

## **PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP**



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

**01 April 2012 – 30 April 2012**

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 April 2012 to 30 April 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 APRIL 2012

- **03 April:** A child called Aseel Mahmoud Mousa Arara, 4, from Anata town in Jerusalem District, dies of injuries sustained during an Israeli military drills in Anatot military camp on 25 October 2012.
- **05 April:** The Israeli forces fired tear gas bombs at civilians in Al-Ram town un Jerusalem District and seriously injured a child called Ala' Mashhour Kanaan, 16.
- **06 April:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians during confrontations that took place in Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah District and injured a child called Walid Murad Abdelhamid Tamimi, 15, and a reported called Ahmad Daghlas.
- **12 April:** Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured a child called Eman Shaher Masaeed while driving on the main road in Jiftlek village in Jericho District.
- **13 April:** The Israeli forces opened fired at civilians during confrontations that took place in Nabi Saleh village and injured a child called Usama Bilal Tamimi, 16.
- **13 April:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured a child called Ahmad Harb Qawasreh, 6, from Bethlehem on the main road near Al-Fashkhah area in Jericho District.
- **27 April:** An Israeli settler from Daniel settlement unleashed a cur toward a civilian called Abdel Rahim Ismail Salah from Al-Khader town in Bethlehem District while he was working on his land.

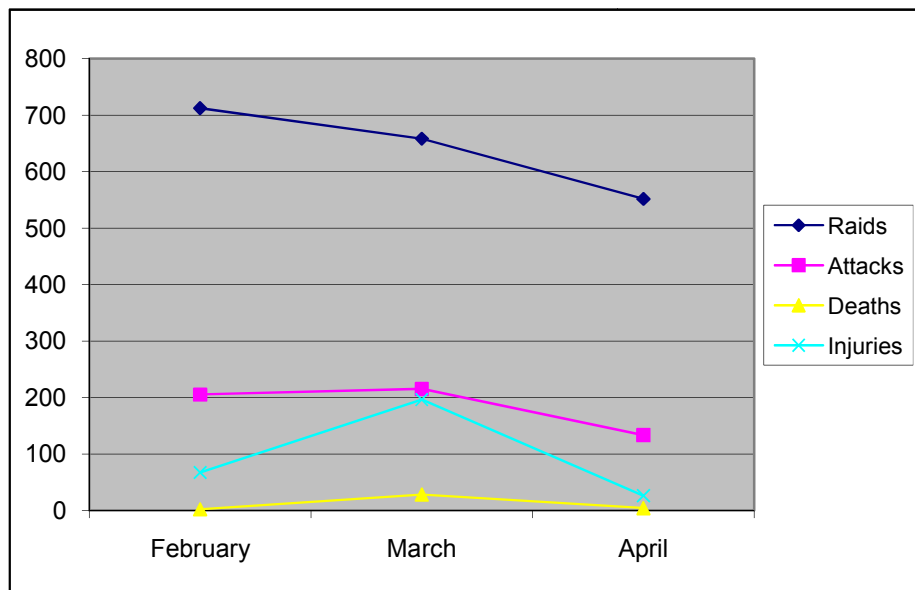
## SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – APRIL 2012

