

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS*

01 April 2007 – 30 April 2007

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 April 2007 to 30 April 2007. The report includes a summary table of events 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 Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG), Negotiations Affairs Department, Palestine Liberation Organization. The PMG monitors all aspects of ground conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Israeli violations, Palestinian violations, and Palestinian achievements. The PMG Daily Situation Reports are a survey of daily events collated from information provided by Palestinian Authority civilian ministries and security agencies. The information reported through the PMG process only represents data available at the time of distribution.

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SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – APRIL 2007

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	4	—	4	Israeli Special Forces extra-judicially killed 1 civilian and 3 Palestinian security officers in the district of Jenin.
Deaths	6	11	17	The Israeli army killed 1 Palestinian in Ramallah; 2 Palestinians in Jenin; 2 in Nablus; 1 in Jericho; 4 in Northern Gaza; 4 in Gaza; 2 in Khan Yunis; and 1 in Rafah, including 3 children (incl. a female child), 1 female civilian, 1 school student, 1 Palestinian security officer, and 8 armed Palestinian individuals.
Injuries	54	16	70	The Israeli army injured 1 Palestinian in Jerusalem; 20 Palestinians in Ramallah; 4 in Jenin; 2 in Qalqiliya; 10 in Nablus; 4 in Salfit; 7 in Bethlehem; 6 in Hebron; 11 in Northern Gaza; and 5 in Gaza. Among these were 16 children; 2 female civilians; 1 mentally challenged civilian, 1 international peace activist, 3 journalists, 2 fishermen, and 6 armed Palestinian individuals. Israeli settlers also injured 3 civilians.
Attacks	205	108	313	The Israeli army carried out 9 attacks in Jerusalem; 33 in Ramallah; 53 in Jenin; 14 in Tulkarem; 18 in Qalqiliya; 45 in Nablus; 9 in Salfit; 1 in Jericho; 9 in Bethlehem; 14 in Hebron; 37 in Northern Gaza; 21 in Gaza; 12 in Central Gaza; 17 in Khan Yunis; & 21 in Rafah.
Raids	665	59	724	25 in Jerusalem; 97 in Ramallah; 94 in Jenin; 68 in Tulkarem; 48 in Qalqiliya; 107 in Nablus; 45 in Salfit; 8 in Jericho; 79 in Bethlehem; 94 in Hebron; 21 in Northern Gaza; 16 in Gaza; 7 in Central Gaza; 8 in Khan Yunis; & 7 in Rafah.
Arrests (per person)	408	8	416	The Israeli army arrested 35 Palestinians in Jerusalem; 47 in Ramallah; 63 in Jenin; 22 in Tulkarem; 26 in Qalqiliya; 86 in Nablus; 10 in Salfit; 21 in Jericho; 36 in Bethlehem; 62 in Hebron; and 8 in Northern Gaza, including 36 children; 5 female civilians; 4 injured civilians; 4 school students; 25 university students; 1 judge; the director of the Palestinian Ministry of Education District Office in Hebron; and 22 Palestinian security officers.
House Demolitions	8	—	8	The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the city of Jerusalem; 1 house partially in the district of Jenin; 1 house in the district of Nablus; 1 house in the district of Qalqiliya; and 4 houses in the district of Hebron.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	89	1	90	Destruction of Property: The Israeli army destroyed and damaged 1 factory, civilian vehicles, trees, 1 water well, buildings, 1 electricity transformer, furniture, and infrastructure. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army confiscated 8 rifles, 3 pistols, computers, money, computers, files, 1 civilian vehicle, gold jewellery, and cellular telephones.
House Occupations	28	—	28	Ramallah: (6); Jenin: (2); Nablus: (15), incl. 14 in the city of Nablus; Salfit: (1); Jericho: (2); and Hebron: (2).
Curfews	17	—	17	The Israeli army imposed curfews over Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Ramallah (1); Jenin (2); Tulkarem (4); Nablus (9); and Bethlehem (1).
Closure of Crossing Points	—	118	118	Israeli troops closed crossing points to Israel on 70 occasions, incl. the crossings of Al Muntar (Karnei) (12); Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) (6); Sufa (28); & Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) (24). Israeli troops also closed international crossing points on 48 occasions, incl. Rafah Crossing (18). Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remained closed throughout the month (30).
Flying Checkpoints	585	—	585	Jerusalem (84); Ramallah (56); Jenin (166); Tulkarem (34); Qalqiliya (56); Nablus (33); Salfit (32); Jericho (13); Bethlehem (37); & Hebron (74).
Medical Obstruction	8	—	8	The Israeli army surrounded Jenin Public Hospital and impeded access by medics. The Israeli army also obstructed access to certain ambulances and medics as well as detained and searched others in the districts of Jenin, Nablus, and Bethlehem.
Attacks on Religious Site	5	—	5	Israeli Police officers cursed God in the yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The Israeli army also raided the yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound as well as closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
School Disruption	1	—	1	The Israeli army searched 1 kindergarten in the city of Hebron.
Provocation of Pal. Forces	22	1	23	The Israeli army provoked Palestinian National Security forces on 14 occasions and Palestinian Police forces on 6 occasions. The Israeli army also provoked the Palestinian Preventive Security agency, Customs Police, and Civil Defence on 1 occasion each.
Settlement Activity	3	—	3	Tulkarem: (1) and Hebron: (2).
Settler Violence	37	—	37	Jerusalem: (3); Ramallah: (1); Jenin: (10); Qalqiliya: (2); Nablus: (5); Salfit: (2); Jericho: (1); Bethlehem: (2); and Hebron: (11).
TOTAL	2145	322	2467	

