

## **PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP**



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

**01 May 2012 – 31 May 2012**

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 May 2012 to 31 May 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 MAY 2012

- **04 May:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians during confrontations that took place near Qalandya military checkpoint in Jerusalem and injured 3 civilians, including a child called Baha' Omar Hamad, 17.
- **04 May:** The Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas bombs at mourners in a funeral procession in Beit 'Ummar town in Hebron District and injured a child called Ahmad Mohammad Awad, 14.
- **10 May:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians during confrontations that took place in Al-Khader town in Bethlehem District and injured a child called Ahmad Jaafra, 15.
- **15 May:** The Israeli army positioned at the entrance of Ofra camp in Ramallah fired rubber coated metal bullets and tear gas bombs at civilians during confrontations and injured 18 civilians, including 5 children: Anwar Talib Abu Rahmeh, 16, Ahmad Shahwan Abu Nijem, 17, Maher Mohammad Jabarin, 17, Ahmad Abdelhadi Yaacoub, 15, Mahmoud Mohammad Ata, 17.
- **16 May:** The Israeli army positioned at the entrance of Al-'Arroub refugee camp in Hebron District fired tear gas bombs at children and injured a child called Omar Haitham Al-Badawi, 15.
- **17 May:** The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired artillery shells at civilians near Al-Mintar-Carni Crossing east of Gaza city in Gaza District and injured 7 civilians, including 3 elderly civilians and 1 female civilian.
- **18 May:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians during confrontations that took place in Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah District and injured 2 children: Waed Tamim, 15 and Walid Tamimi, 16.
- **25 May:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians during confrontations that took place in Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah District and injured 3 children: Mahmoud Shaker Tamimi, 14, Islam Tamimi, 16, Mohammad Bilal Tamimi, 10.
- **25 May:** A settler vehicle ran over a child called Ragheb Mohammad Tamimi, 9, on the main road between Nabi Saleh and Deir Nizam villages.

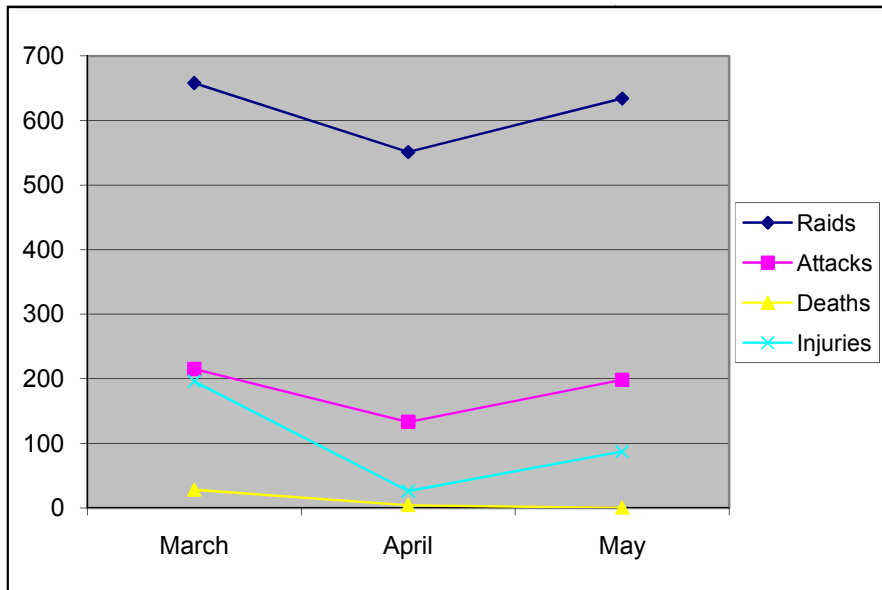
## SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – MAY 2012