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
<b>Deaths</b>	2	2	4	Incl. 2 children one of injuries sustained during Israeli military drills on 25 October 2012.
<b>Injuries</b>	22	4	26	Incl. 4 children two of whom were run over by Israeli settler vehicles and one attacked by a cur.
<b>Attacks</b>	76	57	133	The Israeli military carried out 15 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 64 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 31 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 16 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 3 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 4 occasions.
<b>Raids</b>	540	11	551	11 in Jerusalem; 40 in Ramallah; 65 in Jenin; 21 in Tubas; 44 in Tulkarem; 77 in Qalqiliya; 72 in Nablus; 19 in Salfit; 19 in Jericho; 54 in Bethlehem; 118 in Hebron; 4 in Northern Gaza; 3 in Khan Younis; 2 in Rafah.
<b>Arrests</b>	255	9	264	11 in Jerusalem; 14 in Ramallah; 19 in Jenin; 4 in Toubas; 7 in Tulkarem; 43 in Qalqiliya; 43 in Nablus; 12 in Salfit; 10 in Jericho; 22 in Bethlehem; 70 in Hebron; 6 in Northern Gaza; 2 in Khan Younis; 1 in Rafah. Arrested persons included 23 children; 1 female civilian; 1 ex-detainee; 1 handicapped civilian; 1 fisherman; 1 reporter; 15 university students; 9 security officers.
<b>Home Demolition</b>	11	0	11	The Israeli military demolished 10 tents used for residential purposes in Beit Jala. In addition, the Israeli authorities delivered 1 home demolition notifications in Beit Hanina town in Jerusalem District and 6 notifications in Qalqilya District under the pretext of unlicensed construction and the location of the houses in Area C which is under Israeli control.
<b>Attacks on Public &amp; Private Property</b>	81	3	84	<b>Destruction of Property:</b> 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. <b>Confiscation of Property:</b> The Israeli military confiscated computers; ID cards; a pistol; a hunting rifle; a truck; water pumps; a tractor; and irrigation networks.
<b>Home Occupation</b>	6	0	6	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts homes in the districts of Qalqilya, Nablus and Hebron.
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	0	141	141	International crossing points were closed on 105 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 36 occasions.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	620	0	620	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (70); Ramallah (54); Jenin (28); Tubas (3); Tulkarem (13); Qalqilya (109); Nablus (122); Salfit (23); Jericho (53); Bethlehem (46); Hebron (98).
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	10	0	10	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian National Security forces on 3 occasions; PCP on 6 occasions; General Intelligence on 1 occasion.
<b>Curfews</b>	2	0	2	In Al-Funduq village in Jayyous town in Qalqilya District.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	8	0	8	Israeli authorities invited bids for the construction of 834 new housing units in Har Homa settlement and 108 units in Givat Zeev settlement; Israeli settlers razed land in Nablus and Bethlehem and Hebron districts.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	82	0	82	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.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	6	0	6	Settlers raided the yards of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the old city of East Jerusalem; the Israeli forces closed Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1721</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1948</b>	

