

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 August 2013 – 31 August 2013

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 August 2013 to 31 August 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 AUGUST 2013

- **01 August** :Amina Abed Rabou (71 years old)a died after Israeli forces prevented medical unites from reaching her and prevented her from crossing the checkpoint despite the fact she was in critical condition and needed immediate medical assistance after suffering a stroke.
- **04 August**: An Israeli settler vehicle ran over and injured Ahmad Fashafsha (15 years old), a resident of Jenin as he was heading to Al-Aqsa mosque for prayer leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **06August**: Tamer Amar (13 years old) was injured after being ran over by an Israeli military jeep in the old city of Hebron. Also on the same day Israeli forces raided Beit Ummar, clashed with residents as they stormed several homes and injured 8 residents including 3 children: Yusef Abu Hisham and Aktham Khalil and detained 2 children.
- **13 August**: Israeli naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of Gaza, forced 3 fishermen to remove their cloths while detaining them: Khader Al-Sa'di, Mohammad Nu',man and Hassan Murad as well as confiscating their fishing boat and released them at 19:00.
- **19 August**: Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged firebombing as they stormed and searched 2 homes in Jenin camp and as a result killed a residents and injured 3 others including 2 children in critical condition: Kareem Abu Sbieh (17 years old) {critically injured}, Ala Abu Khalifa (17 years) {critically injured}, and Hadi Abdel Latif.
- **23August**: an Israeli settler ran over and injured Bahjat Abu Khdeir, a resident of Nablus, with his vehicle along the main road near Huwwara and as result left him hospitalised with contusions.
- **26August**:Israeli forces raided Qalandiya camp, clashed with residents and as they stormed several homes and as a result killed 3 residents and injured 15 residents including 2 children: Ahmad Yacoub (16 years old), Mohammad Al-Araj (14 years old), Moath Odwan, Loui Aslan,Nader Lafi,Samer Mansour, Ahmad Manasra, Ali Adawi, Baha Aslan, Loui Asfour, Mohammad Matar, Mohammad Badran, Abdo Mutier, Yunis Abu Al-Shiekh and Mansour Aslan including several others suffocating from tear gas inhalation and detained Yusef Al-Khatib a former detainee.
- **27 August**: Israeli forces positioned near Al-Huwar area in North Halhul fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured 3 residents including a child: Hamza Al-Zama'ra (14 years old), Qusay Al-Zama'ra and Mohammad Al-Zama'ra.
- **31 August**: Karim Subieh (17 years old) died of injuries sustained by Israeli forces during clashes in Jenin camp which killed 3 residents and left 3 children critically injured as mentioned in the reported dated August 20th 2013.

