

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 July 2008 – 31 July 2008

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 July 2008 to 31 July 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), 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 JULY 2008

- **On July 03**, a public march set out in the town of Ni'lin in Ramallah district, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the Wall construction. The Israeli army clashed with civilian protestors and injured 8 civilians, including 1 child, and 2 international peace activists.
- **On July 09**, the Israeli army raided an area located to the west of the city of Jenin, opened fire intensively, assassinated 1 civilian, and injured and arrested another.
- **On July 10**, in violation of the cease fire agreement in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army opened fire from its posts inside the Green Line towards 1 civilian for coming close to Kisofim Gate on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al-Balah, and killed him instantly.
- **On July 11**, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of al-Jalazon in Ramallah district, clashed with civilians and seriously injured 1 civilian.
- **On July 14**, in violation of the ceasefire agreement in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army opened fire from its posts inside the Green Line and injured 1 civilian east of the city of Deir al-Balah.
- **On July 15**, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar in Bethlehem district, imposed curfew, and closed its entrances with dirt mounds. In addition, the Israeli army occupied rooftops of a number of civilian houses and converted them into military posts. Moreover, the Israeli army clashed with civilians, injured 1 child and arrested 2 civilians.
- **On July 15**, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards fishing boats on Soudaniyyeh shore west of northern Gaza and injured 1 fisherman.
- **On July 23**, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, and a military jeep ran over and seriously wounded a 6-year-old child.
- **On July 29**, a public march set out in the town of Ni'lin in Ramallah district, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the Wall construction. The Israeli army clashed with civilian protestors and killed an 11-year-old child and injured 3 civilians. The next day, confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinian civilians renewed during the funeral procession of the deceased child. During the confrontations, the Israeli army injured 6 civilians, including 1 child who was seriously injured, and 2 officials from the Civil Defence who were putting off fire that broke out in a commercial store.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – JULY 2008

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	1	0	1	The Israeli army assassinated 1 civilian (and injured another) west of the city of Jenin.
Deaths	5	1	6	Incl. one 11-year-old child during confrontations in protest against the Wall construction, and 2 armed individuals.
Injuries	156	4	160	Incl. 20 children; 1 female civilian; 2 journalists; 6 international peace activists; 1 advisor to Prime Minister Salam Fayyad; 1 military officer.
Attacks	139	16	155	The Israeli army carried out 52 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 80 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 9 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 5 attack perpetrated by settlers. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire on 8 occasions; combat helicopters on 1 occasion.
Raids	920	0	920	34 in Jerusalem; 124 in Ramallah; 106 in Jenin; 50 in Toubas; 89 in Tulkarem; 70 in Qalqilya; 105 in Nablus; 71 in Salfit; 16 in Jericho; 111 in Bethlehem; 144 in Hebron.
Arrests	423	5	428	The Israeli army arrested 27 Palestinian civilians in Jerusalem; 32 in Ramallah; 34 in Jenin; 13 in Toubas; 11 in Tulkarem; 13 in Qalqilya; 150 in Nablus; 21 in Salfit; 14 in Jericho; 40 in Bethlehem; 68 in Hebron; 4 in Gaza ; 1 in Central Gaza. The arrested civilians included 30 children; 6 female civilians; 3 injured civilians; 1 civilian with special needs; 17 students; 10 military officers; 3 armed individuals.
House Demolitions	7	0	7	The Israeli army demolished one 5-storey building and 3 houses in the city of Jerusalem, and 3 civilian houses in Hebron district.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	125	1	126	Destruction of Property: The Israeli army destroyed furniture; commercial stores; civilian vehicles; trees; 1 well; 1 mosque; 1 municipal council; 1 electric network. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army confiscated computers; files; contents of mosques & charitable societies; 1 machine gun; 1 pistol; IDs; school buses; bulldozers; drilling equipment.
House Occupations	13	0	13	In the districts of Ramallah (3); Tulkarem (3); Bethlehem (7).
Curfews	15	0	15	The Israeli army imposed curfew over residential areas in the districts of Ramallah (4); Qalqilya (1); Salfit (3); Bethlehem (2); Hebron (5).
Closure of Crossing Points	0	112	112	The Israeli army closed international crossing points (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and Arafat International Airport) on 62 occasions and crossing points to Israel on 50 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	551	0	551	Jerusalem (64); Ramallah (47); Jenin (23); Toubas (10); Tulkarem (20); Qalqilya (33); Nablus (19); Salfit (81); Jericho (7); Bethlehem (52); Hebron (195).
Medical Obstruction	8	0	8	The Israeli army entered and searched 3 hospitals and 3 clinics; prevented first aid officers from carrying injured civilians to hospital; detained medical crew.
Attacks on Religious Sites	20	0	20	The Israeli army entered and searched 20 mosques in Jerusalem, Ramallah and Nablus districts.
School Disruption	6	0	6	The Israeli army entered and searched 1 kindergarten and 3 schools, and detained officials from the Ministry of Higher Education.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	12	0	12	The Israeli army provoked the Palestinian National Security Forces on 3 occasions; the Civil Police on 7 occasions; Presidential Guard on 1 occasion; the Civil Defence on 1 occasion.
Settlement Activity	2	0	2	The Israeli military authorities razed land in Nablus district and expanded Avraham Avino settlement outpost in the city of Hebron..
Settler Violence	46	0	46	Settlers attacked and injured civilians and children in a summer camp; fired 5 missiles; set 1 civilian house on fire; attempted to seize 1 civilian house; stoned civilians and civilian vehicles; cut down olive trees; damaged a water well; entered Palestinian villages.
TOTAL	2449	139	2588	

