

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01August 2012 – 31August 2012

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

- **03August:**Israeli settlers stoned a bus along the main road connecting Ramallah and Nablus which seriously injuring 7 residents including women and children with contusions.
- **07 August:** An Israeli settler's vehicle ran over and seriously injured the child Muntaqith Al-Ja'bari (10 years) in Hebron.
- **08 August:**Israeli settlers stoned and seriously injured Akram Al-Ja'bari's head.
- **16 August:**An Israeli settler threw a Molotov towards a civilian vehicle along the main road connecting Bethlehem and Hebron which left 6 family members including Bassam Gaytha, Hassan Gaytha, Ayman Gaytha, Iman Gaytha (4 years), Mohammad Gaytha (5 years) and Jamila Gaytha hospitalised with severe burns.
- **17August:**Israeli forces opened fire towards several demonstrators in Kafr Qaddum and assaulted 6 demonstrators including 6 journalists and Mohammad Ishtawi (10 years) leaving them hospitalised with serious contusions.
- **22August:**An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured Raghed Idris (4 years) in the old city of Hebron leaving her hospitalised with contusions.
- **24August:**An Israeli settler threw glass bottles towards several residents and injured the child Sanad Da'na (17 year).
- **29August:**An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured Abdel Fatah Idris (14 years) in Hebron leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **29: August**Israeli forces positioned at Al-Za'im near the wall gate near Central Gaza opened fire towards agricultural land and injured Safiya Abu Mughiseb.

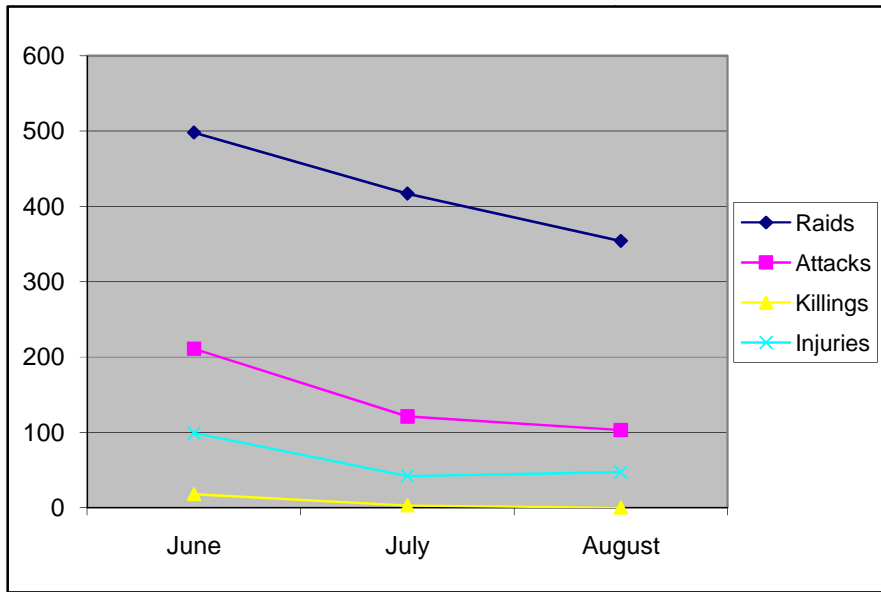
SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – AUGUST 2012

