

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 December 2011 – 31 December 2011

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 December 2011 to 31 December 2011. 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 DECEMBER 2012

- **07 December:** Israeli settler vehicle ran over a 16-year-old Palestinian child on the main road near Yitzhar settlement north of the town of Huwara in Nablus District.
- **08 December:** An Israeli drone fired one missile at a civilian vehicle travelling on Omar Mukhtar Road in Gaza city, assassinating 2 Palestinian militants and injuring 4 civilians, including 1 female civilian.
- **09 December:** Israeli combat aircrafts fired missiles towards the area located northwest Gaza city, killing 1 civilian and 1 child and injuring 11 civilians, including 5 children and 4 female civilians.
- **09 December:** The Israeli army opened fire at Palestinian civilians during confrontations in Nabi Saleh village, killing 1 civilian and injuring 5, including 1 child and 1 reporter.
- **12 December:** A group of settlers stoned civilian vehicles travelling on Qalqilya-Nablus main road in Qalqilya District near Shave Shomron settlement, injuring 3 civilians, including a female civilian and her daughter.
- **18 December:** Israeli settler vehicle ran over a 14-year-old child on Nablus-Ramallah Road neat Al-Sawiya village in Nablus District..
- **21 December:** One female civilian was attacked and bit by a canine during house search by the Israeli army during a raid on Edna town in Hebron District.
- **27 December:** An Israeli drone fired one missile towards the area of Duwar Abu Sharkh in Hablia town in Northern Gaza, assassinating 1 Palestinian militant and injuring 4 civilians, including 1 child.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – DECEMBER 2011

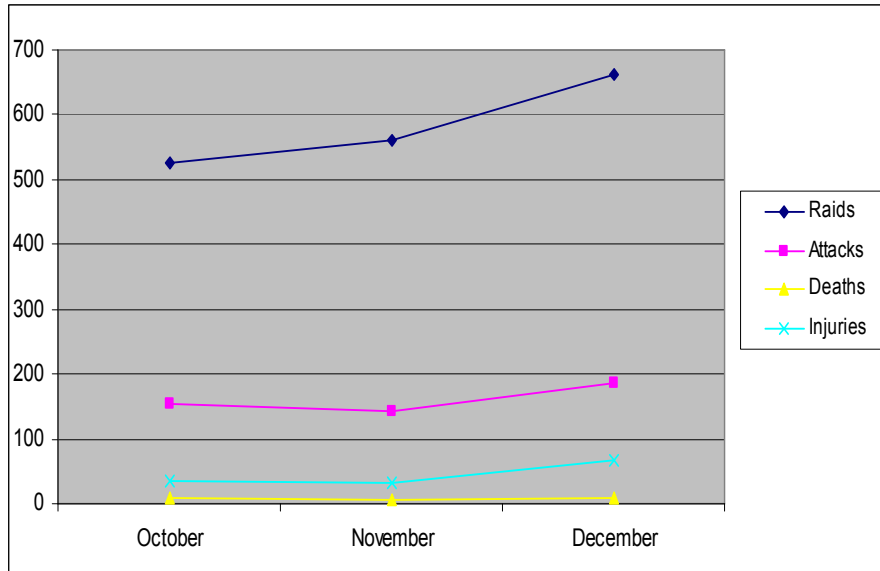
EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassination	0	3	3	Incl. Palestinian militants during air raids on Gaza and Northern Gaza
Deaths	1	4	5	Incl. 1 child and 2 militants
Injuries	26	42	68	Incl. 11 children 2 of whom were run over by settler vehicles, 11 female civilians 1 of whom was attacked by a canine, 1 civilian who was attacked by settlers, 1 reporter, 12 militants, and 1 international supporter in Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah District.
Attacks	108	79	187	The Israeli military carried out 34 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 84 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; and 37 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 16 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 15 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 1 occasions.
Raids	650	12	662	17 in Jerusalem; 65 in Ramallah; 69 in Jenin; 18 in Tubas; 40 in Tulkarem; 66 in Qalqiliya; 96 in Nablus; 49 in Salfit; 31 in Jericho; 67 in Bethlehem; 132 in Hebron; 4 in Northern Gaza; 4 in Gaza; 3 in Central Gaza; 1 in Khan Younis.
Arrests	295	8	303	31 in Jerusalem; 35 in Ramallah; 28 in Jenin; 3 in Toubas; 9 in Tulkarem; 26 in Qalqiliya; 46 in Nablus; 13 in Salfit; 2 in Jericho; 42 in Bethlehem; 60 in Hebron; 3 in Northern Gaza; 3 in Gaza.. Arrested persons included 61 children, 2 female civilians, 4 university students, 1 sick civilian, 1 lecturer, 1 lawyer, 1 released prisoner, 1 member on the PLC, 1 reporter, 10 security officers.
Home Demolition	9	2	11	The Israeli military demolished 4 civilian homes Jerusalem District, 1 in Jenin District, 4 in Bethlehem District, and 2 in Gaza city. In Addition, the Israeli authorities delivered 2 house demolition notifications in Isawiyyeh village in Jerusalem District.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	118	14	132	Destruction of Property: 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. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli military confiscated computers; ID cards; a pistol; a hunting rifle; a truck; water pumps; a tractor; and irrigation networks.
Home Occupations	7	0	7	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts homes in the districts of Nablus (1); Qalqilya (2); Hebron (4).
Closure of Crossing Points	0	144	144	International crossing points were closed on 36 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 108 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	810	0	810	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (73); Ramallah (88); Jenin (39); Tubas (2); Tulkarem (25); Qalqilya (152); Nablus (122); Salfit (61); Jericho (75); Bethlehem (63); Hebron (110).
School disruption	1	0	1	The Israeli army raided Al-Ibrahimiyye School in the old city of Hebron and handed over to the school director a summon to report to the Israeli military intelligence.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	27	0	27	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian National Security forces on 8 occasions; PCP on 8 occasions; Preventive Security Forces on 1 occasion; General Intelligence on 2 occasions; Civil Defence on 3 occasions; Presidential Guards on 4 occasions; Customs Police on 1 occasion.
Curfews	1	0	1	In Yitma village in Nablus District.
Medical Obstruction	1	0	1	The Israeli army detained an ambulance near the junction of Edna town in Hebron District.
Settlement Activity	5	0	5	Issuance of a military order No. 05/18/T to confiscate 12m ² of land in Al-Khader town in Bethlehem District for the purpose of installing CCTV in the surrounding area of Neve Daniel settlement. The Israeli army razed agricultural land in Al-Majd village in Hebron District. The Israeli army razed land in Kaf Dik town near Alyeh Zahav settlement in Salfit District.

