

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 February 2012 – 29 February 2012

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 February 2012 to 29 February 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 FEBRUARY 2012

- **01 February:** Israeli settlers from north of Huwara in Nablus District stoned civilian vehicles and injured a 61-year-old female civilian.
- **02 February:** Israeli settlers near Huwara checkpoint in Nablus stoned civilian vehicles and injured a 15-year-old girl.
- **10 February:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians during confrontations that took place in Al-Tabaqa village in Hebron District and injured a 17-year-old child.
- **11 February:** Israeli war crafts bombarded the area east of Al-Shujai'a neighbourhood in Gaza District and killed 1 elderly civilian and injured 2 civilians.
- **14 February:** The Israeli army opened fire during confrontations that took place in Zebouba village in Jenin District and injured 2 children 15 and 6 years old.
- **19 February:** Israeli helicopter fired 1 missile at a civilian home in Al-Tuffah neighbourhood in Gaza District and injured 4 civilians from one family (father, mother and their two children).
- **21 February:** The Israeli army opened fire during confrontations that took place near the entrance of Ofer military camp and injured 5 civilians including 1 female civilian.
- **24 February:** The Israeli army opened fire in the vicinity of Qalandia military checkpoint in Jerusalem District and killed 1 civilian and injured 6 others including 2 children.
- **25 February:** The Israel army opened fire at civilians in the vicinity of Qalandia military checkpoint and injured a 17-year-old child.
- **25 February:** Israeli settler vehicle ran over a civilian from Beit Ummar town in Hebron district on Road 60 and caused him serious injury.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – FEBRUARY 2012

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
Deaths	1	1	2	Incl. 1 civilian during confrontations in the vicinity of Qalandia military checkpoint in Jerusalem District; an elderly aged 72 during air attack on Gaza District.
Injuries	49	18	67	Incl. 10 children of whom 1 child was run over by a settler vehicle; 3 civilians run over by settler vehicles; 3 civilians assaulted by settlers; 3 female civilian assaulted by settlers including an elderly woman; 1 reporter; 2 militants; 2 security officers.
Attacks	151	54	205	The Israeli military carried out 21 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 125 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 20 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 7 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 25 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 3 occasions.
Raids	705	7	712	24 in Jerusalem; 59 in Ramallah; 98 in Jenin; 30 in Tubas; 64 in Tulkarem; 85 in Qalqiliya; 82 in Nablus; 29 in Salfit; 36 in Jericho; 73 in Bethlehem; 125 in Hebron; 2 in Northern Gaza; 1 in Central Gaza; 2 in Khan Younis; 2 in Rafah.
Arrests	329	11	340	28 in Jerusalem; 41 in Ramallah; 19 in Jenin; 7 in Toubas; 13 in Tulkarem; 33 in Qalqiliya; 48 in Nablus; 8 in Salfit; 15 in Jericho; 38 in Bethlehem; 79 in Hebron; 2 in Northern Gaza; 3 in Central Gaza; 6 in Rafah. Arrested persons included 55 children; 3 female civilians; 6 ex-detainees; 6 university students; 1 mentally challenged civilian; school teachers; 1 lawyer; 2 fishermen; 8 security officers.
Home Demolition	24	0	24	The Israeli military demolished 1 civilian home in Suwane neighbourhood and 2 homes near Jaba' village in Jerusalem under the pretext of unlicensed construction; 1 barracks used for residential purposes in Jib village and 1 home in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem city; 1 home in Beit Ola town in Hebron District; 16 tents in Hebron. In addition, the Israeli authorities delivered home demolition notifications in Silwan neighbourhood, Sur Baher town and Arab Jahalin in Izariyyeh town in Jerusalem; in Salfit, Beit Sahour, Bethlehem and Hebron.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	124	40	164	Destruction of Property: The Israeli military and settlers destroyed civilian vehicles; olive trees; sheep pens; barracks; support walls; blacksmiths' workshops; a ready-mix concrete factory; civilian homes; water tanks; commercial premises; beehives; artesian wells; and land. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli military confiscated computers; ID cards; a pistol; a hunting rifle; a truck; water pumps; a tractor; and irrigation networks.
Home Occupation	13	0	13	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts homes in Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah District, in Zebouba village in Jenin District, and in Yatta, the old city of Hebron and Al-'Arroub refugee camp in Hebron District.
Closure of Crossing Points	0	133	133	International crossing points were closed on 34 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 99 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	607	0	607	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (66); Ramallah (36); Jenin (22); Tubas (3); Tulkarem (26); Qalqilya (141); Nablus (114); Salfit (25); Jericho (71); Bethlehem (27); Hebron (76).
School disruption	0	0	0	The Israeli authorities delivered demolition notification of a school in Janba village in Hebron District.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	18	0	18	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian National Security forces on 9 occasions; PCP on 5 occasions; Preventive Security Forces on 1 occasion; General Intelligence on 1 occasion; Civil Defence on 2 occasions.
Curfews	1	0	1	In 'Azzun village in Qalqilya District.
Medical Obstruction	1	0	1	The Israeli army detained an ambulance in Tel Rmeideh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.
Settlement Activity	16	0	16	Israeli authorities installed 6 mobile homes in Um Shaqhan area near Ma'on settlement east of Yatta town. . Israeli settlers razed land and installed 2 mobile homes in Jayyous town in Qalqilya district. Israeli settlers razed land in Wadi Maleh area in the Northern Valley in Toubas District.

