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Israel's Aggression Against Occupied Palestine September 2024







Overview

The end of September marked the 360th day of Israel's genocidal aggression against the Gaza Strip, as the Israeli Occupation Forces, IOF, continued their targeting of defenceless Palestinian civilians and their property. The IOF concentrated its operations in the northern areas of the al-Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip and the southeastern suburbs of the city of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, in addition to the northern Gaza areas, specifically in Jabalia refugee camp and Beit Lahiya.

[UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders](#), Mary Lawlor, affirmed that Israeli occupation forces “continue to starve and kill civilians intentionally, while human rights defenders face enormous challenges conducting their peaceful work”, adding that “this horrendous situation continues despite provisional measures issued by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) aimed at preventing acts of genocide in Gaza and the illegal occupation of Gaza.” The Israeli occupation authorities continued to issue mass evacuation orders without ensuring the existence of safe and appropriate places for the displaced people, which has exacerbated the dire humanitarian situation. According to [OCHA](#), Israeli occupation authorities are still issuing mass evacuation orders in Gaza, and until September 16th, there were (55) evacuation orders covering more than 85% of the Gaza Strip's population.

In parallel with the ongoing genocidal war against the Gaza Strip, the occupation forces escalated their aggression against the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. A comprehensive campaign throughout the West Bank that included raids, arrests, and assassinations was carried out, primarily concentrated in the governorates of Jenin, Tubas, and Tulkarem, killing a total of 44 Palestinians.

	At least 901 Palestinians were killed, 857 in Gaza and 44 in the West Bank. The Palestinian Ministry of Health, MoH, records noted that between October 7, 2023, and September 29, 2024, the death toll reached 42,314 Palestinians, 41,595 in the Gaza Strip and 719 in the West Bank.
	Over 2,650 Palestinians were injured, of whom approximately 2050 were in Gaza. Between October 7, 2023, and September 29, 2024, at least 102,450 Palestinians were injured, including at least 96,250 in Gaza. (MoH)
	According to various media reports, the Israeli army has committed around 3,500 massacres among the Palestinians in Gaza. Moreover, an estimated number of 10,000 people were believed to be missing or dead under the rubble (MoH)
	There were 307 shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with 1,189 military incursions and 518 ad-hoc military checkpoints. (NAD)
	Israeli settlers were involved in no less than 206 terror attacks against Palestinian civilians throughout the West Bank. (NAD)

	<p>By the end of September 2024, Israel arrested at least 697 Palestinians, including 18 women and 40 children. The number of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel rose to more than 10,000, including 207 children. The highest rate of arrests in the West Bank was in Hebron, where Israel detained 155 Palestinians, followed by Jenin, where 105 Palestinians were detained. The total number of prisoners who died in Israeli custody since October 7, 2023, is 41, including 14 from the West Bank, 24 from the Gaza Strip, two Palestinians living in Israel, and one from Jerusalem.</p>
	<p>Regarding the housing units destroyed, the UN explained that two-thirds of the total buildings in the Gaza Strip were damaged, i.e., 66% of the buildings in the Gaza Strip that were damaged comprised (163,778) buildings, including (52,564) destroyed buildings, and (18,913) badly damaged. In contrast (35,591) buildings and (56,710) buildings were moderately damaged. The UN analysis of the situation noted that the Gaza Governorate was the most affected, where (46,370) buildings were damaged, followed by Gaza City, where (36,611) buildings were destroyed.</p>
	<p>According to UNRWA, up to 1.9 million people across the Gaza Strip were internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced.</p>
	<p>Since the aggression began, Israeli bombardment has damaged 190 UNRWA facilities, killed 222 UNRWA personnel, and no less than 563 displaced Palestinians staying in UNRWA shelters. Besides, no less than 1,790 Palestinians were wounded. (UNRWA)</p>
	<p>According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, 124 government schools have been bombed and severely damaged since October 7, 2023. More than 62 schools were destroyed, in addition to 126 schools that became targets of attacks and vandalism, causing partial damage to the premises. More than 10,449 students and 419 education sector staff were killed. More than 16,250 students and 2,463 staff members were injured. At least 630,000 students were denied access to their schools. The Ministry also reported that 65 UNRWA schools were damaged. According to a recently published report, approximately 85% of schools in Gaza were either destroyed or significantly damaged by the IOF.</p>
	<p>Attacks on the Health Sector: Since the onset of the aggression, IOF has carried out a total of 1135 attacks on health facilities and workers, 516 of which occurred in Gaza. The IOF also targeted and destroyed 130 ambulances. (MoH) A report issued by the World Health Organization, WHO, revealed that since Israel's aggression in October last year until the end of September, 17 hospitals out of 36 became partially operational in the Gaza Strip, including three hospitals in the northern part of the Strip, seven hospitals in Gaza, three hospitals in Deir al-Balah, four hospitals in Khan Yunis, while all hospitals in Rafah became out of service. Moreover, 57 of the 132 healthcare centres remained partially operational. These attacks killed a total of 765 health personnel and wounded 990 others.</p>



