

## **PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP**



### **MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS**

**01 March 2015 – 31 March 2015**

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 March 2015 to 31 March 2015. 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 information reported through the PMG process represents data available at the time of distribution only.

### SAMPLE OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015

- **March 5<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned near Ofar Military Base/ Prison opened fire towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured the child Hamza Al-Qatari (17 years old) and left him hospitalised and detained another child.
- **March 6<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned near the entrance of Al-Jalazoun camp opened fire and launched stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured 5 residents including a 3 children {including 1 child critically injured}: Moath Al-Ramahi (14 years old) {critically injured}, Mohammad Hamdan (14 years old), Abdallah Nakhlah (14 years old), Ayman Thaher and Mujahid Ka'abneh.
- **March 7<sup>th</sup> 2015:** a demonstration took place in Kafr Qaddum against the closure of the east entrance during which they clashed with Israeli forces who tried to disrupt the demonstration who fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards demonstrators who attempted to reach they demonstration site and as a result injured 3 residents| including a child: Jameel Ishtewi (12 years old), Assaf Hikmat and Hikmat Istewi and also left several demonstrators suffocating form tear gas inhalation.
- **March 7<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli Naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of North West Beit Lahiya and as a result killed Tawfiq Abu Rayalah (a Fisherman) and detained 2 others after confiscating their fishing boat.
- **March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Omar Sabah (A resident of Al-Far'a camp) died from complications because of serious injuries sustained during an Israeli military raid into his home on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- **March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured 9 residents including 4 children: Mohammad Juolani (14 years old), Mohammad Suof (14 years old), Ahmad Abu Isba' (15 years old), Adam Taha (14 years old), Maher Khalaf, Rashad Salamah, Khaled Abu Latif, Rubeil Al-Kasbah and Ameer Mujahid and detained 4 others including a child.
- **March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces raided Kafr Aqab village clashed with several residents and as a result injured two residents including a child: Salah Hamad (17 years old) and Moath Hamad then withdrew at 03:50.
- **March 11<sup>th</sup> 2015:** On March 11<sup>th</sup> 2015, Fatimah Abu Khasiwan died while being hospitalised of injuries sustained during the Israeli Military assault on the Gaza strip.
- **March 13<sup>th</sup> 2015:** a group of Israeli settlers stormed Jerusalem and assaulted three residents including two children: Majd Abu Shamsiyah (15 years old), Ahmad Abu Shamissya (13 years old) {Bothe residents of Silwan} and Ahmad Abu Ta'a (A resident of Beit Hanina).
- **March 13<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned near the entrance of Al-Jalazoun camp opened fire and launched stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured three residents including a child: Maher Ghawanmeh (17 years old), Ahmad Abdel-Al and Hamzah Al-Natour.
- **March 13<sup>th</sup> 2015:** A demonstration took place in Kafr Qaddum against the closure of the east entrance during which they clashed with Israeli forces who tried to disrupt the demonstration who fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards demonstrators who attempted to reach they demonstration site and as a result injured 6 residents| including 2 children: Ahmad Da'as (13 years old), Araf Ali (16 years old), Layth Mustafa, Moad'yad Ishtewi, Mahmoud Barham and Murad Ishtewi and also left several demonstrators suffocating form tear gas inhalation.
- **March 17<sup>th</sup> 2015:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over Ashraf Al-Qawasmeh (A resident of Hebron) in the old city of Hebron and as a result, left him hospitalised with contusions.

- **March 20<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned near Ofar Military Base/ Prison opened fire towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured 2 residents including a child: Yusef Jawarish (12 years old) and Abdel-Rahman Shihab leaving them hospitalised and Israeli forces also temporarily detained 2 residents including a child: Ahmad Dawalah (17 years old) and Khaled Jabarin then released them at 18:50.
- **March 20<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned near the entrance of Al-Jalazoun camp fired rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured three residents including a child: Ahmad Sharkah (14 years old), Osama Banhaj and Mohammad Issa.
- **March 20<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned at the entrance of Silwad, fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured 3 residents including 2 children: Anas Sharrar (14 years old), Mustafa Hammad (15 years old) and Majd Hammad.
- **March 21<sup>st</sup> 2015:** a group of Israeli settlers stormed agricultural land in Tubah located near “Magoun” settlement in east Yatta, stoned, and injured the child: Sujud Awwad (6 years old) with head injuries.
- **March 24<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Yazan Idris was injured after being rammed by an Israeli Military jeep near “Atarot” Industrial zone in North Jerusalem and as a result left him hospitalised with contusions.
- **March 25<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Ali Mahmoud Safi (A resident of Al-Jalazoun camp) died of critical injuries sustained after being shot by Israeli forces during clashes in Al-Jalazoun camp as mentioned in the March 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 report.
- **March 26<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Israeli forces positioned near Al-Jalazoun camp fired rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured 4 residents including a child: Ahmad Zied (17 years old), Amar Sawalha, Ali Muzahim and Muhanad Darraj as well as assaulting Linda Shalash (a journalist).

## SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – MARCH 2015

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
<b>Killing</b>	2	2	4	<p>During the month of March 2015, Israeli forces killed 4 residents (2 in the West Bank and 2 in the Gaza Strip) which included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On March 7th 2015, Israeli Naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of North <b>Gaza in</b> West Beit Lahiya and as a result killed Tawfiq Abu Rayalah (a Fisherman).</li> <li>2. On March 10th 2015, Omar Sabah (A resident of Al-Far'a camp) died from complications because of serious injuries sustained during an Israeli military raid into his home on October 17th 2008.</li> <li>3. On March 11th 2015, Fatimah Abu Khasiwan died while being hospitalised of injuries sustained during the Israeli Military assault on the Gaza strip.</li> <li>4. On March 25th 2015, Ali Mahmoud Safi (A resident of Al-Jalazoun camp) died of critical injuries sustained after being shot by Israeli forces during clashes in Al-Jalazoun camp as mentioned in the March 19th 2015 report.</li> </ol>
<b>Injuries</b>	77	5	85	Included 26 children, a University student and 2 fishermen.
<b>Attacks</b>	221	83	304	304 attacks were reported to have taken place during the month of March (221 in the West Bank and 83 in the Gaza Strip). The Israeli military carried out 206 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli military and Palestinians and 62 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian homes and property. In addition Israeli navy vessels carried out 22 attacks on Palestinian fishermen and territory, 5 from Settler attack, attacks from Military Checkpoints and 6 attack during raids.
<b>Raids</b>	473	3	476	The Israeli military carried out 476 raids in Palestinian residential areas during the month of March {473 in the West Bank and 3 in the Gaza Strip}. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (26); Ramallah (46); Jenin (43), Tubas (13) Tulkarem (53); Qalqiliya (40); Nablus (69); Salfit (8); Jericho (28); Bethlehem (62), Hebron (83), Central Gaza (1) and Rafah (2).
<b>Arrests</b>	422	19	441	During the month of March, the Israeli military arrested 441 Palestinians (422 the West Bank and 19 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (163); Ramallah (59); Jenin (20); Tubas (1) Tulkarem (8); Qalqiliya (16); Nablus (25); Salfit (6); Jericho (7); Bethlehem (43); Hebron (74), North Gaza (10) ,Gaza (1), Central Gaza (6) and Khan Yunis (2). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were 68 children, 11 Women, 9 Security Force officers, 10 University student, a journalist and 6 fishermen.
<b>Home Demolition</b>	13	0	13	<p><b><u>During the month of March 2015, the Israeli military demolished Palestinian homes and residential tents, which consisted of the following:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>During the month of March 2015, the Israeli military demolished Palestinian homes and residential tents, which consisted of the following:</u></b></li> <li>▪ The Israeli military demolished a section of a home (80m<sup>2</sup>) in Wadi Al-Juz neighbourhood in Jerusalem.</li> </ul>