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassination	0	1	1	A Palestinian gunman was killed during Israeli air strikes on Rafah.
Injuries	42	5	47	Incl. 9 children, 2 female civilian and 6 Journalist.
Attacks	64	39	103	The Israeli military carried out 13 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 52 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 14 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 15 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 3 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. 1 attack from checkpoint. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 3 occasions.
Raids	347	7	354	10 in Jerusalem; 20 in Ramallah; 41 in Jenin; 20 in Tubas; 26 in Tulkarem; 40 in Qalqiliya; 53 in Nablus; 19 in Salbit; 20 in Jericho; 24 in Bethlehem; 74 in Hebron; 1 in Northern Gaza; 1 in Central Gaza; 1 in Gaza; 1 in Khan Yunis; 3 in Rafah.
Arrests	168	10	178	12 in Jerusalem; 18 in Ramallah; 17 in Jenin; 2 in Toubas; 6 in Tulkarem; 26 in Qalqiliya; 18 in Nablus; 5 in Salbit; 4 in Jericho; 13 in Bethlehem; 47 in Hebron; 3 in Northern Gaza; 7 in Central Gaza. Arrested persons included 24 children; 7 university students; 2 females, 2 fishermen and 4 security officers.
Home Demolition	4	0	4	The Israeli military to demolished 1 home in Qalqiliya, 2 homes in Bethlehem. Furthermore, the Israeli army demolished barracks used for livestock shelter in Nablus. Israeli Authorities served 5 demolition orders for the demolition of 5 barracks in Jerusalem, 2 demolition orders to demolish 2 homes in Jericho and 2 demolition orders to demolish 2 homes in Hebron and served a summon for halting construction on 4 homes in Hebron. Israeli forces also ordered the removal of 2 caravans in Jerusalem.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	61	16	77	Destruction of Property: The Israeli military and settlers destroyed civilian vehicles, trees, barracks, tents, and served summons for demolition. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli military confiscated computers; tractors; currency; livestock, Compact Discs, 6,766 dunums of agricultural land in Hebron.
Home Occupation	2	0	2	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts 2 civilian homes in the district of Hebron.
Closure of Crossing Points	0	153	153	International crossing points were closed on 110 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 43 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	415	0	415	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (67); Ramallah (24); Jenin (18); Tubas (2); Tulkarem (21); Qalqiliya (79); Nablus (45); Salbit (20); Jericho (25); Bethlehem (47); Hebron (126).
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	5	0	5	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian National Security forces on 4 occasions and Preventive Security force on 1 occasion.
Medical Obstruction	1	0	1	Israeli forces prevented ambulances from reaching wounded victims in Hebron.
Settlement Activity	5	0	5	Israeli authorities. Approved the construction of 68 settlement units on land occupied in 1967 in Jerusalem, paved a 105 meter road on 5 dunums of agricultural land in Tulkarem; levelled agricultural land in Salbit; the expansion of "Navi Daniel" settlement and the confiscation of a water wells in Jerusalem and Bethlehem; levelling 3 dunums of land in Bethlehem; Israeli forces submitted eviction order for 12 dunums of land in Bethlehem for military purposes.
Settler Violence	57	0	57	Israeli settlers opened fire towards civilians; stoned civilians and civilian vehicles, set agricultural land on fire and uprooted several fruit bearing trees.
Attacks on Religious Sites	4	0	4	Settler's forces closed access to Al-Ibrahimi mosque to allow Israeli settlers to conduct Talmudic prayers thus preventing Palestinian worshipers from conducting Taraweeh prayers during the month of Ramadan. Israeli forces also disallowed the call to prayer from Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron. Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound.
TOTAL	1175	231	1406	

