

## **PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP**



### **MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS**

**01 December 2012 – 31 December 2012**

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 December 2012 to 31 December 2012. 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 NOVEMBER 2012

- **03 December:** Israeli forces positioned at a military tower along the main road connecting Tulkarem and Nablus located at Beit Lid junction opened fire towards and killed Hatem Shadid, a resident of Allar as he was attempting to medically assist several Israeli soldiers injured as a result of their military Jeep colliding with a vehicle and over turned.
- **03December:** Israeli forces positioned behind the Green Line opened fire towards the border fence in Al-Burieje camp and injured Jihad Misbah (16 years old).
- **04 December:** During confrontations between Israeli forces and several residents in Jabal Al-Tur neighbourhood in Jerusalem as Israeli forces demolished a home (2 floors) owned by Mohammad Abu Hawwa for allegedly being built without proper licencing and injured Ali Dibwani a journalist.
- **6 December:** Israeli forces assaulted and injured Mansour Sabarna (15 years old) as they stormed his home and detained him in Beit Ummar in Hebron causing severe head injuries.
- **7 December:** During clashes between Israeli force and demonstrators protesting settler attacks and land confiscation in Al-Nabi Saleh village and injured Nariman Al-Tamimi, and several others suffocated from tear gas inhalation.
- **10 December:** Nasir Nahal died of injuries sustained during Israeli airstrikes on Gaza in the month of November.
- **12 December:** Israeli forces positioned at a checkpoint near Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron and opened fire towards Mohammad Salaymeh (16 years old) for allegedly carrying a gun (later it was revealed that he was carrying a toy gun) killing him instantly with 5 gunshot wounds to his chest, prevented paramedics from reaching him, during which residents clashed with Israeli forces who opened fire and launched tear gas grenades towards residents which injured Mohammad Banat and leaving several others suffocated from tear gas inhalation and assaulted several journalist and injured Ziyad Salameh, Arif Jaber, Yusra Jamal, Mohammad Razim, Akram Al-Natsha (a journalist), Raed Abu Irmeleh (a journalist), Mamoun Wazwaz ( a journalist) as well as destroying Akram Al-Natsha's camera and detained a resident.
- **12 December:** Abdallah Asqoul died of injuries sustained from Israeli airstrikes towards Khan Yunis.
- **13 December:** Israeli forces positioned near Bab Al-Zawiya neighborhood in Hebron fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards residents participating in Mohammad Salemehe funeral that was killed near A-Ibrahimi mosques and as a result injured 21 residents and left 68 others suffocated from tear gas inhalation.
- **14 December:** During clashes between Israeli forces and demonstrators in Bil'in and Ni'lin during demonstrations against the construction of the wall Israeli forces injured Tariq Abu Rahmeh (16 years old) and left several others suffocated from tear gas inhalations.
- **15 December:** Israeli settlers stormed Hamdan Husiens home in Nablus, smashed his home windows, injured layla Odeh leaving her hospitalised with contusions.
- **16 December:** Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets towards several children as they stormed Aydeh camp in Bethlehem for the alleged stoning of a military watch tower and torching tires near the tower and as a result suffocated 13 residents including a child from tear gas inhalation.

- **19 December:** Salem Bin Sa'ed died of injuries sustained from Israeli air strikes towards Gaza on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- **20 December:** An Israeli UXO (Unidentified Explosive Object) exploded near the Jordan a valley and injured Najiyeh Zamal (11 years old).
- **24 December:** Israeli settlers stormed Beit Hanina in Jerusalem and assaulted Tamer Badawi (15 years old) leaving hospitalised with contusions.
- **24 December:** Israeli forces clashed with residents during their raid of Orif village in Nablus and injured Ismail Safadi (16 years old) and Ahmad Shiahdeh.
- **26 December:** Israeli settlers assaulted Abdel-Salam Al-Qamari (17 years old) in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem leaving him hospitalised with contusions.
- **26 December:** Israeli forces clashed with residents as they raided Yatta and injured Mohammad Abu Qabatiya (12 years old) after a tear gas grenade canister leaving him hospitalised with contusions and 21 others suffocated from tear gas inhalation.

## SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – DECEMBER 2012

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
<b>Assassination</b>	0	0	0	No assassinations were committed this month.
<b>Killing</b>	2	3	5	Including a child killed near Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron and 3 residents died of previous injuries sustained during Israeli airstrikes on Gaza.
<b>Injuries</b>	69	14	83	Incl. 13 children (3 from settler assaults and 1 from UXO explosion), 1 journalist, 1 fisherman, a National Security officer and 1 resident from settler assault.
<b>Attacks</b>	148	29	177	The Israeli military carried out 10 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 132 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 15 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 13 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 1271 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory Israeli Military Helicopters carried out 4 attacks on civilian houses and property. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 2 occasions.
<b>Raids</b>	524	3	527	28 in Jerusalem; 48 in Ramallah; 61 in Jenin; 24 in Tubas; 55 in Tulkarem; 32 in Qalqiliya; 84 in Nablus; 25 in Salfit; 25 in Jericho; 50 in Bethlehem; 92 in Hebron; 1 in North Gaza and 2 in Khan Yunis.
<b>Arrests</b>	373	20	393	84 in Jerusalem; 33 in Ramallah; 25 in Jenin; 15 in Toubas; 18 in Tulkarem; 11 in Qalqiliya; 58 in Nablus; 14 in Salfit; 9 in Jericho; 36 in Bethlehem; 69 in Hebron; 16 in Gaza, and 4 in Central Gaza. Arrested persons included 44 children; 4 females, 9 University students, 1 Attorney, a fisherman, a school principle and 21 security officers.
<b>Home Demolition</b>	10	0	10	The Israeli military demolished a home in Jabal Mukabbir neighbourhood in Jerusalem, demolished part of a home in Shu'fat camp, demolished part of a home in Beit Nubba village in Ramallah, demolished a residential barracks in Aqraba village in Nablus, demolished a home in Jabal Al-Tur neighbourhood in Jerusalem, forced a resident to demolish his own home in Beit Safafa, demolished a house in Jabal Al-Tur neighbourhood in Jerusalem, forced a resident to demolish part of his home in Wadi Al-Juz neighbourhood in Jerusalem, demolished a home consisting of 4 homes and a caravan in Jabal Al-Mukabir, demolished a 2 floor home in Al-Eizariya . Also Israeli forced served demolition orders to demolish 2 apartments in Wadi Al-Hilwa neighbourhood and to demolish 4 homes in Al-Bustan area in Jerusalem, served demolition orders to demolish 20 homes including (4 homes housing families and 16 homes under construction) in Wadi Al-Nis area in Bethlehem, served demolition orders to demolish 7 homes in Ithna village located in West Hebron, served demolition orders to demolish several homes in Al-Suna neighbourhood in Jerusalem, demolition order to demolish 4 homes in Al-Kahdr in Bethlehem, demolition orders to demolish a 5 floor home in Tarusa village in Hebron. Israeli forces served demolition notices to demolish 32 out of 88 homes in Al-Bustan neighbourhood in Jerusalem for the purpose of settlement expansion. Israeli forces demolished several homes in Silwan neighbourhood and served demolition orders to demolish a home and a 3 floor building in Hebron and 4 homes in Jerusalem.
<b>Attacks on Public &amp; Private Property</b>	87	6	87	<b><u>Destruction of Property:</u></b> The Israeli military and settlers destroyed civilian vehicles, furniture, trees, and demolished barracks and served summons for demolition. <b><u>Confiscation of Property:</u></b> The Israeli military confiscated a water spraying device, a hunting rifle, a computer and a fishing boat. <b><u>Land Confiscations:</u></b> I. On December 17 <sup>th</sup> 2012 , Israeli forces confiscated 862.5 dunmes of land in Abu Dis and Al-Izariya: a. 476.5 dunumes of land in Abu Dis in the areas of Zahra, Alqartiya, Zahrat Al-Raghbana, Manzil Ali, Batin Bishara, Um Shakhlib, Wadi Abu Hindi, Al-Khalayil, Al-Sararat, Al-Marja, Al-Qal'a Zahrat AlMarah, and Arqub Al-Marah. b. 386 dunumes of land located between Abu Dis and Al-Izariya. II. On December 17 <sup>th</sup> 2012, Israeli forces confiscated 415 dunums of land in Al-Izariya for the purpose of expanding "Malee Adumin settlement III. On December 15 <sup>th</sup> 2012, Israeli forces prolonged confiscation order T/89/06 which consists of 456 dunumes of land in Beit

