

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 March 2013 – 31 March 2013

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 March 2013 to 31 March 2013. The report includes a summary table of events, classified 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 the Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG) of the Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD) of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The PMG monitors ground conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Israeli and Palestinian violations. The PMG Daily Situation Reports are a survey of daily events collated from information provided by civil ministries and security agencies of the Palestinian National Authority. The information reported through the PMG process represents data available at the time of distribution only.

SAMPLE OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2013

- **01 March:** Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards demonstrators in Bilin village in Ramallah and injured 2 residents including a child: Mu'yasim Mansour (17 years old) with head injury and Isam Yassin with facial injuries as well as injuring a paramedic and a journalist: Ali Abu Rahmeh (Journalist) and Nimr Masalha (Paramedic) after being struck with tear gas grenade canister as well as leaving several others suffocated from tear gas inhalation.
- **02 March:** Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards several residents in Nablus for alleged stoning and as a result injured 2 residents including a child: Mohammad Suliman (10 years old) and Amar Nahi as well as detaining 2 children.
- **03 March:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over Nadin Suliman (7 years old) along the main road near Al-Labban Al-Gharbiya leaving her hospitalised with contusions.
- **07 March:** Mohammad Asfour (a University student) died in an Israeli hospital from injuries sustained during clashes with Israeli forces in Aboud.
- **08 March:** The child Mohammad Id'ies (17 years old) was injured after being assaulted by Israeli forces leaving him hospitalised with contusions and Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets towards residents near the entrance of Aboud while participating in the funeral of Mohammad Asfour who died of injuries sustained from Israeli forces and as result injured Mohammad Al-Barghouthi (17 years old) and left several others suffocated from tear gas inhalation.
- **09 March:** An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and injured Zuheir Rayan (a resident of Qarwat Bani Hassan) along the main road between Harris village and Qarwat Bani Hassan leaving her hospitalised with contusions.
- **12 March:** Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards residents as they raided Al-Fuwar camp in Hebron and as a result killed Mohammad Al-Titi and injured 8 others including 2 children: Suhayeb Al-Halqawi (16 years old), Firas Al-Najjar (16 years old), Firas Al-Titi, Mahmud Al-Shadfan, Haytham Al-Qawasmi, Rami Al-Qarniz, Mohammad Rasrous and Ahmad Al-Titi. Israeli forces also fired tear gas grenades towards residents and injured 2 residents including 2 children: Mohammad Al-Jilndi (17 years old), Mohammad Al-Badawi (16 years old) and Alaa Abu Ghazi.
- **15 March:** Mohammad Ghazawna died on March 22nd 2013 from suffocation after Israeli forces fired tear gas grenades towards residents in Al-Ram.
- **18 March:** An Israeli settler stabbed Nader Abu Sneieneh in Jerusalem leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **20 March:** 2 Israeli settlers hurled a fire bomb towards a home in the old city of Jerusalem and injured a 7 year old child.
- **24 March:** Israeli forces handed over the corpse of Basem Al-Amour; a resident of Al-Fakhari after Israeli forces opened fire towards and killed him near the border fence on November 26th 2013.
- **27 March:** Israeli forces raided Samir Amis and Kafr Aqab, clashed with several school children and injured Majdi Abu Irmeleh (8 years old) leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **29 March:** Israeli settlers assaulted and injured Shaker Abu Barhoush, a resident of Kafr Al-Labbad as he was herding his sheep and as result leaving him hospitalised with a broken hand and several contusions.
- **31 March:** Israeli settlers stoned 2 buses carrying several school girls as they were returning to Ramallah from a field trip and injured 7 students and damaged the 2 buses.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – MARCH 2013