				<p>The Israeli army launched works to open a new settlement road in the centre of Beit Hanina town in Jerusalem District .to connect the settlements of Neve Yacon, Pisgat Ze'ev and Anatot with the bypass Road 443.</p> <p>The Israeli government approved a plan to construct 23 housing units in Ras Al-Amud neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, and a decision to issue bids for he construction of 1028 new housing units in the settlements of Pisgat Ze'ev, Har Homa and Bitar Illit in Jerusalem and Bethlehem Districts within 1967 borders.</p> <p>The Israeli government approved a plan to construct a tourist resort in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, and another plan to construct 130 housing units in Gilo settlement north of Beit Jala town in Bethlehem District within 1967 borders. Moreover, the Israeli government approved a plan to construct 40 housing units in Ephrat settlement in Bethlehem District.</p>
Settler Violence	83	0	83	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.
Attacks on Religious Sites	8	0	8	<p>The Israeli military authorities shut down a mosque in Wadi Hilweh area in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city.</p> <p>The Israeli military authorities issued an order to shut down Bab Al-Magahrbeh Bridge leading to Al-haram Al-Sharif compound.</p> <p>Settlers protected by the Israeli army raided the yards of Al-Aqsa Mosque, set 1 mosque in Ramallah on fire, wrote anti-Arab slogans on t he walls of a mosque in Brouqin town in Salfit District amd in Bani Maim town in Hebron District.</p>
TOTAL	2150	308	2458	