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	MAY 2008	JUNE 2008	JULY 2008	COMMENTS
Deaths	43	30	6	Death toll dropped by 80% compared to June and by 86.1% compared to May.
Assassinations	1	2	1	The Israeli army continues to assassinate Palestinian civilians who are considered “wanted” by the Israeli security forces.
Injuries	206	176	160	Drop of 9.1% compared to June and of 22.3% compared to May. Twenty children were injured during the month of July compared to 17 in June and 34 in May.
Attacks	318	257	155	Drop in the number of attacks by 39.7% compared to June and by 51.3% compared to May.
Raids	905	785	920	Rise of 17.2% compared to last June and of 1.7% compared to May The total number of Israeli army raids into Palestinian Authority-controlled territory (Area A – which the Israeli army has continued to invade since 2002) was 521 in July, compared to 461 in June and 468 in May.
Arrests	389	327	428	Rise of 30.9% compared to June and of 10% compared to May. Thirty children were arrested during the month of July compared to 29 children in June and 48 in May.
House Demolition	2	9	7	Drop of 22.2% compared to June and of 250% compared to May.
Attacks on Property	115	121	126	Rise of 4.1% compared to June and rise of 9.6% compared to May.
House Occupation	42	24	13	Drop of 45.8% compared to last month and of 69.1% compared to May.
Curfews	6	9	15	Curfews rose by 66.7% compared to last June and rose by 150% compared to May.
Flying Checkpoints	515	519	551	Rise of 6.2% compared to July and of 7% compared to May.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	168	132	112	Crossing points to Israel were closed on 112 occasions in July, compared to 72 in June and 106 in May. The Israeli army closed both Rafah Crossing and Yasser Arafat International Airport for 62 days. Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	5	3	8	Rise of 166.7% compared to June and of 60% compared to May.
Attacks on Religious Sites	5	0	20	The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions and deny Palestinian civilians access to holy sites in the cities of East Jerusalem and Hebron.
School Disruption	10	4	6	Rise of 50% compared to June and drop of 40% compared to May.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	13	15	12	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 10 Palestinian officers.
Settlement Activity	3	2	2	Same percentage as last June and drop of 33.3% compared to last May.
Settler Violence	45	30	46	Rise of 53.3% compared to June and of 2.2% compared to May.
TOTAL	2791	2445	2588	The general 5.9% rise in the total incidents compared to June was due to the rise in the number of arrests, raids, flying checkpoints, attacks on religious sites, and settler violence. The general 7.3% drop in the total incidents compared to the month of May was due the drop in the number of deaths, injuries, attacks, house occupation, and closure of crossing points.