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT TYPE	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	COMMENTS
Assassinations	4	—	4	The Israeli army resumed assassinations against Palestinian faction activists, whom the Israeli authorities describe as “wanted individuals”.
Deaths	8	11	17	Rise in death toll (incl. those assassinated by the Israeli army) of 90.9% compared to March and 75% compared to February. The Israeli army killed 3 children during the month of April, compared to 2 children in each of March and February.
Injuries	146	107	70	Drop of 34.6% compared to March and 52.1% compared to February (16 children injured this month, compared to 14 in March and 31 in February).
Attacks	238	259	313	Rise in the number of attacks by 20.9% compared to March and 31.5% compared to February.
Raids	684	787	724	The total number of Israeli army raids on Palestinian Authority controlled territory (Area A – which the Israeli army has continued to reinvade since 2002) dropped to 403 in April, compared to 443 in March and 371 in February. Compared to 54 raids in March and 52 in February, the Israeli army raided areas in which security responsibility was transferred back to the Palestinian Authority (Area A) in the city of Tulkarem, its suburbs, Nur Shams & Tulkarem refugee camps, and the eastern areas of the city as well as the city of Jericho, ‘Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, and the village of Al ‘Auja (in which security responsibility was transferred back to the Palestinian Authority in March 2005) on 55 occasions. The Israeli army also raided Palestinian Authority controlled area in the Gaza Strip districts on 59 occasions, compared to 38 raids last month and 20 in February. During these raids, the Israeli army levelled civilian land on 25 occasions.
Arrests (per person)	556	471	416	Decrease of 11.7% compared to March and 25.2% compared to February (36 children arrested in April, compared to 31 last month and 45 in February).
House Demolitions	18	5	8	Rise of 60% compared to last month, but a drop of 55.6% compared to February.
Attacks on Property	94	68	90	Rise of 32.4% compared to March, but a drop of 4.3% compared to February.
House Occupations	43	15	28	Increase of 86.7% compared to March, but a decrease of 34.9% compared to February.
Curfews	14	6	17	Curfews rose by 183.3% compared to March and 21.4% compared to February.
Flying Checkpoints	419	510	585	Rise of 14.7% compared to March and 39.6% compared to February.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	104	126	118	Crossing points to Israel were closed on 70 occasions in April (compared to 75 in March and 52 in February). The Israeli army opened Rafah Crossing for a total of 22 days this month, compared to 11 days in March and 4 in February. Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).
Medical Obstruction	24	2	8	The Israeli army continued to surround hospitals as well as detain and prevent ambulances from evacuating killed and injured civilians.
Attacks on Religious Sites	3	2	5	The Israeli army raided and closed mosques in the cities of Jerusalem and Hebron. In addition, Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints continued to prevent worshippers from accessing religious sites in Jerusalem.
School Disruption	14	6	1	The Israeli army raided and searched a kindergarten.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	4	21	23	Despite efforts to control the security situation, the Israeli army continued to prevent Palestinian security forces from carrying out their security duties. The Israeli army also opened fire towards Palestinian security locations. In addition, the Israeli army surrounded and took positions in front of Palestinian security locations. The Israeli army also detained Palestinian security vehicles and arrested 22 Palestinian security officers.
Settlement Activity	11	11	3	The Israeli army continued to confiscate civilian land for construction of the Wall and settler bypass roads.
Settler Violence	14	23	37	Israeli settler attacks against Palestinian civilians as well as their property and land rose by 60.9% compared to March and 164.3% compared to February.
TOTAL	2398	2430	2467	Total incidents rose by 1.5% compared to March due to the increase in deaths, attacks, curfews, flying checkpoints, attacks on property, and incidents of settler violence. Compared to February, total incidents reported in April also increased by 2.9% due to the rise in deaths, raids, attacks, flying checkpoints, and incidents of settler violence and provocation of Palestinian security forces.