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassination	0	0	0	No assassinations were committed this month.
Killing	3	1	4	Including: Mohammad Asfour (a University student) died in an Israeli hospital from injuries sustained during clashes with Israeli forces in Abboud, Mohammad Ghazawna died on March 22nd 2013 from suffocation after Israeli forces fired tear gas grenades towards residents in Al-Ram and Basem Al-Amour, a resident of Al-Fakhari after Israeli forces opened fire towards and killed him near the border fence on November 26th 2013.
Injuries	122	5	127	Injuries included 21, children: 4 from settler assaults and 4journalists.
Attacks	246	28	274	A total of 274 attacks were reported to have taken place during the month of March: 246 in the West Bank and 28 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli military carried out 5 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas, 240 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and 15 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy vessels carried out 12 attacks on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians and property on 2 occasions.
Raids	347	7	354	The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place 347 in the West Bank and 7 in the Gaza Strip including the districts of Jerusalem (16); Ramallah (26); Jenin (47); Tubas (5); Tulkarem (39); Qalqiliya (16); Nablus (63); Salfit (15); Jericho (16); Bethlehem (30); Hebron (74); Gaza; Central Gaza (2); Khan Yunis (1) and Rafah (4).
Arrests	345	2	347	The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (82); Ramallah (12); Jenin (20); Tubas (5); Tulkarem (9); Qalqiliya (9); Nablus (47); Salfit (26); Jericho (9); Bethlehem (44); Hebron (82); Gaza (1) and Central Gaza (1). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 54 children; 4 Women, 4 Journalist, 5University students (including 1 female); 1 Parliament member and 11 Security Officers.
Home Demolition	1	0	1	During the Month of March Israeli forces forced a resident in the old city of Jerusalem to demolish his home and imposed a financial penalty for allegedly constructing without a licence, served demolition orders for 10 homes in Yatta in Hebron, served demolition orders for several homes in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem, served eviction orders for residents to leave a building in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, served demolition orders for a 4 floor home in Beit Jalla in Bethlehem and served demolition order for a home in Bardala village in the North Jordan Valley area in Tubas. In addition, the Israeli army delivered notices to demolish: a home under construction in Jabal Al-Tur area in Jerusalem, 6 water wells, 4 solid waste networks and a community service center in south Yatta in Hebron. Served notices for the eviction of 8 families from their homes in Sa'ir village in Hebron
Attacks on Public & Private Property	59	0	59	Israeli forces destroyed: House furniture, vehicles, uprooted olive trees, demolished a shelter. Israeli forces also confiscated a hand gun and its licence document after storming a home in Jenin, an Identification card of a National Security Officer in Nablus, 1050 Jordanian Dinars and a cellular phone from a female residents after assaulting her at Allenby bridge upon her return from Jordan, a computer and cellular phone from the home of a Deputy Parliament member in Hebron, a agricultural tractor in Tubas and a computer, cellular phone and personal documents in Nablus.
Home Occupation	12	0	12	The Israeli military occupied the rooftops and converted them into military post: A home in the old city of Hebron, 2 homes in Bani

