



Overview

The beginning of April marked the 178th. day of Israel's genocidal aggression against the **Gaza Strip**, as the occupation continued to prepare for an invasion of Rafah, where nearly a million and a half people have been sheltering. On the evening of the first day of April, subsequent to the withdrawal of the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) from Al-Shifa Medical Complex and its vicinity, which resulted in the complex's devastation and the loss of hundreds of Palestinian lives, Israeli warplanes targeted members of the World Central Kitchen (WCK) in the Deir Al-Balah area in the central Gaza Strip, [killing seven of them, including six foreigners and one Palestinian citizen](#). In response, [WCK](#) called for an independent, third-party investigation and temporarily suspended operations ([which resumed on 28 April](#)). And amid international condemnation of what was described as a "tragic incident," the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, [Jamie McGoldrick](#), explained that: "This is not an isolated incident. As of 20 March, at least 196 humanitarians had been killed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory since October 2023. This is nearly three times the death toll recorded in any single conflict in a year." He added: "Since October 2023, the oPt has become one of the world's most dangerous and difficult places to work. There is no safe place left in Gaza."

In the **West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem**, the IOF and their armed settlers continued their aggression against various Palestinian governorates. In Nour Shams refugee camp, east of Tulkarm, after imposing a siege that lasted for more than 50 hours, the IOF perpetrated a massacre, resulting in the killing of 14 Palestinians. [The IOF began implementing a large-scale military operation considered to be the most severe and violent of its kind since the so-called "Operation Defensive Shield" in April 2002](#), after imposing a tight military siege on Nour Shams refugee camp amid illegal acts of sabotage and deliberate destruction of the infrastructure and citizens' homes and properties.

After 39 years in occupation prisons, Palestinian prisoner Walid Daqqa (62) was martyred inside "Assaf Harofeh" hospital due to Israel's policy of medical crimes and slow killing of ill Palestinian prisoners.¹

Key Facts & Figures

	At least 1,736 Palestinians were killed (at least 1,700 in Gaza and 36 in the West Bank) during April 2024. Between 7 October 2023 and the end of April 2024: at least 35,059 Palestinians were killed, including 34,568 martyrs in Gaza and 491 martyrs in the West Bank]. (Ministry of Health)
	+ 2,400 Palestinians were injured, incl. 2,200 in Gaza during April 2024. Between 7 October 2023 and the end of April 2024, at least 82,650 Palestinians were injured, incl. at least 77,760 in Gaza. (Ministry of Health)
	Since the aggression began and until the end of April 2024, more than 3,052 massacres have been committed in Gaza. (Media Sources) According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health , six mass graves were discovered within hospitals, from which 454 martyrs were recovered. Additionally, it's estimated that over 10,000 missing people under the rubble.

¹ On Palestinian Children's Day, which falls on 5 April, prisoner institutions issued a statement confirming that the occupation detained over 200 Palestinian children in its prisons. Among them are 23 Gaza children held in "Megiddo" prison. These detainees, like all Gaza detainees, are subject to forced disappearance. This represents the only available data concerning Gaza's detained children, with the actual number potentially being higher.



There were 194 shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with 962 military raids and 441 sudden military checkpoints. ([NAD](#))



At least 211 Israeli settlers' terror attacks.² ([NAD](#))









At least 757 Palestinians were arrested, including 29 women and 75 children; occupied Jerusalem recorded the highest number of arrests, with 291 cases. By the end of April 2024, more than 9,500 prisoners were in occupation prisons spread across 23 prisons and detention centers. This number does not include Gaza detainees. The number of female prisoners reached 79 in "Damon" prison, but there is no data about other female prisoners from Gaza. During the month, four prisoners lost their lives in occupation prisons and detention centers due to torture and medical crimes: Walid Daqqa (62), who spent 39 years in occupation prisons, Palestinian worker Abdul Rahim Amer from Qalqilya, Palestinian orthopedic surgeon Adnan Al-Barsh from Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza, and Ismail Khader, also from Gaza. This brings the **total number of captive martyrs to at least 18 since 7 October 2023**. Gaza captive martyrs, estimated to number dozens in detention centers, continue to be concealed by the occupation.³ ([Palestinian Prisoners Society & The Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs Commission](#)).