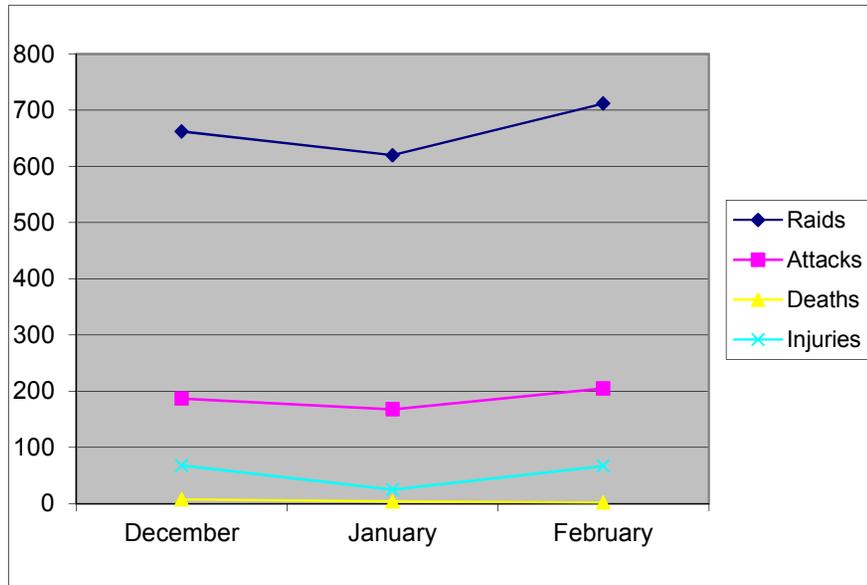
				The Israeli authorities approved the construction of a 3-storey building in Jerusalem city and a settler centre in Silwan neighbourhood. The Israeli authorities approved the construction of 500 new housing units in Shilo settlement in Nablus District.
Settler Violence	79	0	79	Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles; injured and beat civilians; opened fire; attacked property; cut down and uprooted olive trees; and raided Palestinian towns and villages. Settler vehicles also ran over children.
Attacks on Religious Sites	7	0	7	The Israeli army raided AlOHaram Al-Sharif compound and fired tear gas at worshippers. Israel court issued a decision preventing call for prayer and removal of loudspeakers from mosques. The Israeli authorities ordered cessation of construction work in a mosque in Bourin village in Nablus District and delivered demolition notification of a mosque south east Yatta town in Hebron District.
TOTAL	2125	264	2389	