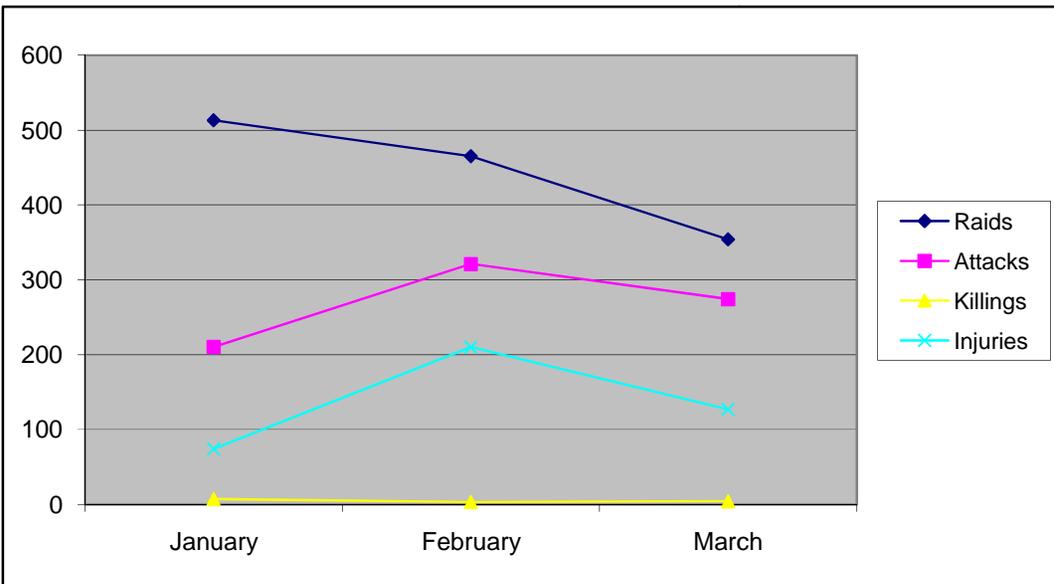
				Na'im, a home in the old city of Hebron, a home in Beit Kahil, a home in Dura, a home in Jenin and 3 homes in Nablus.
Curfews	0	0	0	No Curfews were imposed during this month.
Closure of Crossing Points	0	151	151	International crossing points were closed on 31 occasions (Continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 120 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	462	0	462	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (74); Ramallah (26); Jenin (21); Tubas (1); Tulkarem (18); Qalqiliya (69); Nablus (68); Salfit (22); Jericho (46); Bethlehem (21); Hebron (69).
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	10	0	10	The Israeli military provoked or harassed the National Security force on 5 occasions, Palestinian Police on 4 occasions, Preventive Security Forces on 1 occasion.
Settlement Activity	10	0	10	A total of 10 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of March which included: Israeli authorities authorised the paving of a road on residential land in Tulkarem for the purpose of expanding "Sil'it" settlement, announced the construction of 70 settlement units in Bethlehem for the expansion of "BetarElit" settlement, the paving of a road connecting "Burqan" settlement with several settlement outposts near Surta village in Salfit, installed a barbed wire fence around land in Harris village for the purpose of settlement expansion near Harris village in Salfit, levelled land and placed barbed wire fence around land near "MovoDotan" settlement in Ya'bad located in Jenin, levelled land in Khirbit Yaboun in Nablus for the purpose of paving a road, served confiscation orders for a plot of land for the purpose of expanding a checkpoint located in north Jenin, levelled agricultural land in Yatta in Hebron and levelled land in Salfit for the purpose of settlement expansion.
Settler Violence	99	0	99	Israeli settlers opened fire towards civilians; stoned civilians and civilian vehicles, ran over residents and children with their vehicles and wrote racist graffiti on vehicles.
Attacks on Religious Sites	16	0	16	Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound, closing the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron.
Assault on Educational Sector	1		1	Israeli forces stormed a school in the village of Iuban Sharqi in the district of Nablus.
TOTAL	1733	194	1927	

ABSOLUTE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

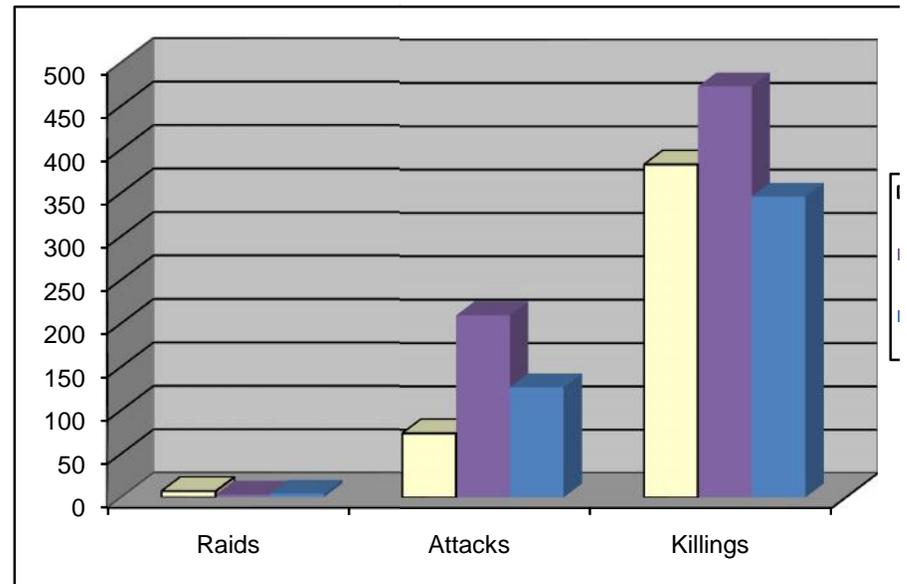
EVENT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	COMMENTS
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	2013	2013	2013	
Assassinations	0	0	0	No assassination during the month of January.
Deaths	7	3	4	An increase of 33.3% compared to last month.
Injuries	74	210	127	A decrease by 39.5.8% compared to last month and an increase of 71.6% compared to January. The number of children injured in March is 21 compared with 32 in February and 10 in January.
Attacks	210	321	274	A decrease in the number of attacks by 14.6% compared to last month and an increase by 30.5% compared to January.
Raids	513	465	354	A decrease by 23.9% compared to last month and a decrease by 30.99% compared to January.
Arrests	384	474	347	A decrease by 26.8% compared to February and by 9.6% compared to January. The number of arrested children was 54 compared to 68 in February and 60 in January.
Home Demolition	31	10	1	A decrease of 90% compared to last month.
Attacks on Property	84	71	59	A decrease by 16.9% compared to last month and by 29.8% compared to last January.
Home Occupation	4	12	12	An increase by 200% compared to January.
Curfews	1	0	0	No curfews for this month.
Flying Checkpoints	357	416	462	An increase of 11.05% compared to February and of 10.5% compared to last January.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	138	128	151	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 120 occasions compared to 128 last month The Israeli military closed international crossing points on 31 occasions. <i>Rafah Crossing</i> was open for 31 days to allow access to civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to those arriving from Egypt. <i>Yasser Arafat International Airport</i> has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> .
Medical Obstruction	0	1	0	No incident of medical disruption for this month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	9	9	16	An increase of 77.7% compared to January.
School Disruption	0	1	1	There was 1 incident of school disruption for this month.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	9	7	10	Increase by 42.9% compared to the last month.
Settlement Activity	10	11	10	A decrease by 9% in settlement activities compared to last month
Settler Violence	67	69	99	An increase of 43.5% compared to the last month and 47.8% compared to January.
TOTAL	1898	2208	1927	During the month of March, the total incidents decreased by 12.7% compared to January due to the decrease in the number of raids, Killings, and. Likewise, total events rise by 1.5% compared to February as a result in the rise in the number of checkpoints, killings, Attacks, and raids.