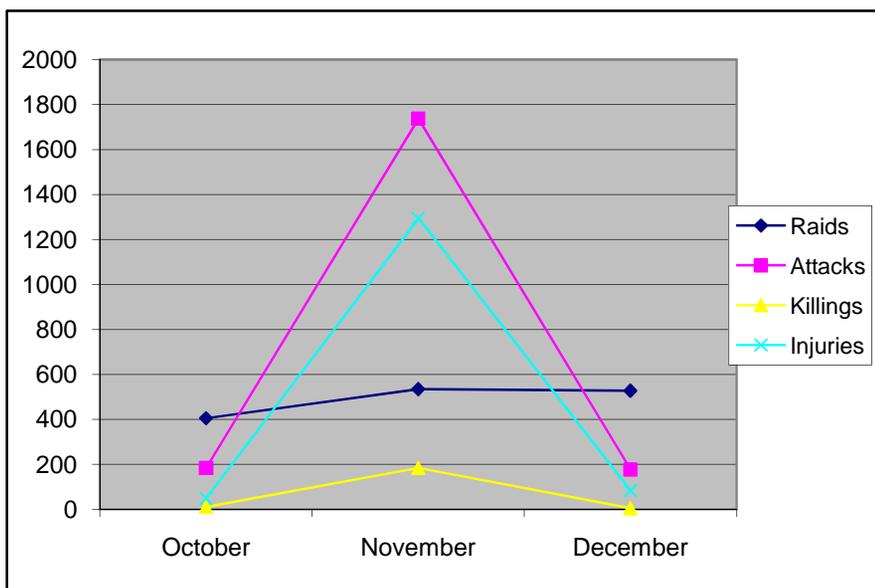
				Ikksa for the purpose of wall construction until December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2015. IV. On December 28 <sup>th</sup> 2012, Israeli forces submitted a confiscation order to confiscate 3 dunumes of agricultural land owned by Ghniem families and gave them 60 days to leave the area under the pretence of government owned land.
<b>Home Occupation</b>	8	0	8	The Israeli military occupied the rooftops and converted 3 civilian home into military posts in the district of Nablus and a home in Hebron.
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	0	138	138	International crossing points were closed on 116 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 30 occasions.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	465	0	465	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (71); Ramallah (42); Jenin (35); Tubas (6); Tulkarem (26); Qalqiliya (57); Nablus (50); Salfit (18); Jericho (39); Bethlehem (34); Hebron (87).
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	12	0	12	The Israeli military provoked or harassed the National Security force on 6 occasions, Palestinian Police on 3 occasions and Presidential guards on 1 occasion.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	9	0	9	A total of 9 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of December which included: Israeli authorities ordered the levelling of agricultural land in Hebron, levelling of 2 dunumes of agricultural land in Nihalim village in Bethlehem, levelling of agricultural land in Kafr Lafiq village in Qalqiliya, levelled the area around Huwara checkpoint in Nablus, levelled 15 dunumes of agricultural land in Bethlehem for the purpose of settlement expansion and in Beit Safafa area in Jerusalem in order to connect a road to the illegal settlement of "Gilo" in Jerusalem, levelled land to install electrical poles in Qalqiliya. Israeli Authorities approved tenders for the construction of 92 settlement unites in "Malee Adumim" settlement, the construction of a shopping centre in "Har Homa" settlement in Jerusalem, the construction of 8 settlement unites in "Ifrat" settlement in Bethlehem on land occupied in 1967. The Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of a road to be used by Israeli settlers only in Turmus'ayya village in Ramallah, approved plans for the construction of 1240 settlement unites ( 940 settlement unites during the first phase and 300 settlement unites during the second phase) in "Gilo" settlement in Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of 2612 settlement unites in "Hamatus" settlement in south Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities approved tenders for the construction of 1600 settlement unites in "Jifat Raif" settlement and "Har Homa" settlement both located in North and South Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967. Israeli Authorities approved the construction of 523 settlement unites in "Jifa'ut" settlement on land occupied in 1967 in Bethlehem. Israeli authorities also approved the construction of 1500 settlement unites in "Ramat Shlomo" settlement located in North Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967. Israeli authorities approved plans for the construction of 3400 settlement unites in "E1" area located between "Malee Adumim" settlement and east Jerusalem on land occupied in 1967, sent out advertisements for the construction of 17 settlement unites and the creation of a new settlement out[post " Milumat David" and the connection of this settlement out post with 104 settlement unites connecting it with "Malee Zaif" settlement and the construction of an additional 116 settlement unites on land occupied in 1967
<b>Settler Violence</b>	74	0	74	Israeli settlers opened fire towards civilians; stoned civilians and civilian vehicles, ran over residents with their vehicle, set agricultural land on fire and uprooted several fruit bearing trees.
<b>Attacks on Educational Sector</b>	2	0	2	Israeli forces stormed Al-Quds Open University, checked student Identification cards and stormed a secondary school in Bethlehem.
<b>Attacks on Medical Sector</b>	1	0	1	Preventing ambulance from reaching an injured child in Hebron.
<b>Attacks on Religious</b>	14	0	14	Israeli settler raided the vicinity of Al-Aqsa mosque compound, closed access to Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron,

