

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 October 2012 – 31 October 2012

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

- **07 October** Israeli military drones launched a missile towards a motorcycle carrying 2 Palestinian gunmen and critically injured Tal'at Mahmoud and Abdallah Maikawi who died later in addition to injuring 8 other residents including 4 children which include a 1 month year old infant; as well as damaging several homes.
- **08 October:** Israeli forces fired tank artillery shells from their positions behind the Green Line towards agricultural land and several homes located east of Abbsan Al-Jadida and Abbsan Al-Kabira located in Khaza leaving 4 residents injured including a girl child.
- **08 October** Israeli settler opened fire towards Sakhher Alami, a resident of Beit Ummar as he was on his way to work in Jerusalem, leaving him hospitalised with gunshot wounds.
- **11 October** Israeli forces positioned on an observation tower in Bethlehem fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards several children for alleged stoning, detained 2 children and assaulted Yazan Al-Kadari (9 years old) leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **13 October** Israeli drones launched missiles towards a motorcycle carrying 2 Palestinian gunmen in Jabaliya, killing the 2 gunmen and critically wounding Salah Najjar (6 years) and damaged several surrounding homes.
- **14 October** Israeli combat jets launched a missile towards a motorcycle carrying 2 Palestinian gunmen in an assassination attempt which killed 1 Palestinian gunman, Yasser Attal, and critically wounded another near Al-Fajari.
- **18 October:** Israeli settlers positioned near Huwwara checkpoint stoned vehicles and injured Hanan Ighbariya leaving her hospitalised with contusions.
- **22 October:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and injured Ali Yamen (7 years old) leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **24 October:** Israeli forces positioned behind the Green Line opened fire and launched several tank artillery shells towards homes and agricultural land in east Kahn Yunis, injuring Huda Al-Samiri, Hadiya Qadih (72 years old), damaged a mosque in Kahz'a, and disrupted classes in two schools located near the border fence.
- **26 October:** Israeli settler shot fire near Tayba village at the district of Ramallah injuring Immad Muhammad Kaa'bnain in his leg while grassing his sheep's near the village.
- **28 October:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over Omar Hilweh along the main road in Al-Nabi Elisa's village in Qalqiliya leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **31 October:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over Halla Abu Eish leaving her hospitalised with serious injuries.