COMPARISON OF ISRAELI RAIDS, ATTACKS AND PALESTINIAN HUMAN CASUALTIES OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS



COMPARISON OF INCIDENTS OF KILLINGS, INJURIES, AND RAIDS OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS



ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

1. Killing

A total of 4 civilians were reported killed during the month of March (3 in the West Bank and 1 in Gaza Strip) including: Mohammad Asfour (a University student) died in an Israeli hospital from injuries sustained during clashes with Israeli forces in Abboud, Mohammad Ghazawna died on March 22nd 2013 from suffocation after Israeli forces fired tear gas grenades towards residents in Al-Ram and Basem Al-Amour, a resident of Al-Fakhari after Israeli forces opened fire towards and killed him near the border fence on November 26th 2013.

2. Injuries

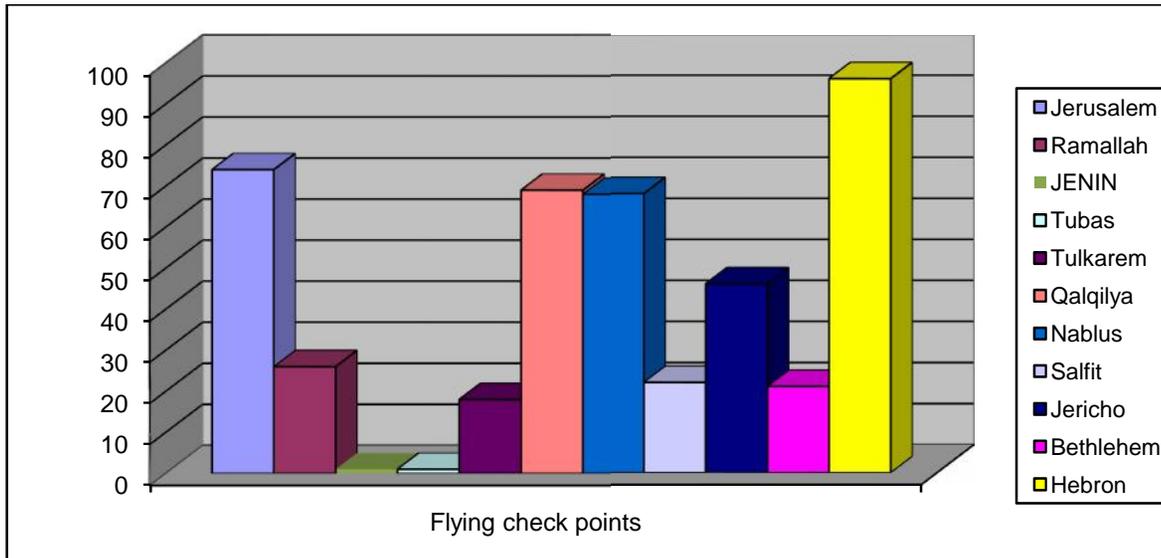
A total of **127 injuries** were reported in the month of March(122 Palestinians in the West Bank and 5 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 21 children: 4 from settler assaults 4 journalists.

