

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01September 2012 – 30September 2012

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

- **02September:**Thaer Abu Shaloufdied of a heart attack after being apprehended by Israeli forces near the wall gate in Qalqiliya.
- **05 September:** Israeli forces fired tank artillery shells from their positions behind the Green Line towards Palestinian gunmen in Beit Hanun killing Tariq Kafarna ,Ehab Al-Za'anin and Akram Al-Za'anin.
- **05 September:**Israeli drones launched a missile towards Palestinian gunmen in Al-Buriej camp in Central Gaza and killed Khalil Jarba, Khalid Karam and Zakariya Al-Jamal.
- **10 September:**Israeli military aircrafts launched a missile towards Al-Nassriyat camp in Central Gaza and injured 9 residents including 4 children :Hamad Abu Khalil,Inad Abu Khalil (2 years), Jassir Abu Khalil (5 years), Suhayb Abu Khalil (4 years), Rima Kabaha (11 years), Salim Abu Freih, Ghassan Abu Nabhan,Haniya Al-Kabha and Nour Abu Nabhan.
- **12September:**An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured Hayat Subuh (7 years) along a bypass road near Bethlehem leaving her hospitalised with contusions.
- **13September:**Israeli settler stoned vehicles passing along the main road connecting Nablus and Ramallah and as a result injured 3 residents: ThaerNazal,NidalNazal and Salam Nazal; who was pregnant and suffered internal bleeding.
- **15September:**An Israeli UXO exploded and injured SaqirDabaq (14 years) near Tayassir village in Tubas.
- **19September:**Israeli drones launched missiles towards a vehicle carrying several Palestinian gunmen near Rafah and killed Ashraf Salah and Anis Abu Einien.
- **27 September:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured the child AmjadSa'ed (14 years) in Bethlehem.
- **28 September:** Israeli Naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of Beit Lahiya, killing Fihmi Abu Riyash and seriously injuring Yusef Abu Riyash.