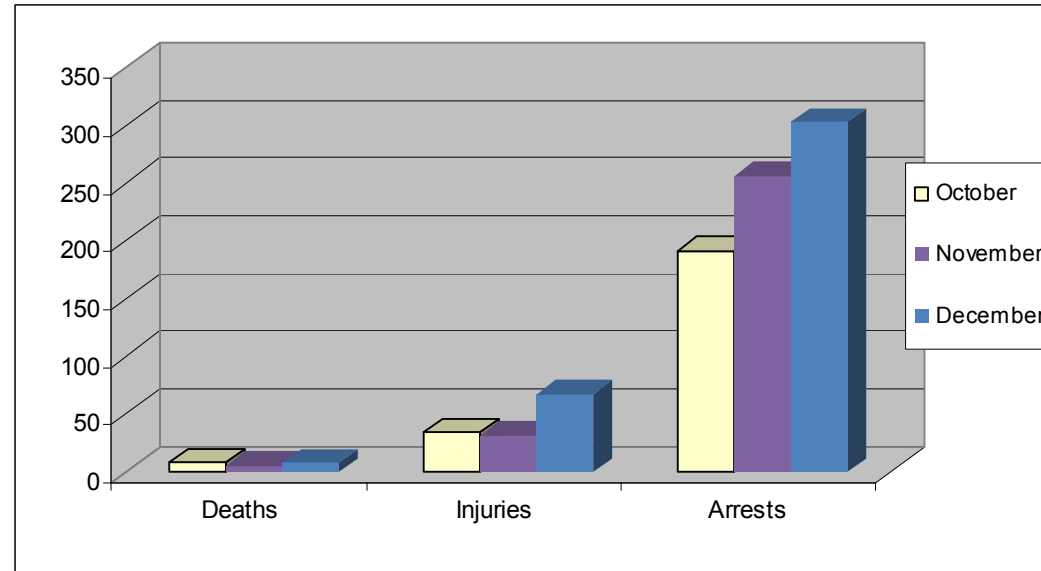
COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	OCT. 2011	NOV. 2011	DEC. 2011	COMMENTS
Assassinations	5	0	3	3 assassination incidents were reported for the month of December.
Deaths	8	5	5	Death toll dropped by 37.5% compared to last November.
Injuries	34	32	68	A rise by 112.5% compared to November and of 100% compared to October. The number of wounded children was 8 compared to 4 last November and 11 last October.
Attacks	153	141	187	Rise in the number of attacks by 32.6% compared to last November and a rise of 22.2% compared to October.
Raids	525	560	662	Rise by 18.2% compared to November and by 26% compared to October.
Arrests	191	257	303	Rise of 17.9% compared to November and of 85.6% compared to October.. The number of arrested children was 61 compared to 26 last month and 23 in October.
Home Demolition	4	10	11	A rise of 10% compared to November and of 175% compared to October.
Attacks on Property	111	83	132	Rise by 59% compared to last month and by 18.9% compared to October.
Home Occupation	14	6	7	Increase of 16.6% compared to November and a drop of 50% compared to October.
Curfews	0	0	1	1 incident of curfews was reported for this month.
Flying Checkpoints	788	758	810	Rise of 6.9% compared to November and of 2.8% compared to October.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	149	142	144	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 108 occasions in December, compared to 106 in November and 114 in October.. Rafah Crossing was closed for 5 days. Yasser Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	1	1	1	1 incident of medical obstruction was reported for this month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	7	3	8	8 attacks on religious sites were reported this month.
School Disruption	9	1	1	1 incident of school disruption was reported for this month.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	10	8	27	Rise of 237.5% compared to November and of 170% compared to October.
Settlement Activity	5	11	5	Drop by 54.4% compared to last November.
Settler Violence	115	49	83	Rise of 69.4% compared to November and drop of 27.8% compared to October.
TOTAL	2129	2067	2458	During the month of September, total incidents rose by 18.9% compared to November due to the rise in the number of assassination attempts, deaths, attacks, demolition of property and settler violence. Likewise, total events also rose by 15.5% compared to October as a result in the rise in the number of injuries, arrests, provocation of Palestinian Forces, raids and incidents of settler violence.

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



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



ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

1. Assassination

In December, the Israeli military assassinated 3 militants in air raids on Northern Gaza and Gaza.