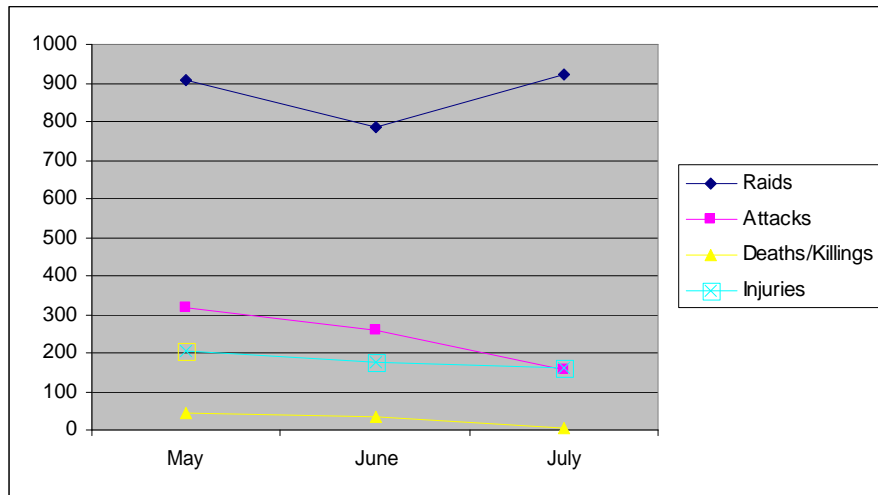
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2008

WEST BANK	NOTES
12	In the districts of Ramallah (2); Nablus (4); Jericho (6). Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli side through the D.C.O. 6 settlers, damaged and detonated 6 explosive devices.

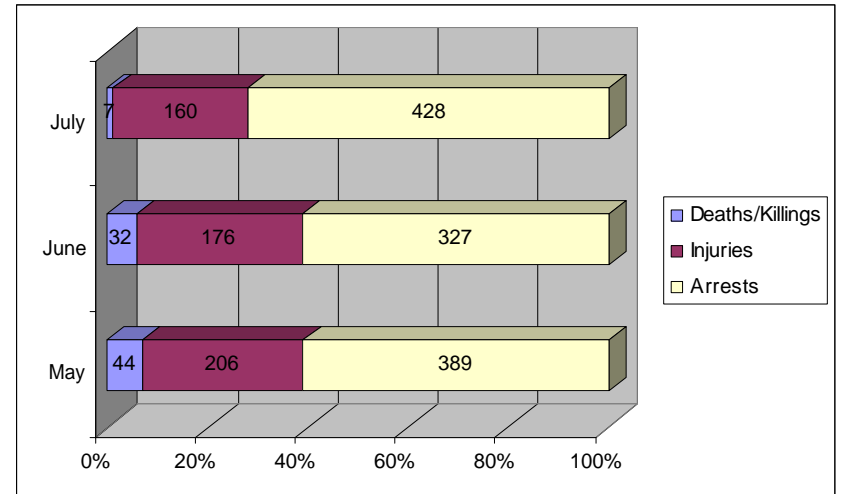
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

MAY 2008	JUNE 2008	JULY 2008	NOTES
4	19	12	During the month of July, the Palestinian security forces handed over a number of settlers and Israeli soldiers who entered Palestinian-controlled Area A (July 6; June 5; May 3). In addition, the Palestinian security forces caught and damaged 6 combat devices in July (June 8; May 1).

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 assassinated 1 civilian west of the city of Jenin and injured and arrested another.

2. Deaths/Killings

The Israeli army killed 6 Palestinian civilians in July, 5 in the West Bank and 1 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army killed Palestinians in the following districts: Jerusalem, Ramallah, Salfit, Hebron, and Central Gaza. Of these, the Israeli army killed one 11-year-old child during confrontations in protest against the Wall construction in the town of Ni'lin in Ramallah district, and 2 armed individuals.