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

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Assassination	0	0	0	No assassinations for this month.
Killing	6	0	6	<p>On August 1st 2013, Amina Abed Rabou (71 years old) died after Israeli forces prevented medical units from reaching her and prevented her from crossing the checkpoint despite the fact she was in critical condition and needed immediate medical assistance after suffering a stroke.</p> <p>On August 19th 2013, Israeli forces raided Jenin and Jenin camp, stormed a gas station, detained a resident (employee at the Gas station), temporarily detained and questioned 4 residents .Again at 02:20, Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged firebombing as they stormed and searched 2 homes in Jenin camp and as a result killed a residents and injured 3 others including 2 children in critical condition: Kareem Abu Sbieh (17 years old){critically injured}, Ala Abu Khalifa (17 years) {critically injured}, and Hadi Abdel Latif. Israeli forces also detained a resident (total residents detained are 3) and temporarily detained Mohammad Sa'di and released him after assaulting him.</p> <p>On August 26th 2013, Israeli forces raided Qalandiya camp, clashed with residents and as they stormed several homes and as a result killed 3 residents and injured 15 residents including 2 children: Ahmad Yacoub (16 years old), Mohammad Al-Araj (14 years old), Moath Odwan, Loui Aslan, Nader Lafi, Samer Mansour, Ahmad Manasra, Ali Adawi, Baha Aslan, Loui Asfour, Mohammad Matar, Mohammad Badran, Abdo Mutier, Yunis Abu Al-Shiekh and Mansour Aslan including several others suffocating from tear gas inhalation and detained Yusef Al-Kahtib.</p> <p>On the morning of August 31st 2013, Karim Subieh (17 years old) died of injuries sustained by Israeli forces during clashes in Jenin camp which killed 3 residents and left 3 children critically injured as mentioned in the reported dated August 20th 2013.</p>
Injuries	69	8	77	A total of 77 injuries were reported in the month of August (69 Palestinians in the West Bank and 8 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 15 children and 3 fishermen.
Attacks	173	25	198	<p>A total of 198 attacks were reported to have taken place during the month of August (173 in the West Bank and 25 in the Gaza Strip).</p> <p>The Israeli military carried out 2 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas, 171 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and 11 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 carried out 1 attack on civilians and Israeli fighter Jets launched 1 attack on Palestinian areas.</p> <p>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 22 occasions during the month of August (compared to 12 last July). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired 3 mortar rounds and detonated a UXO near the border fence near the Green Line.</p>
Raids	395	5	400	The Israeli military carried out a total of 400 raids in Palestinian residential areas during the month of August, including 395 in the West Bank and 5 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (26); Ramallah (40); Jenin (40); Tubas (9); Tulkarem (28); Qalqiliya (33); Nablus (52); Salfit (19); Jericho (14); Bethlehem (44); Hebron (90); North Gaza (1); Central Gaza (1), Khan Yunis (1) and Rafah (2).

Arrests	272	5	277	During the month of August, the Israeli military arrested 277 Palestinians (272 the West Bank and 5 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (46); Ramallah (34); Jenin (12); Tubas (6) Tulkarem (7); Qalqiliya (22); Nablus (49); Salfit (5); Jericho (5); Bethlehem (35); Hebron (51), North Gaza (4) and Central Gaza (1). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 37 children; 2 journalists, 1 Head of village council, 1 special needs resident, an elderly resident, 3 women, 1 University student and 6 Security officers.
Home Demolition	23	0	23	During the month of August the Israeli military demolished 23 homes and residential tents which consisted of the following: Israeli forces demolished a home consisting of 2 floors and 4 apartments (under construction in Jabal Al-Tur neighbourhood in Jerusalem, Israeli forces demolished a 60 m ² home in Silwan neighbourhood Jerusalem for allegedly being built without a licence, Israeli forces demolished 11 homes in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem Israeli forces forced a resident to demolish his home in Sur Bahar village in Jerusalem, Israeli forces demolished a barracks in Jerusalem, 3 mud homes in Tubas and 3 homes in Jiftlik village in Jericho.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	81	4	85	Damages included: Home furniture, vehicles, Olive trees, barrack's and handed out demolition orders Israeli forces served a confiscation order to confiscate 359 m ² of land in Azzun in Qalqiliya.
Home Occupation	4	0	4	The Israeli military occupied the rooftops and converted it into Military posts in Hebron and in Qalqiliya.
Closure of Crossing Points	0	152	152	During the month of August the International crossing were closed on 108 occasions and border crossings were closed on 44 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	465	0	465	The Israeli military set up 465 flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (75); Ramallah (21); Jenin (26); Tubas (3); Tulkarem (14); Qalqiliya (34); Nablus (54); Salfit (34); Jericho (52); Bethlehem (33); Hebron (119).
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	2	0	2	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Preventive Security forces on 1 Occasion and Palestinian Police on 1 occasion.
Settlement Activity	17	0	17	A total of 17 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of August which included: Israeli authorities approved the construction of 878 settlement unites which include 5 unites in "Gilo" settlement, 55 units in "Talimoun" settlement, 255 unites in "Nahli Tal" settlement, 17 unites in "Amana: settlement, 38 unites in "Kojav Yacoub settlement, 87 unites in "Jalijal" settlement, 156 unites in "Moakh" settlement and 91 Unites in "Alon" settlement in Jerusalem, Ramallah and Jericho all on land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities approved the construction 890 settlement unites in "Gilo" settlement in Jerusalem on Palestinian land occupied in 1967. The Israeli Municipalities financial department in Jerusalem approved the budget for the construction of 1500 settlement units in "Ramat Shlomo" settlement located in north Jerusalem on Palestinian land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of 230 settlement units in Magon settlement located in Yatta on land occupied in 1967 Israeli forces began levelling plots of land in Al-Wa'ra area located in Einbus village near "Yitsahar" settlement for the purpose of settlement expansion on land occupied in 1967. Israeli minister of Public works and housing placed the foundation stone for the construction of a settlement named" Leishim" in Kafr Al-Dik on land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities placed the foundation stone for the construction of 63 settlement unites in Jabal Mukabbir in Jerusalem and approved tenders for the construction of 793 settlement unites in "Gilo" HarHoma" and "Pisgat Za'if" settlement in Jerusalem and announced the sale of land for the construction of 394 settlement unites in "Malee Adumin" in east Jerusalem, Ariel settlement in Salfit and "Betar Eliyat" settlement in Bethlehem

