

## **PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP**



### **MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS**

**01 April 2008 – 30 April 2008**

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 April 2008 to 30 April 2008. 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 (NAD), and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). 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 civil ministries and security agencies. The information reported through the PMG process represents data available at the time of distribution only.

#### SAMPLE OF ISRAELI ARMY VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2008

- **On April 4**, a special Israeli force unit raided the area east of the town of Jabalia in Northern Gaza district, opened fire intensively towards a number of farmers who were working on the land, killed 1 civilian and injured another.
- **On April 6**, a child was killed and 5 civilians were wounded in an explosion of an Israeli tank missile during a raid into the area east of al-Breij refugee camp in Central Gaza district.
- **On April 7**, a settler travelling on the bypass road that leads to Alon Morieh settlement in Nablus district ran over a child who was tending sheep and killed him instantly.
- **On April 11**, a 16-year old child was killed in an explosion of an Israeli unidentified ordinance while he was tending sheep south of the town of Yatta in Hebron district.
- **Since April 11**, the Israeli army has been raiding the area east of the refugee camp of al-Breij in Central Gaza district. The Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired tank missiles towards civilian houses and agricultural land. In three separate air attacks, Israeli drones fired missiles towards armed individuals and population clusters, killed 7 civilians, including 2 children and 2 armed individuals, and injured 29 civilians, including a number of children.
- **Since April 16**, the Israeli army has been raiding the area of Johr al-Dik and east of the refugee camp of al-Breij. The Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired tank missiles towards civilian houses. Additionally, Israeli combat helicopters fired 4 missiles targeting a public assembly near al-Salam Mosque in the area of Johr al-Dik, and 2 missiles towards Wadi Gaza overpass, and killed 11 civilians, including 3 children, a journalist working for Reuters, and a number of armed individuals, and injured 25 civilians, including a number of children and 2 journalists.
- **On April 19**, 2 children died of injuries sustained during an Israeli raid into the area of Johr al-Dik.
- **On April 23**, an Israeli drone fired 1 missile and killed a physically handicapped civilian in front of his house in the town of Beit Hanoun in Northern Gaza district.
- **On April 28**, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia in Northern Gaza district, opened fire intensively and fired tank missiles towards civilian houses, and killed 7 civilians, including 5 children who are brothers and their mother, and 1 child who was on his way to school, and injured 10 civilians, including a number of children.

## SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – APRIL 2008

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
<b>Assassinations</b>	2	2	4	2 in Jenin district; 1 in Northern Gaza; 1 in the city of Rafah. During assassination attempts 2 civilians were injured in Northern Gaza district; 4 civilians, including 2 children who were seriously injured, in the city of Rafah; 7 civilians in the city of Gaza. Moreover, the Israeli army attempted but failed to assassinate 2 armed individuals in the city of Gaza.
<b>Deaths</b>	3	68	71	Incl. 17 children, including a 1-year-old toddler; 1 physically handicapped civilian; a photographer; 35 armed individuals.
<b>Injuries</b>	51	223	274	Incl. 28 children; 4 female civilians; 1 elderly civilian; 3 journalists; head of a village council; 1 military officer; 70 armed individuals.
<b>Attacks</b>	143	220	363	The Israeli army carried out 176 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 65 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 55 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 1 attack from checkpoints; 3 attacks perpetrated by settlers. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire on 9 occasions; combat helicopters and drones on 54 occasions.
<b>Raids</b>	869	71	940	70 in Jerusalem; 96 in Ramallah; 111 in Jenin; 39 in Toubas; 87 in Tulkarem; 59 in Qalqilya; 79 in Nablus; 77 in Salfit; 10 in Jericho; 95 in Bethlehem; 146 in Hebron; 25 in Northern Gaza; 6 in Gaza; 20 in Central Gaza; 16 in Khan Younis; 4 in Rafah.
<b>Arrests</b>	463	117	580	The Israeli army arrested 24 Palestinian civilians in Jerusalem; 31 in Ramallah; 32 in Jenin; 3 in Toubas; 48 in Tulkarem; 59 in Qalqilya; 130 in Nablus; 26 in Salfit; 15 in Jericho; 38 in Bethlehem; 57 in Hebron; 96 in Northern Gaza; Central Gaza 2; 19 in Khan Younis. The arrested civilians included 50 children; 2 injured civilians; 1 elderly civilian; 5 female civilians; 6 pupils; head of a village council; 17 military officers.
<b>House Demolitions</b>	3	3	6	The Israeli army demolished 3 civilian houses in Jerusalem and 3 in Khan Younis.
<b>Attacks on Public &amp; Private Property</b>	108	83	191	<b>Destruction of Property:</b> The Israeli army destroyed commercial stores, machines, trees and plants, buildings, wells, fishing boats, electric and water networks. <b>Confiscation of Property:</b> The Israeli army confiscated computers, files, documents, sewing machines, a truck, and arms.
<b>House Occupations</b>	27	52	79	In the districts of Jenin (6); Nablus (6); Salfit (1); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (13); Northern Gaza (17); Central Gaza (21); Khan Younis (14).
<b>Curfews</b>	11	0	11	The Israeli army imposed curfews over residential areas in the districts of Tulkarem (1); Nablus (2); Qalqilya (6); Salfit (2).
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	0	159	159	The Israeli army closed international crossing points (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and Arafat International Airport) on 60 occasions and crossing points to Israel on 99 occasions.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	510	0	510	Jerusalem (108); Ramallah (40); Jenin (40); Toubas (9); Tulkarem (34); Qalqilya (21); Nablus (20); Salfit (45); Jericho (6); Bethlehem (64); Hebron (123).
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	1	0	1	The Israeli army caused damage to a hospital as a result of firing tank missiles in the city of Gaza.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	8	0	8	The Israeli army stormed and searched 3 mosques, besieged mosques, and continued to close the al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
<b>School Disruption</b>	4	3	7	The Israeli army demolished a school wall in Gaza district; occupied school rooftops in Khan Younis district and the rooftop of a university in the city of Tulkarem; stormed and searched a college building in the city of Ramallah, a school courtyard in Salfit district, and a school in the refugee camp of Dheisheh in the city of Bethlehem.
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	22	0	22	The Israeli army provoked district governors on 1 occasion; the Palestinian National Security Forces on 7 occasions; the civil police forces on 9 occasions; the preventive security apparatus on 1 occasion; general intelligence on 3 occasions; customs police on 1 occasion.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	3	0	3	The Israeli military authorities confiscated land in Ramallah district; installed lamp posts near the wall around the city of Qalqilya; razed land near a military checkpoint south of the city of Nablus.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	49	0	49	Settlers ran over 2 children and 1 adult civilian; physically assaulted a number of civilians; set trees on fire; caused damage to plants; raided a number villages; stoned civilians and civilian vehicles.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2277</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>3278</b>	
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### COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>FEB 2008</b>	<b>MAR 2008</b>	<b>APR 2008</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	76	119	71	Death toll dropped by 40.3% compared to March and by 6.6% compared to February.
<b>Assassinations</b>	5	4	4	The Israeli army continues to assassinate Palestinian civilians who are considered “wanted” by the Israeli security forces.
<b>Injuries</b>	265	443	274	Drop of 38.2% compared to March and rise of 2.5% compared to February. Twenty-eight children were injured during the month of April compared to 15 in March and 26 in February.
<b>Attacks</b>	355	362	363	Rise in the number of attacks by 0.3% compared to March and by 2.3% compared to February.
<b>Raids</b>	857	934	940	Rise of 0.7% compared to last March and of 9.7% compared to February. The total number of Israeli army raids into Palestinian Authority-controlled territory (Area A – which the Israeli army has continued to reinvade since 2002) was 492 in April, compared to 529 in March and 490 in February.
<b>Arrests</b>	664	557	580	Rise of 4.1% compared to March and drop of 12.7% compared to February. Fifty children were arrested during the month of April compared to 64 children in March and 43 in February.
<b>House Demolition</b>	8	18	6	Drop of 66.7% compared to March and of 25% compared to February.
<b>Attacks on Property</b>	153	172	191	Rise of 11.1% compared to March and of 24.8% compared to February.
<b>House Occupation</b>	63	29	79	Rise of 172.4% compared to March and of 25.4% compared to February.
<b>Curfews</b>	17	32	11	Curfews dropped by 65.6% compared to last March and by 35.3% compared to February.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	564	529	510	Drop of 3.6% compared to March and of 14.8% compared to February.
<b>Complete Closure of Crossing Points</b>	145	127	159	Crossing points to Israel were closed on 99 occasions in April, compared to 65 in March and 87 in February. The Israeli army closed both Rafah Crossing and Yasser Arafat International Airport for 60 days. Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	3	7	1	Drop of 85.7% compared to March and of 66.7% compared to February.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	2	5	8	Rise of 60% compared to last March and of 300% compared to February.
<b>School Disruption</b>	6	5	7	Rise of 40% compared to March and of 16.7% compared to February.
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	16	14	22	Despite efforts made by Palestinian forces to control the security situation, the Israeli army continued to take positions near Palestinian security offices and headquarters. The Israeli army also detained Palestinian security commanders and officers, and arrested 17 Palestinian officers.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	5	3	3	Same percentage as last month and a drop of 40% compared to February.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	18	40	49	Rise of 22.5% compared to March and of 172.2% compared to February.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3222</b>	<b>3400</b>	<b>3278</b>	<b>The general 3.6% drop in the total incidents compared to March was due to the drop in the number of deaths, injuries, curfews, flying checkpoints, and house demolitions. The general 1.7% rise in the total incidents compared to March was due to the rise in the number of injuries, raids, provocation of Palestinian forces, closure of crossing points, attacks on property, house occupation, and settler violence.</b>