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

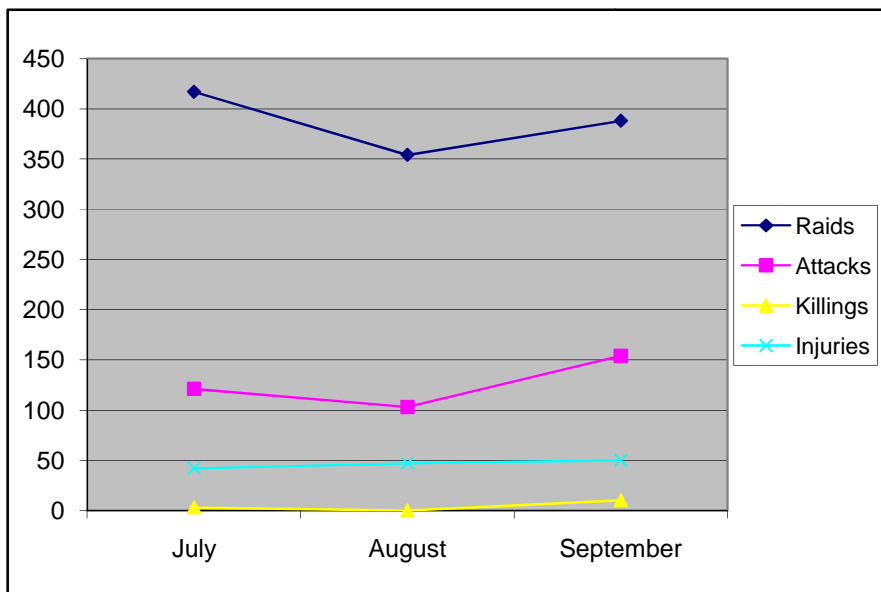
EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassination	0	2	2	2 Palestinian gunmen were killed during Israeli air strikes on Rafah.
Killing	1	7	8	A Palestinian Labourer as a result of a heart attack after being apprehended by Israeli forces in Qalqiliya, A Palestinian fishermen was killed off the shores of North Gaza and 6 Palestinian gunmen were killed during Israeli airstrikes on North and Central Gaza.
Injuries	35	15	50	Incl. 10 children, 4 female civilian, 1 Journalist, 1 fisherman and 9 from settler assaults.
Attacks	102	52	154	The Israeli military carried out 22 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 92 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 17 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 7 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 1 occasion.
Raids	375	13	388	12 in Jerusalem; 41 in Ramallah; 32 in Jenin; 10 in Tubas; 34 in Tulkarem; 56 in Qalqiliya; 52 in Nablus; 13 in Salfit; 27 in Jericho; 14 in Bethlehem; 84 in Hebron; 4 in Northern Gaza; 5 in Central Gaza; 2 in Gaza; 2 in Khan Yunis.
Arrests	201	12	213	32 in Jerusalem; 34 in Ramallah; 2 in Jenin; 1 in Toubas; 11 in Tulkarem; 37 in Qalqiliya; 24 in Nablus; 5 in Salfit; 10 in Jericho; 11 in Bethlehem; 34 in Hebron; 3 in Northern Gaza; 1 in Gaza; 8 in Central Gaza. Arrested persons included 37 children; 3 university students; 1 University professor; 1 teacher; 3 females and 8 security officers.
Home Demolition	1	0	1	The Israeli military demolished a 60 square meter home and imposed a financial fine on the owner in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem. Israeli Authorities served 2 demolition orders for the demolition of 2 barracks in Al-Aqaba, demolition orders to demolish 10 Barack's in Tubas and orders to demolish several homes in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	30	1	31	Destruction of Property: The Israeli military and settlers destroyed civilian vehicles, furniture, trees and a fishing boat, and served summons for demolition. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli military confiscated a water tank, computers and livestock. The Israeli military also served several land confiscation order in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, Nablus, Bethlehem and Hebron.
Home Occupation	3	0	3	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts 3 civilian homes in the district of Qalqiliya. Forcibly evicted an entire family from their home in Ras Al-Amoud neighbourhood in Jerusalem to allowing Israeli settlers to occupy it.
Closure of Crossing Points	0	144	144	International crossing points were closed on 112 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 32 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	345	0	345	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (69); Ramallah (33); Jenin (17); Tubas (3); Tulkarem (19); Qalqiliya (37); Nablus (35); Salfit (21); Jericho (19); Bethlehem (8); Hebron (84).
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	5	0	5	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian Police force on 1 occasions and National Security force on 4 occasions.
Settlement Activity	18	0	18	Israeli authorities approved the installation of foundations for a settlement in Al-Khadr for the purpose of expanding "Efrat" settlement in Bethlehem; Israeli authorities extended and installed electrical networks from "Mali Shomron settlement to Palestinian land located between Azzun and Kafr Thulth. Israeli authorities approved the construction of 940 settlement units on land occupied in 1967 in Jerusalem, levelled 6 dunums of agricultural land owned by Musa Anu Loha and Hassan Mashal'a in Surif and destroyed several olive trees owned by Raed Kharoush. Israeli authorities approved the confiscation of 14 dunums of land in Jerusalem; extended confiscation of 56.8 dunums of land in Qalqiliya, confiscation of 143 dunums of land in Nablus; confiscation of 60 dunums of land in Bethlehem; the confiscation of 1475 dunums of land in Nablus and the confiscation of a plot of land near A-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron.

