

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 May 2008 – 31 May 2008

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 May 2008 to 31 May 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 MAY 2008

- **On May 1**, the Israeli army killed a 55-year-old civilian during a raid into the area of al-Farrahin east of Khan Younis district,
- **On May 5**, an Israeli military jeep ran over a child near the junction of Ze'ev on the main road that leads to the town of Yatta in Hebron district, and caused him serious injuries
- **On May 9**, a group of settlers opened fire towards 2 civilians between the villages of Ein Yabroud and Dura al-Qare', and killed one civilian.
- **On May 10**, a public march set out in the village of Shoufa in Tulkarem district, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the closure of the entrances to the village. Clashes broke out between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, resulting in the injury of 9 civilians, including 1 journalist and 1 Swedish peace activist.
- **On May 19**, the Israeli army opened fire towards Huwara checkpoint that is set up south of the city of Nablus, and killed 1 child. In addition, the Israeli army denied the ambulance access to carry the dead child.
- **On May 21**, the Israeli army fired 1 missile that fell east of the town of Jabalia in Northern Gaza district, killing 1 child and seriously injuring another. Another missile was fired by an Israeli drone towards a civilian vehicle carrying armed individuals in the town of Jabalia in Northern Gaza district. The missile missed the target and injured 4 civilians, including 1 toddler who is 2 months old and 2 children.
- **On May 29**, the Israeli army raided the area east of the town of Khuza'a in Khan Younis district, opened fire intensively towards civilian houses, and killed a 70-year-old female civilian.
- **On May 30**, the Israeli army raided the area near Sufa Crossing that is located north-east of the city of Rafah, clashed with armed individuals, and opened fire intensively and fired tear gas bombs towards a public march that was heading towards the Crossing and calling for reopening all crossings. The Israeli army injured 7 civilians, including 2 civilians who were seriously injured.
- **On May 31**, a group of settlers near Imatin village in Qalqilya district opened fire towards a number of civilians and prevented them from crop harvesting. The settlers injured 2 civilians.

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

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	0	1	1	Israeli droned fired 1 missile and killed 1 armed individual in the city of Rafah. In addition, the missile caused serious injuries to a female child.
Deaths	3	40	43	Incl. 2 children; 3 elderly civilians; 3 injured civilians; 1 female civilian; 24 armed individuals.
Injuries	86	120	206	Incl. 34 children, including 1 toddler; 2 journalists; 2 international peace activists and supporters; 3 female civilians, including 1 elderly female civilian; 62 armed individuals in Bethlehem district.
Attacks	154	164	318	The Israeli army carried out 157 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 68 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 47 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 3 attacks from checkpoints; 4 attacks perpetrated by settlers. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire on 9 occasions; combat helicopters and drones on 30 occasions.
Raids	857	48	905	41 in Jerusalem; 101 in Ramallah; 74 in Jenin; 31 in Toubas; 78 in Tulkarem; 69 in Qalqilya; 93 in Nablus; 70 in Salfit; 6 in Jericho; 106 in Bethlehem; 188 in Hebron; 10 in Northern Gaza; 5 in Gaza; 7 in Central Gaza; 15 in Khan Younis; 11 in Rafah.
Arrests	326	63	389	The Israeli army arrested 25 Palestinian civilians in Jerusalem; 34 in Ramallah; 30 in Jenin; 2 in Toubas; 17 in Tulkarem; 35 in Qalqilya; 62 in Nablus; 7 in Salfit; 8 in Jericho; 24 in Bethlehem; 82 in Hebron; 4 in Northern Gaza; 15 in Gaza ; 20 in Khan Younis; 24