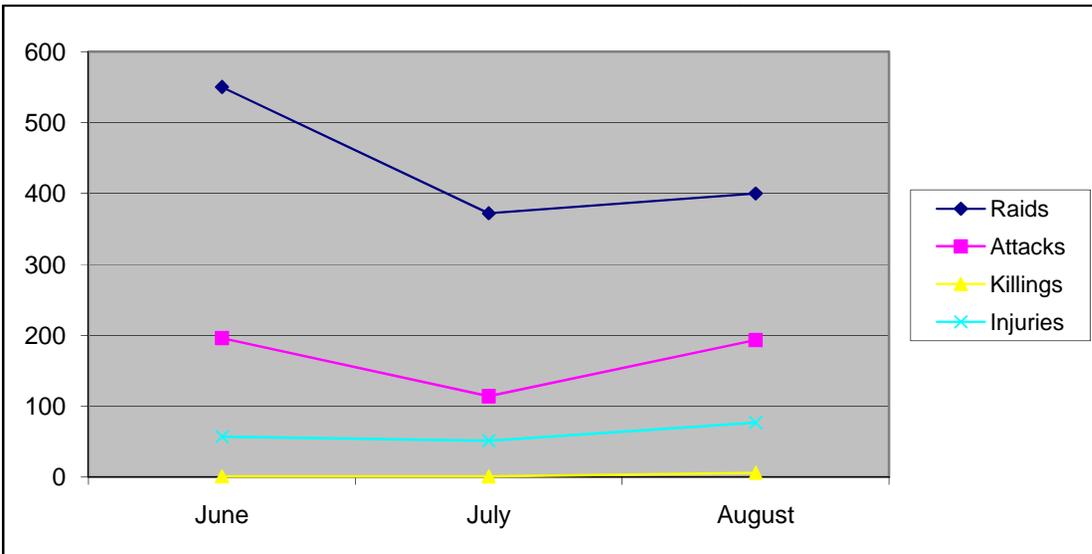
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Settler Violence	48	0	48	Israeli settler stoned residents and vehicles, stormed homes, uprooted trees, assaulted residents, ran over children with their vehicles, stormed several villages and towns and slashed the tires of residential vehicle.
Attacks on Religious Sites	12	0	12	Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound and tore down a concrete wall inside of Al-Ibrahimi mosque which separates Israeli and Palestinian worshipers in the old city of Hebron.
Assault on Educational Sector	1	0	1	Israeli forces positioned near a girls school and stormed a class room in Sair village in Hebron. Israeli forces served a demolition order for a portion of a school in Jerusalem
TOTAL	1566	199	1767	