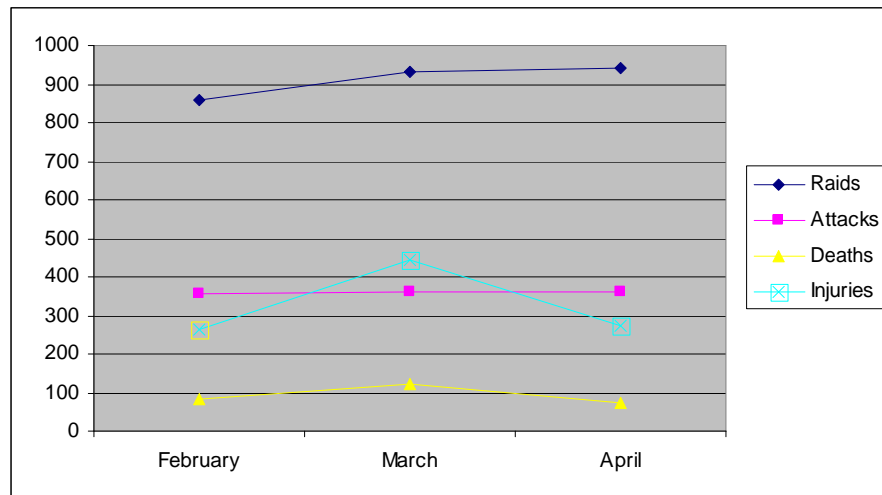
### PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2008

WEST BANK	NOTES
21	In the districts of Nablus (2); Qalqilya (7); Salfit (2); Jericho (6); Bethlehem (3); Hebron (1). Palestinian security forces damaged 9 combat devices, handed over to the Israeli side 1 combat device, asked the Israeli side to detonate 1 suspicious object in Hebron district, handed over to the Israeli side 9 stranded settlers and 1 soldier.

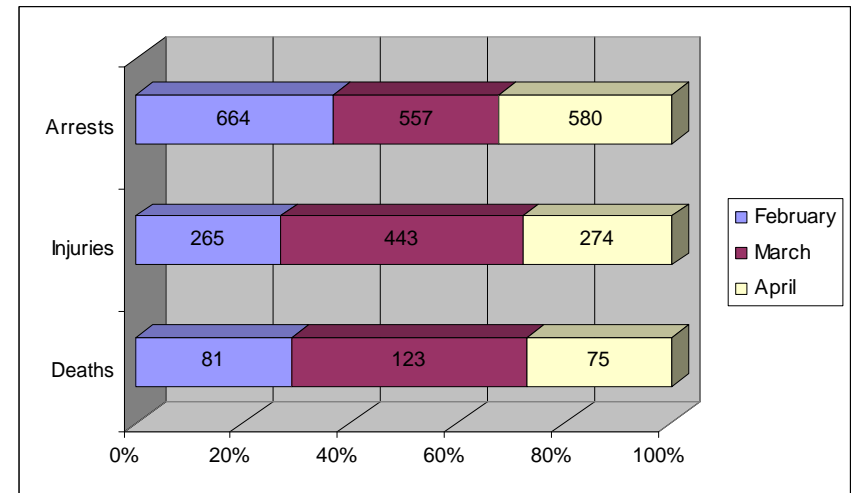
### PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

FEB. 2008	MAR 2008	APR 2008	NOTES
8	21	21	During the month of April, the Palestinian security forces handed over a number of settlers and 1 Israeli soldier who entered Palestinian-controlled Area A (April 10; March 3; February 6). In addition, the Palestinian security forces caught and damaged 9 combat devices (April 5) and handed over to the Israeli side 1 combat device (April 7). Furthermore, the Palestinian security forces asked the Israeli military forces to detonate 1 suspicious object.