3. Arrests

During the month of March, the Israeli military arrested **347Palestinians** (345 the West Bank and 2 in the Gaza Strip).The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (82); Ramallah (12); Jenin (20); Tubas (5); Tulkarem (9); Qalqiliya (9); Nablus (47); Salfit (26); Jericho (9); Bethlehem (44); Hebron (82); Gaza (1) and Central Gaza (11). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 54 children; 4 Women, 4 Journalist, 5 University students (including 1 female); 1 Parliament member and 11 Security Officers.

4. Closure

Especially on Fridays, the Israeli military continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances of Jerusalem, and to restrict entrance to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, preventing worshippers from accessing the Mosque. At the *Qalandiya checkpoint north of Jerusalem*, the Israeli military continues to prevent PNA registered civilian vehicles from crossing the checkpoint towards Ar Ram and Qalandiya as well as Dahiyat al Bared. The checkpoint is overcrowded daily, particularly during rush hours, due to intensified restrictions and search measures applied by Israeli troops. During the month of November, the Israeli military also continued to intensify restrictions at the *Tayasir checkpoint* and *Al Hamra junction checkpoint* leading to the Jordan Valley area, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate District of Jericho residence or others holding special access permits. In addition, restrictions were intensified and civilian access was obstructed at the *Za'tara junction checkpoint* (separating the northern and central West Bank districts) as well as at the *As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint* (separating the central and southern West Bank districts).



Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank

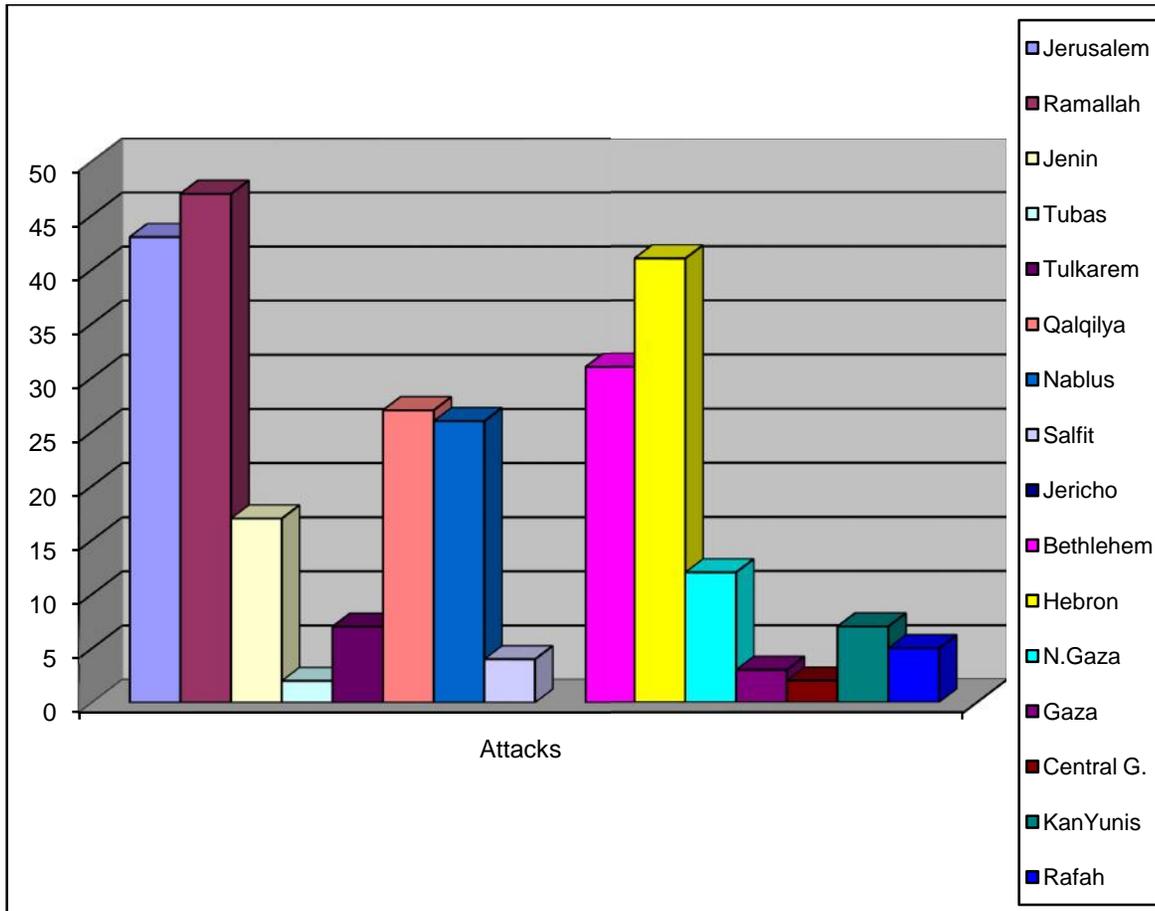
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **462 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in March, compared to 416 last month and 375 in January. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