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
<b>Injuries</b>	77	10	87	Incl. 17 children, 1 female civilian, 1 reporter, and 2 elderly civilians.
<b>Attacks</b>	137	61	198	The Israeli military carried out 19 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 121 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 34 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property; 3 from military checkpoints. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 17 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 5 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 2 occasions.
<b>Raids</b>	621	13	634	19 in Jerusalem; 61 in Ramallah; 77 in Jenin; 31 in Tubas; 60 in Tulkarem; 74 in Qalqiliya; 85 in Nablus; 19 in Salfit; 28 in Jericho; 48 in Bethlehem; 119 in Hebron; 1 in Northern Gaza; 2 in Central Gaza; 3 in Gaza; 6 in Khan Younis; 1 in Rafah.
<b>Arrests</b>	266	11	277	37 in Jerusalem; 22 in Ramallah; 20 in Jenin; 4 in Toubas; 11 in Tulkarem; 21 in Qalqiliya; 43 in Nablus; 17 in Salfit; 15 in Jericho; 15 in Bethlehem; 61 in Hebron; 6 in Northern Gaza; 2 in Central Gaza; 2 in Gaza; 1 in Khan Younis. Arrested persons included 49 children; 3 female civilians; 1 elderly civilian; 1 ex-detainee; 9 fishermen; 5 university students; 5 security officers.
<b>Home Demolition</b>	13	0	13	The Israeli military demolished 1 civilian home in the Old City of Jerusalem; 9 tents used for residential purposes in Khirbet Zanouta village and un Wadi Samou' area in Hebron District; barracks used for residential purposes on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem; 1 civilian home under construction in Qalqilya. In addition, the Israeli authorities delivered home demolition notifications in Hebron, 7 in Jerusalem, and 2 in Jericho.
<b>Attacks on Public &amp; Private Property</b>	112	5	117	<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>	7	0	7	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts homes in the districts of Ramallah, Qalqilya, Nablus and Hebron.
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	0	145	145	International crossing points were closed on 107 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 38 occasions.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	567	0	567	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 (27); Tubas (4); Tulkarem (25); Qalqilya (95); Nablus (94); Salfit (18); Jericho (52); Bethlehem (63); Hebron (80).
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	6	0	6	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian National Security forces on 1 occasion; PCP on 1 occasion; General Intelligence on 1 occasion; Presidential guard on 1 occasion; Civil Defence on 2 occasions.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	1	0	1	The Israeli army detained ambulances and denied them access to Kafr Qaddoum village in Qalqilya District.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	2	0	2	Israeli authorities razed agricultural land in Hebron Atous area in Hebron District; endorsed the construction of 1100 rooms in Givat Hamatos settlement in Jerusalem; issued a military order to seize 29.6 acres in Salfit for security purposes.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	71	0	71	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>	7	0	7	Settlers raided the yards of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the old city of East Jerusalem and fired tear gas bombs at worshippers in the Great Mosque in Hebron.
<b>School Disruption</b>	4	2	6	The Israeli army besieged a secondary school for boys in Kafr Qaddoum and denied students access to the school; raided a school in Beit Jala and detained teachers; raided a school in Beit Awwa town in Hebron; opened fire at two schools in Khuzaa town in Khan Younis District.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1891</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>2138</b>	