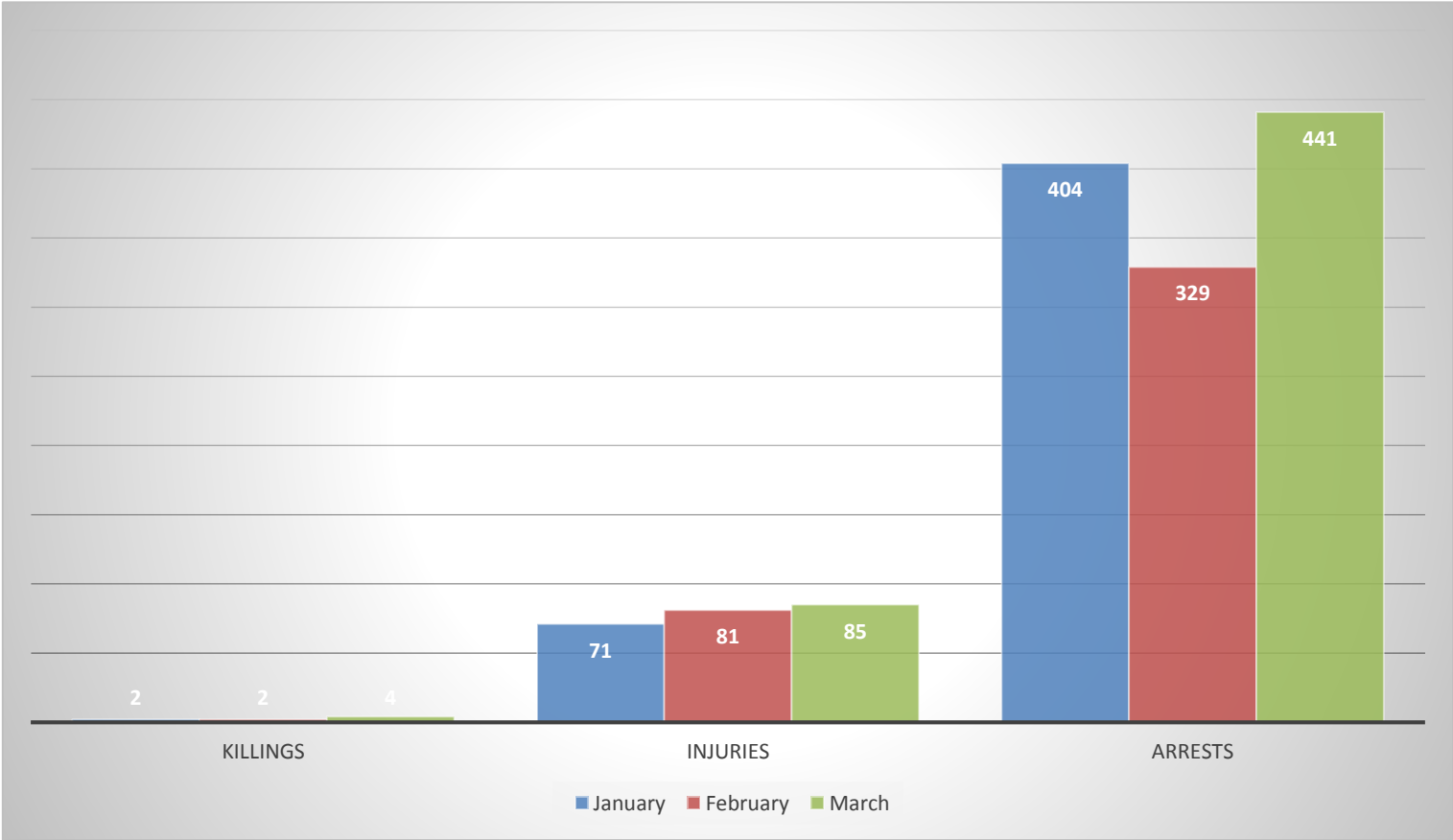
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Israeli military forces a resident to demolish a section of his home (10m<sup>2</sup>) in Jerusalem and imposed a financial penalty for allegedly being built without a licence.</li> <li>▪ The Israeli military demolished four residential tents and a barracks in Khirbiet Al-Makhoul in the North Jordan valley in Tubas District.</li> <li>▪ The Israeli military demolished residential tents in Beit Iksa village in Jerusalem.</li> <li>▪ The Israeli military demolished a home in Al-Jiftlik village in Jericho.</li> <li>▪ The Israeli military demolished a home (under construction) in Al-Jawarish village in Tulkarem.</li> <li>▪ The Israeli Military demolished four residential tents and a barracks in Khirbeit Ain Karziliya located near Al-Jiftlik village in Jericho.</li>   <li>▪ <b><u>During the month of March 2015 the Israeli Military served the following Demolition orders:</u></b></li> <li>▪ Israeli forces served demolition orders for a building (Al-Sumoud Camp) which houses 35 families in Al-Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood.</li> <li>▪ Israeli forces served demolition orders for three homes in Nihalin village in Bethlehem.</li> <li>▪ Israeli forces served demolition orders for several homes surrounding Qalandiya airport in Jerusalem.</li> <li>▪ Israeli forces served a demolition order for five homes (under construction) in Ain Al-Lawza and Bi'r Ayoub area's in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem.</li> <li>▪ Israeli forces served demolition orders for two homes in Al-Qoum village in Hebron.</li> <li>▪ Israeli forces served demolition orders for two homes near Bardalah village in Tubas.</li> <li>▪ Israeli forces served demolition orders for three homes in Jinba and Al-Fakhit villages located in east Yatta in Hebron.</li> </ul>
<b>Home Occupation</b>	9	0	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Ramallah District:</u> Beit Rima.</li> <li>▪ <u>Jenin District:</u> Fahma village.</li> <li>▪ <u>Tulkarem District:</u> Bal'a.</li> <li>▪ <u>Nablus District:</u> Tel village and Burin village.</li> <li>▪ <u>Bethlehem District:</u> Al-Khader.</li> </ul>
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	0	166	166	The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on <b>106</b> occasions during the month of March 2015 The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on <b>60</b> occasions.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	479	0	479	The Israeli military set up 479 flying checkpoints in March and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (95); Ramallah (55); Jenin (13),Tubas (18) ; Tulkarem (13); Qalqiliya (43); Nablus (69); Salfit (15); Jericho (52); Bethlehem (23) and Hebron (83).
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	5	0	5	The Israeli military provoked or harassed National Security Force officers on 2 occasion and Police Force on 3 occasions.
<b>Destruction and Confiscation of Public and Private property</b>	113	8	121	A total of 121 incidents of destruction and confiscation of Palestinian public and private property by Israeli settlers and Israeli forces were reported in March 2015 including Olive trees and demolition of Barracks.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	61	0	61	Israeli settler stoned residents and vehicles, stormed homes, uprooted trees, assaulted residents, ran over children with their vehicles, stormed several villages and towns and slashed the tires of residential vehicle.