<b>Sites</b>				stormed 2 churches in Jerusalem and wrote racist graffiti on church walls in Jerusalem.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2005</b>	

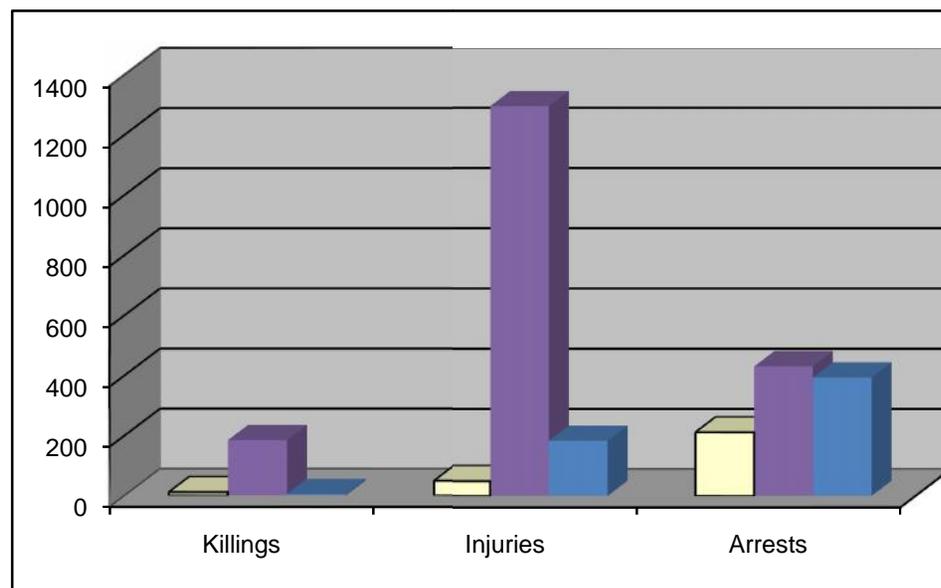
### COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	OCTOBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2012	DECEMBER 2012	COMMENTS
<b>Assassinations</b>	4	2	0	No assassination during the month of December.
<b>Deaths</b>	11	182	5	A dramatic decrease compared to last month.
<b>Injuries</b>	49	1294	83	A decrease by 93.6% compared to last November, and a raise by 69.4% compared to November. The number of children injured in October is 9 compared with 316 in October and 13 in November
<b>Attacks</b>	184	1737	177	A decrease in the number of attacks by 89.8% compared to last month and by 3.8% compared to October.
<b>Raids</b>	402	534	527	A decrease by 1.3% compared to November and an increase by 31.1% compared to October.
<b>Arrests</b>	211	430	393	A decrease of 8.6% compared to November and a rise of 86.3% compared to October. The number of arrested children was 44 compared to 48 in November and 23 in October
<b>Home Demolition</b>	8	613	10	A decrease of 98.4% compared to last month.
<b>Attacks on Property</b>	78	247	87	A decrease by 64.8% compared to last month and by 11.5. % compared to last October.
<b>Home Occupation</b>	11	0	0	No homes occupied this month.
<b>Curfews</b>	2	0		No curfews this month
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	339	400	465	An increase of 16.1% compared to November and of 37.2% compared to last October.
<b>Complete Closure of Crossing Points</b>	146	146	138	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 107 occasions compared to 116 last month. Rafah Crossing was closed (Uprising) in 2000.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	0	0	1	There was one medical disruption incident for this month.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	18	4	14	A decrease of 250% compared to last month and a decrease of 22.2% compared to October.
<b>School Disruption</b>	7	*	2	There were 2 incidents of school disruption for this month.
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	3	6	12	An increase of 100% compared to the last month.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	8	14	9	A decrease of 35.7% in settlement activities compared to last month and 12.5% increase compared to October.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	53	67	74	An increase of 10.4% compared to the last month.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1534</b>	<b>5676</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>During the month of December, the total incidents decreased by 74.4% compared to November due to the rise in the number of checkpoints, killings, Attacks, and raids.</b>