In September, two Palestinian journalists and media workers were killed in Gaza. Since the aggression began, the IOF has killed 166 journalists and media workers in Gaza. It has displaced over 1,500 journalists, targeted the homes of hundreds of journalists' families, and destroyed 84 media offices. (Journalists' Syndicate)

Examples Of The Occupying Power's Deliberate Attacks On Palestinian Hospitals, Shelters And Civilians In Gaza In September 2024:

- **Targeting tents of displaced people:** On September 10, Israeli warplanes dropped three **American-made MK-84** bombs on tents sheltering displaced people in Al-Mawasi in Khan Yunis while they were asleep, creating three holes several meters deep and in diameter, and causing the burial of about (20) people. According to initial statistics, this massacre killed and injured more than 60 Palestinians.
- **Bombing schools housing displaced people:** On September 21 at 11:30 a.m., Israeli warplanes bombed Al-Zaytoun (C) school in Al-Zaytoun neighbourhood, south of Gaza City, killing 21 Palestinians, including 13 Children and six women, one of whom was pregnant, and her 3-month fetus was killed too, in addition to injuring 30 others, including nine children with amputations. On September 11, Israeli warplanes launched two air strikes on a school in [Al-Jaouni in Nuseirat camp](#) in the middle of the Gaza Strip, killing (18) Palestinians, including (6) people UNRWA employees, and injuring at least 44 others. UNRWA confirmed that the school had been bombed five times since the beginning of the war and includes about 12 thousand displaced people, most of whom are women and children. On September 7, Israeli warplanes [struck Halima Al-Saadia school in Jabalia](#), sheltering hundreds of displaced people, and killed four Palestinians and wounded several others. Besides, the Israeli warplanes bombed the Amr Ibn Al-Aas school that housed displaced people in the northern part of Gaza City, killing (4) Palestinians, one of whom is a child, and injuring several others.

Israel's Aggression Against The West Bank:

- In September 2024, the Jenin Governorate recorded the highest number of martyrs, with 14 Palestinians killed during several IOF incursions into Jenin City and its nearby refugee camp. It was followed by Tubas Governorate, where the IOF killed 13 Palestinians, and Tulkarem Governorate, where the Israeli troops killed 9 Palestinians.
- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, since the aggression began and until the end of September 24, the IOF attacked 72 public schools, killing 79 students and two teachers and injuring 445 students and 16 teachers.
- In addition to the bodies of 256 martyrs in the Cemeteries of Numbers, Israel currently withholds the bodies of 335 Palestinian martyrs, including 37 children, 49 prisoners, and five women. In September 2024, the occupation authority withheld the bodies of 11 martyrs from the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. (National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies)