Israel's Genocidal Aggression Against the Gaza Strip

- A [joint report by the World Bank and UNRWA](#) on damage caused by Israel's aggression on Gaza by the end of January 2024 estimates \$18.5 billion in damage to critical infrastructure in Gaza. This is equivalent to 97% of the combined gross domestic product of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 2022. The report pointed out that housing damage accounts for 72% of the total cost, the infrastructure for public services such as water, health, and education accounts for 19%, and damage to commercial and industrial buildings accounts for 9%.
- The IOF continued to massacre defenseless civilians and destroy their properties in Gaza. One of the most horrific massacres that testified to the horror of the occupation's crimes was the Nasser Medical Complex massacre, where the Palestinian Civil Defense announced the recovery of no less than 392 semi-decomposed bodies from among the rubble of the Nasser Medical Complex. [The Civil Defense confirmed that 58% of the martyrs' bodies were not identified](#) and that the IOF buried some of them alive. Also, physical torture appeared on many bodies, as some were found handcuffed and stripped of their clothes.
- Aside from bombing and destroying schools and educational institutions, Israel deliberately targeted displaced people sheltering there. It turned many of them into military bases for its forces and military vehicles. Salah al-Din Preparatory School in Gaza City, for example, became a detention, interrogation, and torture center for Gaza's displaced people. [UN experts warned in a joint statement](#) of "scholasticide in the Gaza Strip," stating that "With more than 80% of schools in Gaza damaged or destroyed, it may be reasonable to ask if there is an intentional effort to comprehensively destroy the Palestinian education system, an action known as 'scholasticide'."

² Multiple attacks may occur in the same incident

³ Israeli newspaper [Haaretz](#) reported that an Israeli doctor working at the field hospital in the "Sde Teman" detention center in the Negev desert detailed harsh torture methods endured by Palestinian prisoners from Gaza in a letter to Israeli officials. He disclosed that two prisoners' legs were amputated after being shackled in metal handcuffs. With the lack of regular medical services and necessary equipment at the hospital, he highlighted that all patients were shackled and did not receive proper treatment.

	<p>Approximately 70% of Gaza's civilian infrastructure has been destroyed. The latest statistics indicate that since the beginning of the aggression, around 69,000 housing units were destroyed and +290,000 housing units were damaged. A total of 500,000 people don't have a home to return to (Oxfam & UNOCHA)</p>
	<p>Nearly 85% of Gaza's population was forcibly displaced (approx. 1.93 million Palestinians). (Ministry of Health)</p>
	<p>Nearly 1.4 million displaced persons have been registered in 155 UNRWA facilities throughout Gaza, incl. about one million displaced persons registered in 94 UNRWA shelters in the south. Even UNRWA facilities were spared from targeting: since the onset of the aggression, 164 of its facilities have been subjected to various damages as a result of the bombing, and 182 of its employees were killed, in addition to the killing of at least 428 displaced persons in its shelters and the injury of no less than 1,430 people.</p>
	<p>Attacks on the Education Sector: A previous UN-partnered analysis said that more than 80% of all Gaza schools were damaged in various ways. According to the Ministry of Education, since the aggression began, +6,425 students and +297 education sector staff have been killed. More than 10,420 students and +995 staff members have been injured⁴.</p>
	<p>Attacks on the Health Sector: Since the aggression began, the IOF direct and indirect attacks on health facilities and their workers have resulted in the killing of +490 healthcare workers and medical specialists, the injury of +600, along with the detention and arrest of + 310 others. More than 130 ambulances were destroyed and rendered inoperable, and 155 health facilities were partially or completely damaged, shutting down 32 hospitals and 53 health centers. Media reports indicate that the IOF, executed at least 400 Palestinians in the Al-Shifa Medical Complex and its vicinity, in addition to kidnapping 300 Palestinians, and taking them to unknown destinations (100 others were reported missing). (Ministry of Health)</p>
	<p>Attacks on Journalists: Two journalists were killed in the Gaza Strip: Amna Hamid (34) and Mohammad Al-Jamal (35), a correspondent for the Palestine Now news agency. As a result, the number of martyrs among journalists and workers in the media sector reached 135 martyrs until the end of April due to deliberate Israeli bombings of their homes, offices, and while working in the field. Additionally, 1,500 journalists were displaced and sheltered in hospitals and other shelters. There were bombings of hundreds of journalists' homes and the 84 media and press institutions' headquarters were destroyed. Up until the end of April, the IOF arrested a total of 100 journalists, incl. 10 female journalists. Currently, there are 44 journalists detained in occupation detention centers. (Journalists' Syndicate)</p>

⁴ Regarding the damage and destruction caused to the Palestinian Higher Education sector in the Gaza Strip, (19) higher education institutions (incl. universities, colleges, and other institutions) were severely damaged, while more than 86 other institutions were completely or partially destroyed (31 buildings were completely destroyed, and 55 buildings were partially destroyed). The number of martyrs from the higher education staff reached +608 martyrs, incl. +515 students and 93 staff members.