5. Attacks

A total of **274 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of March: **246** in the West Bank and **28** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **5 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **240 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **15 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy vessels carried out **12 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli military carried out **2 attacks** from a military checkpoint. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on **1 occasions**.

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli military declared a unilateral ceasefire following the large-scale offensive it had launched against the Gaza Strip. However, the Israeli military violated the ceasefire on **28 occasions** during the month of March (compared to **34** last February). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **2 mortar round** towards the Green Line.

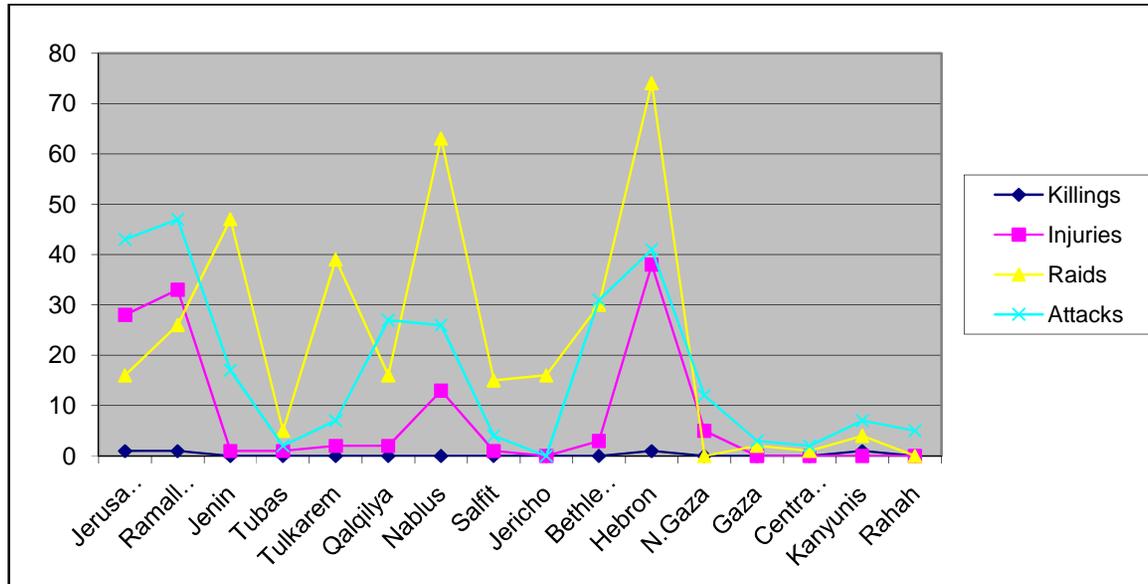


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **354raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of March, including **347 in the West Bank** and **7in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (16); Ramallah (26); Jenin (47); Tubas (5); Tulkarem (39); Qalqiliya (16); Nablus (63); Salfit (15); Jericho (16); Bethlehem (30); Hebron (74); Gaza (2); Centre Gaza (1), Khan Yunis (4). The Israeli army **opened fire during confrontations and raidson245 occasions (i.e. 89.4%** of the total number of attacks).

The chart below shows the correlation between the number of raids and the resulting human casualties in January.



7. Home Demolition

During the Month of March Israeli forces forced a resident in the old city of Jerusalem to demolish his home and imposed a financial penalty for allegedly constructing without a licence, served demolition orders for 10 homes in Yatta in Hebron, served demolition orders for several homes in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem, served eviction orders for residents to leave a building in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem, served demolition orders for a 4 floor home in Beit Jalla in Bethlehem and served demolition order for a home in Bardala village in the North Jordan Valley area in Tubas.

9. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 59 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in March, including 58 in the West Bank and 1 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers torched 4 vehicles in Mukhmas village, Israeli forces demolished and removed several tents placed in E1 area near “MalleAdumin” settlement in east Jerusalem and uprooted 30 Olive trees in Mukhmas village. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers stoned and damaged several vehicles near Bet El settlement junction in Al-Berih and damaged 30 Olive trees in Deir Jrir village. In **Jenin**, Israeli forces damaged furniture as they stormed homes in Jab’a. In **Tubas**, Israeli forces forcibly removed 3 families from their homes in Khirbeit Al-Ras area near the North Jordan Valley order to conduct Military training in the area. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settlers stoned and damaged a vehicle on the road between Jit and Immatin villages. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers set fire to a livestock shed in Qusra, damaged 120 Olive trees in Qarawiet village and uprooted 150 Olive trees in Al-Sweisiya village. In **Jericho**, Israeli forces removed several merchant carts near Al-Jiftlik and Marj Al-Na’ja villages. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli settlers damaged 200 olive trees in Al-Khadr, uprooted several newlyplanted Olive trees on approximately 43 dunumes of land in Husan village, uprooted 350 olive trees near Wadi Al-Ghuwiet in Al-Kadr village and uprooted 60 Olive trees near Nihalin village. In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers stoned and damaged a vehicle in the old city of Hebron, forced several merchant shops to close near B’ier Al-Sab’ road in the old city of Hebron, Israeli forces prevented several labourers from conducting construction work on a road connecting Yatta with Hebron, demolished the outer walls of a factory in Tel Al-Rumayda area in the old city of Hebron, Israeli settlers damaged and polluted several dunumes of agricultural land in south Yatta, Israeli settlers stoned and damaged a vehicle in east Yatta and Israeli forces damaged a door entrance and furniture as they stormed a home in Beit Kahil.

In addition, the Israeli army delivered notices to demolish: a home under construction in Jabal Al-Tur area in Jerusalem, 6 water wells, 4 solid waste networks and a community service center in south Yatta in Hebron. Served notices for the eviction of 8 families from their homes in Sa’ir village in Hebron, served notices for the removal of Solar Panels used to generate electricity for residents of Ya’bad and Yatta, served notices for the eviction of several farmers from their land near Beit Ulla, served notices for the removal of 115 fruit bearing trees in Al-Zibidat village in Jericho, served demolition orders for the demolition of a fish farm pool in Bardala village in Tubas, served an order for the removal of a agricultural shed and confiscation of 17 dunumes of land in Al-Khadr village near “Daneil” settlement in Bethlehem.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Jenin: Israeli forces confiscated a gun, its licence documents as they stormed a home in Jenin, a computer and cellular phone in Araba village and a computer in Jenin.

Tubas: Israeli forces confiscated an agricultural tractor in Tayyasir village.

Nablus: Israeli forces confiscated an identification card of a National Security Officer, a computer and cellular phone in Beit Furiq, a computer from Asqar camp and a cellular telephone, computer and personal documents in Nablus.

Jericho: Israeli forces confiscated 1050 Jordanian Dinars worth of currency and a cellular phone from a woman after assaulting her near Allenbybridge upon her return from Jordan.

Hebron: Israeli forces confiscated a computer and cellular phone as they stormed the home of deputy Parliament member in Hebron.

11. Settlement Activities

A total of 10 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of March which included:

Israeli authorities authorised the paving of a road on residential land in Tulkarem for the purpose of expanding “Sil’it” settlement, announced the construction of 70 settlement unites in Bethlehem for the expansion of “BetarElit” settlement, the paving of a road connecting “Burqan” settlement with several settlement outposts near Surta village in Salfit, installed a barbwire fence around land in Harris village for the purpose of settlement expansion near Harris village in Salfit, levelled land and placed barbed wire fence around land near “MovoDotan “ settlement in Ya’bad located in Jenin, levelled land in Khirbit Yaboun in Nablus for the purpose of paving a road, served confiscation orders for a plot of land for the purpose of expanding a checkpoint located in north Jenin, levelled agricultural land in Yatta in Hebron and levelled land in Salfit for the purpose of settlement expansion.