				in Rafah. The arrested civilians included 48 children; 2 female civilians; 2 elderly civilians; 8 university students; 1 journalist; 6 fishermen; 11 military officers.
House Demolitions	0	2	2	The Israeli army demolished 2 civilian houses in Central Gaza and in Khan Younis. In addition, the Israeli army handed 12 house demolition notifications for unlicensed construction.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	48	67	115	Destruction of Property: The Israeli army destroyed buildings and civilian houses; 1 school; civilian vehicles; fruit trees; house furniture; water wells; plants and crops; green houses; poultry farms; electric networks and transformers; cement factory. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army confiscated 3 rifles; 1 revolver; money; gold jewellery; computers; 2 mobile phones; 2 IDs; 2 driving licenses.
House Occupations	6	36	42	In the districts of Jenin (3); Qalqilya (1); Salfit (1); Hebron (1); Gaza (3); Central Gaza (4); Khan Younis (20); Rafah (9).
Curfews	6	0	6	The Israeli army imposed curfews over residential areas in the districts of Qalqilya (5); Hebron (1).
Closure of Crossing Points	0	168	168	The Israeli army closed international crossing points (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and Arafat International Airport) on 62 occasions and crossing points to Israel on 106 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	515	0	515	Jerusalem (81); Ramallah (53); Jenin (44); Toubas (8); Tulkarem (41); Qalqilya (19); Nablus (18); Salfit (44); Jericho (14); Bethlehem (71); Hebron (122).
Medical Obstruction	5	0	5	The Israeli army entered 3 hospitals; denied an ambulance access to carry a dead child; arrested 1 injured child who was on his way to hospital.
Attacks on Religious Sites	4	1	5	The Israeli army entered and searched 3 mosques; climbed up a minaret of 1 mosque; occupied rooftop of 1 mosque.
School Disruption	9	1	10	The Israeli army occupied building of 1 college and 1 school; entered 5 schools; besieged 1 school; fired tear gas bombs towards 2 schools.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	13	0	13	The Israeli army provoked the Palestinian National Security Forces on 8 occasions and the civil police forces on 5 occasions.
Settlement Activity	3	0	3	The Israeli military authorities opened a new settlement road; razed agricultural land for the purpose of setting up 3 military watch towers.
Settler Violence	45	0	45	Settlers killed 1 civilian; opened fire towards civilians; physically assaulted civilians; stoned civilian vehicles; sprayed flammable chemical substance towards 1 civilian house and caused burns to inhabitants; stormed a village and attacked 1 civilian house in it; razed agricultural land; set crops to fire; uprooted fruit trees; stole 1 purse and money; stole cattle.
TOTAL	2080	711	2791	

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	MAR 2008	APR 2008	MAY 2008	COMMENTS
Deaths	119	71	43	Death toll dropped by 39.4% compared to April and by 63.9% compared to March.
Assassinations	4	4	1	The Israeli army continues to assassinate Palestinian civilians who are considered "wanted" by the Israeli security forces.
Injuries	443	274	206	Drop of 18.4% compared to April and of 53.5% compared to March. Thirty-four children were injured during the month of May compared to 28 in April and 15 in March.
Attacks	362	363	318	Drop in the number of attacks by 12.4% compared to April and by 12.2% compared to March.
Raids	934	940	905	Drop of 3.7% compared to last April and of 3.1% compared to March. 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 468 in May, compared to 492 in April and 529 in March.

Arrests	557	580	389	Drop of 32.9% compared to April and of 30.2% compared to March. Forty-eight children were arrested during the month of May compared to 50 children in April and 64 in March.
House Demolition	18	6	2	Drop of 66.7% compared to April and of 88.9% compared to March.
Attacks on Property	172	191	115	Drop of 39.8% compared to April and of 33.1% compared to March.
House Occupation	29	79	42	Drop of 46.8% compared to April and rise of 44.8% compared to March.
Curfews	32	11	6	Curfews dropped by 45.5% compared to last April and by 81.3% compared to March.
Flying Checkpoints	529	510	515	Rise of 1% compared to April and drop of 2.7% compared to March.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	127	159	168	Crossing points to Israel were closed on 106 occasions in May, compared to 99 in April and 65 in March. 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	7	1	5	Rise of 400% compared to April and drop of 28.6% compared to March.
Attacks on Religious Sites	5	8	5	Drop of 37.5% compared to last April and same ratio as March.
School Disruption	5	7	10	Rise of 42.9% compared to April and of 100% compared to March.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	14	22	13	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 16 Palestinian officers.
Settlement Activity	3	3	3	Same percentage as last April and March.
Settler Violence	40	49	45	Drop of 22.5% compared to March and of 12.2% compared to February.
TOTAL	3400	3278	2791	The general 14.9% drop in the total incidents compared to April and 18% compared to March was due to the drop in the number of deaths, injuries, arrests, raids, attacks, curfews, house demolitions, and demolition of property.