2. Deaths

The Israeli military **killed 5 Palestinians**, including 1 in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip. Deaths included 1 child and 2 militants.

3. Injuries

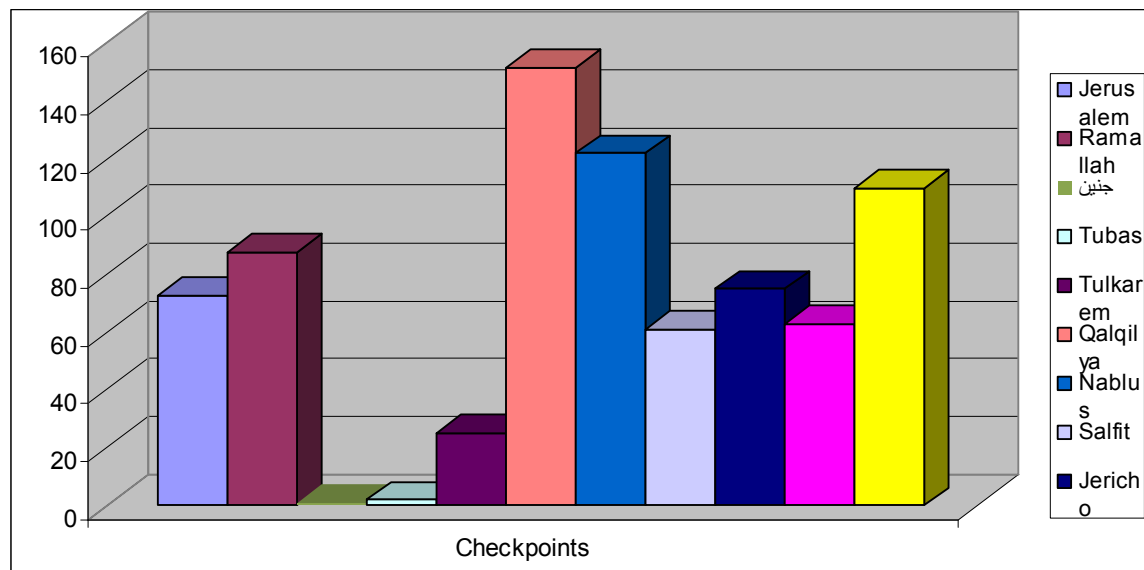
A total of **68 injuries** were reported in the month of December (26 Palestinians in the West Bank and 42 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 11 children, 11 female civilians, and 12 militants.

4. Arrests

During the month of December, the Israeli military **arrested 303 Palestinians** (295 in the West Bank and 8 in Gaza strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (31); Ramallah (35); Jenin (28); Tubas (3); Tulkarem (9); Qalqilya (26); Nablus (46); Salfit (13); Jericho (2); Bethlehem (42); Hebron (60); Northern Gaza (3); Gaza (5). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 61 children; 2 female civilians; 4 university students; 1 sick civilian; 1 lecturer; 1 lawyer; 1 released prisoner; 1 PLC member; 1 reporter; 10 security officers.

5. 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 August, 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