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

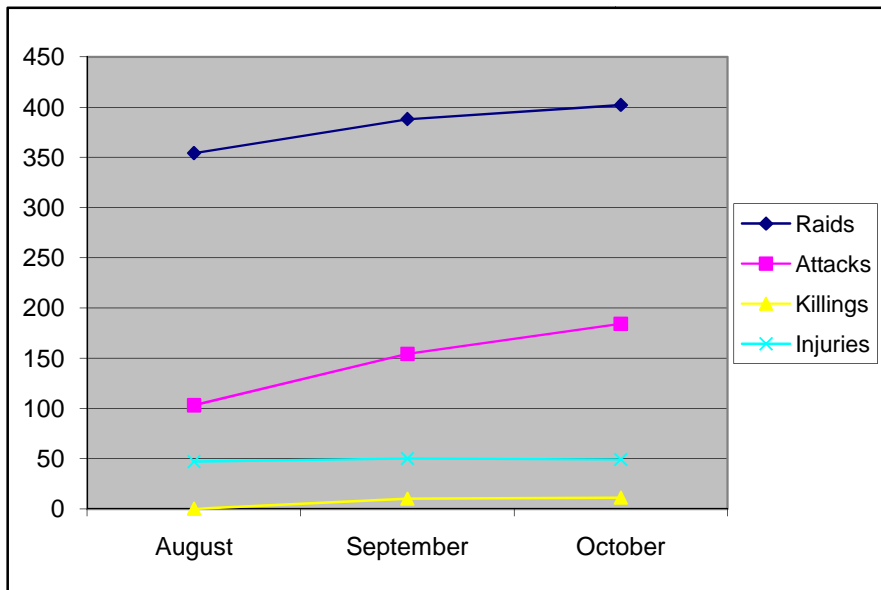
EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassination	0	4	4	1, 2, 1 in Rafah, Northern Gaza, and Khan Yunis. All are Palestinian gunmen.
Killing	0	11	11	All are Palestinian gunmen.
Injuries	14	35	49	Incl. 6 children, 4 female civilian, 8 as a result of settler attacks, and 19 Palestinian gunmen.
Attacks	71	113	184	The Israeli military carried out 15 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 59 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 51 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 20 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 29 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 5 occasions.
Raids	393	9	402	10 in Jerusalem; 33 in Ramallah; 53 in Jenin; 23 in Tubas; 40 in Tulkarem; 26 in Qalqiliya; 55 in Nablus; 17 in Salfit; 18 in Jericho; 33 in Bethlehem; 85 in Hebron; 2 in Northern Gaza; 1 in Gaza; 4 in Khan Yunis, 2 Rafah.
Arrests	202	9	211	50 in Jerusalem; 20 in Ramallah; 6 in Jenin; 2 in Toubas; 9 in Tulkarem; 17 in Qalqiliya; 24 in Nablus; 5 in Salfit; 7 in Jericho; 21 in Bethlehem; 41 in Hebron; 9 in Northern Gaza. Arrested persons included 23 children; 2 university students; 5 females and 8 fishermen, 2 journalists, 2 security officers.
Home Demolition	8	0	8	An under construction house in Central Gaza, a 2 room house in Jericho, a room north the village of Yatta in Hebron,, a house in Beit Hanina and 2 houses west the city of Jericho.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	57	21	78	Destruction of Property: The Israeli military and settlers destroyed civilian vehicles, furniture, trees and served summons for demolition. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli military confiscated a water tanks, computers .The Israeli military also served several land confiscation orders in Bethlehem and Hebron.
Home Occupation	11	0	11	The Israeli military occupied the rooftops and converted 11 civilian home into military posts in the district of Qalqiliya, Nablus and Hebron.
Curfews	2	0	2	Israeli forces imposed a curfew on the residents of Azzun in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	0	146	146	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 34 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	339	0	339	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 (17); Jenin (15); Tubas (2); Tulkarem (18); Qalqiliya (51); Nablus (34); Salfit (20); Jericho (28); Bethlehem (15); Hebron (72).
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	3	0	3	The Israeli military provoked or harassed the National Security force on 3 occasions.
Settlement Activity	8	0	8	Building a fence of about 500 meters along the road between the settlement of Qreat Arba', and the Ibrahim mosque in the city of Hebron, approving the built of Security Academy at the mount of olive in Jerusalem, approved the construction of 797 settlement unites in south on Palestinian land occupied in 1967, approved the construction of settlement unites on Palestinian land in Bethlehem and Jerusalem occupied in 1967, approved the rehabilitation of an archaeological site near in Salfit. Israeli authorities approved the licencing of 660 plots of land in Jerusalem occupied in 1967, approved the construction of settlement unites in Tubas.
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 Educational Sector	2	5	7	Israeli forces disrupted classes in 15 schools in North Gaza, disrupted classes in Khan Yunis and Rafah, disrupted classes in 3 schools after opening fire towards them in North Gaza and occupied a school rooftop and converted it into a military post in Nablus

Attacks on Religious Sites	18	0	18	Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound, closed access to Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron, settlers raided and vandalised a Church entrance (Administered by French Nuns) by writing racist slanders against Jesus Christ.
TOTAL	1186	348	1534	

