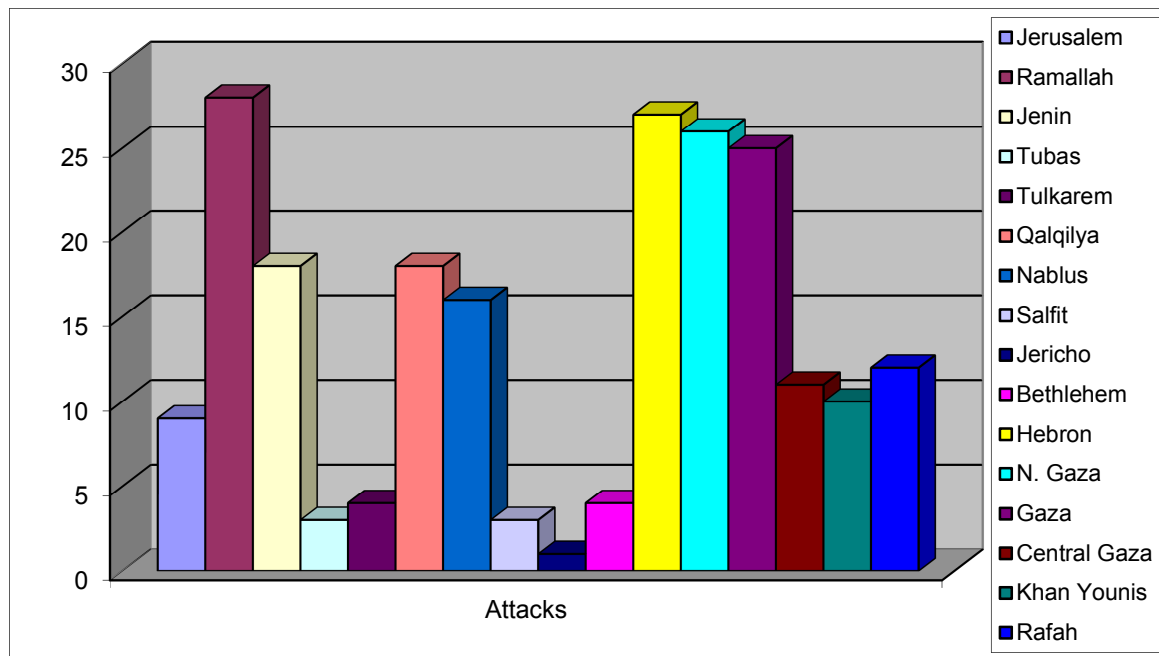
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **660 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in March, compared to 607 last month and 722 in January. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

6. Attacks

A total of **215 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of March: **131** in the West Bank and **84** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **30 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **98 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **28 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **8 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 47 **aerial attacks** on Palestinian territory. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on 4 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 84 **occasions** during the month of March (compared to 54 last February). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **316 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to 54 last month).