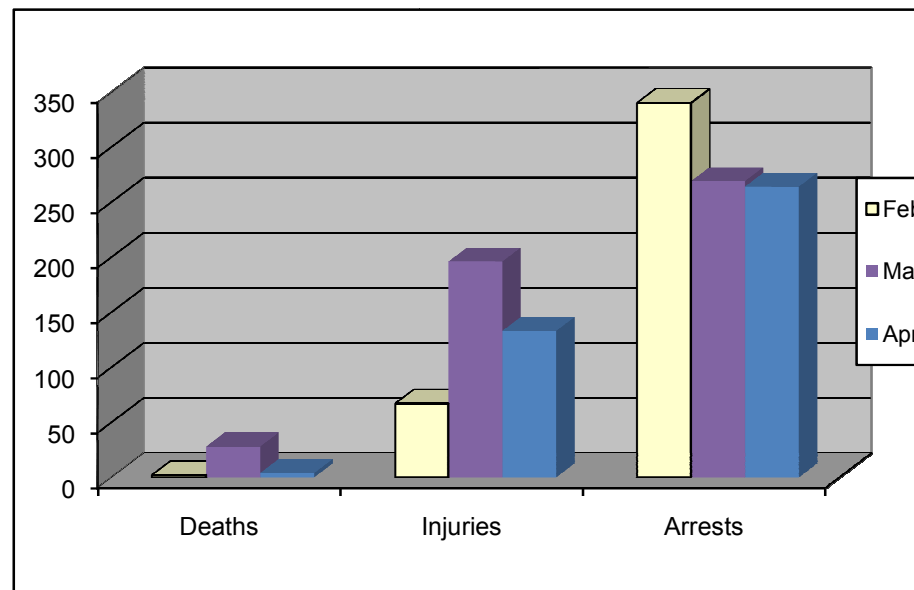
### COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	FEB. 2012	MAR 2012	APRIL 2012	COMMENTS
<b>Assassinations</b>	0	2	0	No assassination incidents were reported for this month.
<b>Deaths</b>	2	26	4	Death toll dropped by 84.6% compared to last March.
<b>Injuries</b>	67	196	26	A drop by 86/7% compared to last March and by 61.2% compared to last February. The number of wounded children was 10 compared to 24 last March and 4 last February.
<b>Attacks</b>	205	215	133	A drop in the number of attacks by 38.1% compared to last month and of 35.1% compared to last February.
<b>Raids</b>	712	658	551	A drop by 16.3% compared to March and a by 22.6% compared to February.
<b>Arrests</b>	340	269	264	Drop of 1.9% compared to last March and of 22.4% compared to February. The number of arrested children was 23 compared to 60 last month and 55 in February.
<b>Home Demolition</b>	24	14	11	A drop of 21.4% compared to last March and of 48.8% compared to last February.
<b>Attacks on Property</b>	164	80	84	A rise by 5% compared to last month and a by 48.8% compared to last February.
<b>Home Occupation</b>	13	6	6	A drop of 53.8% compared to last March.
<b>Curfews</b>	1	0	2	2 incidents of curfew were reported for this month in Qalqilya District.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	607	660	620	A drop of 6.0% compared to last March and a rise of 2.1% compared to last February.
<b>Complete Closure of Crossing Points</b>	133	145	141	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 105 occasions in April, compared to 109 last March. 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.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	1	2	0	No incidents of medical obstruction were reported for this month.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	7	1	6	Israeli settlers raided Al-Aqsa Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem and Israeli authorities closed Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the Old City of Hebron.
<b>School Disruption</b>	0	1	0	No incidents of school disruption were reported for this month.
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	18	13	10	Drop of 23% compared to last month and of 44.4% compared to last February.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	16	1	8	A drop of 50% compared to last February.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	79	66	82	A rise of 24.2% compared to last month and of 3.8% compared to last February.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2389</b>	<b>2355</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>During the month of March, total incidents dropped by 17.3% compared to March due to the drop in the number of deaths, injuries, attacks and flying checkpoints. Likewise, total events dropped by 18.5% compared to March as a result in the drop in the number of raids, provocation of Palestinian forces and demolition of property.</b>

**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. Deaths

The Israeli military **killed 4 Palestinians**, (2 in the West Bank and 2 in the Gaza Strip) including 2 children.

### 2. Injuries

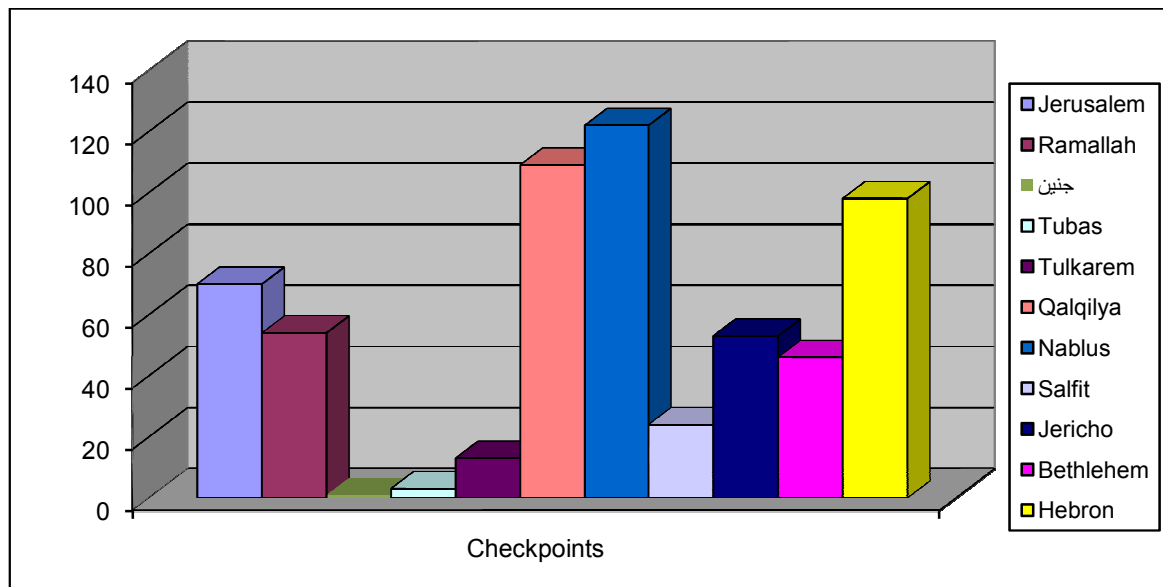
A total of **26 injuries** were reported in the month of April (22 Palestinians in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 4 children and 1 civilian.