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

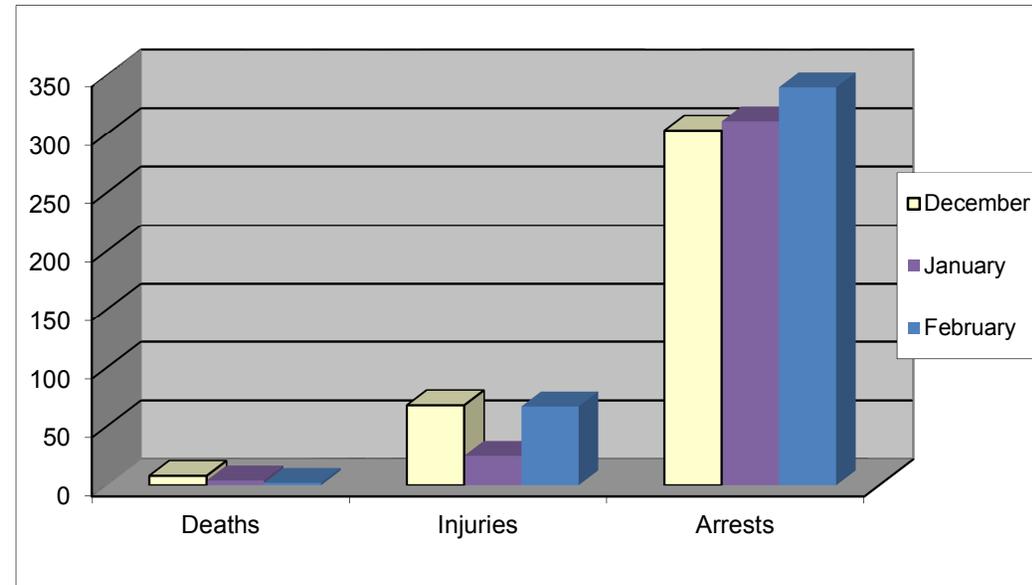
EVENT	DEC. 2011	JAN. 2012	FEB. 2012	COMMENTS
Assassinations	3	0	0	No assassination incidents were reported for the month of February.
Deaths	5	4	2	Death toll dropped by 50% compared to last January.
Injuries	68	25	67	A rise by 168% compared to last January and a drop of 1.5% compared to last December. The number of wounded children was 10 compared to 6 last January and 11 last December.
Attacks	187	168	205	A rise in the number of attacks by 22.02% compared to last month and of 9.6% compared to last December.
Raids	662	620	712	A rise by 14.8% compared to January and by 7.5% compared to December.
Arrests	303	311	340	Rise of 9.3% compared to last January and a rise of 12.1% compared to December. The number of arrested children was 55 compared to 45 last month and 61 in December.
Home Demolition	11	12	24	A rise of 100% compared to last January and of 118.1% compared to last December.
Attacks on Property	132	88	164	A rise by 86.4% compared to last month and by 24.2% compared to last December.
Home Occupation	7	6	13	A rise of 116.6% compared to last January.
Curfews	1	0	1	In 'Azzun town in Nablus District.
Flying Checkpoints	810	722	607	Drop of 15.9% compared to last January and of 25.06% compared to last December.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	144	144	133	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 99 occasions in February, compared to 105 last January and 108 last December. Rafah Crossing was closed for 5 days. Yasser Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	1	0	1	The Israeli authorities prevented ambulance vehicles from reaching Tel Rmeideh area in the old city of Hebron to transfer injured civilians.
Attacks on Religious Sites	8	6	7	7 attacks on religious sites were reported this month.
School Disruption	1	1	0	No incidents of school disruption were reported for this month; however, the Israeli authorities delivered a demolition notification of a basic school in Janba village in Hebron District.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	27	19	18	Drop of 5.3% compared to last month and of 33.3% compared to last December.