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



**COMPARISON OF INCIDENTS OF DEATHS, INJURIES, AND ARRESTS THE PAST 3 MONTHS**



## ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

### 1. Killing

A total of 5 civilians were reported killed during the month of December (2 in the West Bank and 3 in Gaza Strip including: 1 child killed by Israeli forces in Hebron and 3 residents from injuries sustained during airstrikes on Gaza.

### 2. Injuries

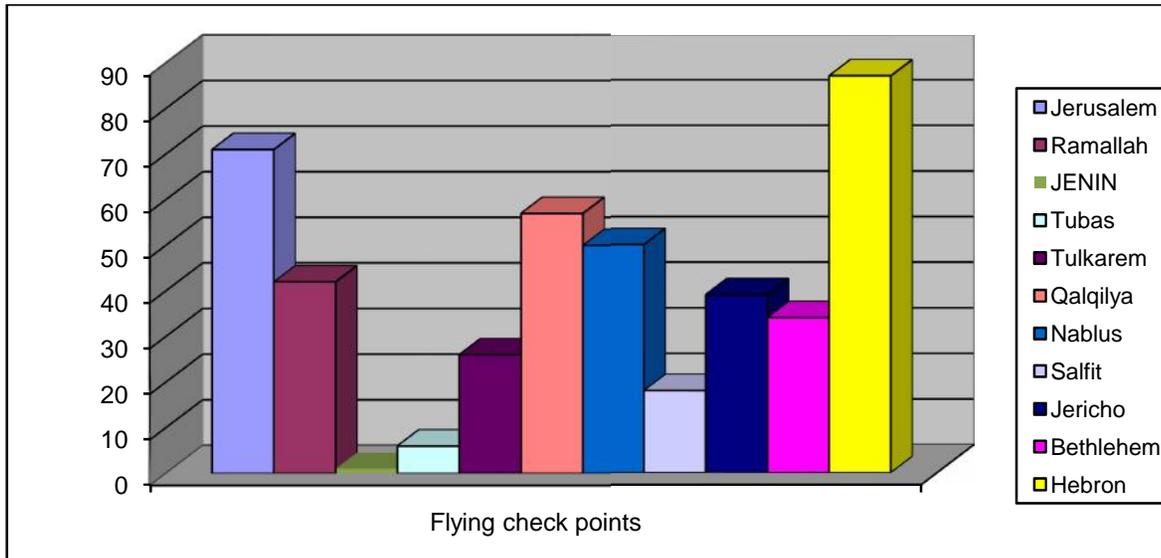
A total of **83 injuries** were reported in the month of December (69 Palestinians in the West Bank and 14 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 13 children (3 during settler attack and 1 child as a result of an Israeli army UXO), 2 women as a result of Israel Settler attacks, 1 Journalists, 1 Fisherman, 1 Palestinian Security officer and a resident from settler attack.

### 3. Arrests

During the month of December, the Israeli military **arrested 393 Palestinians** (373 the West Bank and 20 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (84); Ramallah (33); Jenin (25); Tubas (15); Tulkarem (18); Qalqiliya (11); Nablus (58); Salfit (14); Jericho (9); Bethlehem (36); Hebron (69); Gaza (16) and Central Gaza (4). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 44 children; 4 Women, 9 University students; 1 Attorney, 1 fisherman, A school principle and 21 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