3. Injuries

The total number of injuries reported during the month of July was 160, 156 Palestinians in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip. Most injuries were reported in the districts of Ramallah (103), Toubas (21) Bethlehem (9) and Hebron (9). Of those injured, 20 were children, including 1 child who was run over by an Israeli military jeep; 1 female civilian; 1 advisor to Prime Minister Salam Fayyad; 2 journalists; 6 international peace activists; 1 fisherman; 1 military officer.

4. Arrests

The Israeli army arrested 428 Palestinian civilians in July, 423 Palestinians in the West Bank and 5 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of arrests were reported to have taken place in the districts of Nablus (150); Hebron (68); Bethlehem (40); Jenin (34); Ramallah (32); Jerusalem (27). Among those arrested were 30

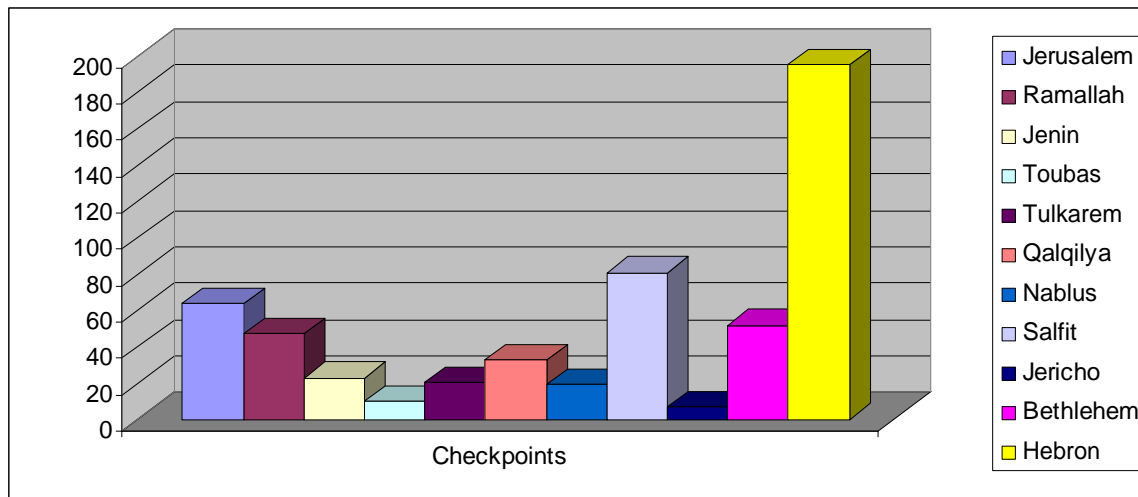
children; 6 female civilians, including 1 PLC deputy; 3 injured civilians; 1 civilian with special needs; 17 university students; 10 military officers; 3 armed individuals.

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. Throughout the month of July, 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 551 flying checkpoints in and around Palestinian residential locales throughout the West Bank during the month of July, compared to 519 flying checkpoints in June and 515 in May. The chart below shows the distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank for July 2008.