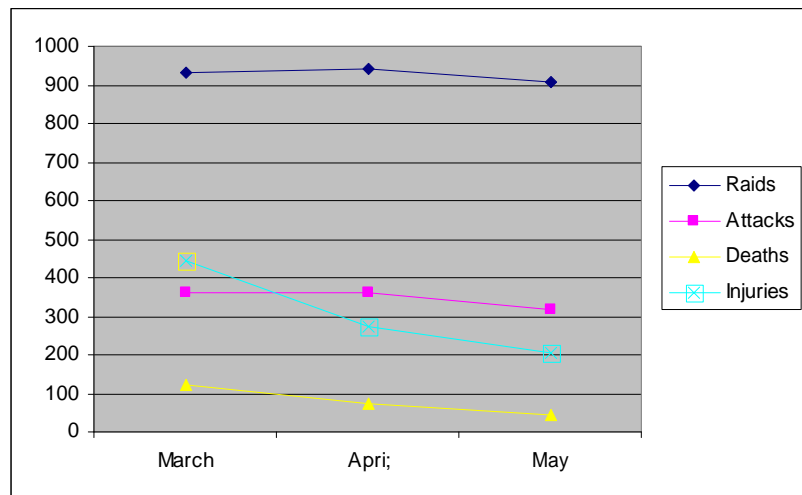
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2008

WEST BANK	NOTES
4	In the districts of Ramallah (1); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (2). Palestinian security forces detonated a grenade found in the city of al-Bireh in Ramallah district; handed over to the Israeli side through the D.C.O. 3 settlers caught in the cities of Bethlehem and Hebron.

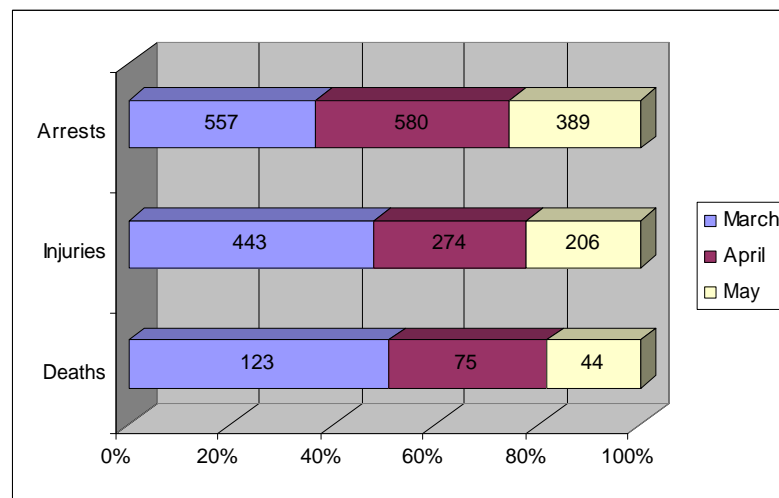
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

MAR 2008	APR 2008	MAY 2008	NOTES
21	21	4	During the month of May, the Palestinian security forces handed over a number of settlers and an Israeli soldier who entered Palestinian-controlled Area A (May 3; April 10; March 3). In addition, the Palestinian security forces caught and damaged 1 combat device in May (April 9; March 5).

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

An Israeli drone fired 1 missile targeting a civilian vehicle carrying 1 armed individual and killed him instantly. In addition, the missile caused serious injuries to a 13-year-old girl.

2. Deaths

The Israeli army killed 43 Palestinian civilians in May, 3 civilians in the West Bank and 40 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army killed Palestinians in the following districts: Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron, Northern Gaza, Gaza, Central Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah. Of these, the Israeli army killed 2 children; 2 female civilians, including 1 elderly female civilian; 3 elderly civilians; 3 injured civilians; 1 civilian who was attacked by settlers; 24 armed individuals.