Settlement Activity	5	5	16	.A rise of 220% compared to the last two months.
Settler Violence	83	60	79	A rise of 31.7% compared to last month and drop of 4.8% compared to last December.
TOTAL	2458	2191	2389	During the month of February, total incidents rose by 9.03% compared to January due to the rise in the number of raids, arrests, attacks, demolition of property and settler violence. In contrast, total events dropped by 2.8% compared to January as a result in the drop in the number of deaths and closure of crossing points.

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. Deaths

The Israeli military **killed 2 Palestinians**, 1 civilian during confrontations in the vicinity of Qalandia in Jerusalem District and a 72-year-old elderly in an air attack on Gaza.

2. Injuries

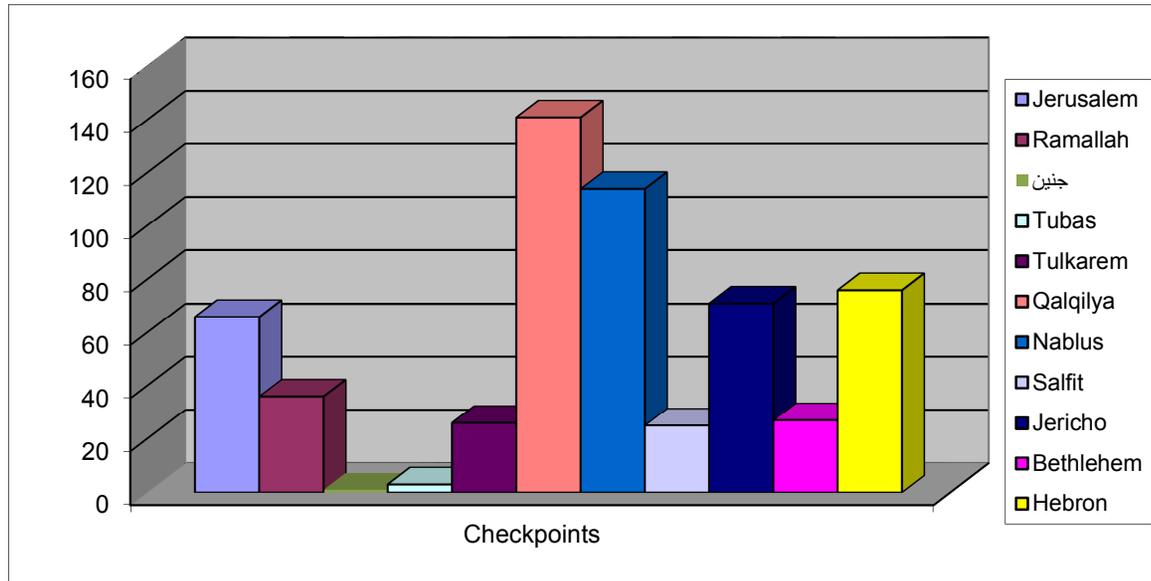
A total of **67 injuries** were reported in the month of February (49 Palestinians in the West Bank and 18 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 10 children including a girl who was run over by a settler vehicle, 3 civilians including 1 who was run over by a settler vehicle, 3 female civilians, 1 reporter, 2 militants, and 2 security officers.

3. Arrests

During the month of February, the Israeli military **arrested 340 Palestinians** (329 in the West Bank and 11 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Jerusalem (28); Ramallah (41); Jenin (19); Tubas (7); Tulkarem (13); Qalqilya (33); Nablus (48); Salfit (8); Jericho (15); Bethlehem (38); Hebron (79); Northern Gaza (2); Central Gaza (3); Rafah (6). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 55 children; 3 female civilians; 6 ex-detainees; 6 university students; 1 mentally challenged civilian; school teachers; 1 female lawyer; 2 fishermen; 1 reporter; 8 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 *Qalandia checkpoint north of Jerusalem*, the Israeli military continues to prevent PNA registered civilian vehicles from crossing the checkpoint towards Ar Ram and Qalandia as well as Dahiyat al Bareed. The checkpoint is overcrowded daily, particularly during rush hours, due to intensified restrictions and search measures applied by Israeli troops. During the month of August, 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