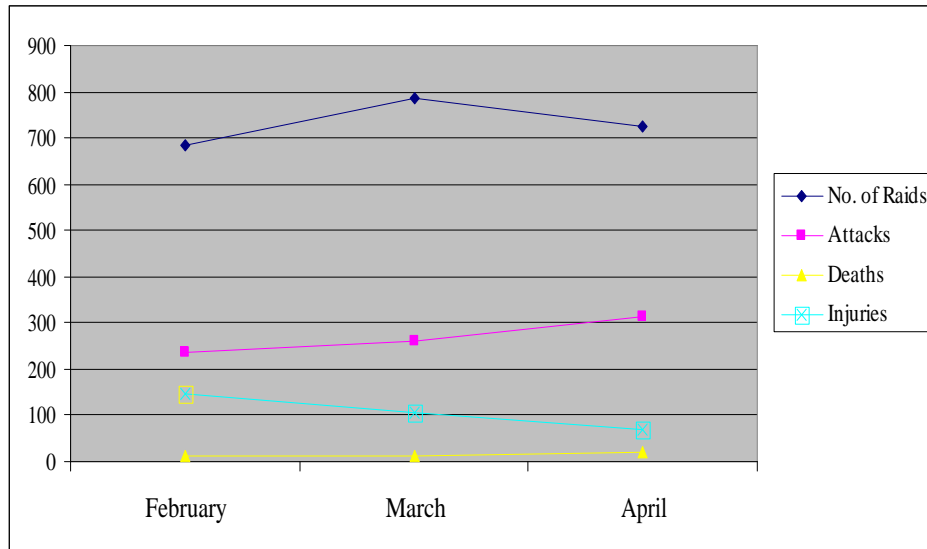
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2007

WEST BANK	GAZA	TOTAL	NOTES
41	9	50	<i>Ramallah:</i> (16); <i>Qalqiliya:</i> (18); <i>Salfit:</i> (1); <i>Jericho:</i> (1); <i>Bethlehem:</i> (4); <i>Hebron:</i> (1); <i>Northern Gaza:</i> (4); and <i>Central Gaza:</i> (5). Palestinian security forces seized and destroyed explosive devices on 12 occasions; handed over 22 illegal vehicles and 10 motorcycles as well as 1 Israeli citizen; and blocked 5 attempts to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.

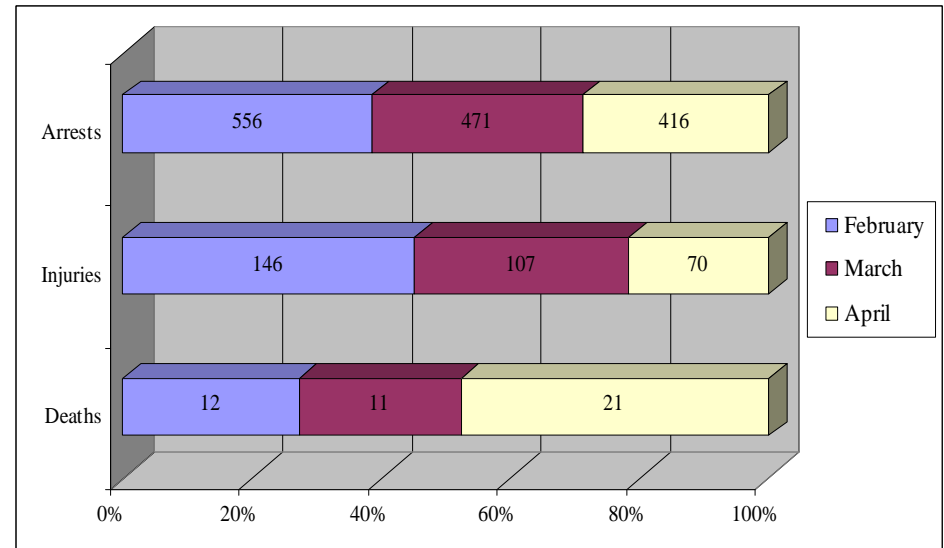
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