3. Injuries

The total number of injuries reported during the month of May was 206, 86 Palestinians in the West Bank and 120 in the Gaza Strip. Most injuries were reported in the districts of Khan Younis, Gaza, Ramallah, Rafah and Northern Gaza. Of those injured, 34 were children, including 1 toddler; 2 female civilians, including 1 elderly woman; 2 journalists; 3 civilians, including a school teacher, who were attacked by settlers; 2 international peace activists and

supporters; 62 armed individuals.

4. Arrests

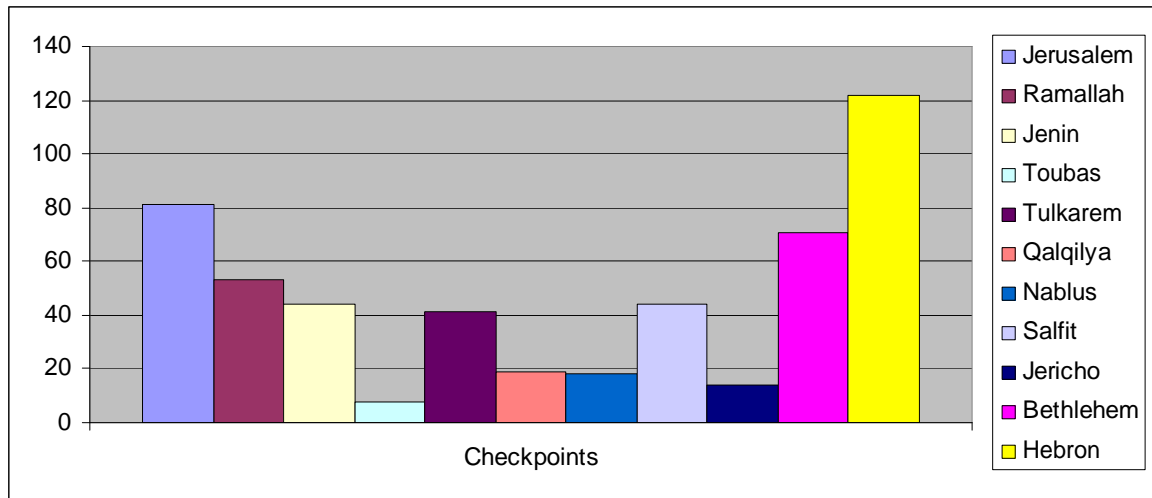
The Israeli army arrested 389 Palestinian civilians in May, 326 Palestinians in the West Bank and 63 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of arrests were reported to have taken place in the districts of Hebron, Nablus, Qalqilya, Ramallah, Jenin, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Rafah. Among those arrested were 48 children; 2 female civilians; 2 elderly civilians; 8 university students; 1 journalist; 6 fishermen; 11 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. Throughout the month of May, 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 515 flying checkpoints in and around Palestinian residential locales throughout the West Bank during the month of May, compared to 510 flying checkpoints in April and 529 in March. The chart below shows the distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank for May 2008.



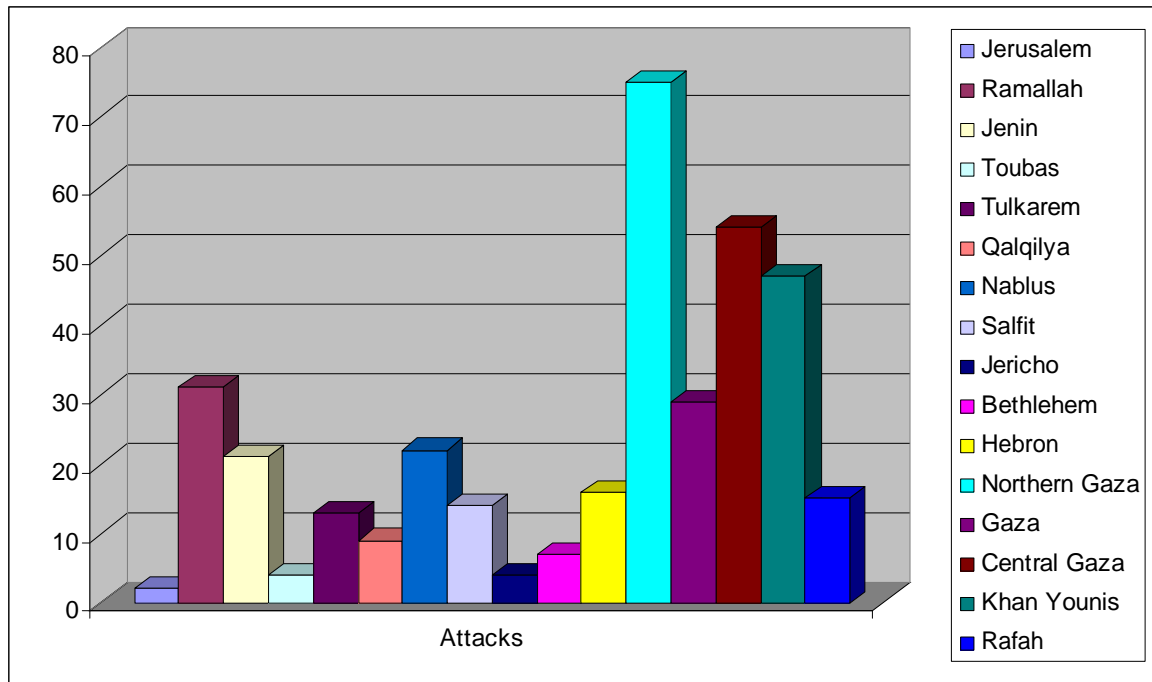
Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank – May 2008