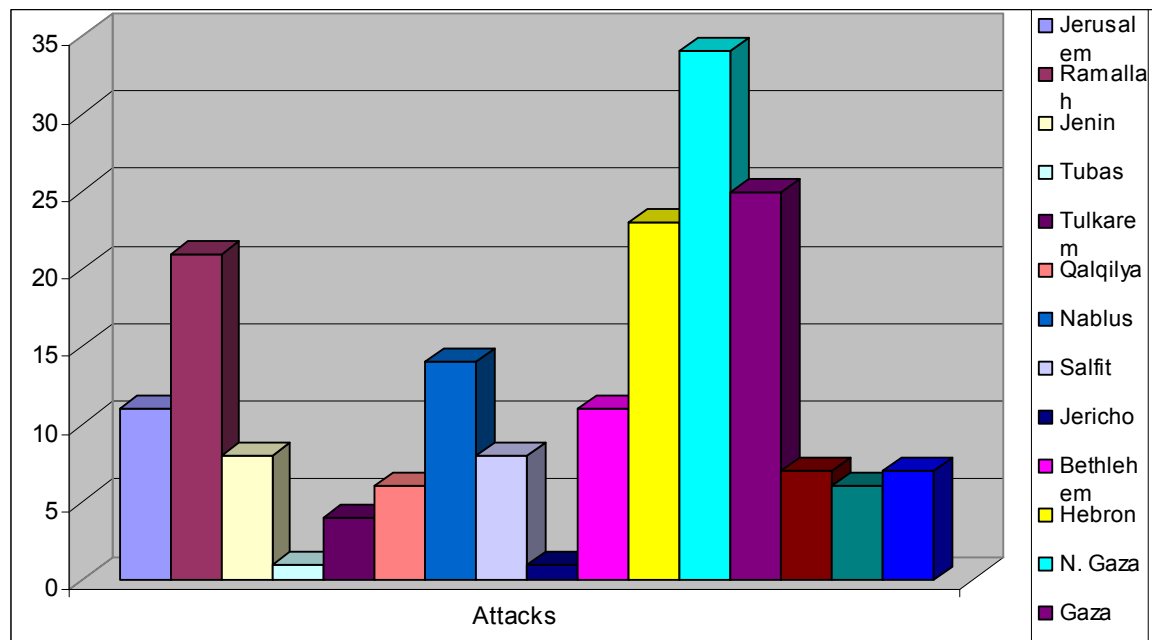
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **810 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in December, compared to 758 flying checkpoints in November and 788 in October. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

6. Attacks

A total of **187 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of December: 108 in the West Bank and **79** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **34 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **84 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **37 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **16 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 15 **aerial attacks** on Palestinian territory. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on 1 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 79 **occasions** during the month of December (compared to 65 in November). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **55 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to 11 mortar rounds fired in November).

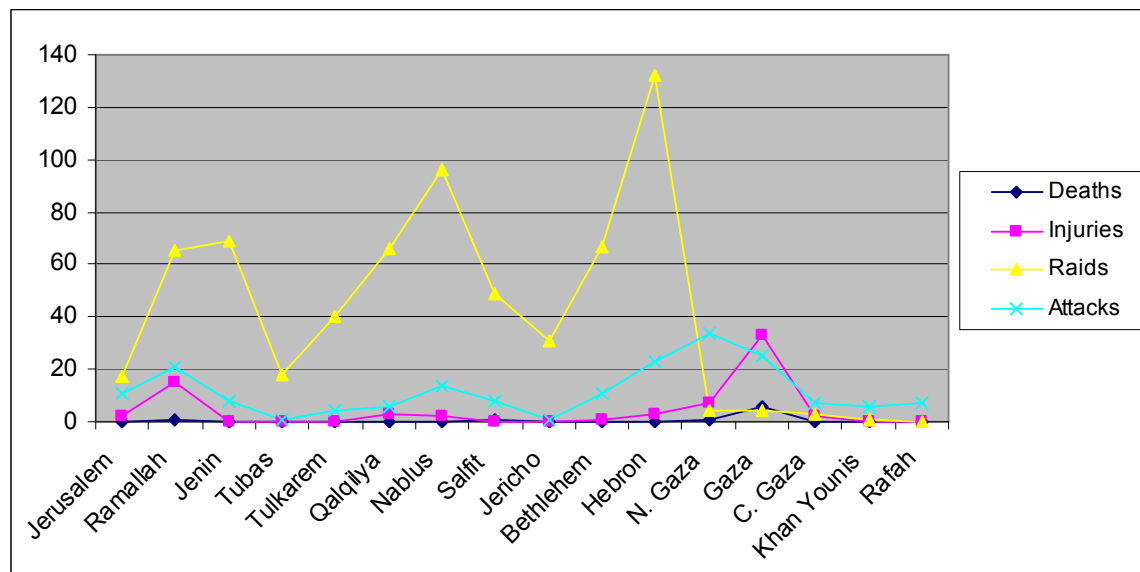


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

7. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **662 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of December, including **650 in the West Bank** and **12 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (17); Ramallah (65); Jenin (69); Tubas (18); Tulkarem (40); Qalqilya (66); Nablus (96); Salfit (49); Jericho (31); Bethlehem (67); Hebron (132); Northern Gaza (4); Gaza (4); Central Gaza (3); Khan Younis (1). The Israeli army **opened fire on 118 occasions** (i.e. 58.5% 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.