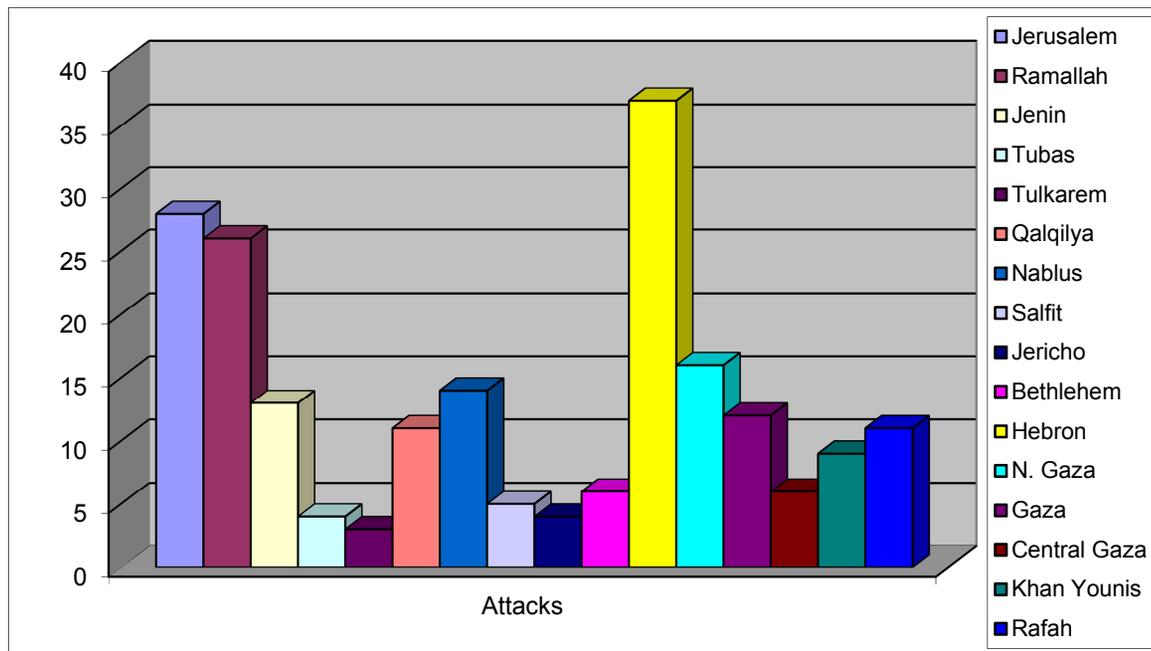
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **607 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in December, compared to 722 last month and 810 in December. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

5. Attacks

A total of **205 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of February: 151 in the West Bank and **54** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **21 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **125 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **20 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **7 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 26 **aerial attacks** on Palestinian territory. **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on 3 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 54 **occasions** during the month of February (compared to 55 last January). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire armed Palestinian groups fired **54 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to 21 last month)..