Settler Violence	53	0	53	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	13	0	13	Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound, closed access to Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron, set fire to the entrance of a church and wrote racist slogans its walls in Ramallah; stormed a mosque in Qalqiliya
TOTAL	1182	246	1428	

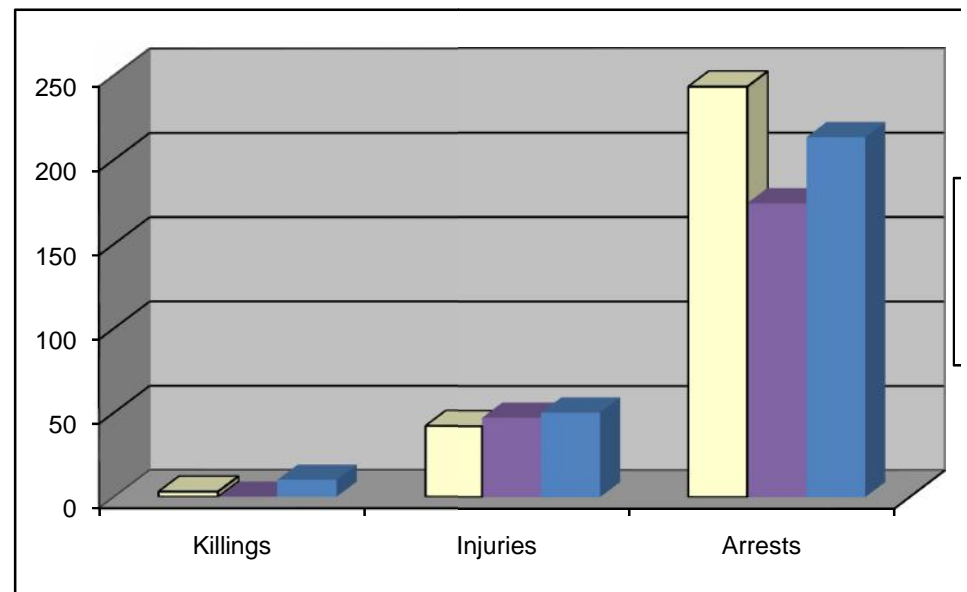
COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	JULY 2012	AUGUST 2012	SEPTEMBER 2012	COMMENTS
Assassinations	0	1	2	A rise in assassinations compared to the previous month.
Deaths	3	0	8	A rise by 166.7% from the July.
Injuries	42	47	50	A rise by 6.4% compared to last August and by 19% compared to last July. The number of wounded children was 3' 9' 10, July' August' September.
Attacks	127	103	154	A rise in the number of attacks by 49.5% compared to last month and by 21.3% compared to last July.
Raids	423	354	388	A rise by 9.6% compared to August and a drop by 8.3% compared to July.
Arrests	245	178	213	A rise of 19.7% compared to August and a drop of 13.1% compared to July. The number of arrested children was 37 compared to 24 in August and 38 in July.
Home Demolition	2	4	1	A drop of 75% compared to last month and a drop of 50% compared to last July.
Attacks on Property	69	77	31	A drop by 59.7% compared to last month and a drop by 55.1% compared to last July.
Home Occupation	0	2	3	A rise of 50% compared to last month.
Curfews	0	0	0	No incidents of curfew were reported for this month.
Flying Checkpoints	474	415	345	A drop of 16.9% compared to August and a drop of 27.2% compared to last July.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	142	153	144	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 112 occasions in July, compared to 110 last month. Rafah Crossing was closed on 28 occasions. Yasser Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	0	1	0	No medical disruption incidents for this month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	8	4	13	A rise of 225% compared to last month.
School Disruption	0	0	0	No school disruption incidents for this month.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	2	5	5	A rise of 150% compared to July.
Settlement Activity	4	5	18	A rise of 260% in settlement activities compared to last month and 350% compared to July.
Settler Violence	64	57	53	A drop of 7% compared to last month and an increase of 17.2% compared to last July.
TOTAL	1605	1406	1428	During the month of September, the total incidents increased by 1.6% compared to August due to the rise in the number of raids, arrests, and home occupation. Likewise, total events dropped by 11.2% compared to July 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 September 19th 2012, Israeli drones launched a missile towards a vehicle carrying several Palestinian gunmen in Al-Jinina neighbourhood in Rafah killing 2 gunmen; Ashraf Salah and Anis Abu Al-Einien; and also critically wounded another gunman.