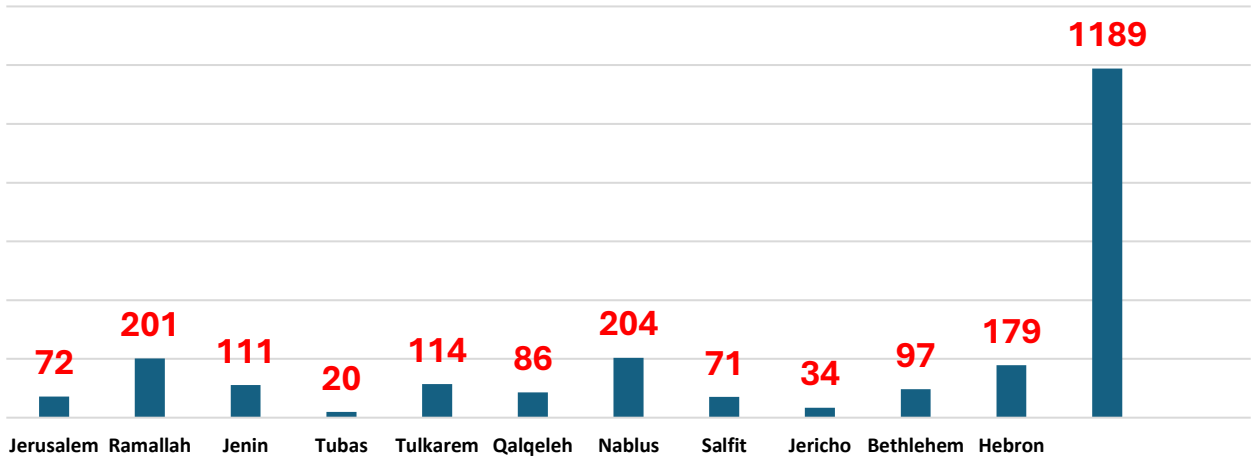


Settlement activities: The occupation authorities advanced nearly 2,166 settlement units in the West Bank, including occupied East Jerusalem, and approved several other colonial settlement projects. In Jerusalem alone, 1,644 settlement units were advanced. (Peace Now & Ir Amim)

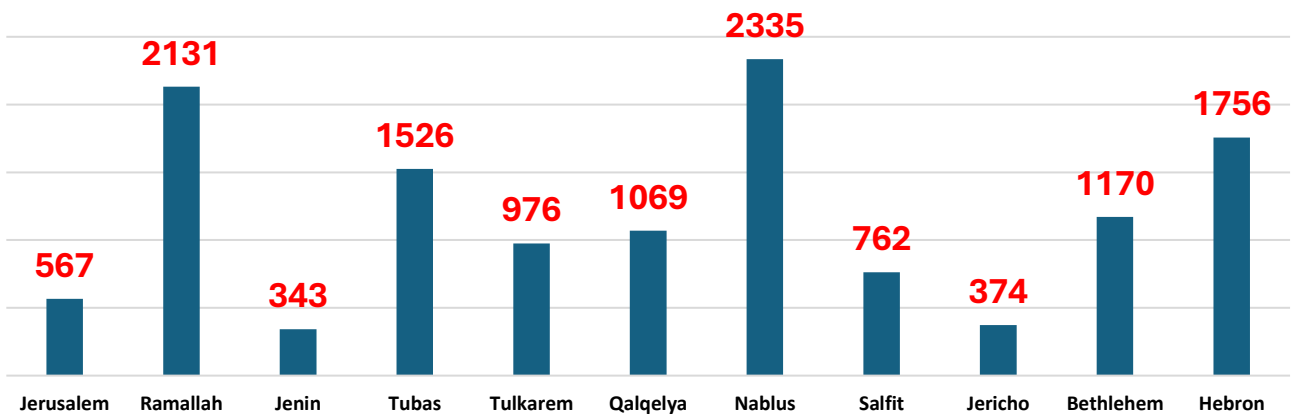


House demolitions: The IOF demolished 126 Palestinian structures, including 20 homes and nine donor-funded structures, displacing 18 families and 82 people, including 32 children, and otherwise affecting 90 families comprising 443 individuals, including 203 children. In occupied Jerusalem, IOF demolished nine structures, including four homes, displacing three families comprising 21 people, including nine children). (UNOCHA)