FEB.	MAR.	APR.	NOTES
12	27	50	In April, Palestinian security forces seized/defused 12 explosive devices (2 in March & 4 in February); handed over 32 illegal vehicles (18 in March & 3 in February) as well as 1 Israeli citizen (4 in March & 4 in February); and evacuated civilians from areas near the Green Line, preventing them from gaining access into areas inside the Green Line on 5 occasions (1 in March & none in February).

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



SAMPLE OF ISRAELI ARMY KILLINGS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2007

- **On 04 April**, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Nablus opened fire towards a taxi, injuring 1 civilian. Israeli troops also arrested the injured civilian. On the same day, Israeli troops positioned at 'Awarta checkpoint also opened fire towards a civilian vehicle while it was attempting to take an unpaved detour road to leave the village, resulting in the injury of the driver. In addition, Israeli troops arrested the injured driver.
- **On 05 April**, the Israeli army opened fire towards a civilian truck in the area of the Prophet Moses Shrine south of the city of Jericho, killing the driver.
- **On 05 April, *Tahreer Abu al Jidyan***, a 19-year-old female civilian from the town of Jabalya in the district of Northern Gaza, died of critical injuries sustained during an Israeli army incursion into the district of Northern Gaza in 2004.
- **On 13 April**, A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area village of Bil'in in the district of Ramallah in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 13 civilians and 3 journalists.
- **On 16 April**, the Israeli army opened fire towards and injured a mentally challenged civilian northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya in the district of Northern Gaza.
- **On 17 April**, an Israeli settler, driving his vehicle along the settler bypass road near the town of Tuqu' in the southern Bethlehem district, opened fire towards and critically injured a 14-year-old child.
- **On 21 April**, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan in the northern Jenin district. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened intensive fire, killing 1 Palestinian Police officer while he was inside his house. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians (brothers) and 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
- **On 22 April**, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al in the district of Ramallah. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 child.
- **On 27 April**, the Israeli army fired a tank shell from the area near Point 152 on the Green Line towards and killed a school student east of the area of Al Qarara in the district of Khan Yunis.
- **On 30 April**, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over a civilian near Huwwara checkpoint south of the city of Nablus, leaving him with critical injuries.

ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

1. Assassinations

Israeli Special Forces extra-judicially killed **1 Palestinian civilian and 3 Palestinian security officers** in the district of Jenin.

2. Deaths

The Israeli army killed **17 Palestinians in April**, including 6 Palestinians in the West Bank and 11 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army killed Palestinians in following districts: Northern Gaza (4); Gaza (4); Jenin (2); Nablus (2); Kahn Yunis (2); Ramallah (1); Jericho (1); and Rafah (1). Of these, the Israeli army killed 3 children, including 1 female child; 1 female civilian; 1 school student; 8 armed Palestinian individuals; and 1 Palestinian security officer.

3. Injuries

The total number of injuries reported during the month of April was **70** (54 Palestinians in the West Bank and 16 in the Gaza Strip). Of those injured, 16 were children; 2 female civilians; 1 mentally challenged civilian; 1 international peace activist; 3 journalists; 2 fishermen; and 1 guard of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. In addition, an Israeli army jeep ran over and injured 1 civilian. Israeli settlers also injured 3 civilians.

4. Arrests

The Israeli army arrested **416** Palestinians in April, including 408 Palestinians in the West Bank and 8 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of arrests were reported to have taken place in the districts of Nablus (86), Jenin (63), Hebron (62), and Ramallah (47). Among these, the Israeli army arrested 36 children, including an injured child; 5 female civilians; 4 injured civilians; 4 school students; 25 university students; the director of the Palestinian Ministry of Education District Office in Hebron; 1 judge; a member of a municipal council; a guard of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound; and 22 Palestinian security officers.