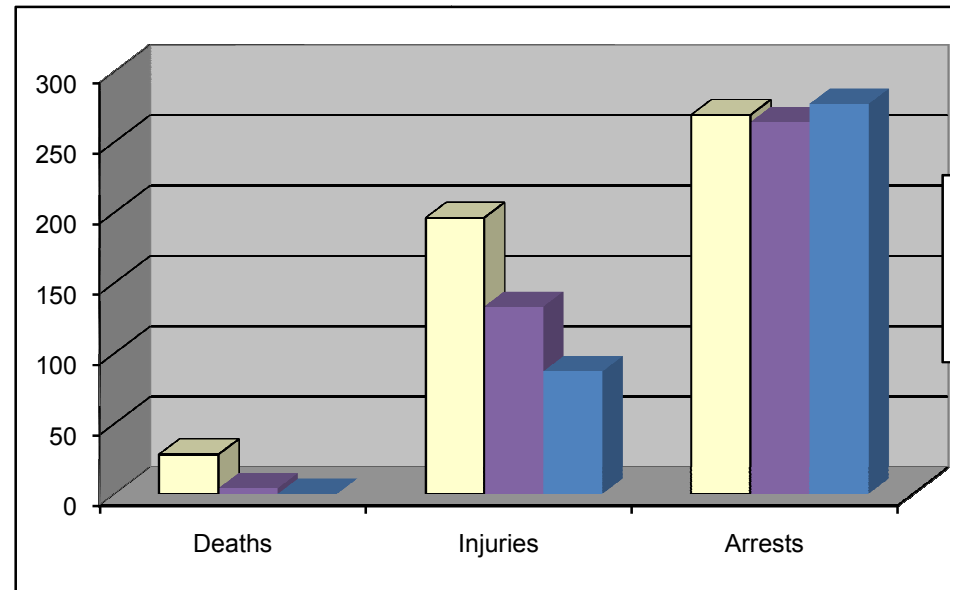
### COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	MAR 2012	APRIL 2012	MAY 2012	COMMENTS
<b>Assassinations</b>	2	0	0	No assassination incidents were reported for this month.
<b>Deaths</b>	26	4	0	No death incidents were reported for this month.
<b>Injuries</b>	196	26	87	A rise by 234.6% compared to last April and a drop by 55.6% compared to last March. The number of wounded children was 24 compared to 4 last April and 17 last March.
<b>Attacks</b>	215	133	198	A rise in the number of attacks by 48.9% compared to last month and a drop of 7.9% compared to last March.
<b>Raids</b>	658	551	634	A rise by 15.06% compared to April and a by 3.6% compared to March.
<b>Arrests</b>	269	264	277	A rise of 4.9% compared to last April and of 2.97% compared to March. The number of arrested children was 49 compared to 23 last month and 60 in March.
<b>Home Demolition</b>	14	11	13	A rise of 18.2% compared to last April and of 7.1% compared to last March.
<b>Attacks on Property</b>	80	84	117	A rise by 39.2% compared to last month and a by 46.2% compared to last March.
<b>Home Occupation</b>	6	6	7	A drop of 16.6% compared to last April and March.
<b>Curfews</b>	0	2	0	No incidents of curfew were reported for this month.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	660	620	567	A drop of 8.5% compared to last April and of 14.1% compared to last March.
<b>Complete Closure of Crossing Points</b>	145	141	145	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 107 occasions in May, compared to 105 last April. Rafah Crossing was closed for 7 days. Yasser Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	2	0	1	A rise compared to last April and a drop compared to last March.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	1	6	7	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>	1	0	6	A rise compared to last April and March.
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	13	10	6	Drop of 40% compared to last month and of 53.8% compared to last March.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	1	8	2	A drop compared to last April and a rise compared to last March.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	66	82	71	A drop of 13.4% compared to last month and a rise of 7.6% compared to last March.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2355</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>2138</b>	<b>During the month of May, total incidents rose by 9.8% compared to April due to the rise in the number of injuries, raids, attacks on property, house demolition, and attacks. Likewise, total events dropped by 9.2% compared to May as a result in the drop in the number of checkpoints, 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 C PAST 3 MONTHS**



## ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

### 1. Injuries

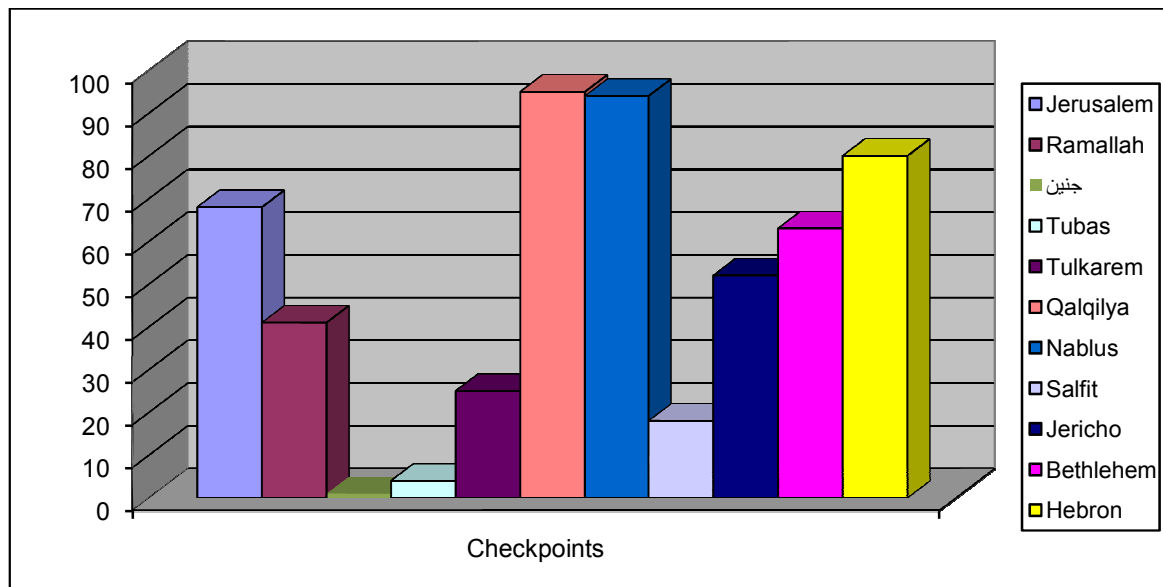
A total of **87 injuries** were reported in the month of May (77 Palestinians in the West Bank and 10 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 17 children, including 1 child who was run over by a settler vehicle, 4 civilians who were assaulted by settlers, 1 female civilian, 1 reporter, and 3 elderly civilians.

### 2. Arrests

During the month of May, the Israeli military **arrested 277 Palestinians** (266 in the West Bank and 11 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (37); Ramallah (22); Jenin (20); Tubas (4); Tulkarem (11); Qalqilya (21); Nablus (43); Salfit (17); Jericho (15); Bethlehem (15); Hebron (61); Northern Gaza (6); Central Gaza (2); Gaza (2); Khan Younis (1). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 49 children; 3 female civilians; 1 elderly civilian; 1 ex-detainee; 9 fishermen; 1 reporter; 5 university students; 5 security officers.

### 3. 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

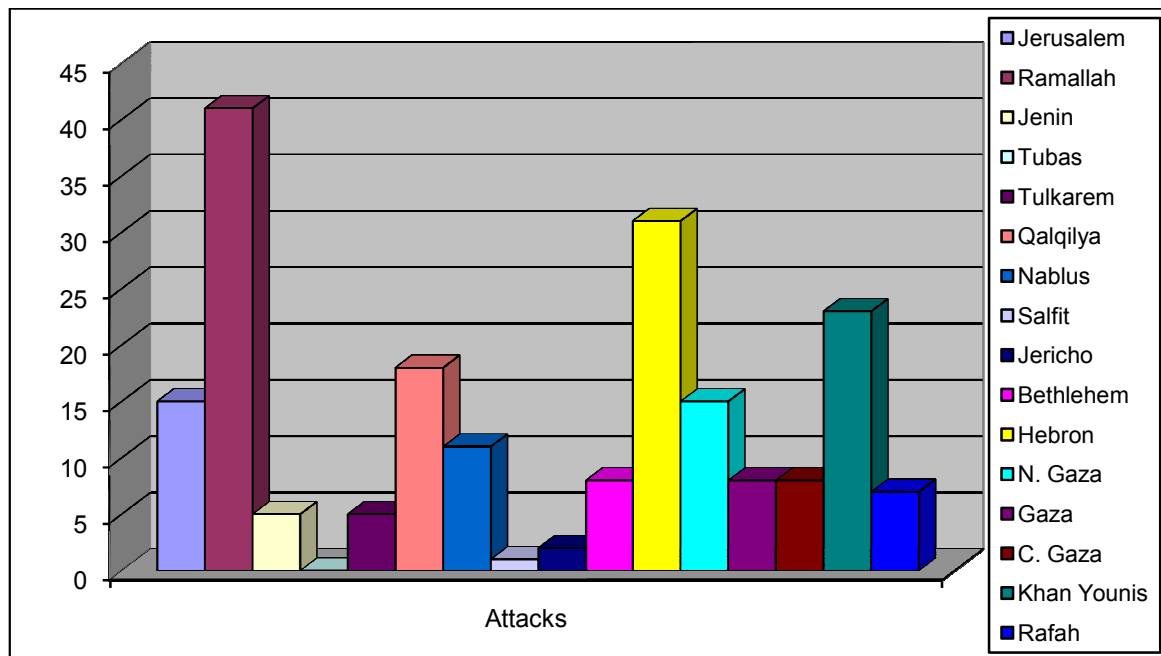
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **567 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in May, compared to 620 last month and 660 in March. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