8. Home Demolitions

The Israeli military demolished in Jerusalem 1 civilian home in Jeep village, 1 in Silwan neighbourhood and 1 in Beit Hanina. Jenin: 1 civilian home in Bart'a Al-Sharqiye (Al-Mintar area). Bethlehem: 4 civilian homes in Beit Jala. Gaza: 2 civilian homes in Gaza city..

In addition, the Israeli army delivered 2 house demolition notifications in Al-Issawiye village in Jerusalem, 2 in Silwan. In Jericho the Israel army delivered 5 house demolition notifications in Ein Dyouk; in Bethlehem 3; in Hebron 20.

9. Home Occupations

The Israeli military **occupied and converted into military posts the roofs of 7 civilian homes** in the districts of Qalqilya, Nablus and Hebron.

10. Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces

The Israeli army carried out **14 attacks and provocations** of Palestinian security forces and posts during the month of July. 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 SEPTEMBER

Type of Provocation	#	Notes
Taking positions/setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts	5	The Israeli military took positions in front of a National Security post and PCP station in Jenin. The Israeli army took pictures of the Civil Defence HQ in Qalqilya. The Israeli army set up a military post in front of the National Security Forces in Nablus. The Israeli army set up a checkpoint near PCP in Hebron. The Israeli army patrolled the area near National Security Forces HQ in Salfit.
Detaining and searching Palestinian security officers and patrols	17	The Israeli military detained a National Security Forces vehicle in Jericho. The Israeli army detained a Palestinian delegation and a PCP vehicle at Al-Mahkama checkpoint in Ramallah. The Israeli military detained 3 Presidential Guards vehicles at container checkpoint in Bethlehem. The Israeli army detained PCP vehicle carrying inmates in Ramallah. The Israeli army detained PCP vehicle on the southern entrance of Jericho. The Israeli army detained PCP vehicle carrying inmates in Bethlehem. The Israeli army detained The Director-General of the Palestinian Intelligence in Salfit. The Israeli army detained Customs Police vehicle in Hebron. The Israeli army detained Presidential Guards vehicle in Bethlehem.
Notification Delivery	5	The Israeli army delivered 2 summons to 2 security officers in Bethlehem to report to the Israeli military intelligence. The Israeli army delivered 1 summon to report to the Israeli intelligence to a security officer in Salfit. A security officer was handed a summon to report to the Israeli intelligence in Qalilya. A security officer in Dheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem was handed a summon to report to the Israeli intelligence

11. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of **132 incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in December, including 118 in the West Bank and 14 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, The Israeli army shut down a nursery school in Silwan and extended the closure of 4 public institutions; Israeli army demolished barracks and razed courtyard belonging to Ibrahimiyye School. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers caused damage civilian vehicles and set them on fire. They also threw stones and broke the windshield of civilian vehicles. In **Jenin**, the Israeli military demolished barracks. In **Qalqilya**, the Israeli military destroyed the door of a commercial premise in Qalqilya city. Israeli troops demolished an industrial establishment. Settler damaged civilian vehicles. In **Nablus**, Israeli army razed land in Huwara, set a water tank on fire, and damaged civilian vehicles. Israeli settlers cut down 15 olive trees. In **Salfit**, the Israeli military demolished 3 barracks, 3 water wells and set civilian vehicles on fire. Israeli settlers damaged tractors. In **Jericho**, the Israeli military demolished 5 barracks. In **Bethlehem**, the Israeli military demolished gate on Beit Jala, demolished a pool, and a nursery as well as a commercial store. The Israeli army caused damaged to a restaurant in Husan. In **Hebron**, the Israeli military uprooted olive trees and demolished a water well as well as 5 green houses. The Israeli army expelled labourers and forced them to stop the construction of houses and commercial stores. Israeli settlers uprooted 30 olive trees and prevented civilians from farming their land. In **Northern Gaza**, Israeli military damaged a motorbike and demolished for commercial stores in an air raid, and caused damage to 1 civilian home. In Gaza, combat aircraft fired missiles on Al Qaraman Street in Beit Hanun town, causing damage to 29 civilian homes. In **Gaza**,

the Israeli military caused damage to civilian homes in an air raid and demolished civilian vehicles. The Israeli military handed over notifications to civilians to evacuate part of a house that includes a store and a garden and notifications to stop land reclamation in Salfit, house demolition in Tubas, demolition of 17 barracks in Tubas, demolition of 8 tents in Hebron, and evacuation notifications in Surif and Kharas villages in Hebron