Examples of the occupying Power's deliberate attacks on Palestinian hospitals and civilians in Gaza:

- **Targeting the "World Central Kitchen" aid workers:** three Israeli missiles were fired at three vehicles, including two cars bearing the organization's logo, on the coastal strip opposite Deir al-Balah. The first vehicle was targeted with a missile, resulting in the front of the car being completely burned. The driver managed to escape and get into another car in the convoy. A missile hit the roof of another vehicle 500 meters to the south, killing three of the people inside. Two others managed to escape and get into the third vehicle. Approximately one kilometer to the south, the third car was targeted with another Israeli missile, killing four others.
- **Intensification of Israeli bombing on Al-Nuseirat Refugee Camp in the middle of the Gaza Strip:** Israeli warplanes intensified their raids on the camp, destroying entire residential squares. For example, on 27 April, [9 Palestinians were martyred, including 4 children and their mother](#), and 30 others were injured by an airstrike that struck a house in the camp. As a result of the bombing, the house was completely destroyed, and the whole residential square suffered damages. [On 11 April, at least 5 Palestinians were killed in an artillery shelling of a new camp](#) in Al-Nuseirat. Also, the IOF targeted Al-Nuseirat Primary School for Boys, which housed many displaced people, in addition to Moaz Ibn Jabal Mosque and a residential apartment in the camp. It is noteworthy that three Palestinians died inside the school, and many displaced people were injured. And in an Israeli bombing that targeted another house in the camp [on 9 April, 14 citizens, the majority of whom were children and women, were killed](#), and others were injured.
- **Bombing Homes in Rafah:** At dawn on 2 April, [4 Palestinians were killed after Israeli missiles bombed a house in Rafah](#), including two children. Others were injured.

Israel's Aggression Against the West Bank

- From 7 October 2023 to the end of April 2024: 68 public schools were attacked, 60 students were killed, 342 students and 7 teachers were injured, and 119 students and more than 85 teachers were arrested. ([Ministry of Education](#))
- In addition to the bodies of 256 martyrs in the Cemeteries of Numbers, Israel currently withholds the bodies of 245 Palestinian martyrs, including 30 children, 26 prisoners, and four women. **In April 2024, the occupation authorities released the bodies of four martyrs, while withholding the bodies of 10 martyrs**, including a martyr from Gaza and two Palestinian martyrs from inside the Green Line: Wahb Shbeita (26) from Al-Tira, Walid Daqqa (62) from Baqa Al-Gharbiya, Asmaa Abu Mohsen (17) from Tubas, Palestinian orthopedic surgeon and head of the orthopedic department at Al-Shifa Medical Complex Adnan Al-Barsh (50) from Gaza, Mohammad Jabareen (19) from Hebron, Mousa Jabareen (18) from Hebron, Labiba Sawafta (43) from Tubas, Maymouna Harahsheh (20) from Hebron, Mustafa Abed (21) from Jenin, and Ahmed Shawahneh (20) from Jenin. **Between 7 October and the end April 2024: Israel has withheld the bodies of 103 martyrs** ([National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies](#)).⁵