5. Closure

Beginning on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at permanent checkpoints set up throughout the West Bank districts, after a Palestinian individual carried out a suicide attack in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, as well as isolate the northern districts from the central and southern districts of the West Bank, impeding civilian movement between these districts. Especially on Fridays, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, closed the entrances to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of the old road leading to the Dung Gate (Bab al Maghariba), which leads to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. For several months, the Israeli army has continued to declare the city of Tulkarem a "closed military zone". The Israeli army also intensified its restrictions at *'Einav* and *Jubara checkpoints* (the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Tulkarem respectively), impeding civilian access. Additionally, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at *all checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Nablus*.

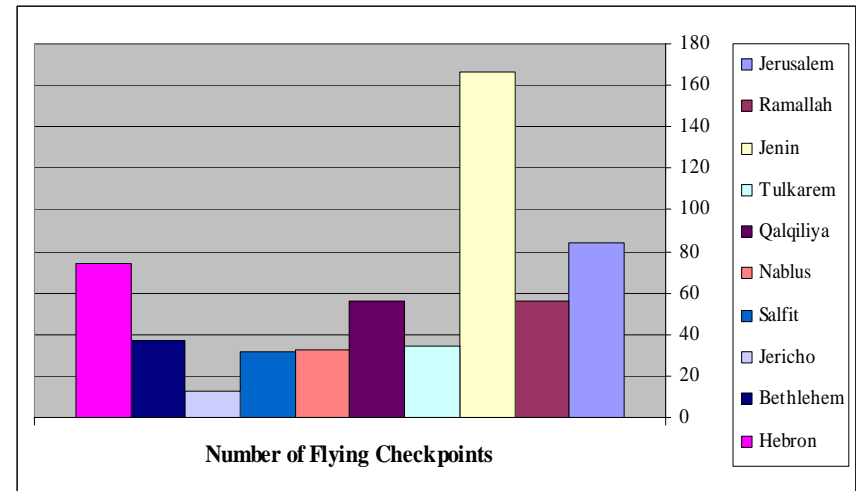
Israeli troops positioned at the *Za'tara junction checkpoint* also continued to impede access to civilian residents of the northern districts travelling towards the central districts of the West Bank. Moreover, the Israeli army continued to isolate the area of the Jordan Valley from the rest of the West Bank. Israeli troops positioned at *Tayasir* and *Al Hamra checkpoints* as well as the *checkpoint set up west of the village of Al 'Auja* continued to impede access to civilian residents of the districts of Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, and Jericho into the Jordan Valley.

Special permits are still required for private civilian vehicles to cross *Huwwara* and *Beit Iba checkpoints* at the entrances to the city of Nablus as well as for vehicles leaving the city of Jericho through the *checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city*. Considering it a "border crossing point", the Israeli army continued to prevent Palestinian civilian vehicles from the West Bank from crossing *Qalandiya checkpoint* towards the towns of Ar Ram and Qalandiya as well as Dahiyat al Bareed north of the city of Jerusalem.

Further impeding civilian access, the Israeli army set up **585 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential locales throughout the West Bank during the month of April, compared to 510 flying checkpoints in March and 419 in February.

Additionally, the Israeli army closed **37 roads, junctions, and entrances** to Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank. The Israeli army has also continued to close the commercial centre in the old city of Hebron for an extended period of time.

The Israeli navy also continued to impose an intensified sea blockade on the coast of the Gaza Strip and prevent Palestinian fishing boats from sailing.



6. Attacks

A total of **313 attacks** were reported during the month of April, including **205 attacks** in the West Bank and **108** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army carried out **121 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **52 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli army and Palestinians, and **105 attacks from Israeli army military posts** towards civilian houses and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **23 attacks**. Israeli combat aircraft also opened fire towards Palestinian territory on **2 occasions** and combat helicopters on **4 occasions**. Additionally, Israeli settlers opened fire towards Palestinians on **6 occasions**.

The ceasefire agreement between the Palestinian and Israeli sides that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains in effect, despite the fact that the Israeli army carried out 108 attacks in the Gaza Strip districts. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 93 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 14 mortars landed on Palestinian territory.