Israeli authorities issued tenders for the construction of 40settlements unites and the construction of commercial center in “Efrat” settlement located in south Bethlehem on land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities also issued tenders for the construction of 346 settlement unites (200 settlement unites in “Taqou” settlement and 146 in “Noqdim” settlement) located in Taqou’ village in Bethlehem on land occupied in 1967.

12. Settler Violence

A total of 99 incidents of Settler violence occurred during the month of March including:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settler's set fire to 4 vehicles in Mukhmas village, hurled a fire bomb into a house and injured a child in the old city of Jerusalem, stabbed a resident in Jerusalem, sprayed pepper spray into the face of a female resident and her daughter in the old city of Jerusalem, uprooted 30 Olive trees in Mukhmas village, stoned vehicles in Mukhmasvillage and ran over and injured a 9 years old child in Al-Suwana neighbourhood in Jerusalem. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles near Bet El junction, stole 40 heads of goat after assaulting and injuring a Sheppard in Turmus'ayya and Khirbit Abu Falah. In **Jenin**, Israeli settlers installed several tents on the area of the previously abandoned settlement of "Homish". In Tulkarem, Israeli settlers assaulted and injured a Sheppard as he was herding his sheep near Kafr Al-Labbad and temporarily abducted a resident and his herd of goats near "AvniHitish" settlement. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles between Jit and Immatin villages, stormed the entrance of Jayyus and installed several tents on residential land, stoned vehicles near "KarniShomron" settlement, stormed an abandoned home near "Qaddumin" settlement and planted 100 Palm granite trees on land in Immatin village. In **Nablus**, Israeli settler stoned vehicles near "Yitsahar" settlement in Huwara, stoned 2 buses carrying school girls as they were returning to Ramallah during a school field trip and as a result injured 7 school girls as well as damaging the buses near Burin village, closed the main road leading to "Yitsahar" settlement, opened fire towards 2 residents near Burin village, chased away 2 Sheppard as they were herding their sheep in Burin village, set fire to a livestock den (Chicken coup) in Qusra village, uprooted 150 olive trees in Al-Sweisiya village and assaulted several residents in Deir Al Hatab village. In **Salfit**, Israeli settlers opened fire towards and stoned several residents in Yasuf village, an Israeli settler ran over a resident with his vehicle along the main road connecting Qarwat Bani Hassan and Haris village and another settler vehicle ran over and injured a 7 year old child near Rafat village. In **Jericho**, Israeli settlers stormed Al-Shallalat area in Al-Oja village under the protection of Israeli forces and installed several tents along Al-Murajat road which connects Ramallah and Jericho. **Bethlehem**, Israeli settler stormed Suleiman's pool in Irtas village, damaged 200 olive trees in Al-Khadr, uprooted several olive trees in Husan village, occupied a home and planted trees on its land near Al-Khadr for the purpose of confiscating it and merging it with "SadeeBo'az" settlement, damaged 350 olive trees near Wadi Al-Ghuyut area in Al-Khadr, attempted to run over 2 residents in Taqou' and uprooted 60 Olive trees in Nihalin village.

In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers chased away several framers from their agricultural land in Yatta, stoned vehicles and residents near Al-Shalalat road, stormed Ithna, stormed Farsh Al-Hawa and Ras Al-Joura areas, installed foundations for the installation of several tents and mobile homes near "Efjil" settlement in Yatta, prevented several farmers from reaching their agricultural land near Al-Sweisa village in Yatta, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over a 4 year old child in the old city of Hebron, damaged several fruit bearing tress on several plots of land in south Yatta, stoned a 67 year old resident and his daughter as they were near their agricultural land in Beit Ummar.

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **151** occasions during the month of March. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **120** occasions. It opened ***Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing*** for 22 days for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals and ***Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing*** for 13 days for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to allowing in animal feed, construction cargo designated for UNRWA and internationally-funded projects was transported through the Crossing. ***Sufa Crossing*** was closed throughout the month. On the other hand, the Israeli authorities have continued to unilaterally close ***Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing***. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Israeli authorities has also continued to completely close ***Al Muntar (Karnei) Commercial Crossing***.

The Israeli military closed international crossing points on **31** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 31 days to allow access to civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to those arriving from Egypt. ***Yasser Arafat International Airport*** has remained closed since the outbreak of the second *Intifada*.