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Ramallah: 1 cellular. Jenin: Confiscation of two water pumps. Tulkarem: 4 computers and files from an engineering office. Nablus: Confiscation of a civilian vehicle and 2 IDs of security officers. Salfit: A bulldozer, 2 computers and files from PLC office. Jericho: 2 vegetable stalls. Bethlehem: Compressor and a bulldozer. Hebron: Cash and computers.

12. Settlement Activity

Settlers razed Palestinian land and uprooted olive trees in several districts of the West Bank. Issuance of a military order 05/18/T to confiscate 12 meter square in Bethlehem. Razing of agricultural land in Kadfir Dik town near Zahav settlement for the purpose of opening a settler road.

Approval to construct 23 housing units in Ras Al-Amud in Jerusalem and issuance of a bid to build 1028 new housing units in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem and 130 others in Gilo settlement and 40 in Ephrat settlement in Bethlehem.

13. Settler Violence

In **Ramallah**, settlers attacked and damaged civilian vehicles near Al-Mahkama checkpoint in Bet El. Settlers also provoked civilians and stoned vehicles on Ramallah-Nablus Road. Settlers from Karni Shamron settlement threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Nablus-Jenin main road. In **Nablus**, settlers from Shavei Shomron settlement threw stones at civilian vehicles along the Nablus-Jenin main road. A group of settlers tried to enter into the area of Joseph's Tombs without prior coordination with the Palestinian authorities. A group of settlers gathered near Huwwara checkpoint and stoned civilian vehicles assembled near the village of Burqa and detained 2 children. Settlers entered Palestinian land in the village of Qusra and uprooted dozens of olive trees. On 11 September 2011, settlers uprooted 70 olive trees in the village of Qusra. On 19 September 2011, settlers stoned Palestinian civilian vehicles travelling on Ramallah-Nablus road. In **Salfit**, settlers attacked civilians and sprayed gas on their faces near Za'atara checkpoint. Settler wrote anti-Arab slogans on walls. Settlers gained access to agricultural land west of the village of Iskaka east of the city of Salfit. Settlers uprooted 15 olive trees west of the town of Deir Istiyya and stoned civilian vehicles and attempted to attack civilians. In **Bethlehem**, settlers raided Solomon's Pools area in Artas village and attacked civilians from Husan and stoned civilian vehicles. In **Hebron**, a group of settlers raided the old City of Hebron and stoned civilians and assaulted a 16-year-old child. A group of settlers from Bat Ein settlement uprooted olive trees in Wadi Abu Reesh of Beit Ummar municipality. Settlers cut down 30 olive trees and attacked civilians near Al-Ibrahimi Mosque. On settler riding on a motorbike raided the village of Yassouf and attacked civilians. Settlers from Susya settlement east of Ystta attacked agricultural land near the settlement and stoned civilian vehicles in Beit 'Ummar.

On 18 September an Israeli settler ran over a civilian called Mazir Mahmoud Sabarneh, and on 11 September a group of settlers from Karmi Tzur settlement uprooted 100 grapevines in Wadi Al-Amir area in Halhul, Hebron owned by a civilian called Ahmad Mahmoud Nouh Nofal.

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 December. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **108** 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 21 days for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to allowing in animal feed, construction cargo designated for UNRWA and internationally-funded projects was transported through the Crossing. ***Sufa Crossing*** was closed throughout the month. On the other hand, the Israeli authorities have continued to unilaterally close ***Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing***. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Israeli authorities has also continued to completely close ***Al Muntar (Karnei) Commercial Crossing***.

The Israeli military closed international crossing points on **36** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 26 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*.