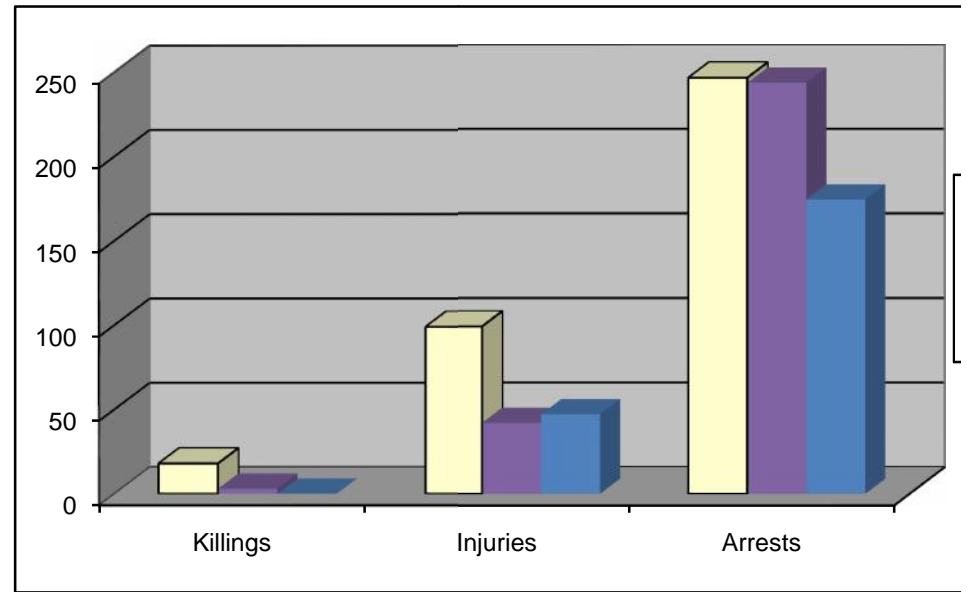
COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	JUNE 2012	JULY 2012	AUGUST 2012	COMMENTS
Assassinations	0	0	1	1 Palestinian gunman was assassinated by Israeli airstrikes in Rafah.
Deaths	18	3	0	No death incidents for this month.
Injuries	99	42	47	A rise by 11.9% compared to last July and a drop by 51.7% compared to last June. The number of wounded children was 9 compared to 13 last July and 3 last June.
Attacks	211	127	103	A drop in the number of attacks by 18.9% compared to last month and by 51.2% compared to last June.
Raids	498	423	354	A drop by 16.3% compared to July and a drop by 28.9% compared to June.
Arrests	246	245	246	A drop of 27.3% compared to last month and of 27.6% compared to June. The number of arrested children was 24 compared to 38 last month and 32 in June.
Home Demolition	20	2	4	A rise of 100% compared to last month and a drop of 80% compared to last June.
Attacks on Property	138	69	77	A rise by 11.6% compared to last month and a drop by 44.2% compared to last June.
Home Occupation	2	0	2	2 incidents of home occupation for this month.
Curfews	0	0	0	No incidents of curfew were reported for this month.
Flying Checkpoints	484	474	415	A drop of 12.4% compared to last July and of 14.2% compared to last June.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	144	142	153	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 110 occasions in August, compared to 106 last month. Rafah Crossing was closed on 12 occasions. Yasser Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	0	0	1	1 incident medical disruption for this month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	8	4	A drop of 50% compared to last month.
School Disruption	1	0	0	No school disruption incidents for this month.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	8	2	5	A rise of 150% compared to last month and a drop of 37.5.6% compared to last June.
Settlement Activity	3	4	5	A rise in settlement activities compared to last July.
Settler Violence	56	64	57	A drop of 10.9% compared to last month and an increase of 1.8% compared to last June.
TOTAL	1930	1605	1406	During the month of August, total incidents dropped by 12.4% compared to July due to the drop in the number of raids, arrests, and home occupation. Likewise, total events dropped by 27.2% compared to June as a result in the drop in the number of checkpoints, and raids.

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



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



ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

1. Assassination

On August 5th 2012, Israeli drones launched a missile towards a motorcycle carrying 2 Palestinian gunmen in Tel Al-Sultan neighbourhood in Rafah killing 1 gunman and critically wounded another.

2. Injuries

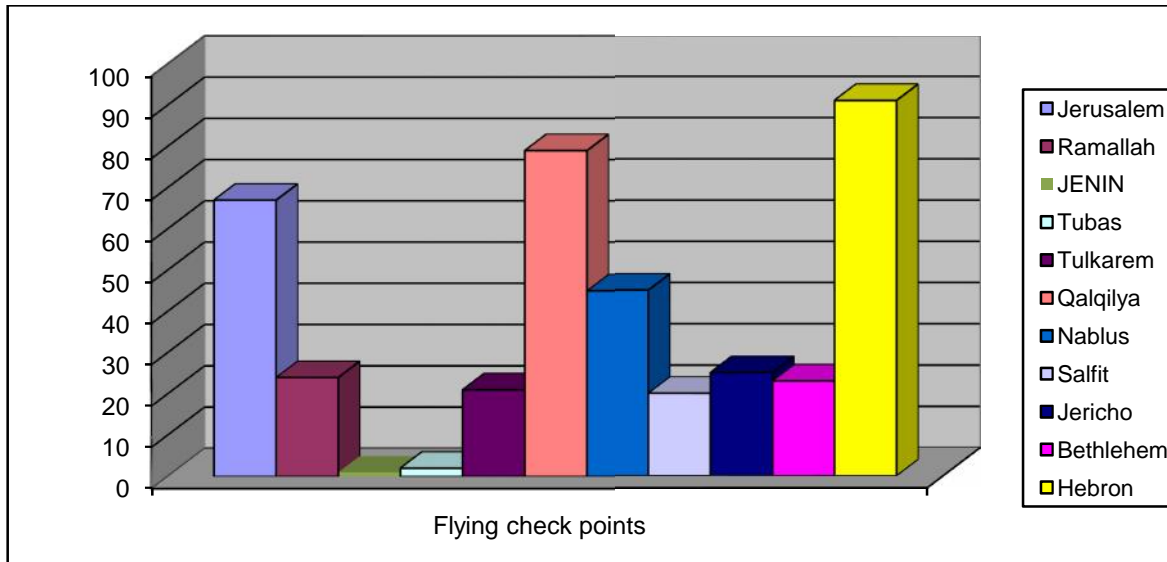
A total of **47 injuries** were reported in the month of June (42 Palestinians in the West Bank and 5 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 9 children, 2 female civilian in addition to several others assaulted by Israeli settlers in Ramallah, 2 Journalist and 6 Photographers.