ABSOLUTE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

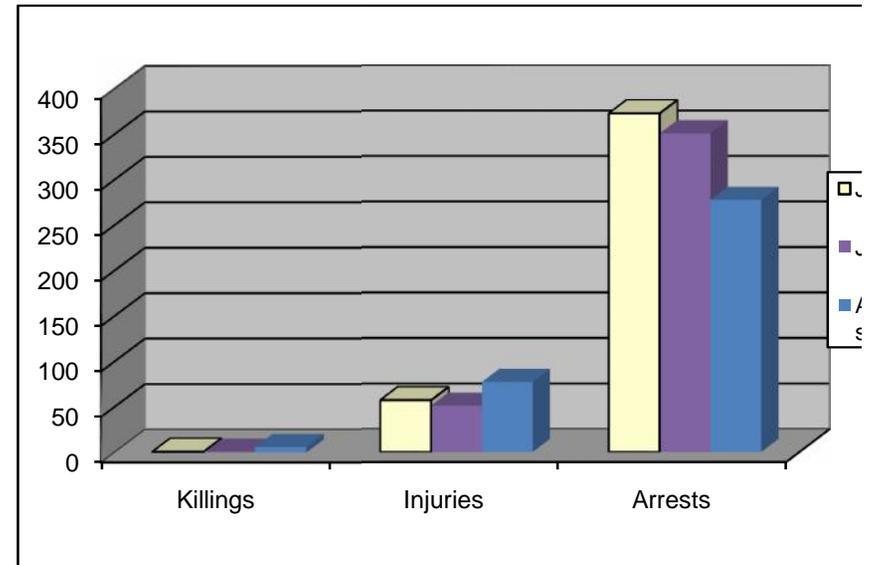
EVENT	JUNE 2013	JULY 2013	AUGUST 2013	COMMENTS
Assassinations	0	0	0	No Assassinations during the month of August.
Deaths	1	1	6	An Increase of 500% compared to the last 2 months.
Injuries	57	51	77	An increase by 51% compared to July and of 31.5% from last June. The number of children injured is 15 in August compared with 3 in July and 12 in June.
Attacks	196	114	198	An increase in the number of attacks by 73.7% compared to last month and by 1% compared to June.
Raids	550	372	400	An increase of 7.5% compared to July and decrease of 27.3% compared to June.
Arrests	372	350	277	June. The number of arrested children was 37 compared to 49 in June and 37 in July
Home Demolition	10	5	23	An increase of 360% compared to July.
Attacks on Property	123	41	85	An increase of 107.3% compared to last month (July) and decrease of by 30.9% compared to last June.

Home Occupation	8	2	4	An increase by 100% compared to last month (July).
Curfews	1	0	0	No Curfews imposed during this month.
Flying Checkpoints	443	432	463	An increase of 7.6% compared to July and increase of 5% compared to last June.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	136	145	152	The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on 108 occasions compared to 105 last month. <i>Yasser Arafat International Airport</i> has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> . <i>Rafah (Al-Awda)</i> crossing point was open 18 times by Israeli military during the month of August.
Medical Obstruction	1	0	0	No cases of Medical Obstruction for this month.
Attacks on Religious Sites	11	16	12	A decrease of 25% compared to last month (July).
School Disruption	1	3	1	Israeli forces occupied the rooftop of a school and converted it into a military post in Sa'ir village in Hebron.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	8	4	2	A decrease of 50% compared to the last month.
Settlement Activity	10	5	17	An increase of 240% in settlement activities compared to last month (July) and 37.5% increase compared to June.
Settler Violence	77	66	48	A decrease of 14.3% compared to the last month (July) and 70% compared to June.
TOTAL	2005	1607	1767	During the month of August, the total incidents increased by 9.9% compared to July due to the increase in the number of raids, Killings, and. Likewise, total events decrease by 11.9% compared to June as a result in the decrease in the number of checkpoints, killings, Attacks, raids and assault on Places of Worship.