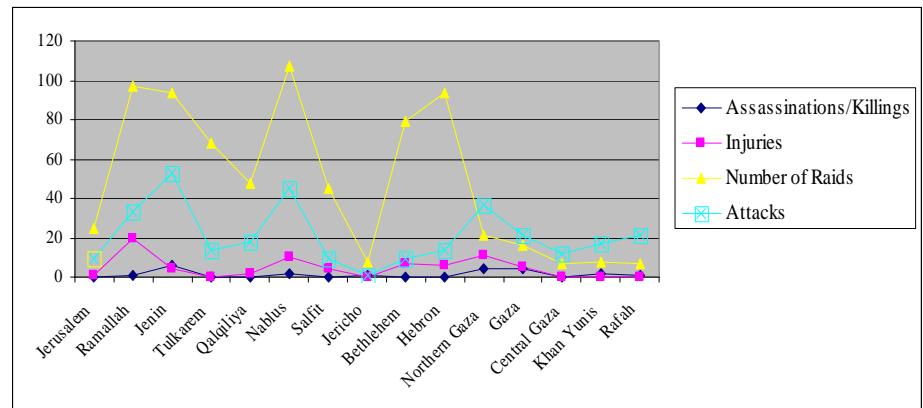
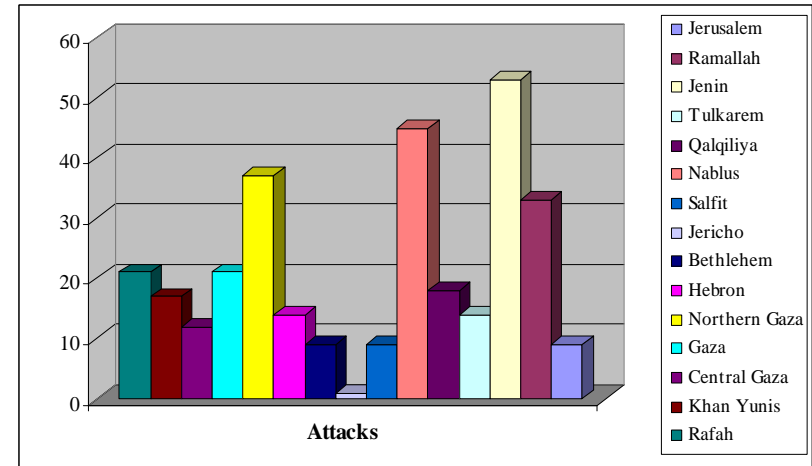
7. Raids

The Israeli army carried out a total of **724 raids** into Palestinian residential locales during the month of April, including **665 in the West Bank** and **59 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli army raids took place in the districts of Nablus (107), Ramallah (97), Jenin (94), Hebron (94), Bethlehem (79), and Tulkarem (68). The Israeli army **opened fire during 121 of the 724 raids**, approximately 16.7% of the total number of raids into Palestinian residential areas. Additionally, the Israeli army **imposed curfew 17 times over 12 residential locales** in the West Bank during raids (compared to 5 times in March and 14 in February). The Israeli army also **occupied and converted into military posts 28 civilian houses and residential buildings**, including 14 in the city of Nablus.

Although the Israeli army carried out 59 raids into Palestinian Authority controlled territory in the Gaza Strip districts, the ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective.

The Israeli army also continued to intensify its raids on Palestinian Authority controlled territory (**Areas "A"** under the Oslo Agreement, which the Israeli army has continued to reinvade since 2002). The Israeli army conducted **403** of the 724 raids, approximately 55.7% of the total number of raids, in Palestinian Authority controlled territory in the West Bank.

The chart to the right shows the correlation between the number of raids & resulting human losses.



Following the Sharm ash Sheikh Summit (08 February 2005), security control of **the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja** was transferred back to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. On 21 March 2005, security control of **the city of Tulkarem and its eastern areas** was also transferred back to the

Palestinian Authority. Palestinian and Israeli commanders agreed that the Israeli army would not enter these areas. However, **the Israeli army violated the agreement as it raided** the city of Jericho on **2 occasions** and the village of Al ‘Auja on **6 occasions**. Since 13 July 2005, the Israeli army has continued to invade the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, as well as Nur Shams and Tulkarem refugee camps, and carried out **28 raids** into the area in April. The Israeli army also raided the eastern areas of the city of Tulkarem on **19 occasions**.

8. House Demolitions

The Israeli army **demolished 8 civilian houses** during the month of April throughout the West Bank. In the city of Jerusalem, the Israeli army demolished 1 house, claiming that it was built without the required construction licence. During raids into Palestinian residential locales in the districts of Jenin, Qalqiliya, and Nablus, the Israeli army demolished 3 houses, including 1 house partially. In addition, the Israeli army demolished 4 houses in the district of Hebron, including 1 house south of the town of Yatta because it was in close proximity to a settler bypass road.