<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	24	0	24	Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem on several occasions, The Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Avigdor Lieberman and several other Israeli MK's stormed Al Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron and Israeli forces stormed and searched a mosque in Husan village in Bethlehem.
<b>Assault on Health Sector</b>	2	0	2	Israeli forces stormed and searched a health clinic in Wadi Fuqan village in Bethlehem district. Israeli forces stormed and searched a health Clinic run by the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Obwein in Ramallah district
<b>Assault on Educational Sector</b>	3	0	3	Israeli forces stormed 2 schools in Al-Kahder in Bethlehem district. Israeli forces stormed a school in Beit Ur Al-Fawqa village in Ramallah.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	12	0	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of 49 settlement units near "Ramot" settlement located in south Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967.</li> <li>ii. Israeli settlers placed 2 mobile homes on land previously levelled (as mentioned in March 9th 2015 Report) in Kissan village in Bethlehem.</li> <li>iii. Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of 142 settlement units (three Apartment buildings consisting of 48 apartments in one and 50 apartments in the other two buildings) in "Har Homa" settlement located in south Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967.</li> <li>iv. Israeli forces levelled 100 dunums (acres) of agricultural land in Al-Lahif area in Salem village located near "Alon Muriya" settlement in Nablus and approximately 500 dunums (acres) of land in Kisan village in Bethlehem.</li> <li>v. Israeli forces levelled approximately 400 dunums (acres) of agricultural land in Baten Al-Ma'asi and Um Mohammad in area's located in Al-Khadr in Bethlehem district.</li> <li>vi. Israeli forces levelled a plot of land in Al-Eisawiya village in Jerusalem, levelled a plot of land in in Kisan village in Bethlehem.</li> <li>vii. Israeli forces levelled a plot of land in Kafr Atiyah area in Aqraba village in Nablus.</li> <li>viii. Israeli forces levelled a plot of land in in Kisan village in Bethlehem.</li> <li>ix. Israeli forces levelled a plot of land near "Rala'im" settlement in Nablus and levelled eight dunums (Acres) of land near "Kiryat Arba'" settlement in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>x. Israeli forces levelled a plot of land in Shu'fat camp in Jerusalem.</li> <li>xi. Israeli forces levelled a plot of land located at the east entrance of "Kiryat Arba'" settlement in the old city of Hebron.</li> </ul>

### COMPARISON TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY 2015	MARCH 2015
<b>Killings</b>	2	2	4
<b>Injuries</b>	71	81	85
<b>Arrests</b>	404	329	441
<b>Raids</b>	447	437	476
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	469	452	479
<b>Attacks</b>	288	268	304
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	11	8	5
<b>Attacks on Property</b>	74	64	121
<b>Home Occupation</b>	19	2	13
<b>Home Demolition</b>	8	9	9
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	167	152	166
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	23	23	24
<b>Settlement Activity &amp; Settler Violence</b>	63	64	73

**COMPARISON OF KILLINGS, INJURIES AND ARRESTS OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS**





## ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

### ■ **Killings:**

During the month of March 2015, Israeli forces killed four residents (2 in the West Bank and 2 in the Gaza Strip) which included the following:

- a) On March 7th 2015, Israeli Naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of North **Gaza in** West Beit Lahiya and as a result killed Tawfiq Abu Rayalah (a Fisherman).
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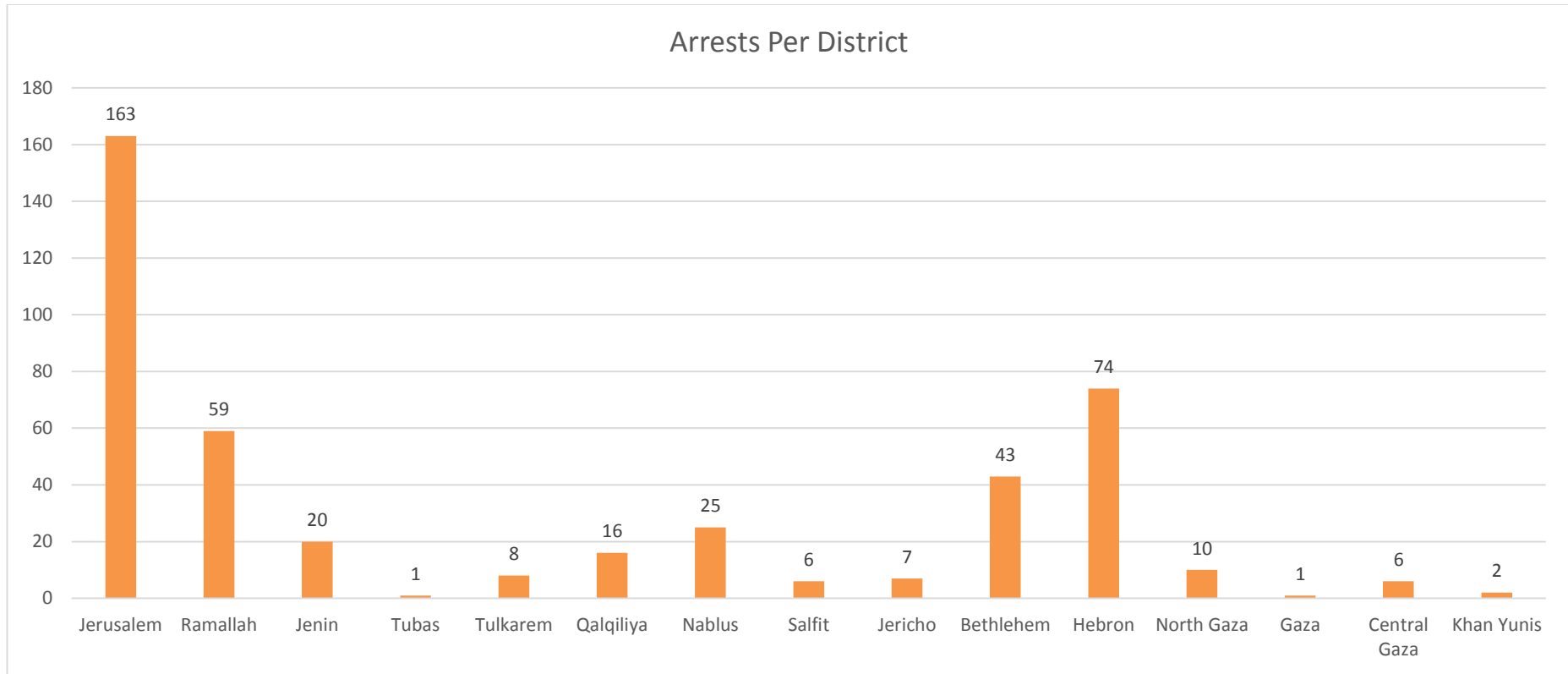
### ■ **Injuries**

85 injuries were reported in the month of March (77 Palestinians in the West Bank and eight in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 26 children, a University student and 2 fishermen.

### ■ **Arrests**

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Israeli forces temporarily detained 252 residents at checkpoint and in residential area including 29 children, 12 Women and 6 Security Force Officers.