6. Attacks

A total of 318 attacks were reported during the month of May, 154 attacks in the West Bank and 164 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army carried out 157 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 68 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 47 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 3 attacks from checkpoints; 4 attacks were carried out by settlers; 9 attacks from navy boats. In addition, Israeli combat aircraft, helicopters and UAVs carried out 30 air attacks.

In addition, the Israeli army carried out 164 attacks (including air attacks) in the Gaza Strip districts. Armed Palestinian individuals fired 401 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 10 occasions; detonated 3 explosive devices.



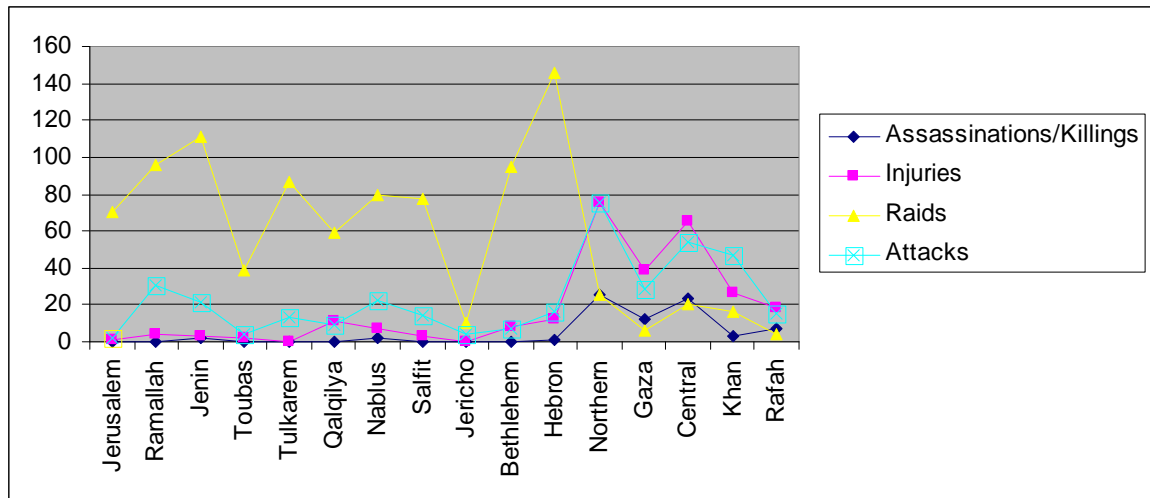
Israeli attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip – May 2008

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 905 raids into Palestinian residential locales during the month of May, including 857 in the West Bank and 48 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of Israeli army raids took place in the districts of Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Nablus, Tulkarem and Jenin.