### 3. Arrests

During the month of April, the Israeli military **arrested 264 Palestinians** (255 in the West Bank and 9 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (11); Ramallah (14); Jenin (19); Tubas (4); Tulkarem (7); Qalqilya (43); Nablus (43); Salfit (12); Jericho (10); Bethlehem (22); Hebron (70); Northern Gaza (6); Khan Younis (2); Rafah (1). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 23 children; 1 female civilian; 1 ex-detainee; 1 fisherman; 1 reporter; 15 university students; 9 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 ***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 Bareed. 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

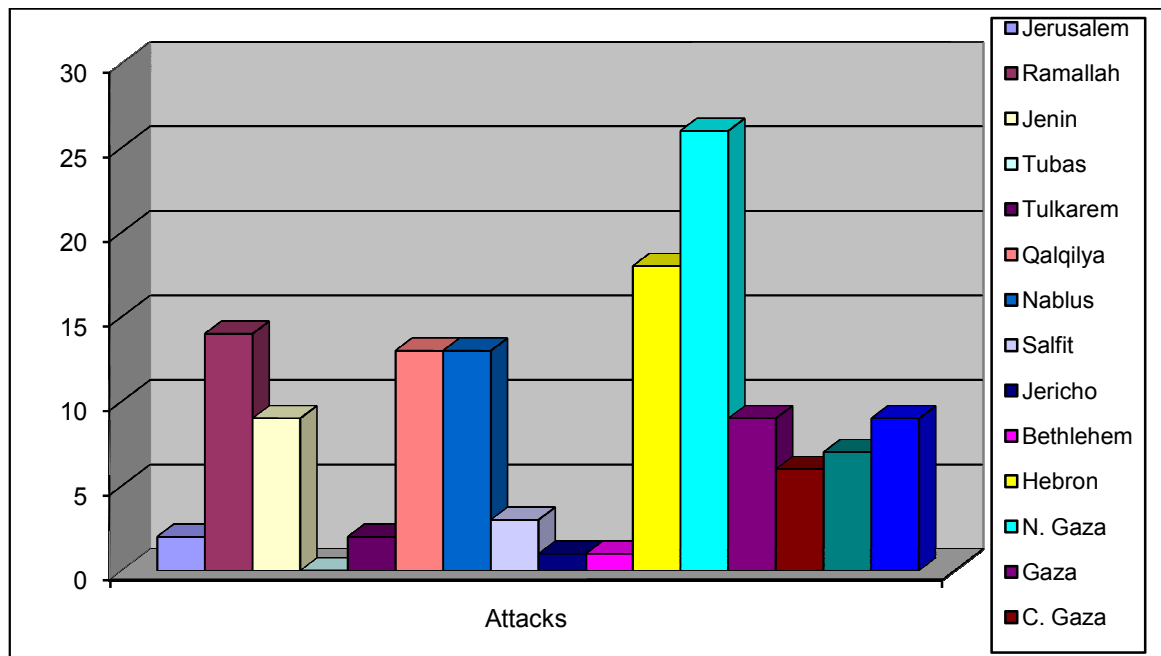
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **620 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in April, compared to 660 last month and 607 in February. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

### 5. Attacks

A total of **133 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of April: **76** in the West Bank and **57** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **15 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **64 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **31 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **16 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 3 **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 56 **occasions** during the month of April (compared to 84 last March). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **8 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to 316 last month).