The Israeli army also distributed notices for the demolition of 12 houses, 1 school, and 1 health centre in the village of Barta’a in the district of Jenin. Furthermore, the Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 1 house in the village of Immatin in the district of Nablus; 9 houses in the town of Kafr ad Dik in the district of Salfit; and 5 houses in the village of village of Um Salamuna as well as 3 other houses in the village of Al Jab’a in the district of Bethlehem.

9. Provocation of Palestinian Military and Security Forces

The Israeli army carried out **23 incidents** of attacking and provoking Palestinian security and military forces and posts during the month of April, including 22 incidents in the West Bank and 1 incident in the Gaza Strip, as follows:

Types of Israeli Army Provocation against Palestinian Forces during the Month of April 2007

Type of Provocation	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Notes
Preventing Palestinian security forces from carrying out security duties	10	—	The Israeli army demanded that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions in the cities of Tulkarem (2), Nablus (2), and Hebron (4). The Israeli army also prevented a Palestinian Civil Defence fire truck from extinguishing a fire in the city of Hebron. In addition, Israeli troops aimed their weapons at a Palestinian Police officer in the district of Jericho.
Attack	—	1	The Israeli army opened fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the district of Central Gaza.
Raiding / surrounding Palestinian security posts	1	—	The Israeli army surrounded the offices of the Palestinian Customs Police in the city of Hebron.
Taking position / setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts	10	—	On 4 occasions, the Israeli army took positions near Palestinian National Security locations in the districts of Tulkarem (3) and Bethlehem (1). The Israeli army also took positions near Palestinian Police stations in the districts of Tulkarem (2), Qalqiliya (1), and Hebron (2). In addition, the Israeli army took position in front of the Palestinian Preventive Security offices in the district of Jenin on 1 occasion.
Detaining Palestinian security patrols	1	—	Israeli troops positioned at a flying checkpoint in the district of Jenin detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle.
Total	22	1	

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of **90 incidents of destruction and confiscation of public and private property** were reported during the month of April.

In the city of Jerusalem, the Israeli army continued to level a road near the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The Israeli army also damaged the doors, walls, and furniture of buildings and houses as well as damaged water tanks in the districts of Ramallah, Jenin, Nablus, and Hebron. In addition, the Israeli army demolished the wall of the Religious Endowments Department in the city of Bethlehem; damaged the furniture of offices of members of the Palestinian

Legislative Council (PLC) in the city of Hebron; demolished 1 brick factory in the district of Ramallah as well as the walls of 4 commercial shops in the old city of Hebron; destroyed 1 civilian vehicle in the district of Jenin; and damaged 3 other vehicles in the districts of Ramallah, Jenin, and Nablus. Moreover, the Israeli army broke the mirror of an ambulance in the district of Jenin; damaged 1 electricity transformer in the district of Ramallah; and destroyed infrastructure in Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army also caused damage to agricultural crops in the district of Jenin; uprooted fruit-bearing trees as well as destroyed a water well in the district of Hebron; and damaged computers in the districts of Jenin and Hebron.

The Israeli army also stole money from the offices of a charitable association in the city of Jerusalem and gold jewellery in the district of Jenin. Additionally, the Israeli army confiscated a rifle from a Palestinian security officer, while he was guarding a Palestinian security location in the district of Jenin. Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint in the district of Nablus also confiscated a pistol from the Palestinian Minister of Labour. Furthermore, the Israeli army confiscated 6 machineguns, 1 hunting rifle, and 2 pistols in the districts of Jerusalem, Jenin, Nablus, and Hebron; computers and files in the districts of Ramallah, Tulkarem, and Nablus as well as from the offices of PLC members in the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also confiscated 6 cellular telephones in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem as well as 1 taxi in the district of Jenin.

11. Settlement Activity

A total of **3 incidents of settlement activity** were reported to have taken place in the West Bank during the month of April.