2. Killing

A total of 8 civilians were reported killed during the month of September (1 in the West Bank and 7 in the Gaza Strip); including 1 resident who died of a heart attack while being apprehended by Israeli forces near the entrance of Azzun Atma in Qalqiliya, 1 Palestinian fisherman was killed after Israeli naval vessels opened fire towards him off the shores of North Gaza and 6 Palestinian gunmen were killed in North and Central Gaza.

3. Injuries

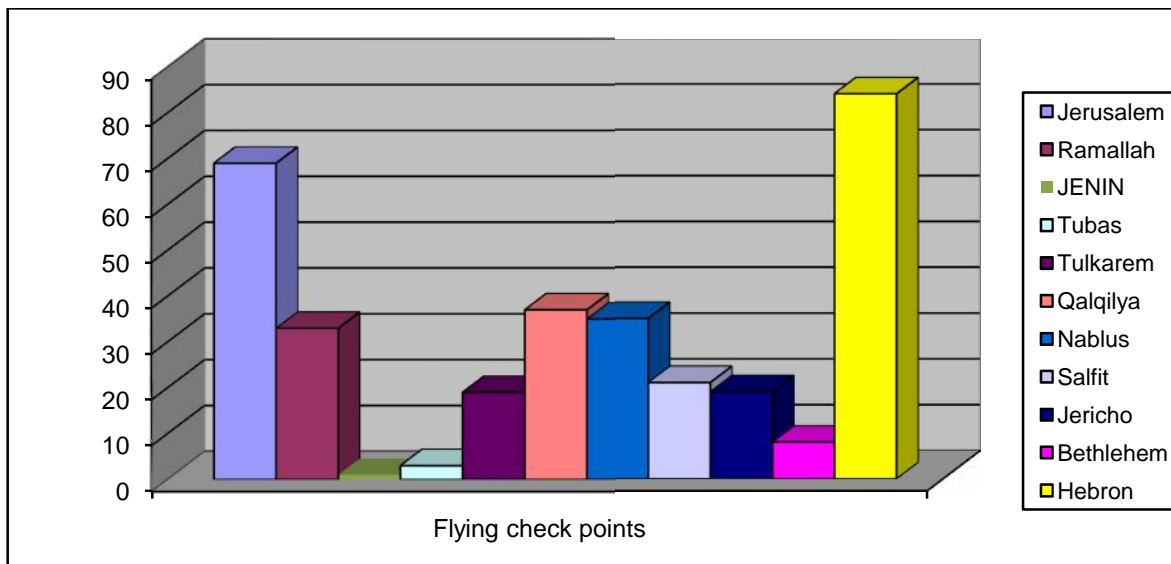
A total of **50 injuries** were reported in the month of September (35 Palestinians in the West Bank and 15 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 10 children (1 from an Israeli planted UXO in Tubas), 4 female civilian in addition to 9 civilians assaulted by Israeli settlers, 1 Journalist and 1 fisherman.

4. Arrests

During the month of September, the Israeli military **arrested 213 Palestinians** (201 in the West Bank and 12 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (32); Ramallah (34); Jenin (2); Tubas (1); Tulkarem (11); Qalqiliya (37); Nablus (24); Salfit (5); Jericho (10); Bethlehem (11); Hebron (34); Northern Gaza (3); Gaza (1); Central Gaza (8). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 37 children; 3 university students; 1 University professor; 1 school teacher including 3 female students and 8 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 September, 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