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. Assassinations**

The Israeli army besieged a civilian house in the town of Qabatia in Jenin district, opened fire intensively towards it, and killed 2 armed individuals. In an air attack, 2 Israeli drones fired 1 missile and killed 1 armed individual in the town of Beit Lahia in Northern Gaza district, and injured 2 armed individuals. In Addition, the Israeli army assassinated 1 armed individual and injured 4 civilians, including 2 children who were seriously injured in the city of Rafah. In a failed attempt to assassinate 2 armed individuals, 2 Israeli drones fired 2 missiles towards 2 civilian houses in the city of Gaza and injured 7 civilians.

### **2. Deaths**

The Israeli army killed 71 Palestinian civilians in April, including 3 civilians in the West Bank and 68 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army killed Palestinians in the following districts: Nablus (2); Hebron (1); Northern Gaza (24); Gaza (12); Central Gaza (23); Khan Younis (3); Rafah (6). Of these, the Israeli army killed 17 children, including 4 children and their mother; 1 toddler; 1 physically handicapped civilian; a photographer; 35 armed individuals.

### **3. Injuries**

The total number of injuries reported during the month of April was 274 (51 Palestinians in the West Bank and 223 in the Gaza Strip). Most injuries were reported in the districts of Northern Gaza (75); Central Gaza (65); Gaza (39); Khan Younis (26); Rafah (18). Of those injured, 28 were children, including 2 children who were physically assaulted; 4 female civilians, including 1 who was physically assaulted; 1 elderly civilian who was working on his land; 3 journalists; head of a village council; 2 civilians who were hit by an Israeli military jeep; 1 military officer who was attacked by settlers; 70 armed individuals.

### **4. Arrests**

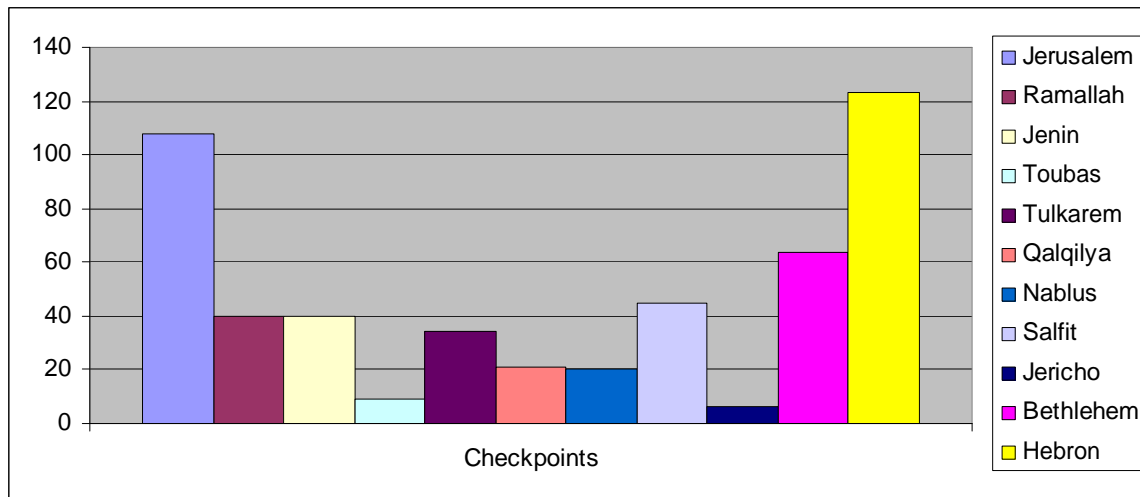
The Israeli army arrested 580 Palestinian civilians in April, including 463 Palestinians in the West Bank and 117 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of arrests were reported to have taken place in the districts of Nablus (130); Northern Gaza (96); Qalqilya (59); Hebron (57); Tulkarem (48); Bethlehem (38); Jenin (32); Ramallah (31). Among those arrested were 50 children; 2 injured civilians; 5 female civilians; 1 elderly civilian; 6 university students; head of a village council; 17 military officers.

### **5. Closure**

Especially on Fridays, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and prevented civilians from accessing the al-Aqsa Mosque compound. Beginning on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at permanent checkpoints set up throughout the West Bank districts. The Israeli army continued as well to isolate the northern districts from the central and southern districts of the West Bank, impeding civilian movement between these districts. Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and at the entrances to the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus continued to impede access to civilian residents. Additionally, the Israeli army also continued to isolate the Jordan Valley and impede civilian access by adopting harsher measures at permanent checkpoints set up in Tayaseer.