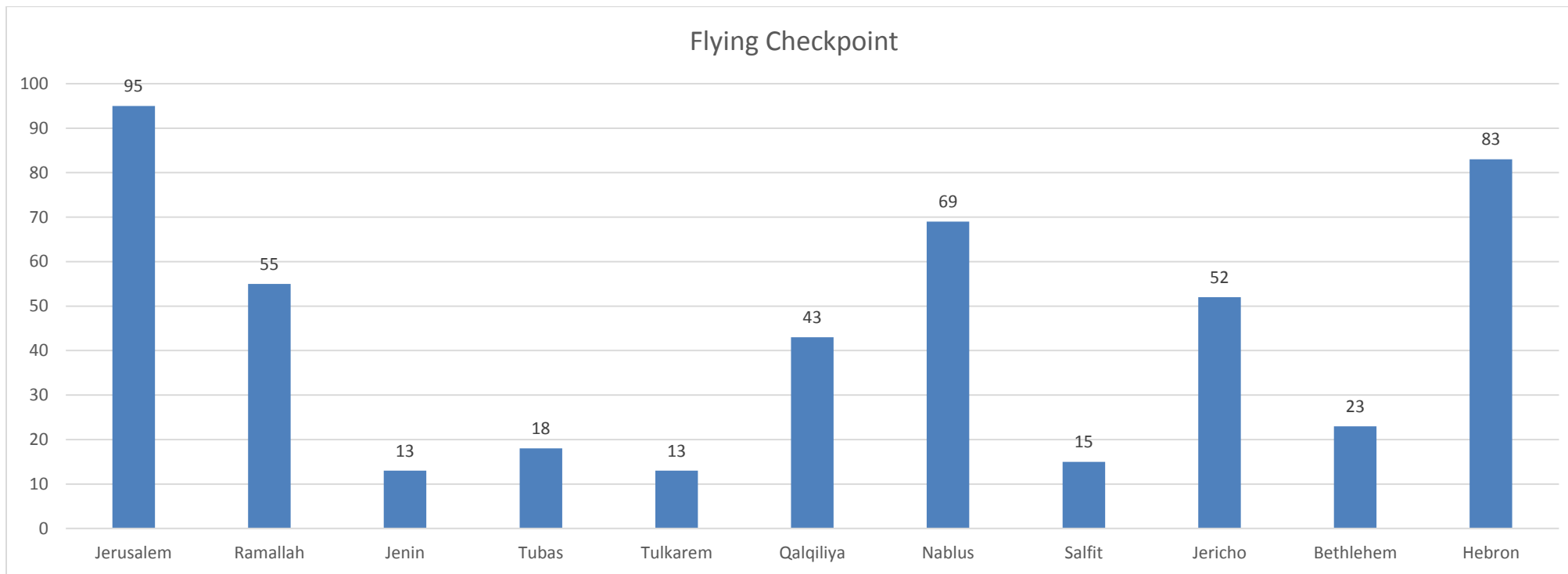
#### ■ **Closure**

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 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).

The Israeli military installed 479 flying checkpoints in March (compared with 452 in February and 469 in January) and as a result restricted the free access and movement of residents, merchant supplies and agricultural goods.

## Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank

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### ▪ Raids

The Israeli military carried out 476 raids in Palestinian residential areas during the month of March {473 in the West Bank and three in the Gaza Strip}. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (26); Ramallah (46); Jenin (43), Tubas (13) Tulkarem (53); Qalqiliya (40); Nablus (69); Salfit (8); Jericho (28); Bethlehem (62), Hebron (83), Central Gaza (1) and Rafah (2).

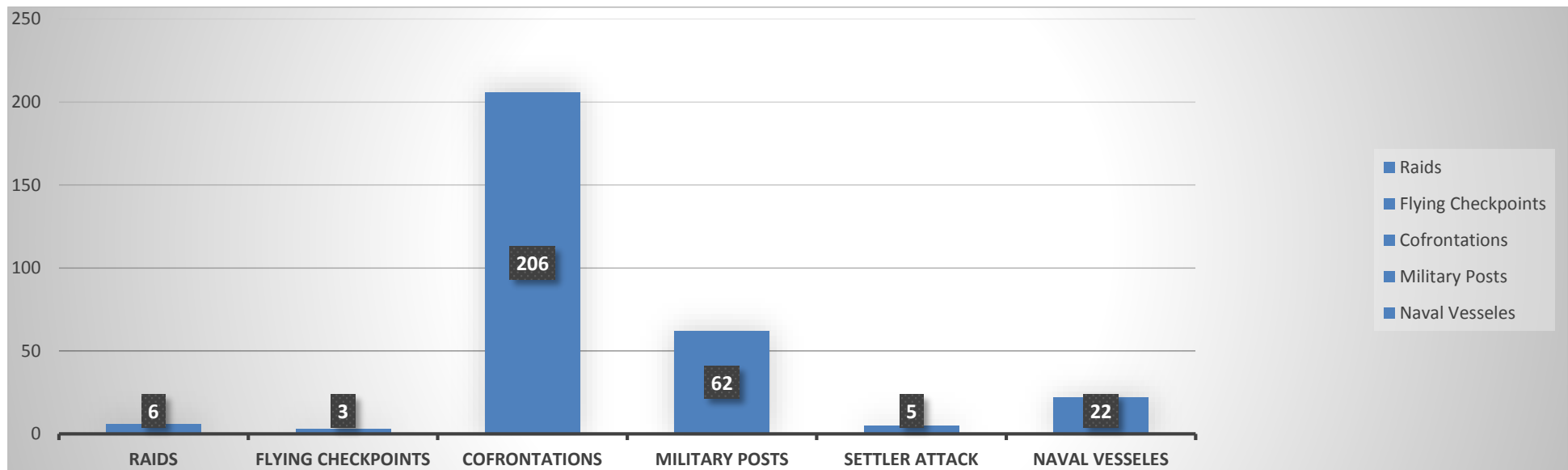
The Israeli military opened fire on 212 occasions during raids and clashes with civilians. (70% of attacks)