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. Killing: A total of 6 killings were reported in the month of August:

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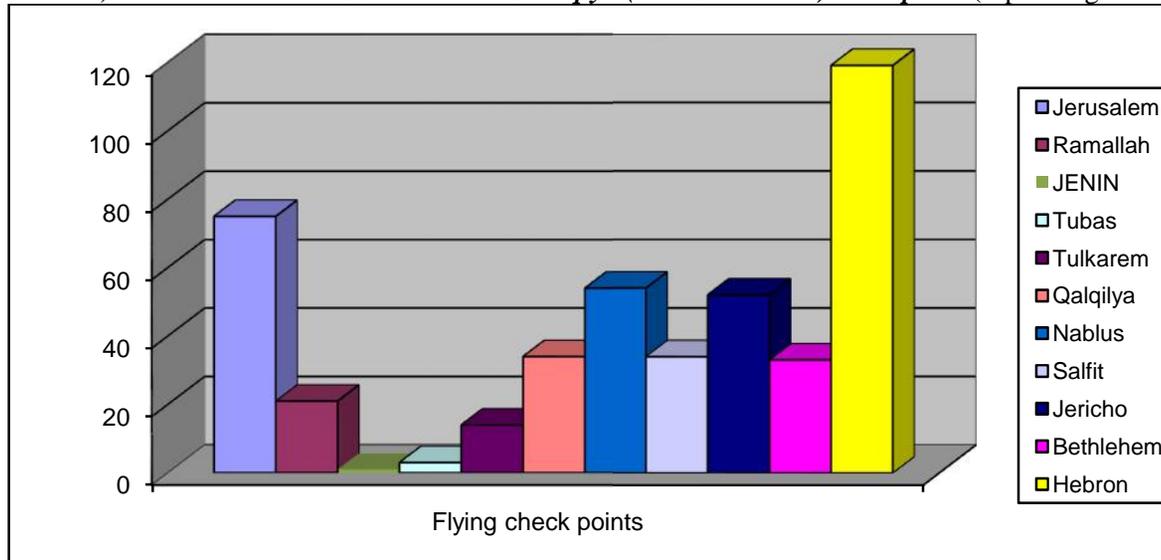
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During the month of August, the Israeli military temporarily detained 261 residents throughout the West Bank near residential areas and checkpoints which included 15 children 2 of which are under temporary house arrest in Jerusalem, 3 fishermen off the shores of Gaza, a University student, a journalist and 17 Palestinian 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 May, 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 **465 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in August, compared to 432 last month and 443 in May. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

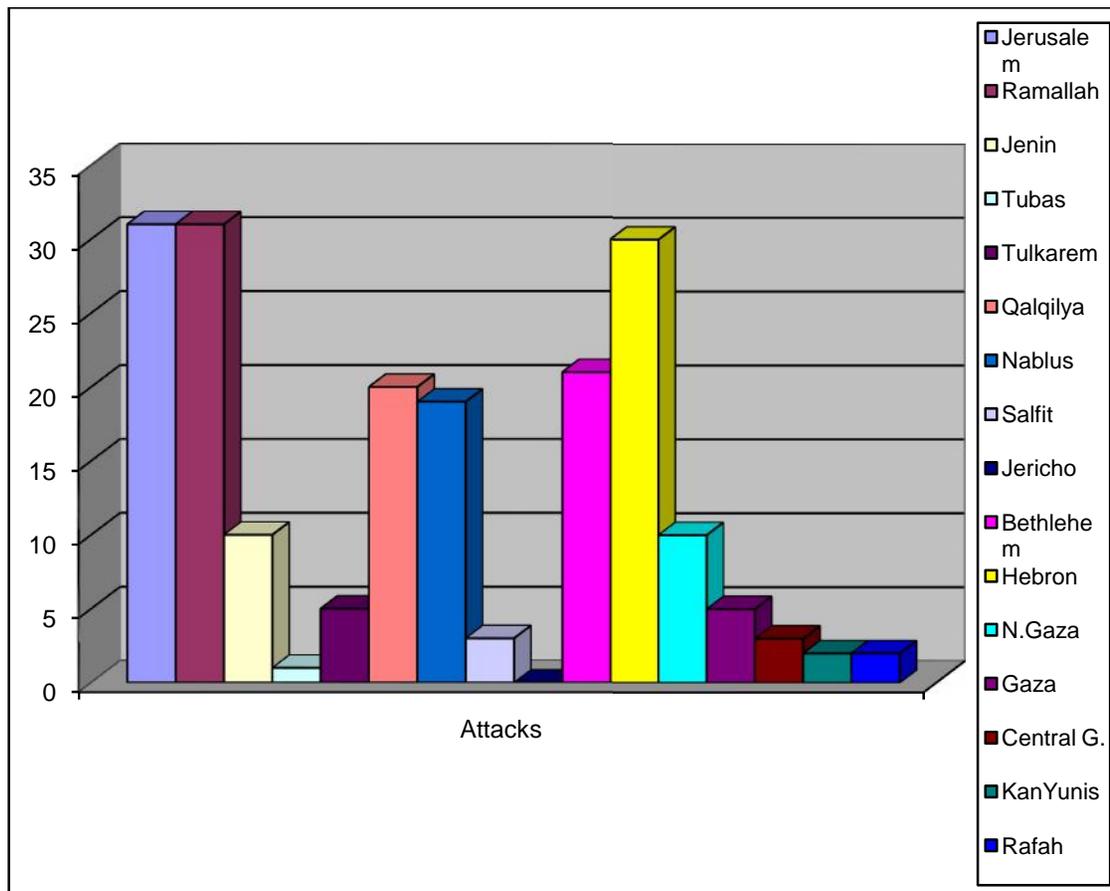
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5. Attacks