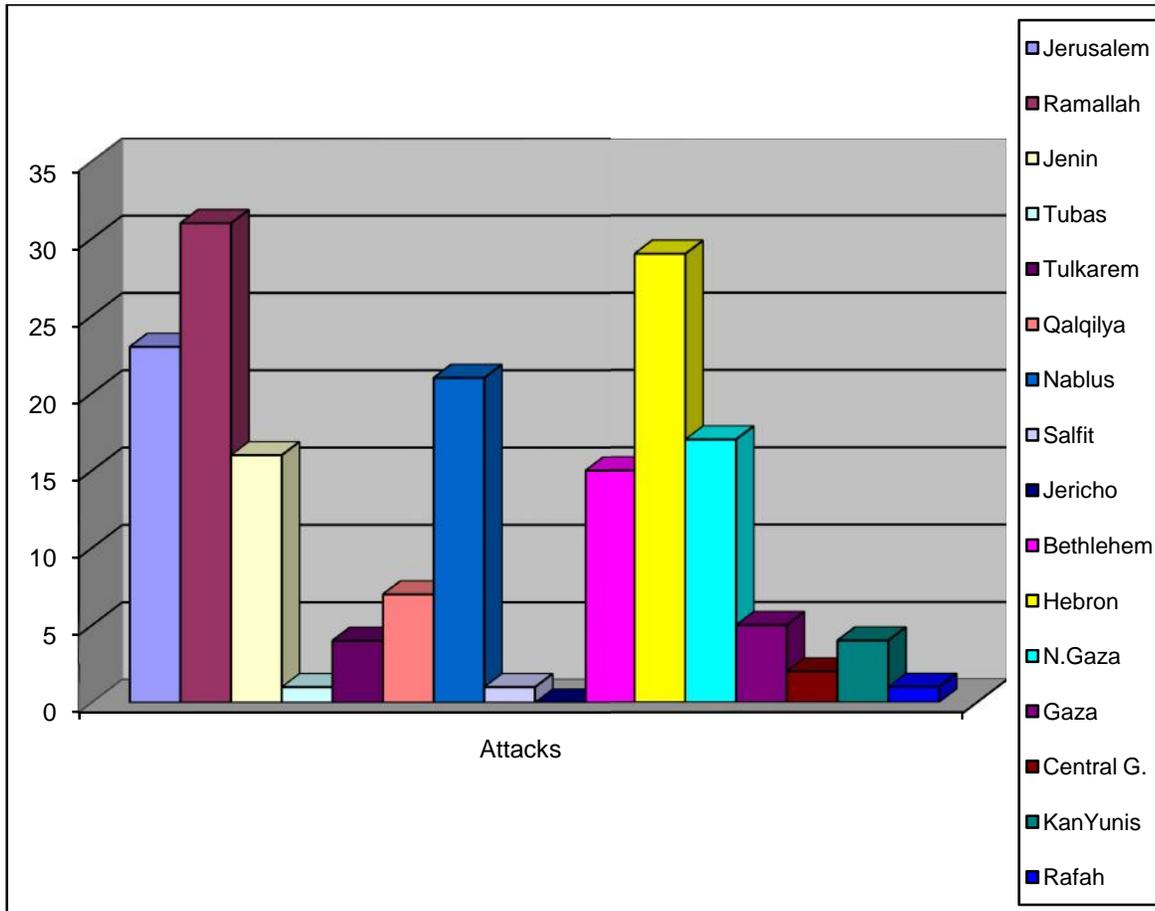
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **465 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in December, compared to 400 last month and 339 in October. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

### 5. Attacks

A total of **177 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of December: **148** in the West Bank and **29** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **10 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **132 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 **13 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli military carried out 5 attacks from a military checkpoint. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on **2 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 **29 occasions** during the month of December (compared to **1497** last November). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **1 mortar round** towards the Green Line (compared to **1941** last month).