Special permits are still required for private civilian vehicles to cross Huwara and Beit Iba checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Nablus and for vehicles leaving the city of Jericho through the checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city as well as through Ma'ale Efrayim, al-Hamra, and al-'Auja checkpoints leading to the area of the Jordan Valley. Considering it a "border crossing point," the Israeli army continued to prevent Palestinian West Bank civilian vehicles from crossing Qalandya checkpoint towards the towns of al-Ram and Qalandya, as well as Dahiyat al-Bareed north of the city of Jerusalem.

Further impeding civilian access, the Israeli army set 510 flying checkpoints in and around Palestinian residential locales throughout the West Bank during the month of April, compared to 529 flying checkpoints in March and 564 in February. The chart below shows the distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank for April 2008.



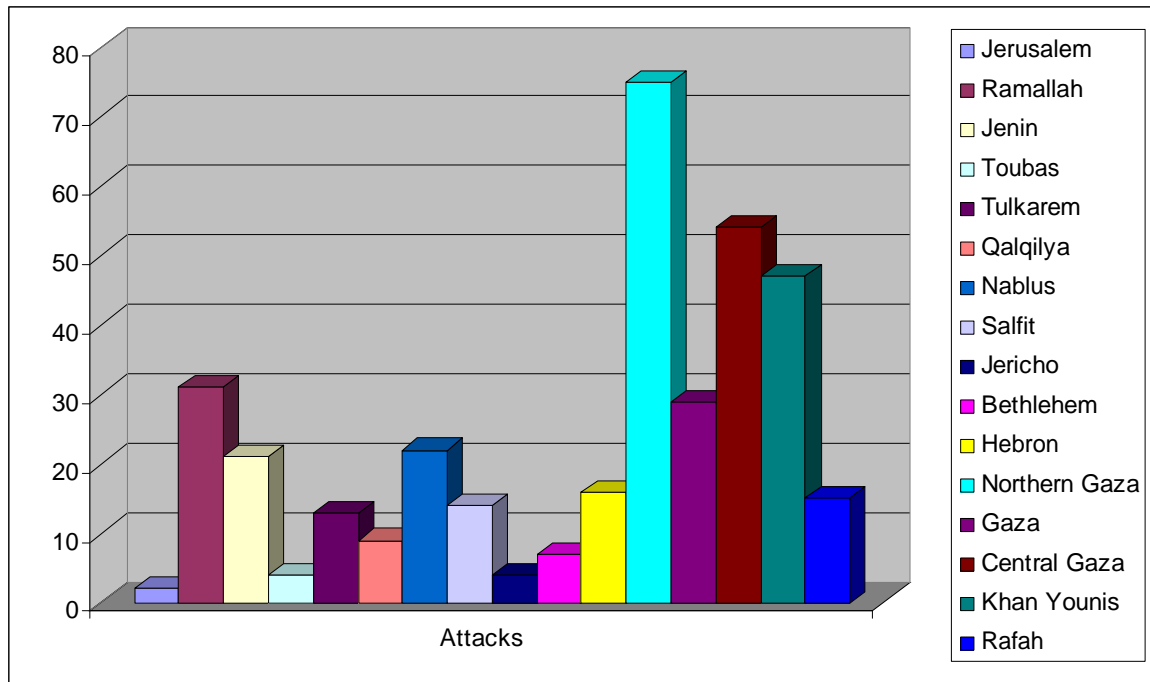
**Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank – April 2008**

**6. Attacks**

A total of 363 attacks were reported during the month of April including 143 attacks in the West Bank and 220 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army carried out 176 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 65 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 55 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 1 attack from checkpoints; 3 attacks were carried out by settlers; 9 attacks from navy boats. In addition, Israeli combat aircraft, helicopters and UAVs carried out 54 air attacks.

In addition, the Israeli army carried out 220 attacks (including air attacks) in the Gaza Strip districts. Armed Palestinian individuals fired 288 mortars towards areas inside the Green Line (of which 1 mortars fell in Palestinian areas); opened fire towards the Israeli army on the Green Line on 11 occasions; detonated 3 explosive devices; attacked 3 Israeli military posts on the Green Line and attempted to attack a fourth.