A total of **198attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of August (**173** in the West Bank and **25** in the Gaza Strip).

The Israeli military carried out **2attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **171 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **11attacks 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 carried out 1 attack on civilians and Israeli fighter Jets launched 1 attack on Palestinian areas.

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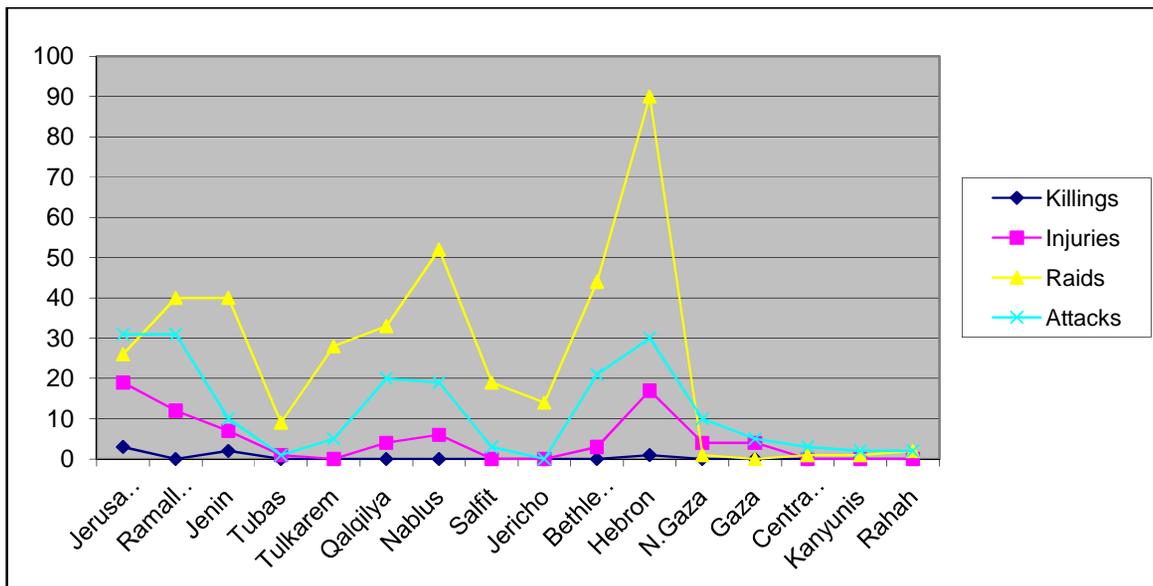


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **400raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of August, including **395 in the West Bank** and **5in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (26); Ramallah (40); Jenin (40); Tubas (9); Tulkarem (28); Qalqilya (33); Nablus (52); Salfit (19); Jericho (14); Bethlehem (44); Hebron (90); North Gaza (1);Central Gaza (1), Khan Yunis (1) and Rafah (2). The Israeli army **opened fire during confrontations and raids on173 occasions (i.e. 87.4%** of the total number of attacks).