3. Arrests

During the month of July, the Israeli military **arrested 178 Palestinians** (168 in the West Bank and 10 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (12); Ramallah (18); Jenin (17); Tubas (2); Tulkarem (6); Qalqiliya (26); Nablus (18); Salfit (5); Jericho (4); Bethlehem (13); Hebron (47); Northern Gaza (3); Central Gaza (7). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 24 children; 7 university students including 2 female students; 2 fishermen and 4 security officers.

4. Closure

Especially on Fridays, the Israeli military continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances of Jerusalem, and to restrict entrance to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, preventing worshippers from accessing the Mosque. At the *Qalandiya checkpoint north of Jerusalem*, the Israeli military continues to prevent PNA registered civilian vehicles from crossing the checkpoint towards Ar Ram and Qalandiya as well as Dahiyat al Bared. The checkpoint is overcrowded daily, particularly during rush hours, due to intensified restrictions and search measures applied by Israeli troops. During the month of June, 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

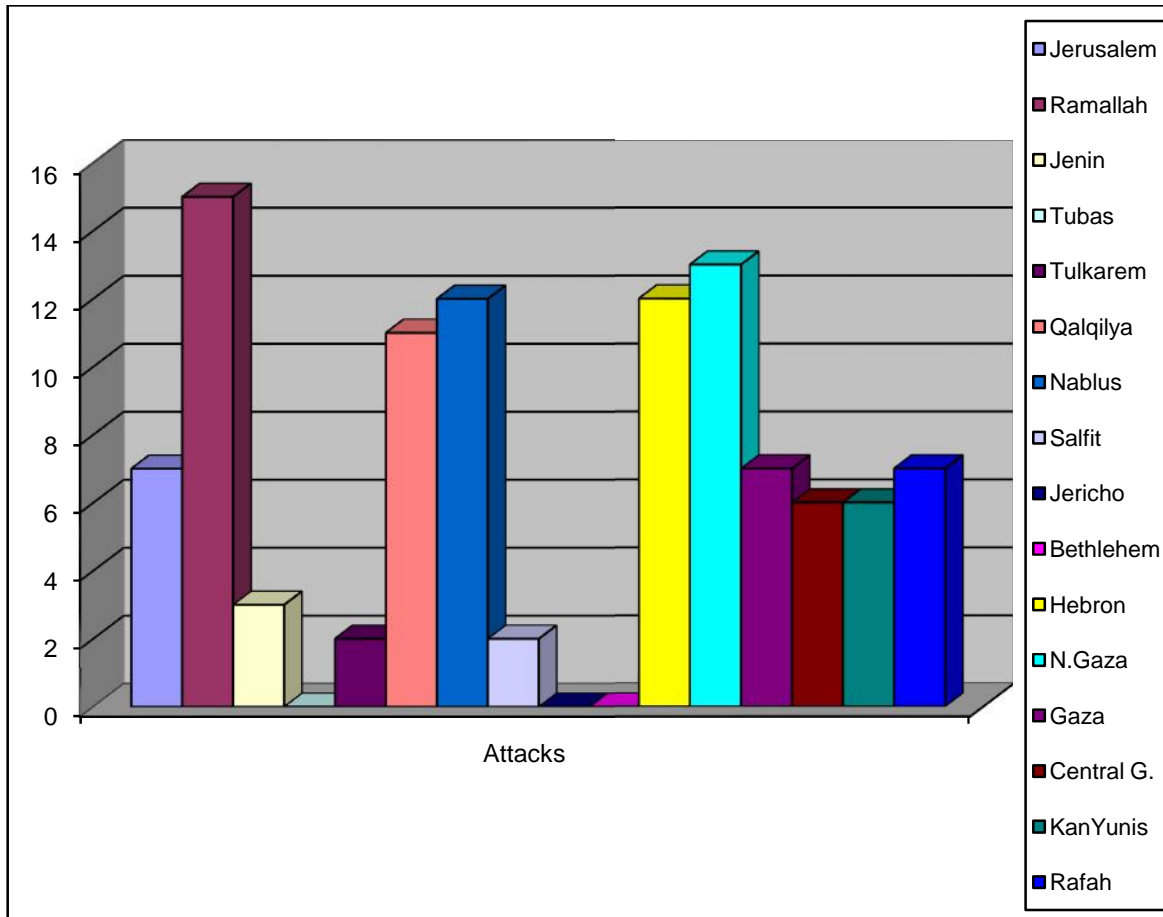
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **415 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in June, compared to 474 last month and 484 in June. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