The Israeli army opened fire during 157 raids, approximately 17.4% of the total number of raids into Palestinian residential areas. Additionally, the Israeli army imposed curfew 6 times on 2 residential locales in the West Bank during raids (compared to 11 times in April and 32 in March). During the raids, the Israeli army occupied and converted into military posts 42 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 – May 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 468 raids, approximately 51.7% 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 121 times during the month of May. In addition, the Israeli army opened fire on 21 occasions during raids, injured 2 civilians, and arrested 49 civilians, including 5 children, 1 military officer, and 1 physician. The Israeli army also opened fire towards a Palestinian security post.

Following is a table showing number of raids, attacks, injuries and arrested in Jenin, Toubas and Nablus districts.

District	Raids	Attacks	Injuries	Arrests	Provocation of Pal. Forces
JENIN	16	6		4	Israeli army open fire towards Palestinian security forces post.
Jenin refugee camp	9	2	1	2	
Northern Jenin (al-Yamun, Kafr Adhan, Silet al-Harithiyyeh)	4	1		1	
Southern Jenin (Qabatia, al-Zababdeh, Misliyyeh, Mithelon, Sanour)	11	3		2 (incl. 1 military officer)	
Western Jenin (Brouqin, Ya;bod, Kafr	7			5 (incl. 1 child)	

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TOTAL	47	12	1	14	1
TOUBAS	6				
Tamon	6	1			
Tayaseer village	9				
Al-Far'a refugee camp	4	2			1
Other villages	6	1		1	
TOTAL	31	4		1	1
NABLUS					Demolition of Property
Nablus city	26	3		18	
Balata refugee camp	10	1		13 (incl. 1 physician and 4 children)	Israeli army set commercial store to fire and damage 1 civilian car.
Askar refugee camp	1				
Ein Bet al-Ma' refugee camp	6	1		4	
TOTAL	43	5		35	2

8. House Demolitions

During the month of May, the Israeli army demolished 2 civilian houses in the Gaza Strip. The house demolition included 1 civilian house in the area of Johr al-Dik in Central Gaza and 1 civilian house east of the town of Khuza'a in Khan Younis district. In addition, under the pretext of unlicensed construction, the Israeli military authorities handed 12 house demolition notifications in the city of Beit Jala, the town of al-Khader, and the village of Housan in Bethlehem district.

9. Provocation of Palestinian Military and Security Forces

The Israeli army provoked Palestinian forces in West Bank districts on 13 occasions during the month of May (not including the 11 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 May 2008

Type of Provocation	West Bank	Notes
Attacks	1	Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian security forces quarters in the city of Jenin.
Attempt to enter security quarters	1	Israeli forces attempted to enter police station in the town of Abu Dis in Jerusalem district.

Notifying military officers to report to Israeli military intelligence	2	The Israeli army notified 1 police officer in the city of Bethlehem and 1 military officer in Hebron district to report to the Israeli military intelligence.
Preventing Palestinian security force from carrying out their duties	2	The Israeli army drew arms before 2 Palestinian security patrols on duty in Jenin district and in the city of Tulkarem.
Taking position / setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts	2	The Israeli army took position in front of a police station in Bethlehem district and near a Palestinian National Security Forces quarters in Hebron district.
Detaining Palestinian security personnel & patrols	5	The Israeli army detained security officers who were on their way from Salfit district to the city of Ramallah, 2 security patrols and 1 police vehicle and a bus carrying criminal detainees in the city of Hebron.
Total	13	

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 115 incidents of destruction and confiscation of public and private property were reported during the month of May, 48 in the West Bank and 67 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army demolished and caused damage to buildings, civilian houses and walls in the city of Ramallah, Qalqilya, Salfit and Khan Younis. In addition, the Israeli army caused damage to house furniture in the city of Hebron, contents of a school in the city of Qalqilya, civilian vehicles in the cities of Qalqilya, Nablus, Hebron, Gaza and Khan Younis. Moreover the Israeli army set to fire 1 commercial store in Nablus, demolished door of a commercial store in the village of al-Jiftlik in Jericho district, razed agricultural land in Salfit, Northern Gaza, Gaza and Khan Younis districts, razed crops in Rafah district, demolished green houses in Northern Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah districts, demolished water wells in Central Gaza, caused damage to electric networks in Khan Younis district, damaged 1 electric transformer in the town of al-Thahiriyyeh in Hebron district and electric posts in Northern Gaza district, damaged poultry farms in Khan Younis and Rafah districts, and demolished a cement factory in Rafah district.