**Israeli attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip – April 2008**

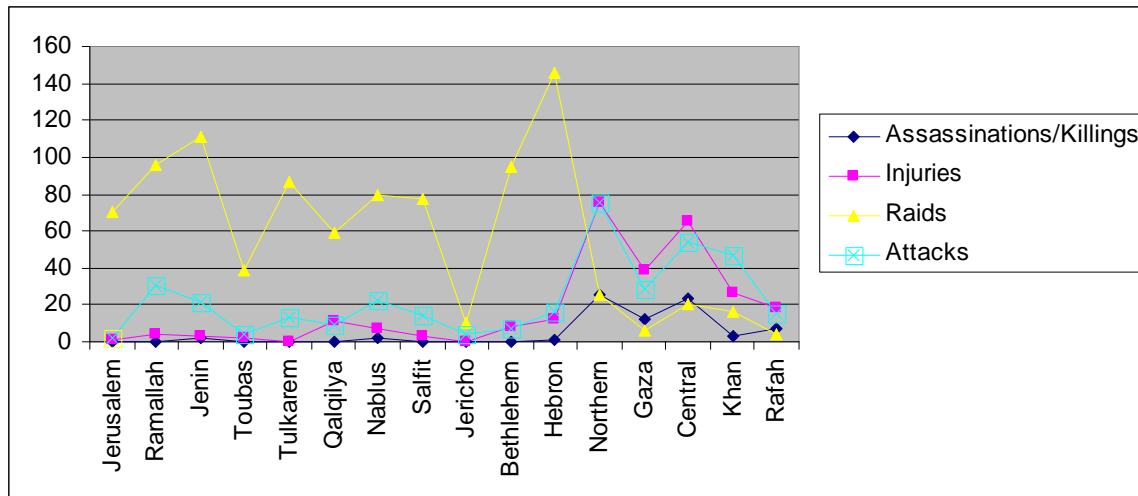
Following the crisis in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 has no longer been effective.

**7. Raids**

1. The Israeli army carried out a total of 940 raids into Palestinian residential locales during the month of April, including 869 in the West Bank and 71 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of Israeli army raids took place in the districts of Hebron (164); Jenin (111); Ramallah (96); Bethlehem (95); Tulkarem (87); Nablus (79).

The Israeli army opened fire during 176 raids, approximately 18.7% of the total number of raids into Palestinian residential areas. Additionally, the Israeli army imposed curfew 11 times on 7 residential locales in the West Bank during raids (compared to 32 times in March and 17 in February). During the raids, the Israeli army occupied and converted into military posts 79 civilian houses and residential buildings. The following graph shows the correlation between the number of raids and resulting human losses:





**Correlation between the number of raids and resulting human losses – April 2008**

2. The Israeli army also continued to intensify its raids on Palestinian Authority controlled territory (Areas A under the Oslo Agreement), which the Israeli army re-occupied in 2002. The Israeli army conducted 492 raids, approximately 52.3% of the total number of raids, into Palestinian Authority controlled territory in the West Bank.

3. In an unceasing attempt to thwart the Palestinian security plan in the city of Nablus and the refugee camps in it, the Israeli army raided the city and its refugee camps 35 times during the month of April in comparison to 20 raids during last March (20 raids into the city of Nablus, 9 raids into the refugee camp of Balata, 4 raids into the refugee camp of Askar, and 2 raids into the refugee camp of Ein al-Ma’). In addition, the Israeli army killed 1 civilian who was considered “wanted” by the Israeli military forces, injured 3 civilians, including 1 female civilian and 2 armed individuals, and arrested 101 civilians, including 5 children, 1 female civilian, 2 injured civilians, and 3 military officers.

**8. House Demolitions**

During the month of April, the Israeli army demolished 6 civilian houses, 3 in the West Bank and 3 in the Gaza Strip. The house demolition included 2 civilian houses in the suburbs of Beit Hanina and al-Salam in the city of Jerusalem under the pretext of unlicensed construction; 1 civilian house that obstructed the route of the wall in the town of Anata in Jerusalem district; 3 houses north-east and east of the town of al-Qarara in Khan Younis district. In addition, the Israeli military authorities handed 10 house demolition notifications in the village of al-Aqaba in Toubas district and the village of Duma in Nablus district.