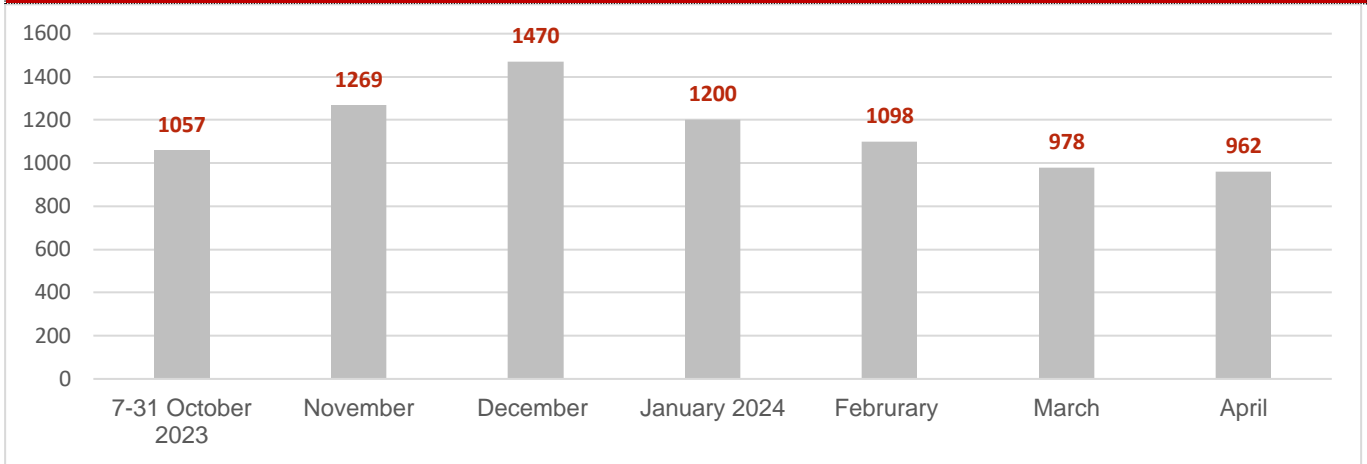
In April 2024: The occupation authorities advanced more than 3,330 settlement units in the West Bank, incl. in occupied Jerusalem, in addition to approving several other colonial settlement projects. ([Peace Now & Ir Amim](#))



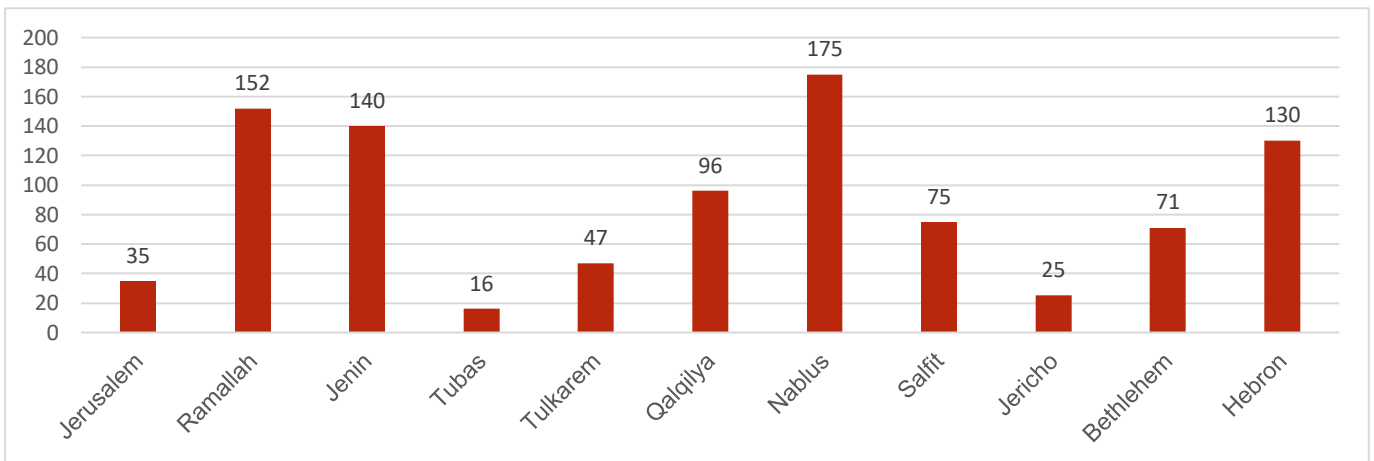
In April 2024, the IOF demolished 24 Palestinian structures, incl. 4 homes, resulting in the displacement of 2 families (14 people, incl. 7 children) and otherwise affecting 29 families (162 individuals, incl. 76 children). ([UNOCHA](#))

⁵ While information about the identities and numbers of the rest of Gaza's martyrs is not yet available, it is expected that hundreds of their bodies are being held by the occupation forces.