**Israeli Military Raids by Governorate
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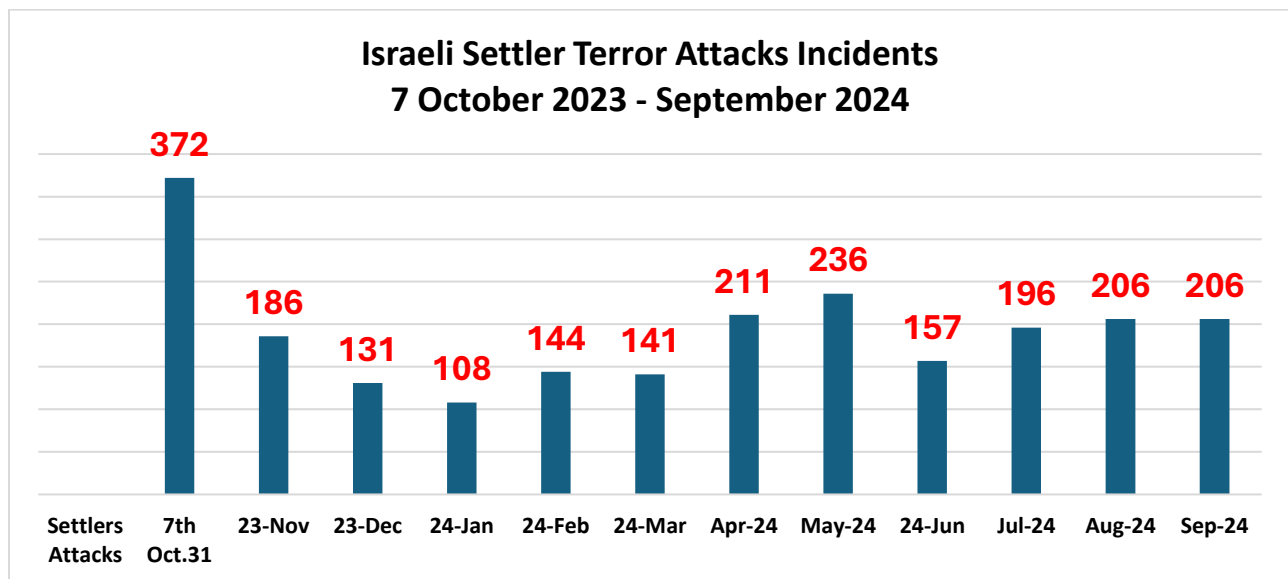


During this period, there were **(13,010)** military incursions that concentrated in the Governorates of Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, Tubas, and Bethlehem.

Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks

With unconditional and unlimited support from the Israeli occupation authorities and their forces, Israeli settlers continued their terror attacks against defenceless Palestinian citizens and their properties. At least 206 attacks were recorded in August. Settlers' attacks included running over children, physical assaults against Palestinians from Jerusalem, and setting ambushes at crossroads leading to Palestinian villages and towns, where they pelted Palestinian vehicles with stones. They raided villages and towns, blocked roads, uprooted fruit trees, destroyed crops, bulldozed agricultural fields, grazed livestock on Palestinian privately-owned agrarian lands, attacked Palestinian homes and property, setting them on fire, erected tents for themselves and fellow Israeli settlers on private Palestinian land, reestablished colonial outposts, shot at citizens and their property, and kidnapped Palestinians and physically abused them.

Most of these attacks occurred in the Governorates of Hebron, Nablus, Tubas and Ramallah. According to a report by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), settlers targeted Palestinian trees and crops, uprooting, damaging, sabotaging, poisoning, and burning 699 trees, including 694 olive trees. Most of these attacks occurred in the Ramallah governorate (16 attacks), followed by Nablus (9 attacks) and Hebron governorate (7 attacks).



Some Examples Are Below:

- On September 3 in Jericho Governorate, a group of settlers in the Al-Faw area in the Jordan Valley attacked citizen Walid Kaabneh, causing him bruises, and sprayed his family members with pepper gas.
- On September 6 in Nablus Governorate, a group of armed settlers stormed the village of Qaryut and attacked citizens' homes. The occupation forces also intervened and fired live and rubber-coated metal bullets, stun and tear gas grenades at the Palestinian civilians who tried to confront the settlers. This attack led to the killing of one Palestinian girl and injuring two others.

- On September 7, in the Hebron Governorate: a group of settlers situated in the area between the village of Susiya and Wadi Ma'in, east of the town of Yatta, physically assaulted Jihad Al-Nawaja'a, Chair of the local council, beating him up with their rifle butts. He sustained several wounds and broken ribs.

In Focus: Summary Of Israeli Violations In Occupied Jerusalem In September 2024ⁱ

- The occupation forces used excessive force against Jerusalemites, killing three and wounding 12 others who were hit by live bullets or beaten up by the Israeli troops. There were 99 cases of arrests in Jerusalem, including four children and four women. By the end of September, Israeli occupation authorities were still withholding the bodies of 43 martyrs from Jerusalem.
- The raids of Jewish settlers and extremists into Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound also continued; 4,697 extremist Jews and 3,518 disguised as “tourists” raided Al-Aqsa Mosque
- In September, the occupation courts issued 29 imprisonment sentences, including 21 administrative detentions and two house arrests. The occupation authorities also issued eight deportation orders from the old city; two of them were handed over to Palestinians, ordering them to stay away from the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound.

ⁱ Main Source: Unless otherwise indicated, the Public Relations and Media Unit of the Jerusalem Governorate.