- **Attacks**

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The Israeli military carried out 206 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli military and Palestinians and 62 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian homes and property. In addition Israeli navy vessels carried out 22 attacks on Palestinian fishermen and territory, 5 from Settler attack, 3 attacks from Military Checkpoints and 6 attack during raids.

**Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts**



- **Home Demolition**

**During the month of March 2015, the Israeli military demolished Palestinian homes and residential tents, which consisted of the following:**

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- The Israeli military demolished a section of a home (80m<sup>2</sup>) in Wadi Al-Juz neighbourhood in Jerusalem.
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- The Israeli military demolished residential tents in Beit Iksa village in Jerusalem.
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- The Israeli military demolished a home (under construction) in Al-Jawarish village in Tulkarem.
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- **During the month of March 2015 the Israeli Military served the following Demolition orders:**
- Israeli forces served demolition orders for a building (Al-Sumoud Camp) which houses 35 families in Al-Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood.
- Israeli forces served demolition orders for three homes in Nihalin village in Bethlehem.
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- Israeli forces served demolition orders for two homes in Al-Qoum village in Hebron.
- Israeli forces served demolition orders for two homes near Bardalah village in Tubas.
- Israeli forces served demolition orders for 3 homes in Jinba and Al-Fakhit villages located in east Yatta in Hebron
  
- **Attacks on Public and Private Property**

A total of 121 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property by Israeli settlers and Israeli forces were reported in March 2015 (113 in the West Bank and 8 in the Gaza Strip).

**Attack on Public and Private property occurred as follows per District:**

**Jerusalem:** Israeli forces demolished a storage room including a surrounding concrete fence as well as uprooting several Olive trees in Wadi Al-Juz neighbourhood, demolished a newspaper stand near Bab Al-Amoud, demolished several barracks in Beit Hania and Beit Iksa, and prevented rehabilitation work on a school located near Al-Aqsa mosque compound.

**Ramallah:** Israeli settlers chopped down 60 Olive trees in Turmus'aya, smashed the windows of a home in Sinjil, and damaged a clinic for the Palestinian Ministry of Health after storming and searching it in Obwein and Israeli settlers set fire to two vehicles in Al-Mughier village.

**Tubas:** Israeli forces prevented residents from entering their agricultural land in Tamoun and Israeli forces demolished four kitchens, four portable bathrooms, 13 livestock barns and three water tanks in Al-Makhoul village and Israeli forces demolished a livestock den in Al-Hadadiya village located in the North Jordan valley in Tubas.

**Jenin:** Israeli forces demolished a water well, a concrete fence and uprooted 10 Olive trees in Ti'inik.

**Nablus:** Israeli forces uprooted 300 Olive trees and destroyed several stone walls approximately 5000m in length in Aqraba, Israeli settlers uprooted and destroyed 60 Olive trees in Burin village and uprooted 300 Olive trees in Salem village located near "Al-Ion Moriya" settlement and prevented several residents from farming their agricultural land in Yanoun village.

**Qalqiliya:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over a herd of sheep in near Jinsafout village and as a result killed two sheep and injured 14 other livestock.

**Jericho:** Israeli forces demolished five barracks and a car wash lot in Al-Jiftlik village.

**Bethlehem:** Israeli settler uprooted several Olive trees in Al-Khadr and Israeli forces damaged furniture after storming and searching a home in Bethlehem.

**Hebron:** Israeli settlers chopped down 1200 trees in Al-Shiyoukh, damaged a vehicle in the old city of Hebron, uprooted 150 Olive trees in Al-Thahiriya, uprooted 70 Olive trees near "Migon" settlement in Yatta, Israeli forces closed down a stone mill in Beit Ummar.

**North Gaza:** Israeli Naval vessels damaged five Palestinian fishing boat after opening fire towards it off the shores of North Gaza and damaged a vehicle.