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



7. Home Demolition

During the month of August the Israeli military demolished **23** homes and residential tents which consisted of the following:

Israeli forces demolished a home consisting of 2 floors and 4 apartments (under construction in Jabal Al-Tur neighbourhood in Jerusalem, Israeli forces demolished a 60 m² home in Silwan neighbourhood Jerusalem for allegedly being built without a licence, Israeli forces demolished 11 homes in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem Israeli forces forced a resident to demolish his home in Sur Bahar village in Jerusalem, Israeli forces demolished a barracks in Jerusalem, 3 mud homes in Tubas and 3 homes in Jiftlik village in Jericho.

The Israeli Military forces served 16 demolition orders for homes in Jerusalem and a home in Hebron.

8. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 85 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in August including 81 in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip.

Attack on Public and Private property occurred as follows per District:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli forces demolished 3 barracks', uprooted several fruit bearing trees in Al-Isawiya, Israeli settlers slashed the tires of 6 vehicles in Beit Safafa, demolished 6 livestock sheds in Silwan, Israeli forces demolished the entrance ways of Allasila family home collapsed due to a 1.5 m hole on the

side of the bordering road leading to Al-Aqsa mosque in the old city of Jerusalem Israeli forces uprooted several Olive trees as they levelled a plot of land in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem, Israeli settlers killed 2 heads of Livestock in Mikhmas village and Israeli authorities authorised the demolition of 20 storage dens and confiscation of the surrounding agricultural land for the purpose of expanding Shu'fat camp checkpoint..

In **Ramallah**, Israeli settler stoned and damaged 4 vehicles near Beit El settlement, Israeli authorities closed Israeli authorities shut down a solid waste treatment plant for Al-Bireh Municipality and as a result cause environmental and health problems in the city and which serves 80000 residents for the past 30 years. In **Tubas**, Israeli forces damaged several pieces of furniture in Tamoun and demolished 3 barracks in the north Jordan valley. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli forces uprooted several Olive trees in Ras Atiya village. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers damaged an agricultural tractor in Qusra village, uprooted 25 olive trees in Khiliet Al-Jar'iyah area located betweenHuwwara and Burin village, Israeli forces demolished 3 barracks and 4 tents in Beit Dajan and Israeli settlers uprooted several Olive trees in Kafr Qalil village. In **Salfit**, Israeli forces forced 3 merchant shops to close down in Kafil Harris and Israeli settlers uprooted several Olive trees in Harris village. In **Jericho**, Israeli forces demolished a livestock shed in Jiftlik village.

In**Hebron**,Israeli forces damaged furniture as they stormed a home in Al-Urub camp, Israeli forces damaged the tires of a vehicle after opening fire towards it in Al-Ramadin village, prevented several farmers and Sheppard's from entering their agricultural land which is under threat of confiscation in Um Al-Amid area in Yatta and confiscated bulldozer near Yatta.

Israeli forces served demolition orders for the following during the month of August:

Israeli forces served demolition orders to demolish 8 water wells and ordered the removal a steel fence financed by (UNDP) used to protect a 700 acre (dunum)Nature reserve in Hebron. Israeli forces served several Bedouins located in Beit Hanina to remove from, Israeli forces served halt to construction notices for 10 homes in Qalqiliya for allegedly being built without proper licencingIsraeli forces demolished 11 apartments on implementation of a court order that the home were allegedly built on land owned by the Israeli government, Israeli forces served orders to expel 3 residents from their homes in Wadi Qult area in Jericho, Israeli forces served a demolition notice for a car wash in Al-Nabi Samuel village in Jerusalem, Israeli forces served demolition order to demolish a water well network in Qum village in Hebron and prevented several residents and farmers from gaining access to a water well used by residents for drinking in Um Al-Kier village in Hebron.