5. Attacks

A total of **103 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of August: **64** in the West Bank and **39** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **13 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **52 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **14 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy vessels carried out **15 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli military carried out 1 attack from a military checkpoint. Israeli combat aircraft carried out **3 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 **39 occasions** during the month of August (compared to **53** last July). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **34 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to 34 last month).

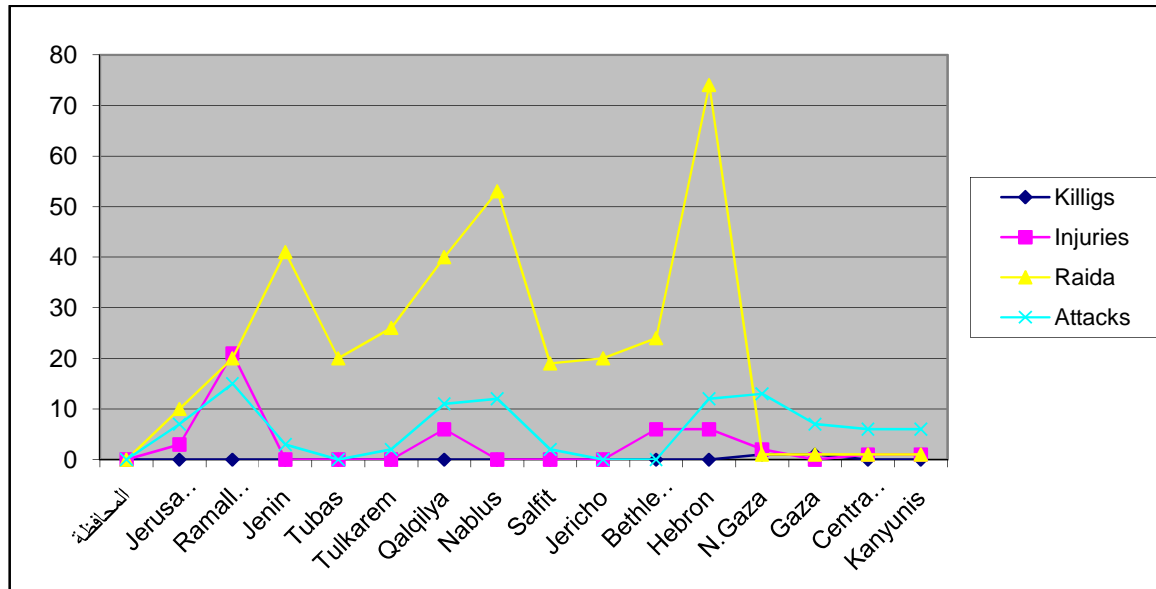


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **354raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of August, including **347 in the West Bank** and **7in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (10); Ramallah (20); Jenin (41); Tubas (20); Tulkarem (26); Qalqiliya (40); Nablus (53); Salfit (19); Jericho (20); Bethlehem (24); Hebron (74); Northern Gaza (1); Central Gaza (1); Gaza (1); Khan Yunis (1); Rafah (3). The Israeli army **opened fire on 65 occasions** (i.e. **63.1%** 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 August.



7. Home Demolition

The Israeli military demolished a home in Qalqiliya, a residential barracks in Nablus and 2 residential tents in Hebron.

Israeli Authorities served 5 demolition orders for the demolition of 5 homes in Jerusalem; 2 demolition orders for 2 homes in Bethlehem; 2 demolition orders for homes in Jericho; 4 demolition orders for homes in Hebron and served summons for the demolition of 2 homes built with International sponsored funds given especially for families homes demolished in Beit Hanina area in Jerusalem.