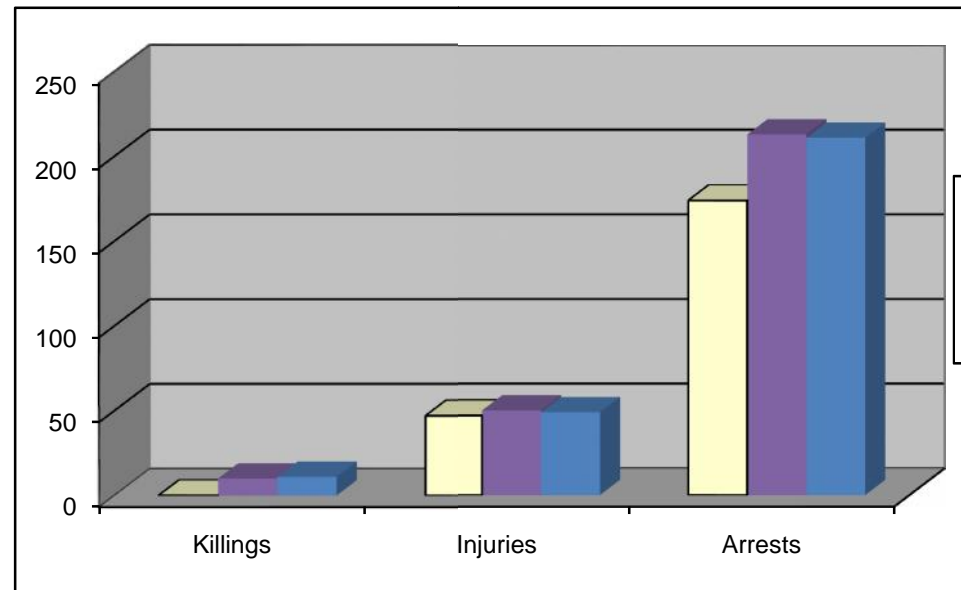
COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	AUGUST 2012	SEPTEMBER 2012	OCTOBER 2012	COMMENTS
Assassinations	1	2	4	A rise in assassinations compared to the previous two months.
Deaths	0	8	11	A rise by 37.5% compared to last September.
Injuries	47	50	49	A drop by 2% compared to last September, and a raise by 4.3% compared to August.
Attacks	103	154	184	A rise in the number of attacks by 19.5% compared to last month and by 78.6% compared to August.
Raids	354	388	402	A rise by 3.6% compared to September and by 13.6% compared to August.
Arrests	178	213	211	A drop of 0.94% compared to September and a rise of 18.5% compared to August. The number of arrested children was 23 compared to 37 in August and 24 in August.
Home Demolition	4	1	8	A rise of 700% compared to last month and of 100% compared to last August.
Attacks on Property	77	31	78	A rise by 151.6% compared to last month and by 1.3% compared to last August.
Home Occupation	2	3	11	A rise of 266.6% compared to last month.
Curfews	0	0	2	Arise compared to the last two months.
Flying Checkpoints	415	345	339	A drop of 0.98% compared to September and of 18.3% compared to last August.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	153	144	146	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 112 occasions compared to 112 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	1	0	0	No medical disruption incidents for this month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	4	13	18	A rise of 38.5% compared to last month.
School Disruption	0	0	7	Arise compared to the last two months.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	5	5	3	A drop of 40% compared to the last two months.
Settlement Activity	5	18	8	A drop of 55.6% in settlement activities compared to last month and 60% compared to August.
Settler Violence	57	53	53	A drop of 7% compared August.
TOTAL	1406	1428	1534	During the month of October, the total incidents increased by 7.4% compared to September due to the rise in the number of raids, Killings, and. Likewise, total events rise by 9.1% compared to August as a result in the rise in the number of checkpoints, killings, Attacks, 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 October 8th 2012, Israeli military drones launched a missile towards a motorcycle carrying 2 Palestinian gunmen in an assassination attempt and killed Tal'at Mahmoud and Abdallah Maikawi in addition to injuring 8 other residents including 4 children which include a 1 month year old infant; as well as damaging several homes.

At dawn on October 13th 2012, Israeli combat jets launched a missile towards a motorcycle carrying 2 Palestinian gunmen in an assassination attempt which killed 1 Palestinian gunman and critically wounded another near Al-Fajari.

Israeli aircrafts targeted and attempted to assassinate 2 Palestinian gunmen leaving them critically injured in Rafah.

2. Killing

A total of 11 civilians were reported killed during the month of October, all are Palestinian gunmen.