**9. Provocation of Palestinian Military and Security Forces**

The Israeli army provoked Palestinian forces in West Bank districts on 22 occasions during the month of April (not including the 17 Palestinian military officers who were arrested by the Israeli army). The provocation was reported to have taken place in the West Bank as follows:

### Types of Israeli Army Provocation against Palestinian Forces during the Month of April 2008

Type of Provocation	West Bank	Notes
<b>Notifying military officers to report to Israeli military intelligence</b>	5	The Israeli army notified 2 general intelligence officers in Jerusalem district and 3 police officers in Ramallah to report to the Israeli military intelligence.
<b>Preventing Palestinian security force from carrying out their duties</b>	6	The Israeli army drew arms before a Palestinian security patrol in the city of Hebron; ordered police officers to stay inside their police station in Bethlehem district; set up post before a Palestinian security checkpoint in the city of Beit Sahour; set up post before intelligence and preventive security quarters in Hebron district; set up a checkpoint before the customs police quarters in the city of Hebron.
<b>Taking position / setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts</b>	4	The Israeli army took position near a Palestinian National Security Forces quarters in the city of Toubas; set up post before a Palestinian security checkpoint in Bethlehem district; set up post before 2 police stations in the cities of Jenin and Hebron.
<b>Detaining Palestinian security personnel &amp; patrols</b>	7	The Israeli army searched the vehicle of the Governor of Salfit; detained a Palestinian security forces truck at a checkpoint in Qalqilya district; searched a Palestinian national security vehicle at a checkpoint in Salfit district; detained a national security patrol in the city of Hebron; detained 2 police cars on duty in Qalqilya and Habron districts; attacked 1 police officer in the town of Kaf Hares.
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	

#### **10. Attacks on Public and Private Property**

A total of 191 incidents of destruction and confiscation of public and private property were reported during the month of April, including 108 in the West Bank and 83 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army demolished 7 civilian vehicles in the districts Jerusalem, Hebron, Northern Gaza, Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah, and a motorbike in Gaza and a vehicle in Central Gaza. In addition, Israeli troops caused damage to civilian vehicles in the districts of Ramallah, Toubas, Salfit, Bethlehem and Hebron, and 1 truck in Qalqilya. Furthermore, the Israeli army caused damage to civilian houses in the district of Jerusalem, Ramallah, Jenin, Tulkarem, Hebron, Northern Gaza, Gaza, Khan Younis, Central Gaza and Rafah; caused damage to crops and razed land in Northern Gaza, Gaza, Central Gaza and Rafah; caused damage to a hospital in the city of Gaza; demolished a school wall and incurred damage to al-Bireh Municipality building; damaged a monument commemorating martyrs in Qalqilya district; temporarily shut down Jerusalem Theater to prevent holding a festival in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners; shut down a youth centre, an association and a club in Ramallah and al-Bireh district; shut down an Islamic club in the city of Qalqilya and a charity association in the city of Hebron; demolished doors of a printing press in Hebron district and a workshop in Rafah district; caused damage to commercial stores in the cities of Ramallah, Jenin and Toubas, and shut down commercial stores in Jericho district; shut down a sewing factory for three years as well as 8 commercial stores in the old city of Hebron. Furthermore, the Israeli army handed store owners notifications to demolish 14 commercial stores in the district of Tulkarem and a garage in Bethlehem district; caused damage to an electric network in the village of Surra in Nablus district and in the areas of Beit Hanoun and north-east the town of Beit Lahia in Northern Gaza district; caused damage to water and telephone networks in the refugee camp of al-Breij in Central Gaza; tore IDs of civilians in the district of Toubas; caused the death of cattle in the village of Burqa in Nablus district; demolished a well in the area of Abu Samra in Northern Gaza district; caused damage to fishing boats in Rafah district.

Israeli troops confiscated documents from a mosque in the old city of Hebron; computers and files from al-Bireh Municipality; computers and files from associations, clubs, study centers and an office in the city of Ramallah; computers and office furniture from the Red Cross office in the city of Jenin; computers and files from an Islamic club and the Waqf Directorate and a library in the city of Qalqilya; 2 computers and a cellular phone in the city of Nablus; 1 computer in the city of Hebron; 1 revolver in Tulkarem district, 2 revolvers in Bethlehem district, and 1 revolver during the arrest of a military officer in the city of Hebron; military uniforms, machine guns, rifles and ammunition in Hebron district; bags full of chemical fertilizer in the city of Qalqilya; sewing machines in the city of Hebron; contents of a printing press in the town of Tafouh in Hebron district.

### **11. Settlement Activity**

Settlers carried out settlement activities in West Bank districts on 3 occasions during the month of April. Settlers confiscated 18.9 dunums of land in Ramallah district to set up Kiryat Sefer Passage; installed lamp posts alongside the wall round the city of Qalqilya; razed land near Huwara checkpoint in Nablus district.

### **12. Settler Violence**

Israeli settlers carried out 49 violent incidents in West Bank districts during the month of April.