#### 4. Attacks

A total of **198 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of May: **137** in the West Bank and **61** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **19 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **121 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **34 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **17 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli combat aircraft carried out **5 aerial attacks** on Palestinian territory. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on **2** 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 **61 occasions** during the month of May (compared to **56** last April). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **6 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to **8** last month).



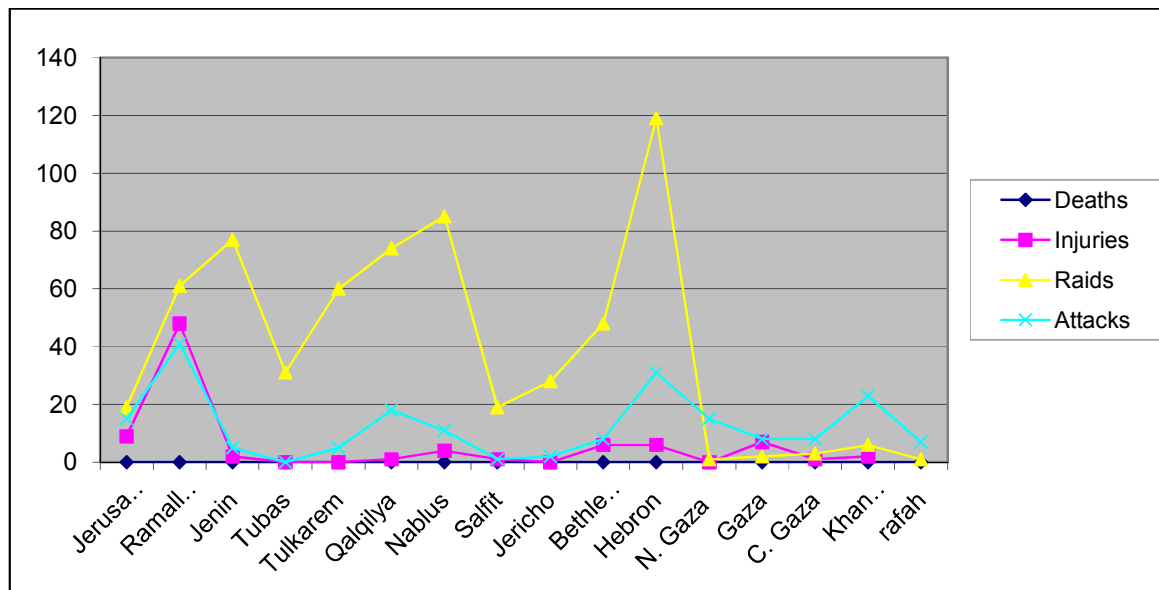
### Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

#### 5. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **634 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of May, including **621 in the West Bank** and **13 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (19); Ramallah (61); Jenin (77); Tubas (31); Tulkarem (60); Qalqilya (74); Nablus (85); Salfit (19); Jericho (28); Bethlehem (48); Hebron (119); Northern Gaza (1); Central Gaza (2); Gaza (3); Khan Younis (6); Rafah (1). The Israeli army **opened fire on 140 occasions (i.e. 70.7% 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.*