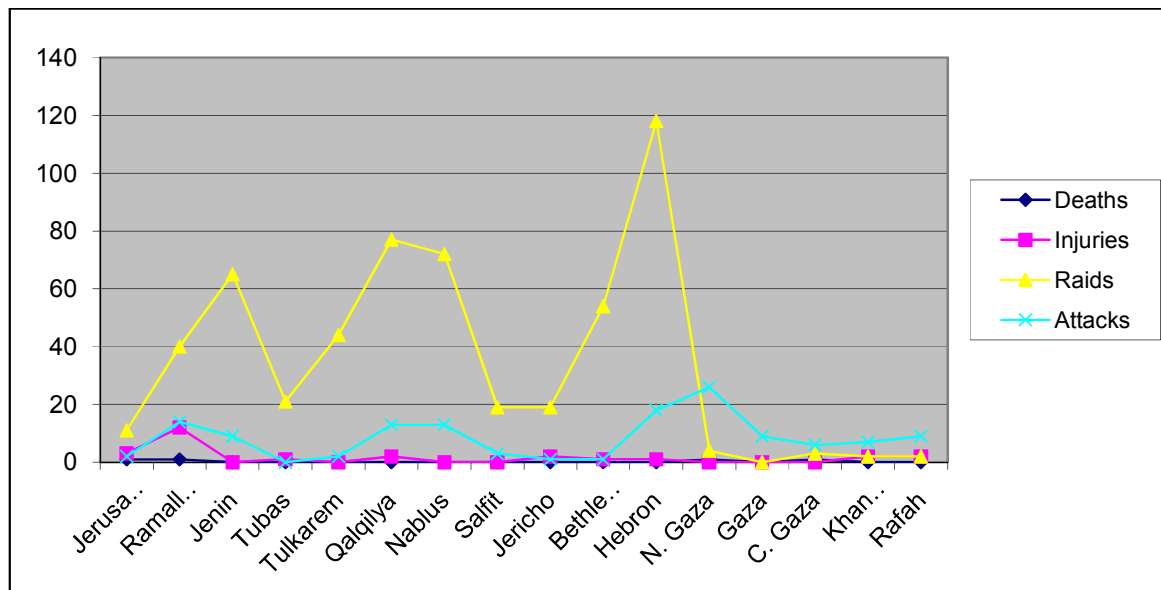
### Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

#### 6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **551 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of April, including **540 in the West Bank** and **11 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (11); Ramallah (40); Jenin (65); Tubas (21); Tulkarem (44); Qalqilya (77); Nablus (72); Salfit (19); Jericho (19); Bethlehem (54); Hebron (118); Northern Gaza (4); Central Gaza (3); Khan Younis (2); Rafah (2). The Israeli army **opened fire on 79 occasions** (i.e. 59.4% 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.*





### **7. Home Demolition**

The Israeli military demolished 10 tents used for residential purposes in Khirbet Jaouna village in Nablus District and 1 civilian home in Makhroun area in Beit Jala town in Bethlehem District. In addition the Israeli authorities delivered 1 home demolition notification in Beit Hanina town in Jerusalem, 6 in Kfar Qaddoum village in Qalqilya District under the pretext of unlicensed construction and the location of the houses in Area C which is under Israeli control.

### **8. Home Occupations**

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

### **9. Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces**

The Israeli army carried out 10 attacks and provocations of Palestinian security forces and posts during the month of April. 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
<b>Taking positions/setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts</b>	<b>6</b>	Including: The Israeli military set up military post near National Security patrol in Al-Khader area in Bethlehem District and in Tulkarem city.