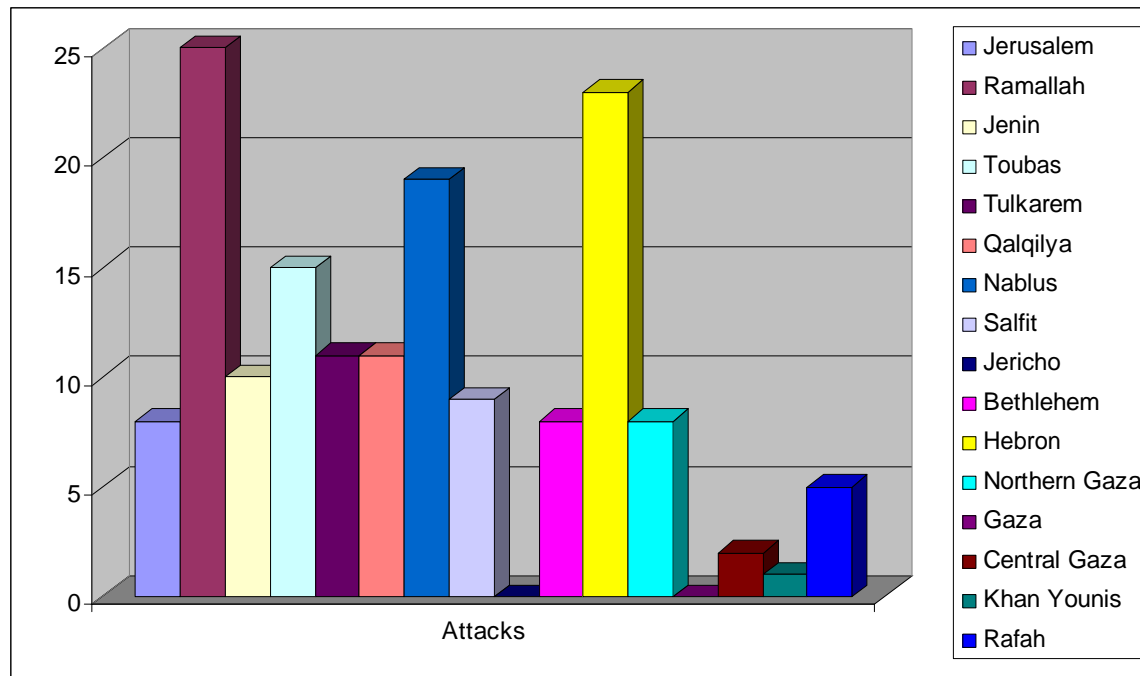
Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank – July 2008

6. Attacks

A total of 155 attacks were reported during the month of July, 139 attacks in the West Bank and 16 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army carried out 52 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 80 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 9 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 5 attacks were carried out by settlers; 8 attacks from navy boats. In addition, Israeli combat aircraft, helicopters and UAVs carried out 1 air attack.

On 19 June 2008, through Egyptian mediation, armed individuals in the Gaza Strip and the Israeli army reached a ceasefire agreement, but during the month of July the Israeli army violated the agreement on 16 occasions (compared to 6 occasions last June), while Palestinian armed individuals violated the agreement on 11 occasions and fired 11 mortars towards the Green Line 3 of which fell in Palestinian areas (compared to 13 last June). In addition, armed individuals opened fire towards the Green Line on 1 occasion resulting in the death of 1 civilian, the injury of 1 female civilian, 1 fisherman and 2 civilians.

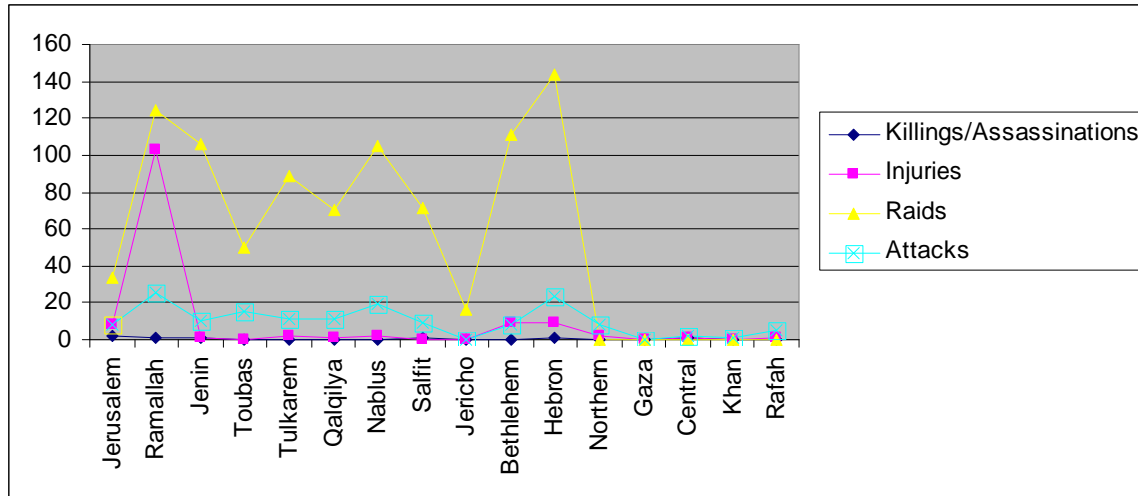


Israeli attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip – July 2008

7. Raids

1. The Israeli army carried out a total of 920 raids into Palestinian residential locales during the month of July. The majority of Israeli army raids took place in the districts of Hebron (144); Ramallah (124); Bethlehem (111); Jenin (106); Nablus (105).