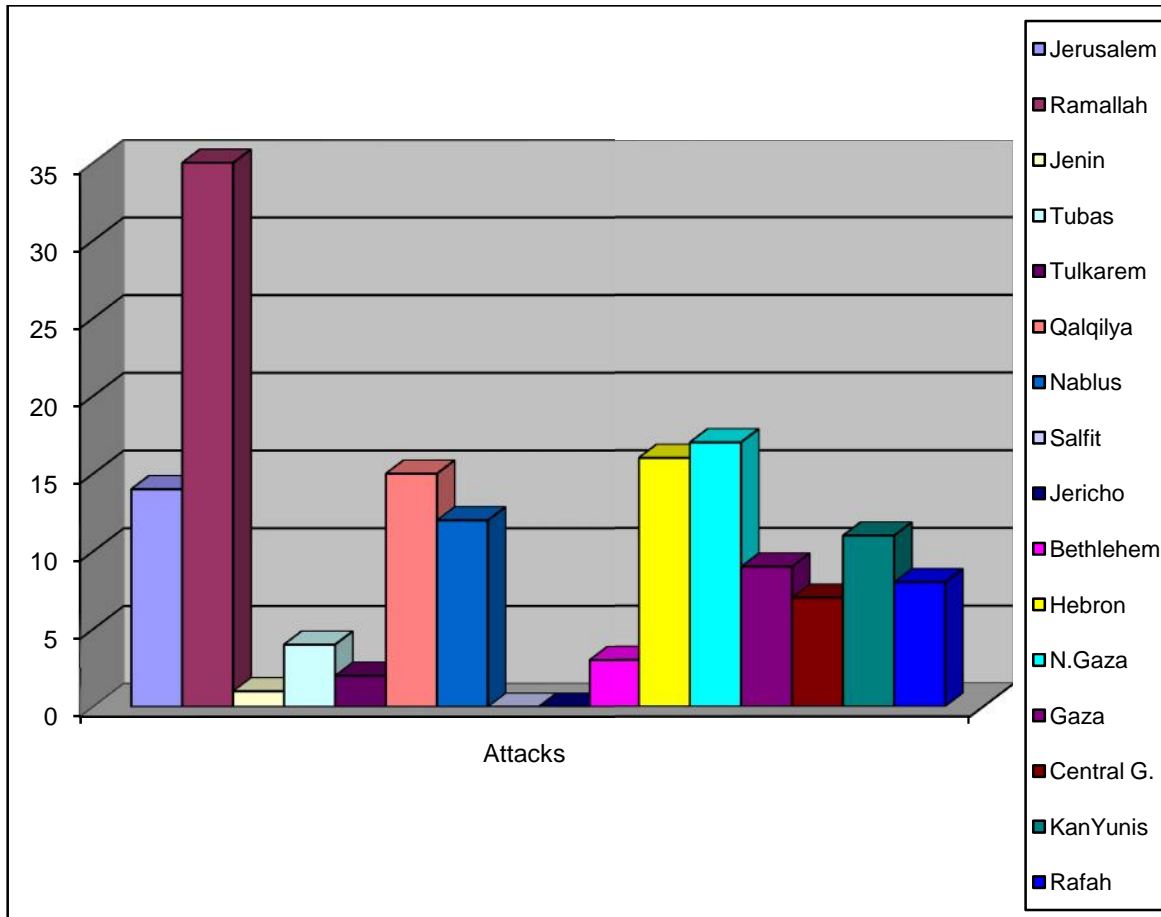
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **345 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in September, compared to 415 last month and 474 in July. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

5. Attacks

A total of **154attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of September: **102** in the West Bank and **52** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **22attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **92attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **17attacks 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 **7 aerial attacks** on Palestinian territory. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on **1** occasion.

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 **52 occasions** during the month of September (compared to **39** last August). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **32 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to 34 last month).