Israeli settlers ran over 2 children in Nablus and Hebron districts; ran over 1 civilian, damaged irrigation pipes and civilian vehicles windshields in Nablus district; attempted to stab a civilian in Bethlehem district; physically attacked a civilian in Ramallah district; threatened to kill 2 civilians from whom settlers stole 2 cellular phones, 1 ID, 2 magnetic cards, a permit to enter Israel, 2 wallets and keys; attacked a truck driver and another civilian who was shepherding sheep and killed 3 sheep; attacked a shepherd in Nablus district, 1 civilian and his wife, and 2 civilians in Qalqilya district; beat a driver and damaged the windshield of his car in Nablus district; stole 3 sheep from 1 civilian after beating him; stoned civilian vehicles on the road near Yitzhar settlement in Nablus district and injured 3 civilians from the same family; attacked 1 civilian in Jericho district and 6 civilians, including 2 female civilians and 1 child, in Hebron district; stoned civilian vehicles in Ramallah and Qalqilya districts; damaged windshields of vehicles and stole their plates in the city of Hebron. Settlers also sprayed liquid acid on civilians in the old city of Hebron; set olive trees on fire near an orphanage in the city of Jerusalem; raided the village of Jaba' in Jerusalem district, and the town of Kaf Hares and the village of Yassouf in Salfit district; cut off water pipes, damaged water tanks, uprooted trees and closed the road leading to the village of Tel south of the city of Nablus; destroyed tiles and marbles stores in Salfit district; damaged windshields and pierced tyres of 12 vehicles in Nablus district.

### **13. Medical Obstruction**

In April, the Israeli army carried out 1 incident of medical obstruction in the West Bank. The Israeli army caused damage to a hospital in the city of Gaza due to firing of tank missiles.

### **14. Attacks on Religious Sites**

In April, 8 attacks on religious sites were reported to have taken place in the West Bank. The Israeli army searched 2 mosques in the city of Qalqilya and 1 mosque in the old city of Hebron; besieged 3 mosques in the city of Jerusalem; continued to close the al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron.

### **15. School Disruption**

The Israeli army carried out 4 incidents of school disruption during the month of April in the West Bank districts and 3 in the Gaza Strip.. The Israeli army

demolished a school wall in Gaza district; occupied rooftops of 1 school in Khan Younis district; stormed and searched a school courtyard in the village of Marda in Salfit district and 1 school in the refugee camp of Dheishe in the city of Bethlehem; searched the UNRWA college building in the city of Ramallah, occupied the rooftop of al-Quds Open University in the city of Tulkarem and the rooftop of 1 school east of the town of al-Qarara in Khan Younis district.

#### **16. Closure of Crossing Points**

The Israeli army completely closed crossing points in the Gaza Strip, including Green Line crossing points on 159 occasions, in April. The Israeli army closed crossing points into the Green Line on 99 occasions. Beit Hanoun-Erez Crossing was opened partially to allow access to certain humanitarian cases, business people, medicine and vaccines, after prior coordination. The Israeli army also closed al-Muntar (Karni) the whole month. Sufa Crossing (designated for construction cargo transportation) was opened on 3 occasions to let in 737 cows and the cargo of 86 trucks loaded with goods and medical equipment; Karm Abu Salim Crossing (designated for commercial trading with Egypt) was opened on 2 occasions to let in the cargo of 138 trucks loaded with goods and 18 trucks loaded with goods. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing (designated for fuel transportation) was opened on 16 occasions.

Israel closed Rafah international crossing point and Arafat International Airport on 60 occasions. Rafah Crossing bordering with Egypt was closed the entire month of April, as was Yasser Arafat International Airport. (The airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the current Intifada (Uprising) in 2002.

#### **17. Palestinian Security Measures**

During the month of April, Palestinian Security Forces carried out 21 security measures in the West Bank. The security measures were reported to have taken place in the districts of Nablus (2); Qalqilya (7); Salfit (2); Jericho (6); Bethlehem (3); Hebron (1). The Palestinian forces damaged 5 kilograms of explosives and detonated 3 explosives in the city of Nablus; seized 3 rifles, 213 bullets, 3 hunting rifles, and arms spare parts in the city of Qalqilya; handed over to the Israeli side through the D.C.O. a mortar found in Nablus district; asked the Israeli side to detonate a suspicious object in Hebron district; handed over to the Israeli side 8 Israelis, 1 female settler and 1 Israeli soldier intercepted in the cities of Salfit, Jericho and Bethlehem.