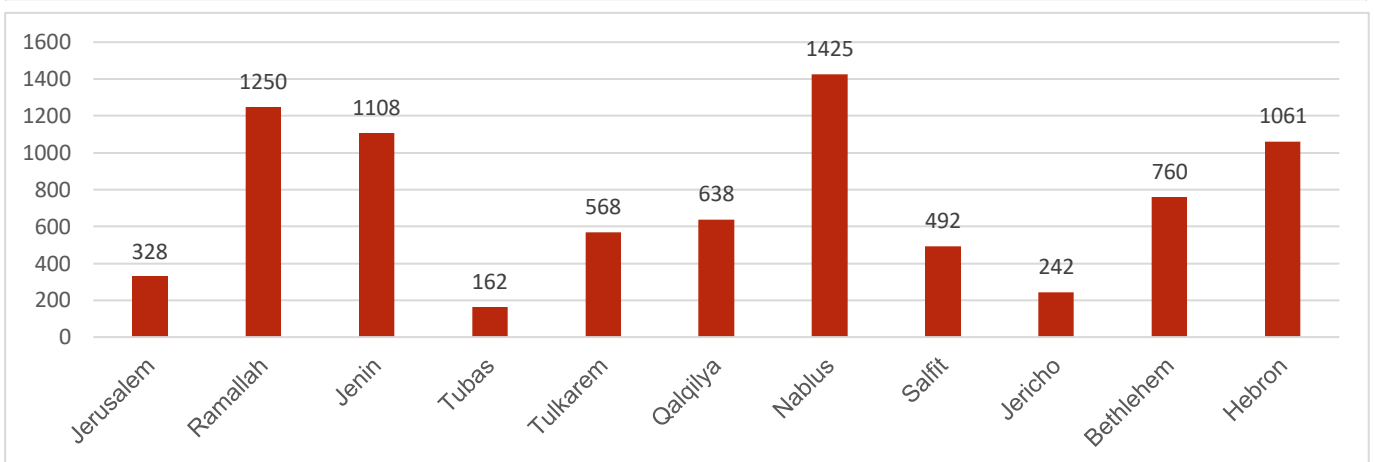
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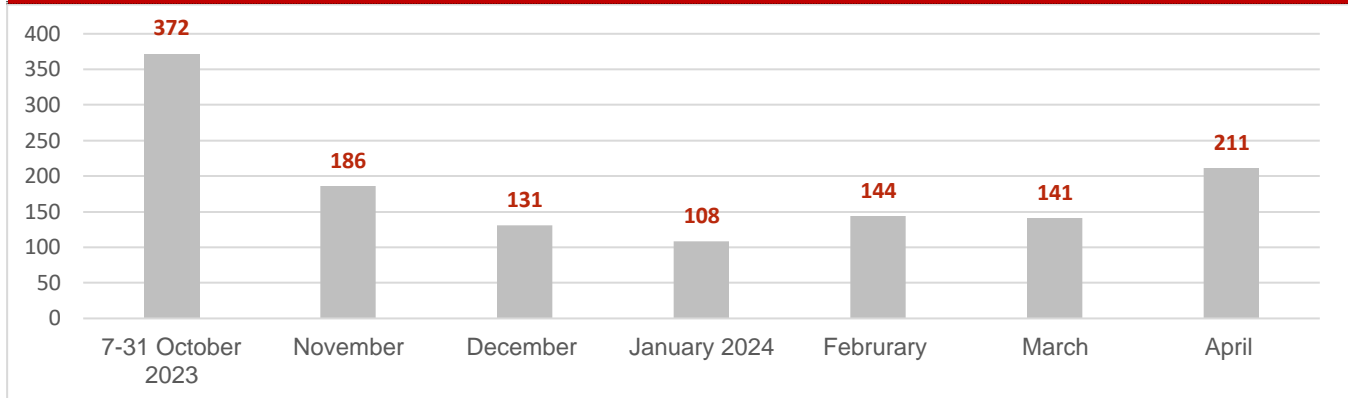


A total of 8,034 military raids, concentrated in the governorates of Nablus, Ramallah, Jenin, and Hebron.

Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks

In April 2024, with unconditional support from the occupation authority and forces, Israeli settlers continued to commit terrorist attacks against defenseless Palestinian citizens and their properties. At least 211 attack incidents were documented, encompassing deliberate killings of citizens, cases of physical assault on citizens, and presence at crossroads leading to villages and towns, throwing stones at passing cars, storming villages and towns, closing roads, cutting down fruit trees, destroying agricultural crops, and grazing livestock on citizens' agricultural lands, placing a barbed wire fence around an area of citizens' lands, shooting operations at citizens and their property, setting up tents on citizens' lands, cutting down trees and demolishing agricultural rooms. These attacks were concentrated in the governorates of Nablus, Hebron, Ramallah, and Salfit. During the month, **five Palestinians were killed due to direct shooting by Israeli settlers:** Jihad Abu Alia (25) in Al-Mughayir (Ramallah), Omar Hamed (17) in Beitin village (Ramallah), Abed al-Rahman Bani Fadel (30) and Mohammad Bani Jama' (21) in the town of Aqraba (Nablus), and Mohammad Awadallah Mousa (50), an ambulance driver who was killed as a result of settlers' opening fire at the ambulance while he was driving. According to a report by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), settlers targeted Palestinian trees and crops in 18 separate incidents, resulting in the uprooting, damage, sabotage, poisoning, and burning of 115 trees, including 100 olive trees. The majority of these attacks occurred in Nablus Governorate (15 trees damaged/ uprooted), followed by Salfit Governorate (100 trees damaged/ uprooted).

Israeli Settlers' Terror Attack Incidents by Month: 7 October 2023 – 30 April 2024



The following are some examples:

- **On 12 April in Ramallah Governorate:** al-Mughayir village witnessed the most violent attack by settlers, as about 2,500 settlers stormed the village and opened fire on citizens, leading to the killing of the young man Jihad Abu Ala, and wounding 21 other citizens. The settlers also set fire to more than 40 homes and vehicles belonging to Palestinian citizens, in addition to a civil defense vehicle.
- **On 12 April in Ramallah Governorate:** a group of settlers stormed the village of Beitin, firing randomly at citizens and their homes, which led to the killing of one child and wounding another. They also set fire to a vehicle owned by Samir Safi.
- **On 13 April in Nablus, Jericho, and Ramallah Governorates:** a group of settlers stormed the town of Qusra, opened fire at citizens, wounding a citizen, and setting fire into eight houses. On the same day, a group of settlers stormed the village of Duma, opened fire at citizens, wounding five citizens, setting fire to three houses owned by citizens Fathi Samara, Ibrahim Dawabsha, and Fathi Dawabsha, and attempting to burn two homes and a barracks. Moreover, a group of settlers in the Ain al-Hilweh area in the northern Jordan Valley burned two houses owned by citizens Fatima Daraghmeh and Fathi Daraghmeh and stole 80 sheep. In addition, they damaged solar panels at Ghazal Spring and set Ahmad Daraghmeh's vehicle on fire.
- **On 15 April in Nablus Governorate:** a group of settlers entered the citizens' agricultural lands in Khirbet al-Tawil area near the town of Aqraba and stole crops owned by the citizens. During the attack on Saher Bani Fadel's sheep-breeding barn, they also opened fire on citizens, killing two and injuring three others with fractures and bruises due to brutal beating.

In Focus: Summary of Israeli Violations in occupied Jerusalem⁶

- **Injuries:** Eight injuries were reported as a result of live and rubber-coated metal bullet shootings and severe beatings, in addition to cases of gas suffocation.
- **Arrests:** The occupation authorities issued 36 actual prison sentences against Jerusalemite prisoners, including 30 administrative detention orders (without trial or charge) and five house arrest orders, of which two targeted children.
- **Home Demolitions:** IOF demolished nine Palestinian structures, including three homes, resulting in the displacement of one family (nine individuals, including five children), and otherwise affecting 7 families (34 individuals, including 15 children). ([UNOCHA](#))
- **Settlers' Terror Attacks:** Israeli settlers carried out 11 attacks, including two physical assaults in the Jerusalem governorate.
- **Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound:** in a blatant violation of the sanctity of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, 5,734 Israeli settlers and 1,767 foreign visitors (under tourism pretext) stormed into the Compound during the month. **This is the highest number of raids inside the Compound since the beginning of the year.** Israeli extremists attempted to bring sacrificial animals and slaughter them in the Compound during the first days of the Jewish Passover, but they were unsuccessful. During the holiday, 4,345 extremists stormed the Compound.
- **Entry Bans:** five such orders were issued by the occupation authorities, including four that prohibited Jerusalemites from entering the Aqsa Mosque Compound. As of the end of April 2024, the bodies of 40 martyrs from Jerusalem have remained in the occupation's refrigerators and Cemeteries of Numbers.

⁶ Main Source: The Public Relations and Media Unit of the Jerusalem Governorate, unless otherwise indicated.