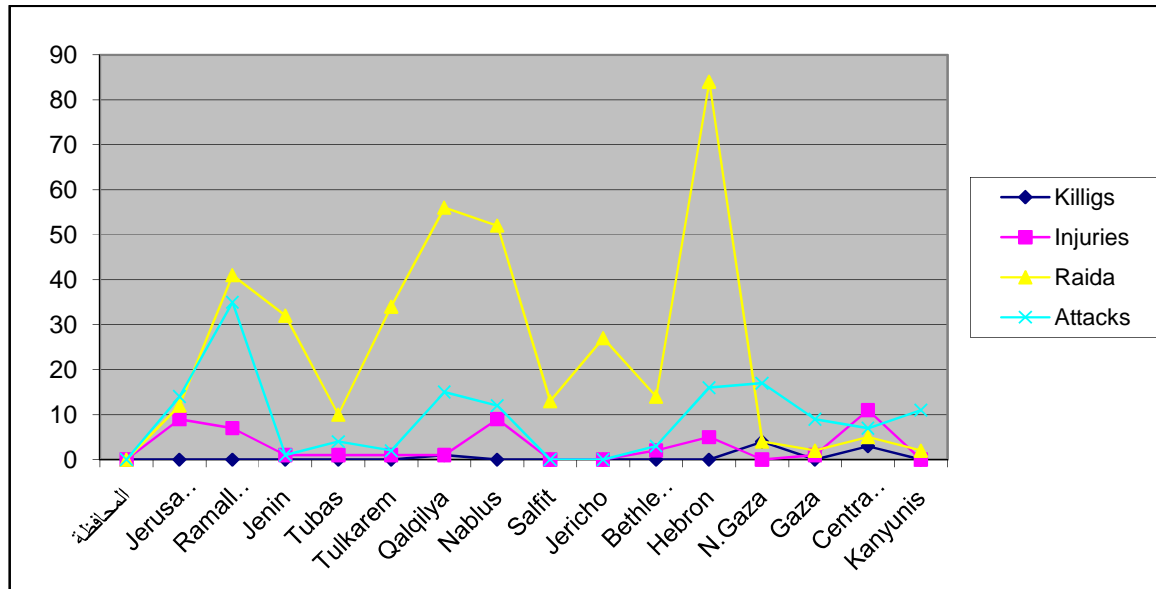


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **388raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of September, including **375 in the West Bank** and **13in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (12); Ramallah (41); Jenin (32); Tubas (10); Tulkarem (34); Qalqiliya (56); Nablus (52); Salfit (13); Jericho (27); Bethlehem (14); Hebron (84); Northern Gaza (4); Central Gaza (5); Gaza (2); Khan Yunis (2). The Israeli army **opened fire on 114 occasions (i.e. 74% 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 forced a civilian to demolish 60 m2 of his home in addition to imposing a financial penalty for allegedly constructing without proper licencing in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem.

Israeli Authorities served 2 demolition orders for the demolition of 2 homes in Al-Aqba village; 10 demolition orders to demolish 10 residential barracks in Tubas and served summons for the demolition of several homes built with International sponsored funds given especially for families homes demolished in Silwan neighbourhood area in Jerusalem.

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 31 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in September, including 30 in the West Bank and 1 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers damaged and uprooted 150 olive trees in Mukhmas. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers damaged furniture after storming a home in Al-Mazra'a Al-Gharbiya, set fire to a church entrance in Ramallah. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settler damaged 4 olive trees in Azzun, set fire to and destroyed 380 in Immatin village. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers uprooted 60 olive trees in Burin village, stoned and damaged vehicles near "Shilo" settlement, Israeli forces destroyed 2 water wells and levelled agricultural land in Jurish village, set fire to several olive trees in Qarawit village, damaged the limbs of 20 olive trees in Burin village and damaged a pair of binoculars in Qarawit village. In **Hebron**, Israeli forces seized a civilian vehicle and used it to patrol the area in Hebron, Israeli settlers destroyed windows and damaged a water tank after storming a home in the old city of Hebron, Israeli settlers uprooted 15 olive trees in Yatta, Israeli forces prevented construction workers from constructing a water well network in Al-Thahriya which is funded by the Norwegian government and Israeli forces levelled plots of land in Surif. In **Gaza**, the Israeli army damaged a fishing boat of the shores of Gaza.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Tubas: 100 livestock heads in the Jordan Valley and 4 water tanks.