### **6. Home Demolition**

The Israeli military forced 1 civilian to demolish his home in the Old City of Jerusalem. The Israeli military also demolished 9 tents used for residential purposes in Hebron District and barracks on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Moreover, the Israeli military demolished a civilian home under construction in Beit Hanina neighbourhood in Jerusalem and a house in Qalqilya District under the pretext of unlicensed construction. The Israeli military delivered home demolition notification to bedouin families in Zu'ayyem village in Jerusalem District, 7 demolition orders in Silwan in Jerusalem city, 1 in Qalqilya and 2 in Jericho.

### **7. Home Occupations**

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

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

The Israeli army carried out 6 attacks and provocations of Palestinian security forces and posts during the month of May. 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</b>	<b>3</b>	The Israeli military set up military post near the Palestinian General Intelligence in Yatta town in Hebron District.

<b>security posts</b>		The Israeli military set up a military post in front of the PCP in ‘Urif village in Nablus District.  The Israeli military set up a military post in front of Muqata’a in Jericho city.
<b>Detaining and searching Palestinian security officers and patrols</b>	<b>2</b>	The Israeli military detained and denied access to Civil defence vehicles to put out fire caused by settlers on Palestinian land located between Huwara town and Burin village in Nablus District.  The Israeli army detained and denied access to Civil Defence vehicles to put out fire in Kafr Qaddoum village in Qalqilya District.  The Israeli army detained 1 PCP vehicle in the Old City of Hebron.
<b>Notification Delivery</b>	<b>1</b>	The Israeli army delivered summon to 1 security officer from Burin village in Nablus District to report to the Israeli military intelligence.

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

A total of 117 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in May, including 112 in the West Bank and 5 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, the Israeli army demolished commercial stores and barracks in Hizma village and seized road equipment in Beit Iksa village. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers set plants on fire, stoned civilian vehicles, set olive trees on fire in Bil’in village, cut down 100 olive trees in Beitello village. In **Jenin**, the Israeli army attacked car wash station and a stall in Jalama village. In **Qalqilya**, the Israeli army and settlers damaged 20 olive trees in ‘Azzun UItmeh village, set agricultural land on fire, and expelled farmers from their land. In **Nablus**, a group of settlers trespassed into Palestinian land in ‘Urif village, damaged crops and 15 olive trees, and cut down 267 olive trees. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli settlers cut down trees and damaged irrigation network in Wadi Foukin village. In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers razed agricultural, demolished two sheepfolds and cut down 250 olive trees. In **Khan Younis**, the Israeli army opened fire and caused damage to agricultural land east of Abasan Al-Kabira town.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Jerusalem: Fuel pumps in Hizma village. Ramallah: Timber used in house construction, bulldozer, pistol and ammunition, computers and cameras, and files. Jenin: Broadcasting equipment from Al-Asir Channel in Marka village, computers, and cellular phones. Nablus: Truck loaded with forage. Salfit: Computer and tractor. Bethlehem: Laptop, cameras, digger, water tank, pistol and bullets. Hebron: 2 irrigation networks, bulldozer, computers and cellular phones. N. Gaza: 2 fishing boats.

### **10. Settler Violence**

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers attacked a child in Silwan, ran over 1 civilian and attacked a 70-year-old civilian in Silwan. In **Ramallah**, settlers set agricultural land on fire, stoned civilian vehicles, and ran over a 9-year old child. In **Tubas**, settlers razed land near Rotem settlement. In **Qalqilya**, settlers attacked 3 civilians who were working in Qaddoumim settlement. In **Nablus**, settlers set sheepfolds on fire, stoned civilians and uprooted 267 olive trees. In **Bethlehem**, settlers damaged irrigation networks and discharged waste water on Palestinian agricultural land. In **Hebron**, settlers stoned civilians and civilian, attacked 1 civilian in Yatta town,

uprooted fruitful trees and grapevines.

### **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 May. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **107** 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 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'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 **38** 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*.