The Israeli army opened fire during 52 raids, approximately 5.7% of the total number of raids into Palestinian residential areas. Additionally, the Israeli army imposed curfew 15 times on 9 residential locales in the West Bank during raids (compared to 9 times in June and 6 times in May). During the raids, the Israeli army occupied and converted into military posts 13 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 – July 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 521 raids, approximately 56.6% 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 214 times during the month of July (178 raids in June, 121 raids in May). In addition, the Israeli army opened fire on 31 occasions during raids (28 times in June, 21 times in May), killed 1 civilian (3 civilians last June) and injured 24 civilians, including 22 children (10 civilians last June, 2 civilians in May) Furthermore, the Israeli army arrested 116 civilians, including 3 children, 1 civilian with special needs, 4 female civilians, and 3 military officers (compared to 49 arrestees last May), and set up military posts in front of national security and civil police headquarters.

8. House Demolitions

During the month of July, the Israeli army demolished 7 civilian houses in the West Bank, including one 5-storey building, 1 civilian house in Beit Hanina village, and 2 civilian houses in al-Issawiyeh village in Jerusalem district for unlicensed construction; 1 civilian house between the city of Hebron and the town of Tafouh; partial demolition of 2 civilian houses in the city of Hebron.

9. Provocation of Palestinian Military and Security Forces

The Israeli army provoked Palestinian forces in West Bank districts on 12 occasions during the month of July (not including the 10 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 July 2008

Type of Provocation	West Bank	Notes
Attacks	1	Israeli army fired rubber coated bullets and tear gas bombs towards Palestinian Civil Defence crew on duty while putting out fire in the town of Ni'lin in Ramallah district.
Attempt to enter security quarters	1	The Israeli army raided 1 police station in the town of Beit Fajjar in Bethlehem district.
Notifying military officers to report to Israeli military intelligence	1	The Israeli army notified 1 military officer in Tulkarem district to report to the Israeli military intelligence.
Preventing Palestinian security force from carrying out their duties	2	The Israeli army detained 1 police officer assigned to guard the Government Hospital in the city of Ramallah, and detained 1 police officer on duty in the city of Hebron.
Taking position / setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts	5	The Israeli army took position in front of PA security apparatuses in the city of Toubas, and in front of 3 police stations in Tulkarem, Jericho and Hebron districts, and near a Palestinian security checkpoint in Jericho district.
Detaining Palestinian security personnel & patrols	2	The Israeli army detained 1 military officer from the Presidential Guard in Jericho district in order to deport him to Gaza since he carries an ID issued in the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Israeli army detained head of the Palestinian police forces in Hebron district.
Total	12	

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 126 incidents of destruction and confiscation of public and private property were reported during the month of July, 125 in the West Bank and 1 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army (and settlers) demolished furniture of 6 civilian houses in the cities of Jerusalem, Jenin, Nablus and Bethlehem; set 1 civilian house on fire and blew up an entrance of another in the city of Hebron; damaged the windshields of 1 Civil Defence vehicle in Ramallah district and of 1 civilian vehicle in Nablus district; blew up 1 vehicle in Tulkarem district; caused damage to 2 civilian vehicles and tore civilian IDs in Qalqilya district; caused damage to 1 commercial store and 1 internet café in Ramallah district; shut down commercial stores in Jericho, Hebron and Nablus districts; damaged doors of 2 municipal councils in the cities of al-Bireh and Nablus; caused damage to contents of 4 Islamic charitable societies and shut down 10 charitable societies in the city of Nablus; caused damage to contents of 1 mosque and damaged door of 1 clinic in Hebron district; caused damage to 1 communication room and 1 water well in Nablus district; caused damage to electric network in Northern Gaza district; cut down olive trees in Ramallah, Qalqilya, Nablus and Hebron

district.