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 77 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in August, including 61 in the West Bank and 16 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Ramallah**, Several olive trees were destroyed in Deir Ibzi village. In **Jenin**, 3 water wells were demolished in Deir Abu Da'if village. In **Qalqiliya**, several fruit bearing trees were uprooted and destroyed. In **Salfit**, 10 fruit bearing trees were destroyed in Deir Istiya. In **Jericho**, 4 concrete walls surrounding a home were demolished. In **Bethlehem**, 2 barracks were destroyed in Za'tara, a steel fence was installed around a plot of land in Al-Khadr, uprooted several olive trees and demolished water well in Al-Khadr. In **Hebron**, 5 water wells were destroyed in Zunwata village, 2 barracks were destroyed in Al-Ramadin village, 3 vehicles were torched by settler in Sa'ir, 30 olive trees were destroyed by settlers in Suisa village, 30 olive trees were damaged by settlers in Yatta, and 13 goats were poisoned and killed by settlers in Yatta. In **North Gaza**, the Israeli army damaged 11 home, a fitness centre and 2 schools during airstrikes.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Jerusalem: A computer.

Ramallah: A Fruit Juice stand.

Jenin: A tractor, a computer, several wood logs, and several documents.

Tubas: 3 tractors and Imposed a financial penalty on amount of 350 NIS approximately 90 USD on each head of 120 goats.

Qalqiliya: A financial amount Of 20000 NIS approximately 5000 USD from a home and a computer.

Bethlehem: Several compact discs (CD) with video surveillance recording.

Hebron: A plot of land 6.6 dunums in the old city of Hebron.

Northern Gaza: Fishing boats.

In addition, the Israeli army delivered demolition notification to demolish a home in Palestinian villages located in Area C located south Yatta in Hebron delivered notifications to exit agricultural land in Salfit. Also Israeli forces demolished an agricultural storage in Hebron; a water well in Bethlehem; served a summon preventing farmers from farming their agricultural land in Bethlehem; Forces farmers from their land in Bethlehem and served a summon for the demolition of a water well in Hebron.

11. Settlement Activities

Israeli Authorities approved the construction 68 settlement units on land occupied in 1967 in Jerusalem, paved a road 105 meters long and 5 meters wide in Tulkarem; levelled plots of land in Salfit; authorised a settlement outpost near Salfit to be managed by settlers and recognised by the Israeli government ; Authorised the grand opening of a park resort in Bethlehem; submitted bids for the construction of 232 settlement units on land occupied in 1967 in Jerusalem and Bethlehem; levelled 3 dunums of agricultural land in Bethlehem and served eviction notices to 12 dunums of land in Bethlehem.

12. Settler Violence

In **Jerusalem**, settler assaulted and injured a female civilian and a child in Shu'fat camp. In **Ramallah**, settlers torched several vehicles near Jalazun camp, set fire to agricultural land near Deir Ibzi, stormed several homes and damaged property in Al-Laban Al-Gharbi village, stoned vehicles in Turmus'ayya, attempted to torch vehicles and wrote racist slogans on property in Jaba', stoned vehicles, damaged vehicles and injured 5 residents near Jaba'. In **Qalqiliya**, settlers stoned vehicles and chased several farmers from their agricultural land in Kafr Qaddum and set fire to agricultural land in Jinsafut village. In **Nablus**, settlers stormed 2 homes and assaulted several residents including several children in Al-Laban Al-Sharqiya, attempted to torch 2 vehicles and wrote racist slogans on property in Awarta. In **Bethlehem**, settlers installed 2 caravans on agricultural land in Al-Khadr, raided Suleiman's Pool in Irtas village, raided agricultural land and planted it in an attempt to confiscate 5 dunums of agricultural land, constructed a green house on agricultural land, hurled Molotov cocktail bombs towards a vehicle and seriously injured 6 residents including several children in Al-Khadr. In **Hebron**, a settler vehicle ran over and injured a child in the old city of Hebron, damaged a green house in Beit Ummar, assaulted and injured a 67 year old civilian in Suisse village, torched 3 vehicles in Sa'ir, uprooted 30 olive trees and wrote racist slogan on property in Yatta, settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured a 4 year old child in the old city of Hebron, damaged several olive trees in Suisse village and in Yatta, sprayed sewage waste towards residents as they were heading for Friday prayers in Al-Ibrahimi mosque; installed 9 caravans in Burin for the purpose of settlement expansion; destroyed 30 olive trees in Al-Tiwani village; assaulted residents in the old city of Hebron, pumped several cubic meters of water from water wells in Sa'ir and ran over and injured a child in "Kiryat Arba".

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **153** occasions during the month of August. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **110** 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 **18** 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 **43** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for **19** 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*.