		<p>The Israeli military set up a military post in front of the PCP in Tel village in Nablus District.</p> <p>The Israeli military set up a flying checkpoint in front of the PCP in Dura town in Hebron District.</p> <p>The Israeli military set up 2 military posts near PCP in Bani Naim town and Kurza village in Hebron District.</p>
<b>Detaining and searching Palestinian security officers and patrols</b>	<b>3</b>	<p>The Israeli military detained a PCP vehicle at Al-Mahkama checkpoint in Ramallah District.</p> <p>The Israeli army detained 2 National Security vehicles on Al-‘Auja checkpoint in Jericho District.</p> <p>The Israeli army detained 1 PCP vehicle in the Old City of Hebron.</p>
<b>Notification Delivery</b>	<b>1</b>	The Israeli army delivered summon to 1 security officer in Salfit city to report to the Israeli military intelligence.

### **10. Attacks on Public and Private Property**

A total of 84 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in April, including 81 in the West Bank and 3 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, the Israeli army forced a family to evacuate their home in Beit Hanina town in Jerusalem District; damaged 13 tens and barracks and sheepfolds in Jeeb village, and closed the office of “Here is Jerusalem” of Al-Quds University in the Old City of Jerusalem. In **Ramallah**, the Israeli army closed road under construction in Sateh Marhaba area in Al-Bireh city; damaged a reporter’s camera in Nabi Saleh village. Israeli settlers uprooted 150 olive trees in Beitelo village. In **Tulkarem**, Israeli settlers cut down olive trees in Izbet Shufa village. In **Toubas**, Israeli settlers damaged agricultural land in Bardala village and caused damage to furniture of 1 civilian home in Kfar Qaddoum village. In **Qalqilya**, Israeli settlers caused damage to 1 civilian vehicles in ‘Azzun town and incurred damage to furniture of 1 civilian home in Kfar Qaddoum village. In **Salfit**, the Israeli army damaged 1 ID, razed agricultural land, damaged 3 green houses, 4 water wells and tents used for residential purposes. In **Jericho**, the Israeli army tore the ID of 1 civilian in Jiftlek village. In **Bethlehem**, the Israeli army prevented 1 civilian from ploughing his land in Al-Khader town, cut down the fence around Solomon’s Pools, and removed electric posts in Beit Jala. In **Hebron**, the Israeli army caused damage to home furniture, demolished water wells in Halhul, damaged agricultural land, and stormed the offices of the Ministry of Interior and Labour in the Old City of Hebron.

In **Northern Gaza**, Israeli military drowned 1 fishing boat in the sea.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Jerusalem: Equipment and files from “Here is Jerusalem” network of Al-Quds University in the old City of Jerusalem. Ramallah: A bulldozer. Jenin: A bulldozer belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture. Qalqilya: ID and mobile phones. Nablus: 1 computer and a water tank. Hebron: Rifle. N. Gaza: 1 fishing boat.

### **11. Settler Violence**

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers attacked civilians and the guards of Al-Aqsa Mosque. In **Ramallah**, settlers raided Beitelo village, cut down olive trees and installed a

mobile home in Ni'lin village behind the separation wall. In **Jenin**, settlers stoned civilian vehicles. In **Toubas**, settlers razed land and damaged crops and chased farmers. In **Tulkarem**, settlers entered Beit Lid town protected by the Israeli army. In **Qalqilya**, settlers entered into agricultural land in Imatin village. In **Nablus**, settlers razed land, stormed 'Urif village, set agricultural land on fire and opened fire at civilians indiscriminately. In **Jericho**, settlers stoned bikers near Al-'Auja and ran over 1 child. In **Bethlehem**, settlers unleashed a cur at a civilian and raided Solomon's Pools area. In **Hebron**, settlers attacked 2 civilian brothers, hoisted the Israeli flag on Al-Ibrahimi Mosque and stoned civilians and vehicles.

## **12. Closure of Crossing Points**

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **141** occasions during the month of April. 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 19 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 **36** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 24 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*.