3. Injuries

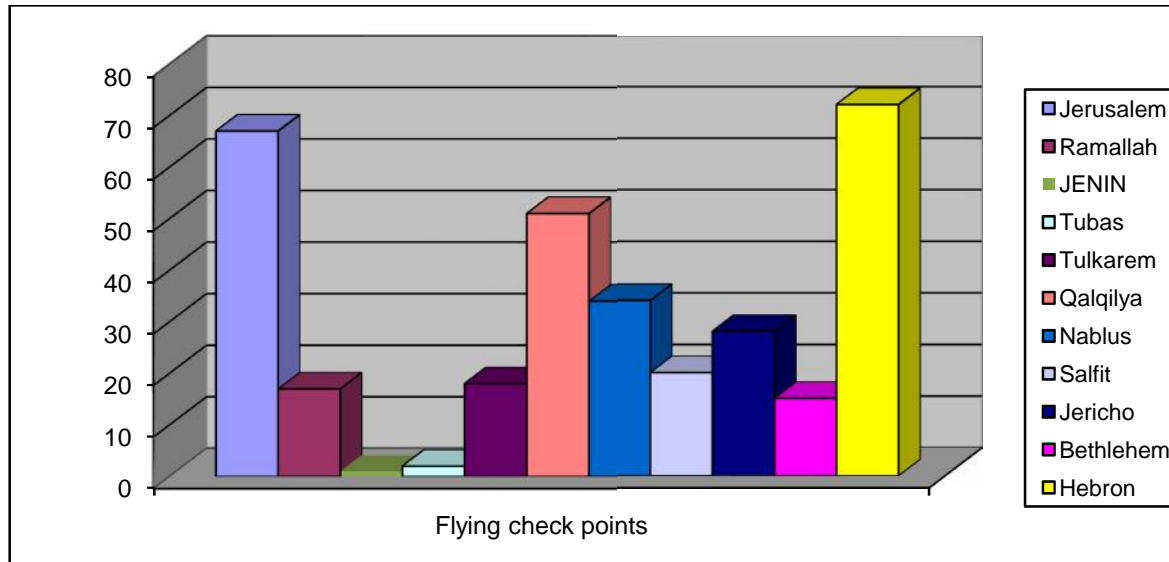
A total of **49 injuries** were reported in the month of October (14 Palestinians in the West Bank and 35 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 6 children, 4 femalecivillian in addition to 8 civilians assaulted by Israeli settlers.

4. Arrests

During the month of September, the Israeli military **arrested 211Palestinians** (202 the West Bank and 9 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (50); Ramallah (20); Jenin (6); Tubas (2); Tulkarem (9); Qalqiliya (17); Nablus (24); Salfit (5); Jericho (7); Bethlehem (21); Hebron (41); Northern Gaza (9).Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 23 children; 2university students; 8 fishermen;5 female students and 2 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 October, 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

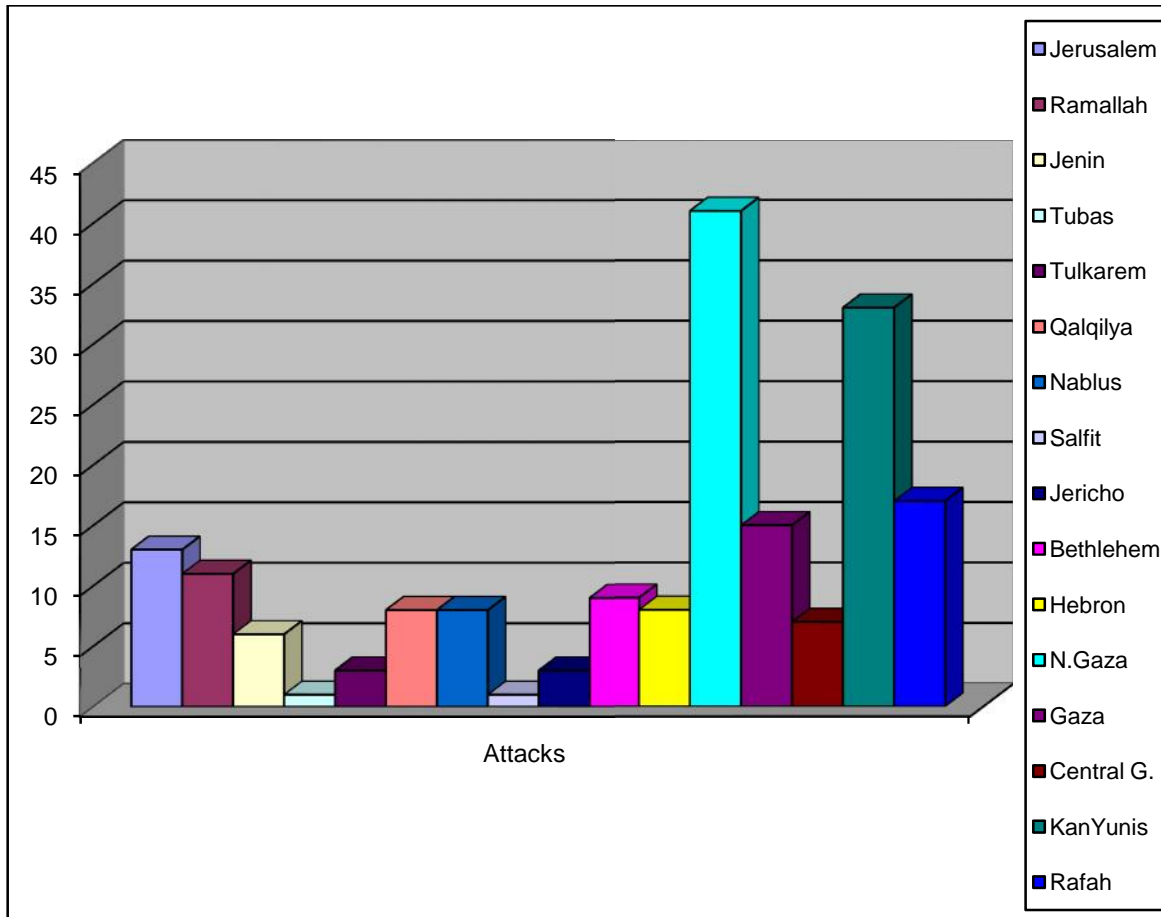
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **339 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in October, compared to 345 last month and 415 in August. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