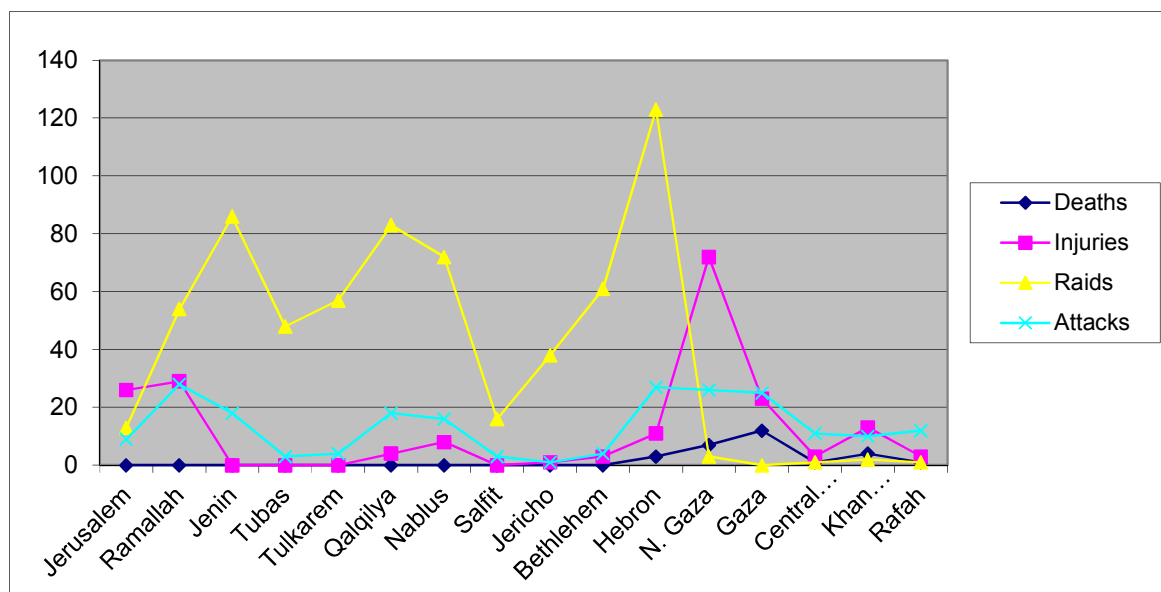


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

7. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **658 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of March, including **651 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 (13); Ramallah (54); Jenin (86); Tubas (48); Tulkarem (57); Qalqilya (83); Nablus (72); Salfit (16); Jericho (38); Bethlehem (61); Hebron (123); Northern Gaza (3); Central Gaza (1); Khan Younis (2); Rafah (1). The Israeli army **opened fire on 128 occasions (i.e. 59.5% of the total number of raids)**. During reported raids, the Israeli military did not impose **curfews** over Palestinian residential areas.

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



8. Home Demolition

The Israeli military demolished 7 barracks in Tubas District, 1 civilian home under construction in Qalqilya city, and 6 tents in Nablus District. In addition the Israeli authorities delivered 5 home demolition notifications in Jerusalem, 3 in Beit Sahour and Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron District.

9. Home Occupations

The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts the roofs of civilian homes in Qalqilya, Hebron, Jenin and Nablus Districts.

10. Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces

The Israeli army carried out **13** attacks and provocations of Palestinian security forces and posts during the month of March. The Israeli military detained Palestinian security vehicles; took positions in front of Palestinian security offices; and served summonses on Palestinian security officers to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

TYPES OF ISRAELI ARMY PROVOCATION AGAINST PALESTINIAN FORCES IN FEBRUARY

Type of Provocation	#	Notes
Taking positions/setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts	6	Including: The Israeli military fired a sound bomb near the Civil Defence HQ in Tulkarem; set up military post in front of the security organs in Tulkarem and Qalqilya city; took down the Palestinian flag from the gate of National Security HQ in Bethlehem city; took pictures of the Civil Defence HQ in Tulkarem; trespassed Preventive Security yard in Jericho city.
Detaining and searching Palestinian security officers and patrols	4	The Israeli military detained a PCP vehicle at al-Hamra checkpoint in Jericho and in Rammalah. The Israeli army detained PCP vehicle carrying inmates at Al-Mahkama checkpoint in Ramallah District.
Notification Delivery	3	Including: The Israeli army delivered summons to 1 security officer in Salfit and Al-Khader town in Bethlehem District to report to the Israeli military intelligence.

11. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 80 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in February, including 69 in the West Bank and 11 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, the Israeli army caused damage to 3 ambulances near Qalandia checkpoint. In **Ramallah**, the Israeli army stoned 4 civilian vehicles; forced labourers to stop construction work in Al-Bireh; uprooted olive trees. In **Jenin**, the Israeli army damaged the door of a charity society and settlers damaged windshield of 1 civilian vehicle. In **Toubas**, Israeli settlers damaged agricultural land; set wood on fire; demolished 4 barracks. In **Qalqilya**, the Israeli army demolished barracks; uprooted 35 olive trees; damaged civilian vehicles. In **Nablus**, the Israeli army demolished barracks and uprooted 100 olive trees. **Salfit**, Israeli settlers cut down olive trees. In Jericho, Israeli settlers set civilian home in fire; demolished barracks and water cistern. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli settlers uprooted 250 olive trees and demolished a civilian vehicle. In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers uprooted 100 olive trees in Beit Ummar town.

In **Gaza**, Israeli military caused material damage to a 3 civilian homes and to the Red Crescent Centre in an air raid. In **Central Gaza**, the Israeli army caused material damage to a civilian home.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Ramallah: Computers and cameras. Tulkarem: 3 computers. Nablus: 2 computers. Salfit: 1 computer. Jericho: Water well digger. Bethlehem: 2 computers. Hebron: Hunting rifle. N. Gaza: 1 fishing boat.

12. Settler Violence:

In **Ramallah**, settlers assaulted 1 female civilian, stoned vehicles and civilian homes. In **Jenin**, settlers attacked civilians. In Tubas, settlers attacked a shepherd and chased civilians working on their agricultural land. In **Qalqilya**, settlers trespasses agricultural land and uprooted olive trees and ran over three goats. In **Nablus**,

settlers closed gate leading to Beit Jin, attacked farmers and shepherds and stoned civilian homes and cut down 220 olive trees. In **Salfit**, settlers razed agricultural land. In **Jericho**, settlers stoned civilian vehicles. In **Bethlehem**, settlers uprooted 185 olive trees and attacked civilians. In **Hebron**, settlers uprooted olive trees and attacked civilian and international peace activists.

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **145** occasions during the month of January. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **109** occasions. It opened ***Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing*** for 26 days for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals and ***Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing*** for 20 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 **36** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 26 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*.