Israeli troops confiscated computers from mosques in Jerusalem and Ramallah districts, and from the municipal council of the city of al-Bireh, as well as from several charitable societies in the city of Nablus; 1 machine gun in Tulkarem district; 1 hunting rifle in the city of Nablus; 1 pistol in Hebron district; furniture of 1 clinic; 7 school buses in the city of Nablus; 20 instruments, including bulldozers and drilling tools in Bethlehem district.

11. Settlement Activity

Settlers carried out settlement activities in West Bank districts on 2 occasions during the month of July. Settlers razed land in the area of Jabal Hadara that is located between the villages of Bourin and Arraq Bourin in Nablus district; expanded Avraham Avino settlement outpost in the city of Hebron.

12. Settler Violence

Israeli settlers carried out 46 violent incidents in West Bank districts during the month of July.

Israeli settlers fired 5 missiles towards the village of Bourin in Nablus district; assaulted and injured civilians with daggers; attacked children in a summer camp; physically assaulted 1 civilian and tied him to an electric post near Asfer settlement in Hebron district; attacked children and international peace activists, including 1 American peace activist and a German delegation, in the old city of Hebron; attacked a number of civilians in Nablus district; stoned civilian vehicles travelling on Jerusalem-Ramallah Road and Qalqilya-Nablus Road, as well as on the bypass road alongside Yitzhar settlement in Nablus district; stoned 1 civilian house in the old city of Hebron; set on fire 1 civilian house in Nablus district and attempted to seize another civilian house in Jerusalem district; entered a Palestinian neighbourhood in the city of Ramallah; demolished Bedouin tents in Ramallah district; entered 2 villages in Jericho district; entered the previously evacuated military camp of Ush Ghurab in Bethlehem district and attempted to set up a new settlement outpost; cut down olive trees in Ramallah and set land planted with olive trees on fire in Qalqilya, Nablus and Hebron districts; caused damage to plants north of the town of Halhul; prevented labourers from building an electric room between the village of Kafr Qadum and the settlement of Qadumim in Qalqilya district; damaged 1 communication room and 1 water well in Nablus district; sprinkled toxic substances on an agricultural land in the town of Tekoa and killed 14 sheep and poisoned 18.

13. Medical Obstruction

In July, the Israeli army carried out 8 incidents of medical obstruction in the West Bank. The Israeli army searched 2 hospitals in Jerusalem and Ramallah, and 3 clinics in Nablus and Hebron districts; denied access to 2 ambulance vehicles carrying wounded Palestinians access through a checkpoint in Bethlehem district; detained medical crew and denied it access into a town in Ramallah district.

14. School Disruption

The Israeli army carried out 6 incidents of school disruption during the month of July. The Israeli army entered and searched 1 UNRWA elementary school for girls in the city of Qalqilya; entered 1 kindergarten and 2 schools in the city of Nablus; detained officials from the Ministry of Higher Education who were carrying exam papers to prisoners from Tulkarem and Hebron districts.

15. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli army completely closed crossing points in the Gaza Strip, including Green Line crossing points on 112 occasions, in July. The Israeli army closed crossing points into the Green Line on 50 occasions. Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing was opened 24 days only to let in good and cement. Karm Abu Salem –

Kerem Shalom was closed the whole month. Sufa Crossing (designated for construction cargo transportation) was opened on 25 occasions. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing (designated for fuel transportation) was opened on 25 occasions.

Israel closed Rafah international crossing point and Arafat International Airport on 62 occasions. Rafah Crossing bordering with Egypt was closed the entire month of June, as was Yasser Arafat International Airport. The airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the current Intifada (Uprising) in 2002.

16. Palestinian Security Measures

During the month of July, Palestinian Security Forces carried out security measures 12 different times in the West Bank. The security measures were reported to have taken place in the districts of Ramallah (2); Nablus (4); Jericho (6). The Palestinian forces handed over to the Israeli side through the D.C.O. 6 settlers, damaged and detonated 6 explosive devices.