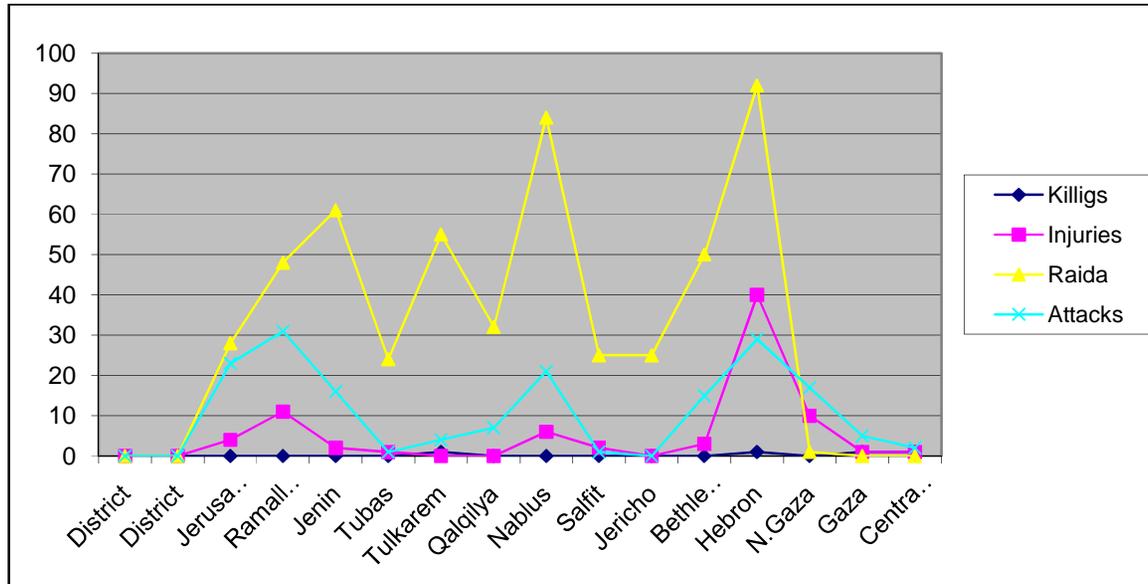


**Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts**

## 6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **527raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of December, including **524 in the West Bank** and **3in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (28); Ramallah (48); Jenin (61); Tubas (24); Tulkarem (55); Qalqiliya (32); Nablus (84); Salfit (25); Jericho (25); Bethlehem (50); Hebron (92); North Gaza (1) and Khan Yunis (2). The Israeli army **opened fire during confrontations and raidson142 occasions (i.e. 80.2% of the total number of attacks)**.

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



## 7. Home Demolition

The Israeli military demolished a home in Jabal Mukabbir neighbourhood in Jerusalem, demolished part of a home in Shu'fat camp, demolished part of a home in Beit Nubba village in Ramallah, demolished a residential barracks in Aqraba village in Nablus, demolished a home in Jabal Al-Tur neighbourhood in Jerusalem, forced a resident to demolish his own home in Beit Safafa, demolished a house in Jabal Al-Tur neighbourhood in Jerusalem, forced a resident to demolish part of his home in Wadi Al-Juz neighbourhood in Jerusalem, demolished a home consisting of 4 homes and a caravan in Jabal Al-Mukabir, demolished a 2 floor home in Al-Eizariya .

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### **10. Attacks on Public and Private Property**

A total of 87 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in December, including 81 in the West Bank and 6 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, Israel forces destroyed an Aluminium mill, a livestock barracks in Al-Izariya and damaged 3 vehicles in Jerusalem. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers damaged a vehicle near Bet El and Israeli forces damaged equipment and files in 2 organizations in Ramallah Al-Dameer association and in the Women's Rights Association. In **Jenin**, Israeli forces damaged a vehicle at Dotan checkpoint. In **Tubas**, Israeli forces damaged the entrances of a home as they stormed Ein Al Bayda village and Israeli forces forcibly removed 6 families from their homes in Kharbeit Himsa area in the Jordan Valley. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settlers chased several farmers from their agricultural land near "Kadumin" settlement and destroyed several olive trees as they levelled agricultural land at the entrance of Kafr Laqif village and uprooted several olive trees as they levelled agricultural land near "Karni Shomron" settlement. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers uprooted 40 Olive trees as they stormed agricultural land in Qusra village, set fire to 2 vehicles in Majdal Bani Fadil village, destroyed several home widows in Ein Abbas village and Israeli forces damaged furniture in 6 homes as they stormed Burqa village. In **Salfit**, Israeli settlers slashed the tires of 6 vehicles in Yasuf village. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli settlers killed 2 heads of goat as they let loose attack dogs on a herd of goats in Al-Faradis village, uprooted several olive trees as they levelled 20 dunums of land in Nihilin village, uprooted 200 olive trees in Al-Kadr, destroyed several crops, crop irrigation water at the entrance of "Betar Aliyat" settlement on land in the vicinity of Wadi Fuqin village, Israeli settlers stoned a bus carrying Palestinian detainee family members near "Ifrat" settlement, uprooted 200 olive trees in Al-Jab'a village, set fire to olive trees in Nihalin and Husan villages. In **Hebron**, Israeli forces uprooted 135 fruit bearing trees, destroyed a water well network and a crop irrigation pond in Al-Gharous area in east Hebron, prevented residents from reaching their farm land in Yatta, served a demolition order to demolish a Marble mining factory in Beit Ummar. And Israeli settlers set fire to a vehicle in Abu Al-Sa'na village. In the **North Gaza**, Israeli military attacks damaged a fishing boat off the shores of the Gaza Strip.