**Confiscation and seizure of Palestinian owned property during March 2015:**

- **Jerusalem:** Israeli forces confiscated surveillance camera footage from a Gas station in Al-Jib.
- **Jenin:** Israeli forces confiscated a computer and a Cellular telephone after storming and searching a home in Jabloun village and confiscated an Identification Card of resident in Al-Arqa village.
- **Tubas:** Israeli forces confiscated 84 steel Pipes (6m in length and 4 Inches thick) which were part of rehabilitation works for agricultural

infrastructure in Ein Al-Bayda village, confiscated a bulldozer as it working a construction site near Kardala village in the North Jordan Valley, confiscated a water tank truck in Al-Farisiya village and confiscated a bulldozer and 2 trucks near Izbziq village.

- **Nablus:** Israeli forces confiscated surveillance camera footage from a supermarket in Huwara, confiscated a handheld transceivers after temporarily detaining a Civil Defense officer at a checkpoint near Madma village bridge, Israeli forces positioned at a checkpoint in Tel village confiscated a residents Identification card, confiscated a bulldozer in Azmout village and confiscated a vehicle as well as 6 cellular telephones, car keys and batteries in Nablus
- **Qalqiliya:** Israeli forces confiscated an identification card and a cellular telephone.
- **Hebron:** Israeli forces confiscated several cellular telephones after storming and searching a home in Tel Al-Rumayda neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, confiscated a truck carrying slabs of stone in Beit Ummar, and confiscated a solid waste truck owned by Yatta Municipality.
- **North Gaza:** Israeli forces confiscated a fishing boat off the shores of Al-Sudaniya beach.

#### ▪ **Settlement Activity:**

- Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of 49 settlement units near “Ramot” settlement located in south Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967.
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- Israeli forces levelled a plot of land near “Rala’im” settlement in Nablus and levelled eight dunums (Acres) of land near “Kiryat Arba” settlement in the old city of Hebron.
- Israeli forces levelled a plot of land in Shu’fat camp in Jerusalem.
- Israeli forces levelled a plot of land located at the east entrance of “Kiryat Arba” settlement in the old city of Hebron

#### ▪ **Settler Violence**

61 incidents of Settler violence occurred during the month of March including:

**Jerusalem:** Israeli settlers attempted to forcefully occupy a home in Aqbat Al-Khaladiya area in the old city of Jerusalem, stormed agricultural land near Mikhmas, assaulted 3 residents including 2 children in Jerusalem, assaulted 2 residents in Al-Thuri neighbourhood, forced residents out of their homes and occupied them in Shiekh Jarrah neighbourhood, and opened fire towards residents in Silwan neighbourhood.

**Ramallah:** Israeli settlers opened random fire in Ain Ayoub area located in Ras Kar Kar village, assaulted several farmers in Turmus’aya, chopped down 60 Olive trees in Turmus’aya, stoned residents and vehicles near “Bet El” settlement junction and set fire to 2 vehicles in Al-Mughier village.

**Jenin:** Israeli settlers opened fire towards residents and vehicles near Silat Al-Thaher.

**Qalqiliya:** Israeli settlers ran over a herd of goats with his vehicle near Jinsafout village and stoned residents near Kokhav Hash’har” settlement

**Nablus:** Israeli settlers stormed Joseph’s Tomb in Nablus, an armed settler attacked a chicken coup on a farm and forced a resident to stop his vehicle

and then drive him to “Yitshar” settlement, temporarily abducted 3 Sheppard’s in Aqraba, opened fire towards residents near Aqraba, stormed a park in Al-Bithan village, installed mobile homes on residential owned land in Jallud village, assaulted a resident in Salem village, chopped down 60 Olive trees in Burin village, stoned residents and vehicles near “Alon Moriya” settlement junction

**Bethlehem:** Israeli settler opened fire towards several children from his vehicle along road (60) in Al-Khader, stoned residents near the entrance of Nihalin village, uprooted and chopped down several Olive trees in Ein Qassis area in Al-Khadr and stormed agricultural land in Irtas village.

**Hebron:** Israeli settlers temporarily abducted a resident and his son as they were herding their sheep in Yatta, uprooted 1200 Olive trees in Al-Shiyoukh area, stoned residents and vehicles in Wadi Abu Rish area in Beit Ummar, stoned and injured a child in east Yatta, smashed the windshields of several vehicles in the old city of Hebron, an Israeli settler driving a vehicle ran over a resident in the old city of Hebron, attacked a home in the old city , uprooted 70 Olive trees in Yatta, assaulted a child as she was walking to school in the old city and assaulted 4 children in the old city.

▪ **Closure of Crossing Points**

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **166** occasions during the month of March. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **106** occasions. It opened **Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing** for **27** days for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals and **Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing** for **22** 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’iya (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 **60** occasions. **Rafah Crossing** was opened for 2 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*.