Types and Sites of Settlement Activity

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Land confiscation for Wall construction	Construction of Settler Bypass Roads	Land confiscation for military purposes	Total
DISTRICT				
Tulkarem	158.9 <i>dunums</i> of land belonging to the town of Deir al Ghusun.			1
Hebron		Walls of 4 commercial shops demolished in the area of Bab al Khan in the old city of Hebron for construction of a bypass road leading to the Israeli museum.	2 <i>dunums</i> of cultivated land levelled in the town of Beit Ummar.	2
Total	1	1	1	3

12. Settler Violence

Israeli settlers carried out **37 incidents of violence** in the West Bank districts during the month of April.

Israeli settlers raided the yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the city of Jerusalem as well as a mosque in the city of Hebron. Israeli settler vehicles also ran over 1 child in the district of Bethlehem and 2 civilians in the districts of Ramallah and Nablus. In addition, an Israeli settler opened fire towards a child in the district of Bethlehem, leaving him with critical injuries. On 3 other occasions, Israeli settlers opened fire towards civilians in the district of Nablus, 1 civilian in the district of Salfit, and 1 house in the district of Hebron. Furthermore, Israeli settlers beat 2 female civilians in the district of Qalqiliya, 1 Palestinian security officer in the district of Salfit, and 5 civilians, including 3 school students in the district of Hebron. Israeli settlers also raided 1 house and beat residents; aimed their weapons at civilians in the district of Hebron; and threw stones at civilian vehicles and commercial shops in the district of Jenin. In the district of Hebron, Israeli settlers broke the windshield of a civilian vehicle; seized control of a piece of land; and set fire to a civilian vehicle. In addition, Israeli settlers returned to the debris of the evacuated settlements of Kadim and Ganim in the district of Jenin. Waste water was also discharged from the settlement of Ma'ale Galboa' into the centre of a Palestinian village in the district of Jenin. Additionally, Israeli settlers entered a synagogue in the city of Jericho without prior coordination with Palestinian security forces.

13. Medical Obstruction

The Israeli army carried out **8 incidents of medical obstruction** during the month of April in the West Bank. The Israeli army surrounded Jenin Public Hospital, detained ambulances in the districts of Jenin, Nablus, and Bethlehem and prevented them from evacuating killed and injured civilians. In addition, the Israeli army prevented medics from accessing the village of Um Safa in the district of Ramallah.

14. School Disruption

The Israeli army carried out **1 incident of school disruption** during the month of April in the West Bank: the Israeli army raided and searched 1 kindergarten in the city of Hebron.

15. Attacks on Religious Sites

Throughout the month of April, the Israeli army conducted **5 attacks on religious sites**. Israeli Police officers cursed God in the yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the city of Jerusalem. In addition, the Israeli army raided the yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound and provided protection to Israeli settlers there. On several occasions, the Israeli army closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in the city of Hebron.

16. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli army completely closed crossing points in the Gaza Strip, including crossing points into the Green Line, on **118** occasions this month. The Israeli army closed crossing points into the Green Line on **70** occasions. *Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing* was partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and critically ill civilians. The Israeli army also closed *Al Muntar (Karnei) Commercial Crossing* for 12 days; *Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing* (designated for fuel transportation) for 6 days; *Sufa Crossing* (designated for construction cargo transportation) for 28 days; and *Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing* (designated for commercial trading with Egypt) for 24 days. Additionally, the Israeli army closed international crossing points on **48** occasions, including *Rafah Crossing* for 18 days. *Yasser Arafat International Airport* (closed for 30 days) remains closed since the outbreak of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). Although the Israeli army withdrew from the Gaza Strip, the Israeli authorities have continued to prohibit the operation of the airport.

17. Palestinian Security Measures

Over the month of April, Palestinian security forces carried out **50 security measures**, including 41 in the West Bank and 9 in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinian security forces apprehended 5 civilians in the district of Central Gaza, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. In addition, Palestinian security forces requested (through the DCO) that the Israeli army defuse 2 suspicious objects in the districts of Salfit and Hebron. Palestinian security forces also handed over to the Israeli army (through the DCO) 2 detonators seized in the district of Qalqiliya as well as 1 explosive device, 2 bombs, and a 40-mm mortar located in the city of Bethlehem. Additionally, Palestinian security forces seized and dismantled 4 mortars along with their mortar-launching pads in the district of Northern Gaza. Moreover, Palestinian security forces handed over (through the DCO) an Israeli settler located at the entrance to the city of Jericho as well as 22 illegal vehicles and 10 motorcycles, located in the cities of Ramallah and Qalqiliya.