Israeli forces confiscated the following during the month of August 2013:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli forces confiscated 3 archaeological clay pots from a cave in an archaeological site in Beit Safafa village confiscated a mobile restaurant including all its appliances in Silwan neighbourhood and several car wash equipment from Al-Nabi Samuel village. In **Ramallah**, Israeli forces confiscated several tons of farm eggs in Jifna, confiscated surveillance equipment, cameras and a cellular phone from a home in Budrus village. In **Jenin**, Israeli forces confiscated a cellular telephone in Sanur village. In **Tubas**, Israeli forces confiscated a truck near Deir Ibbziq village. In **Nablus**, Israeli forces confiscated an agricultural tractor in Qusra village and a computer in Asira Al-Shamaliya. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli forces confiscated a stone cutting saw and a Bulldozer in Beit Fajjar. In **Hebron**, Israeli forces confiscated a computer, 21 CD (Compact Discs) , surveillance camera memory board and several files from an Islamic Charity in Hebron, confiscated several stone cutting equipment in Beit Ummar, confiscated a wheel barrel in Al-Samou', Israeli forces confiscated a vehicle, computer and cellular telephone as they stormed a home in Hebron. In **North Gaza**, Israeli forces confiscated a fishing boat off the shores of Beit Lahiya. In **Gaza**, Israeli forces confiscated a fishing boat off the shores of Gaza.

9. Settlement Activities

A total of 17 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of August which included:

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10. Settler Violence

A total of 48 incidents of Settler violence occurred during the month of August including:

In **Jerusalem**, An Israeli settler attempted to stab a residents as he was heading to pray in Al-Aqsa mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, slashed the tires of 6 vehicles and spray painted racist slogans against Arabs in Beit Safafa village, assaulted a Sheppard and killed 2 heads of livestock (sheep) in Mikhmas village and an Israeli settler vehicle ran over and injured a child in Bir Nabala. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles near Bet El settlement junction and closed a road near “Halamish” settlement. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers assaulted 2 residents and damaged a tractor in Qusra village, uprooted 25 olive trees between Huwwara and Burin village, stormed a school in Burin village, levelled 12 dunumes of land and uprooted several olive trees in an attempt to confiscate the land in east Burin, assaulted several farmers and Sheppard's in Khirbit Yanun and an Israeli settler vehicle ran over and injured a resident near Huwwara, Israeli settlers stormed and opened fire towards residents in Aqraba, stormed a home under construction in Al-Naqura village, cut the wires of electricity connected to water well pump in in Asira Al-Qibliya, Israeli settlers chased Munthir Al-Qani in Kafr Qalil and prevented him from entering his farm land. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settlers set fire to agricultural land in Jinsafut village. In **Salfit**, Israeli settlers set fire to agricultural land in Harris village. In **Jericho**, Israeli settlers stormed Al-Mash'hirat area located in west Jericho, stormed Hairdo's Palace and installed several poles and ladders and chased several residents using attack dogs in Al-Oja village. **Bethlehem**, Israeli settlers pumped sewage waste on to agricultural land in Wadi Shahin area in west Bethlehem, attempted to confiscate 2 dunumes of land and placed barbed wire around it near Al-Khadr, Israeli settlers attempted to confiscate a plot of land and planted it with several trees in Al-Khadr.

In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers damaged the limbs of 6 olive trees in east Yatta, placed a steel gate near the entrance of several homes near Al-Ibrahimi

mosque in the old city of Hebron in an attempt to confiscate the homes and assaulted several residents and Sheppard's in Ithna.

11. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **152** occasions during the month of June. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **108** occasions. It opened ***Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing*** for 26 days for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals and ***Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing*** for 21 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'iyah (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 **44** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 18 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*.