5. Attacks

A total of **184 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of October: **71** in the West Bank and **113** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **15 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **59 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **51 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy vessels carried out **20 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli military carried out 1 attack from a military checkpoint. Israeli combat aircraft carried out **29 aerial attacks** on Palestinian territory. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on **5 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 **113 occasions** during the month of October (compared to **52** last September). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **190 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to **32** last month).

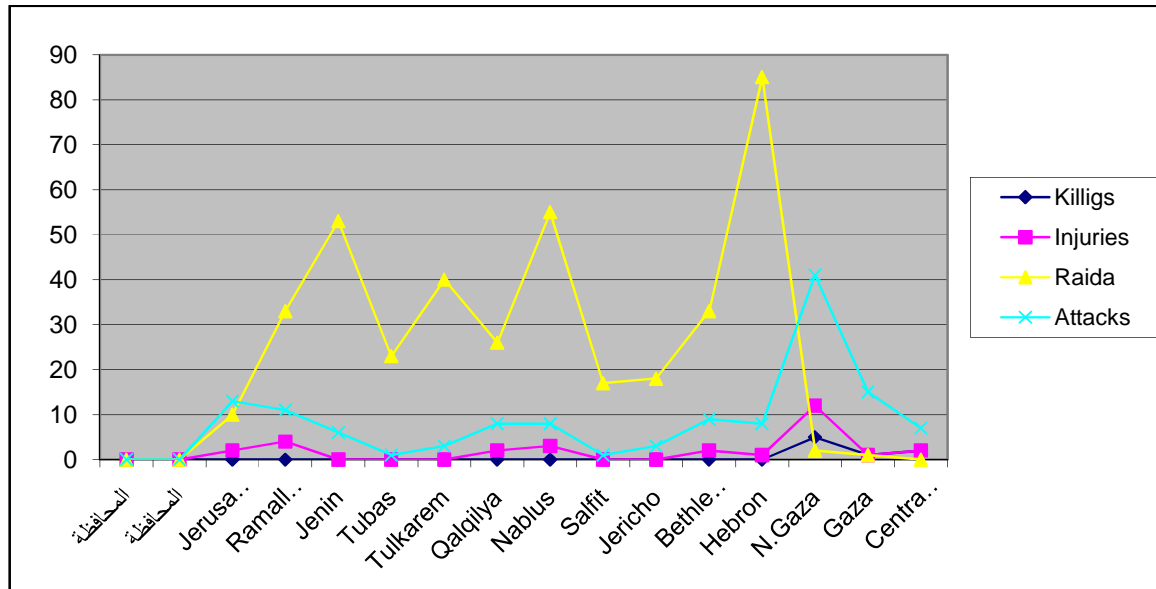


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **402 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of September, including **393 in the West Bank** and **9 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (10); Ramallah (33); Jenin (53); Tubas (23); Tulkarem (40); Qalqiliya (26); Nablus (55); Salfit (17); Jericho (18); Bethlehem (33); Hebron (85); Northern Gaza (2); Gaza (1); Khan Yunis (4), and Rafah (2). The Israeli army **opened fire during confrontations, and raidson74 occasions (i.e. 40.2% of the total number of attacks)**. During reported raids, the Israeli military impose **curfews** over Palestinian residential areas on 2 occasions.