Nablus: A water tank owned by Sa'ed Abu Aram in Beit Dajjan.

Jericho: 2 water tanks owned by Abed Abu Latif and Ashraf Irmeleh in Jiftlik village.

Hebron: A computer in the Old city of Hebron.

In addition, the Israeli army delivered eviction notification from 6 dunums of agricultural land in Al-Khadr in Bethlehem and also delivered halt to construction notices for 2 homes, a livestock shelter and water well network in Al-Dirat village in Hebron. Israeli forces delivered eviction and demolition notices for several livestock shelters, a water well network and uprooted several trees in Wadi Fuqin village in Bethlehem. Israeli forces demolished several livestock shelters and water well networks in Beit Ula in Hebron and the demolition of 10 livestock shelters in Tubas.

11. Settlement Activities

Israeli authorities approved the preparation land levelling and placing foundations for the construction of settlement units in Al-Khader for the purpose of expanding "Efrat" settlement in Bethlehem. Israeli authorities approved the installation of electricity networks from "Male Shomron" settlement into Israel, levelled land between Azzun and Kafr Lafiq. Israeli Authorities approved the construction 940 settlement units on land occupied in 1967 in Jerusalem, levelled 6 dunums of agricultural land and uprooted olive trees owned by Raed Abu Kharish in Surif; authorised the confiscation of 14 dunums of land in Jerusalem; the extension of land confiscation period of 56.8 dunums of land in Qalqilya, 143 dunums of land in Nablus, the confiscation of 60 dunums of land in Bethlehem as well as the extension of land confiscation of 1475 dunums of agricultural land settlement outpost near Salfit to be managed settlers and recognised by the Israeli government ; Authorised the grand opening of a park resort in Nablus. Israeli forces ordered the confiscation of a plot of land near Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron.

12. Settler Violence

A total of 53 incidents of Settler violence occurred during the month of September including:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settler stoned vehicles near Shufat camp, assaulted 3 residents, damaged 150 olive trees in Mukhmas, kidnaped a child inside “KojavYacoub”. In **Ramallah**, settlers torched the entrance to a church in west Ramallah, opened fire towards Sheppard’s in Beitin. In **Qalqiliya**, settlers set fire to agricultural land in Immatin village and damaged 4 olive trees in Azzun. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers assaulted construction workers in Qaraqit, stoned vehicles near Yitsahar settlement, damaged olive trees in Burin, attempted to forcibly remove a civilian from his land in Qasri village, set fire to agricultural land in Qarawit village and Burin, levelled 200 dunums of land in Khirbit Yanun and uprooted 60 olive trees in Burin village. In **Jericho**, Israeli settlers stole several tons of Dates and mint from Al-Nu’ima village and levelled a plot of agricultural land in Al-Jiftliq. In **Bethlehem**, settlers prevented a farmer from collecting his grape harvest in Al-Khadr, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured a child in Taqou’, confiscated and planted 2 dunums of civilian land in Al-Khadr, and Israeli settler vehicle ran over and seriously injured a child near “Kafr Itsiyoun” settlement, pumped sewage waste on to agricultural land in Wadi Fuqin village and confiscated 6 dunums of land in Al-Khadr. In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles in Ifqiqies, assaulted a resident and child in the old city of Hebron, armed Israeli settlers raided Wadi Al-Shakhina , uprooted 15 olive trees in Yatta, let loose attack dogs towards several school children, assaulted and injured a child and her infant brother in the old city of Hebron.

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **144** occasions during the month of September. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **112** occasions. It opened **Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing** for 23 days for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals and **Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing** for 15 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 **32** occasions. **Rafah Crossing** was open for 28 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*.