### **Property damage operations included the following confiscations:**

**Jerusalem:** A computer storing security camera data in Al-Ram.

**Ramallah:** A computer, several files owned by Al-Dammeer Detainees Association and Women Affairs Association.

**Jenin:** A hunting rifle in Jenin Camp.

**Tulkarem:** 3 computer computers in Tulkarem city and a computer owned by a taxi cab company.

**Nablus:** A hunting rifle in Burqa and a computer in Nablus city.

**Salfit:** A hunting rifle in Kafr Al-Dik.

**Jericho:** A crop spraying device in Al-Oja village.

**Hebron:** A computer in Yatta, a personal check amounting to 4000 NIS, a magnetic card, a cellular telephone at a checkpoint in Al-Dahriya.

**Gaza:** Several fishing boats off the shores of Gaza.

In addition, the Israeli army delivered notices to demolish merchant shop in Silwan in Jerusalem, served notices to demolish 5 barrack in North Jerusalem, served demolition orders for a merchant shop, a livestock barracks in Silwan and a notice to demolish a road leading to agricultural land in Salfit.

## **11. Settlement Activities**

A total of 9 settlement activity incidents occurred during the month of December which included:

Israeli authorities ordered the levelling of agricultural land in Hebron, levelling of 2 dunumes of agricultural land in Nihalin village in Bethlehem, levelling of agricultural land in Kafr Lafiya village in Qalqiliya, levelled the area around Huwara checkpoint in Nablus, levelled 15 dunumes of agricultural land in Bethlehem for the purpose of settlement expansion and in Beit Safafa area in Jerusalem in order to connect a road to the illegal settlement of “Gilo” in Jerusalem, levelled land to install electrical poles in Qalqiliya.

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## **12. Settler Violence**

A total of 74 incidents of Settler violence occurred during the month of December including:

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers assaulted a child in Siwan, assaulted a child in Biet Hanina, attempted to prevent Palestinian Christians from lighting a Christmas tree in the old city, slashed the tires of 3 vehicles in Shufat camp, stoned vehicles near Mukhmas junction, assaulted a resident and sprayed pepper spray in to a residents face in the old city of Jerusalem, sprayed racist graffiti insulting Jesus Christ on vehicles, slashed the tires of 3 vehicles in Jerusalem and stormed and occupied 3 apartments in a building in Jabal Mikabir. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers stormed Al-Mazra’a Al-Gal-Kahdrharbiya, stoned vehicles near Bet El and Ofar Settlements, stoned homes in Mazra’a Al-Gharbiya and prevented vehicles from passing through Atara bridge. In **Nablus**, Israeli settler uprooted 240 Olive trees in Qusra village, assaulted several Sheppard’s in Yanun village, set fire to 2 vehicles in Majdal Bani Fadil village, stoned several homes near the outskirts of Einabus village, stoned vehicles near “Shave Shomron” junction, opened fire towards several children near the entrance of Burqa village, opened fire towards vehicles passing along the main road connecting Nablus and Jenin and chased away several farmers from their agricultural land in Burin village. In **Qalqiliya**, Israeli settlers uprooted several fruit bearing trees in Jinsafut village. In **Salfit**, Israeli settlers stormed agricultural land in Kafr Al-Dik, stoned vehicles near Yasuf village and assaulted several farmers heading towards their agricultural land. In **Bethlehem**, Israeli settlers installed several mobile homes and several tents on residential land in A-Khadir, assaulted a residents as he was herding his goats and let loose attack dogs on the goats in AL-Faradis village, assaulted 2 residents while farming their land in Al-Ja’; a village, uprooted 200 olive trees in Al-Kahdr, pumped sewage waste on agricultural land in Wadi Fuqin village, stoned a bus carrying

family members of Palestinian detainees passing near Ifrat settlement.

In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers assaulted several school teachers near a gas station in Al-Fuwar, assaulted residents farming their agricultural land in Yatta,, a Israeli settler ran over a child with his vehicle near Bet Ummar, levelled several plots of land in Um Al Aris area located in east Yatta, assaulted several farmers near “Hajay” settlement, set fire to a residential vehicle and wrote racist graffiti in Abu Al-Al’ Asja village.

### **13. Closure of Crossing Points**

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **138** occasions during the month of December. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **107** 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 22 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 28days 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*.