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 an under construction house in Central Gaza, a 2 room house in Jericho, a room north the village of Yatta in Hebron,, a house in Beit Hanina, and 2 houses west the city of Jericho.

Israeli forces handed several demolition orders in the districts of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Tubas.

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 78 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in October, including 57 in the West Bank and 21 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli forces set fire to a vehicle after launching tear gas grenades near Shu'fat camp in Jerusalem and destroyed Caravans in Beit Hanina. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers destroyed several Olive trees in Jalazun camp, damaged 250 olive trees in Al-Mughier village, destroyed several agricultural crops and 18 olive tree in Ras Kar Kar village and set fire to agricultural land in Beit Illo. In **Jenin**, Israeli forces destroyed 5 water wells in Kafr Dan. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli forces forced several merchant shop owners to close down their businesses in Azzun, destroyed several barracks in east Qalqiliya, prevented several residents from entering their farm land to collect olive harvests in Kafr Qaddum, Israeli forces set fire to and destroyed 10 olive trees in Jayyus after firing tear gas into agricultural land and Israeli settlers damaged a vehicle near "Karni Sumon" settlement. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers uprooted 11 olive trees in Deir Al-Hatab village, set fire to and chopped down 120 olive trees in Qarawat village and damaged several school windows after stoning several schools in Nablus. In **Salfit**, Israeli forces destroyed a steel gate entrance leading to several water wells in Iskaka village. In **Jericho**, Israeli forces destroyed 15 electricity poles in west Jericho for allegedly being installed with licencing because of its location in area C. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli forces demolished several barracks' in Beit Jalla, destroyed a house entrance as they stormed a home in Bethlehem, destroyed 20 olive trees, 25 Grape vines, destroyed the limbs of 100 olive trees and destroyed 20 grape vines in Al-Khadr village. In **Hebron**, Israeli forces destroyed several agricultural crops as military bulldozers levelled a plot of land in the old city of Hebron, destroyed a part of a home under construction in Beit Ummar, damaged a home entrance in Al-Fuwar camp, destroyed a barracks in Ithna, demolished water wells in the old city of Hebron, Israeli settlers torched a vehicle in Abu Asja village, Israeli forces forced several store owners to close their businesses in the old city of Hebron, Israeli forces destroyed several barracks' in south Yatta, Israeli settlers destroyed 37 olive trees Khirbat Safa village and damaged several olive tree limbs near "Ifrat" settlement. In **North Gaza**, Israeli airstrikes damaged 2 homes and a pharmacy in Jabaliya. In **Khan Yunis**, Israeli air strikes damaged a mosque in Khaz'a.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Ramallah: 2 civilian vehicles were confiscated in Beituniya and Beitin. A computer and a cellular telephone were confiscated in Safa village.

Tubas: A agricultural tractor in Bardala village and 4 water storage tanks in Ibziq village.

Nablus: A vehicle owned by the deputy of Palestinian Parliament near Huwwara checkpoint.

Hebron: Agricultural crops irrigation pipe lines in the old city of Hebron, agricultural equipment in Khirbit Safa.

In addition, the Israeli army delivered halt to construction notices for 6 homes in Bethlehem, delivered demolition order to demolish a water well in Beit Ulla in Hebron and served eviction notices for 12 dunumes of land in Beit Ulla in Hebron. The Israeli army delivered demolition orders to demolish several tents and residential barracks in the east Jordan Valley in Tubas and served halt to construction notices for 5 homes in Nahhalinin Bethlehem

11. Settlement Activities

Israeli authorities approved the construction of a concrete fence 1.5 meters in height and 500 meters wide between "Kiryat Arba" settlement and Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron which will force approximately 70 Palestinian families in Al-Salameh neighbourhood to use a long alternative bypass road in order to reach basic municipal services. Israeli authorities also approved rehabilitation works on an archaeological site located in Kafr Al-Dik village in Salfit.