Israeli troops confiscated 3 rifles in Jerusalem and Hebron districts, and 1 revolver in Nablus district; computers in Ramallah, Jenin, Qalqilya and Hebron districts; stole 6000 US dollars during search of 1 civilian house in Ramallah district and gold jewellery in the city of Qalqilya; contents of 1 association in the city of Jenin; 1 cellular phone from a pupil in Qalqilya district; 2 IDs that belong to 1 civilian and 1 military officer in Salfit and Hebron district; 1 driving license and documents in Jericho district.

11. Settlement Activity

Settlers and the Israeli army carried out settlement activities in West Bank districts on 3 occasions during the month of May. The Israeli army opened a new settlement road cutting through agricultural land in Nablus district; razed land planted with olive trees in Salfit district for the purpose of completing the construction of a bypass road; razed agricultural land for the purpose of settlement construction; set up a watch tower south of the city of Hebron.

12. Settler Violence

Israeli settlers carried out 45 violent incidents in West Bank districts during the month of May.

Israeli settlers opened fire towards 2 civilians in the district of Ramallah and killed 1 civilian; opened fire towards civilians in Qalqilya, Jericho and Hebron districts; injured 1 civilian in Nablus district; sprayed flammable chemical substances towards a civilian house in the city of Jerusalem; physically assaulted a number of civilians and stole a purse containing 800 shekels (240 US dollars) from a female civilian in Ramallah district; attacked civilians in Jenin, Qalqilya, Nablus, Bethlehem and Hebron districts; stoned civilians and civilian vehicles in Ramallah, Qalqilya, Nablus, Salfit and Hebron districts; raided 1 village in Nablus district and set crops to fire; raided 1 village in Hebron district; entered 2 evacuated military camps and 1 settlement in Jenin and Bethlehem districts; raided a hill and surrounded it with barbed wires in Bethlehem district; set crops on fire; razed land near Rafafa settlement, and uprooted olive trees in Salfit district; closed the entrance to the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; stole 60 sheep in Hebron district.

13. Medical Obstruction

In May, the Israeli army carried out 5 incidents of medical obstruction in the West Bank. The Israeli army entered 2 hospitals in the cities of Ramallah and Hebron; besieged 1 hospital in the city of Jenin; denied ambulances access to carry a dead civilian across a checkpoint; obstructed 1 ambulance; arrested 1 injured child who was on his way to hospital in Nablus district.

14. Attacks on Religious Sites

In May, 5 attacks on religious sites were reported to have taken place, 4 in the West Bank and 1 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army entered and searched 3 mosques in the city of Hebron; climbed up a minaret of a mosque in the city of Qalqilya; occupied rooftop of 1 mosque in the area of al-Farrahin in Khan Younis district.

15. School Disruption

The Israeli army carried out 10 incidents of school disruption during the month of May, 9 in the West Bank districts and 1 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army occupied a college building in the city of Qalqilya and 1 school in Central Gaza; fired tear gas bombs towards 2 schools in Ramallah and Hebron districts; entered 6 schools in the city of Qalqilya and 1 school in Hebron district..

16. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli army completely closed crossing points in the Gaza Strip, including Green Line crossing points on 168 occasions, in May. The Israeli army closed crossing points into the Green Line on 106 occasions. Beit Hanoun-Erez Crossing was closed for 3 days and remained open partially to allow access to certain humanitarian cases, business people, medicine and vaccines, after prior coordination. The Israeli army also closed al-Muntar (Karni) and Karm Abu Salem – Kerem Shalom for the whole month. Sufa Crossing (designated for construction cargo transportation) was opened on 6 occasions to let in 700 patients and injured civilians to Egyptian hospitals. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing (designated for fuel transportation) was opened on 15 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 May, 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 May, Palestinian Security Forces carried out 4 security measures in the West Bank. The security measures were reported to have taken place in the districts of Ramallah (1); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (2). The Palestinian forces detonated 1 grenade found in the city of al-Bireh in Ramallah district; handed over to the Israeli side through the D.C.O. 3 settlers who entered the cities of Hebron and Bethlehem.