Israeli authorities also approved the confiscation of approximately 660 plots of land in order to construct several settlement units near "Pisagt Za'iv" and "Mali Adumim" settlements on land occupied in 1967 in east Jerusalem. Israeli Authorities approved the construction of settlement units near "Migalo" settlement in

Tubas. Israeli authorities approved the plans for the construction of a military academy in Jabal Al-Zaytoun area, approved tenders for construction of settlement unites and basic services buildings in “Pisgat Za’iv” ,“Jaf’at Za’iv” and “Mali Addumim” settlements and approved the construction of settlement outpost “Givat Hadgheil which is located between “Ofrat” settlement and land occupied in 1967 in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of 797 settlements unites in “Gilo” settlement on land occupied in 1967 in Jerusalem. Israeli bulldozers began paving a road in the Jordan valley area in Tubas. Israeli forces confiscated 200 dunumes of agricultural land in Al-Khadr for the purpose of expanding “Efrat” settlement and for constructing a school and national park in Bethlehem. Israeli forces confiscated 243.95 dunumes of agricultural land in Surif area in Hebron for the construction of the Wall. Israeli forces levelled plots of agricultural land in the old city of Hebron and levelled 2 dunumes of land near Hashim’s Palace in Jericho.

12. Settler Violence

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

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settler wrote racist graffiti slandering prophet Issa (Jesus Christ) on the entrance of a church in Jabal Tur, raided Al-Aqsa mosque compound and conducted Talmudicrituals, destroyed 4 livestockbarracks in Al-Nabi Samuel area. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles near “Shilo” settlement junction, assaulted and injured a resident in Turmus’ayya, opened fire towards several framers and Sheppard’s in Al-Taybeh, pointed assault rifles towards residents and harassed them as they were collecting olive harvests in Beit Ur Al-Tahta, threw a Molotov fire bomb towards residents and homes in Al-Jalazun camp, damaged 250 olive tree limbs in Al-Mughier village, uprooted several olive trees and prevented residents from collecting olive harvest in Ras Kar Kar village and assaulted and opened fire towards several residents as they were collecting olive harvest in Beit Illo village. In **Jenin**, Israeli settlers stole several tons of olive harvest from agricultural landlocated near the wall gate in Jalbun village. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settler vehicle ran over a resident in Al-Nabi Eliyas village, ran over a child in Al-Jit village, planted 70 olive trees on agricultural land in an attempt to confiscate it in Kafr Qaddum, and stole olive harvest equipment from residents in Jinsafut village. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers stole 50 heads of livestock (Cows and goats) , assaulted several residents as they were collecting olive harvest and prevented them harvesting on land near “Yitmar” settlement, installed a steel fence around approximately 10 dunumes of agricultural land in Qarawat village, assaulted several resident in Iraq Burin village, stole olive harvests of 12 olive trees in Qarawat village, uprooted 11 olive trees in Deir Al-Hatab, stormed a home and damaged furniture after assaulting and injuring its residents in Burin village, stormed Beit Furiq village, opened fire towards several residents as they were collecting olive harvest then proceeded to steel the olive harvest in Qarawatvillage and damaged 120 olive trees in Qarawat village. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles in Al-Khadr village, pumped sewage waste on agricultural land in Nihalin village, damaged the limbs of 20 olive trees and 15 Grape vines in Al-Khadr village and confiscated a plot of land 50 meters wide and 50 meters in length in Al-Khadr.

In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers assaulted several residents and International peace activist in Tel Al-Rumayda neighbourhood in Hebron, set fire to a vehicle and wrote racist graffiti on walls surrounding several homes in Al-Saja village, stormed several homes in Yatta, assaulted several residents as they were collecting olive harvest on agricultural land near “Atail” settlement, uprooted 37 olive trees in Khirbat Safa, damaged the limbs of several olive trees near “Ifrat” settlement, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over the child, Halla Abu Ayash leaving her hospitalised with serious contusionsBeit Ummar.

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **146** occasions during the month of October. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **112** occasions. It opened **Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing** for 24 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'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 **34** 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*.