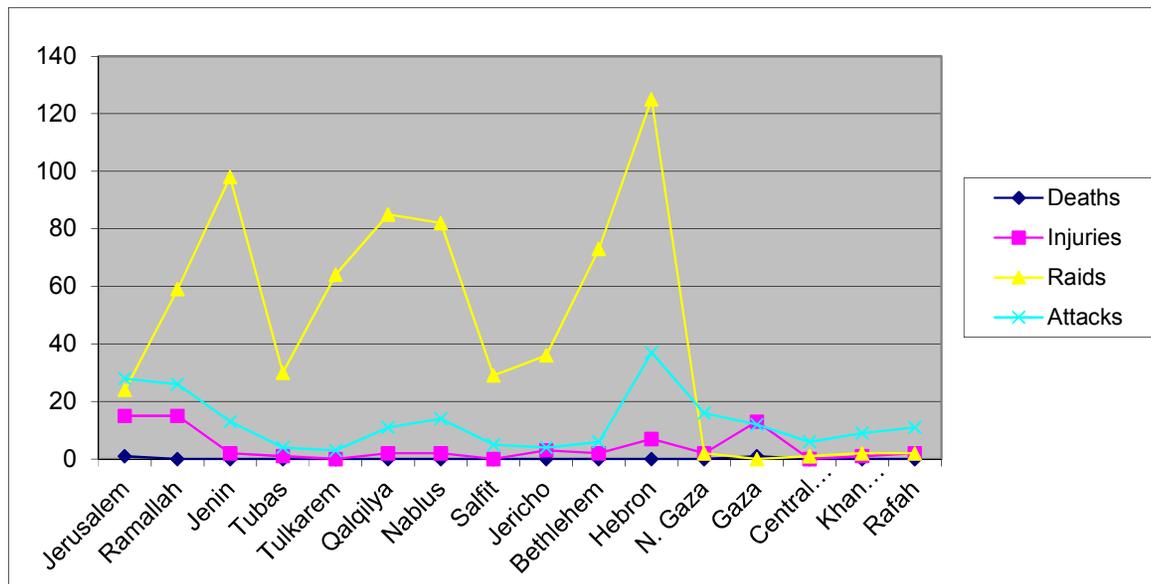


Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts

6. Raids

The Israeli military carried out a total of **712 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of February, including **705 in the West Bank** and **7 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Jerusalem (24); Ramallah (59); Jenin (98); Tubas (30); Tulkarem (64); Qalqilya (85); Nablus (82); Salfit (29); Jericho (36); Bethlehem (73); Hebron (125); Northern Gaza (2); Central Gaza (1); Khan Younis (2); Rafah (2). The Israeli army **opened fire on 146 occasions** (i.e. 71.2% of the total number of raids). During reported raids, the Israeli military did not impose **curfews** over Palestinian residential areas.

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



7. Home Demolition

The Israeli military demolished 1 home in Suwana neighbourhood in Jerusalem and 2 others under the pretext of unlicensed construction, 1 barracks and 1 home in Beit Hanina in Jerusalem; 1 home in Beit Ola town in Hebron District; 16 tents used for residential purposes in Thahiriyye town in Hebron. In addition the Israeli authorities delivered 5 home demolition notifications in Jerusalem and 6 notifications to cease the construction of 6 houses in Salfit and in Al-Khader town in Bethlehem.

8. Home Occupations

The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts the roofs of civilian homes in Ramallah, Jenin and Hebron Districts.

9. Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces

The Israeli army carried out **18** attacks and provocations of Palestinian security forces and posts during the month of January. The Israeli military detained Palestinian security vehicles; took positions in front of Palestinian security offices; and served summonses on Palestinian security officers to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

TYPES OF ISRAELI ARMY PROVOCATION AGAINST PALESTINIAN FORCES IN FEBRUARY

Type of Provocation	#	Notes
Taking positions/setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts	10	Including: The Israeli military fired rubber coated bullets at Civil Defence officers and seriously injured 1 officer in Al-Ram town in Jerusalem District.

		<p>The Israeli army took position in front of PCP offices in ‘Urif village in Nablus.</p> <p>The Israeli army set up a military post in front of the Muqata’a compound in in Jenin and ordered guards not to leave the building.</p> <p>The Israeli army detained PCP officers during their escort of a Swedish delegation in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>Israeli army took position in front of National Security offices in Qalqilya.</p> <p>The Israeli army threatened with arms a National Security vehicle in Askar refugee camp in Nablus.</p>
Detaining and searching Palestinian security officers and patrols	3	<p>The Israeli military detained a Civil defence vehicle in Jericho.</p> <p>The Israeli army detained a PCP vehicle carrying a criminal detainee at a flying checkpoint in Ramallah.</p> <p>The Israeli army detained National Security vehicle on the southern entrance to Jericho.</p>
Notification Delivery	5	<p>Including: The Israeli army delivered summons to 3 security officers in Qalqilya and Hebron to report to the Israeli military intelligence.</p> <p>The Israeli army delivered summon to report to the Israeli intelligence to a preventive Security officer in Turmusayya village in Ramallah.</p>

10. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of 164 **incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in February, including 124 in the West Bank and 40 in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, the Israeli army demolished the windshield of a vehicle belonging to the Civil Defense by firing rubber-coated metal at the northern entrance to the town of Al-Ram in Jerusalem; forced 1 civilian to demolish his shop's aluminum in Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem; demolished wall of a piece of land in the Jib village in Jerusalem; razed floor of a sports stadium in the area of Wadi Hilweh in Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem; Israeli settlers caused material damage to taxi and private vehicle near the Jaba checkpoint in Jerusalem District. In **Ramallah**, the Israeli army demolished the doors leading to Quds Educational Television headquarters in Ramallah; settlers damaged tires of a taxi in Janiya village in Ramallah District; shut down the headquarters of TV stations. In **Jenin**, closed water wells in the village of Taanak; demolished agricultural room in Zibda village of Jenin; forced the owner of a cafe (Internet) to close in the village of Jenin; demolished a water well and the wall of a house in the village of Fahma in Jenin District. In **Tulkarem**, the Israeli army took off the door of a house during a raid in Deir Ghsoun town in Tulkarem District; caused material damaged to a civilian home during inspection in ‘Attil town. In **Qalqilya**, Israeli settlers demolished the windows of a house; broke doors and windows of a house in the town of Jayyous; forced a number of shopkeepers to close their shops in the town of Azzun; demolished three walls inside the house (under construction) in the town of Jayyous; settlers attacked and demolished a civilian vehicle.

In **Nablus**, the Israeli army blew up the doors of 2 of the houses in the town of Beit Furik; demolished 5 barracks in the Aljawaana area and the village of Khirbet Tana; Israeli settlers cut down olive trees; the Israeli army opened fire at and damaged a civilian vehicle. In **Bethlehem**, the Israeli military damaged the main door to a civilian home during inspection in the village of Obaidiya. In **Hebron**, Israeli settlers demolished renovation works of a civilian home in the old city of Hebron; caused material damage to a civilian vehicle in the town of Yatta; prevented citizens from working in a farm near Migdal Oz settlement; uprooted about 25 olive trees in the town of Beit 'Ummar; settlers attacked and smashed a civilian vehicle near the settlement of Kiryat Arba; caused material damage to the furniture of a civilian home during inspection in the town of Yatta; demolished 6 tents used for livestock in the village of Khirbet Al-Rahwa south of Al-Thahiriyye town. In **Gaza**, Israeli military caused material damage to a house east of Shujai'ajia neighborhood east of Gaza City; caused material damage to a house and a workshop blacksmith in an air raid on Gaza City; caused material damage to a house and 2 barracks killing 9 cows and 11 sheep during an air raid.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Ramallah: TV equipment, administrative files, video tapes and 18 computers. Jenin: Confiscation of electric generator, 1 computer, 150,000 shekels (US\$40), and 1 tractor. Qalqilya: ID, 6 computers and 6 cellular mobiles. Nablus: Confiscation of tractors, computers and cellular phones. Bethlehem: Stone saw and an electric closet. Hebron: computers, tractors, cameras, hunting rifle. Jericho: 1 hunting rifle. N. Gaza: 1 fishing boat.

11. Settlement Activity

Installation of 6 mobile homes (caravans) in order to establish outposts in the area or Un Shaqhan near Ma'on settlement east of the town of Yatta; the installation of 5 mobile houses in order to expand Anta'el settlement built between the villages of Yatta and Al-Thahiriyye in Hebron District; the leveling of land and installation of mobile houses on Palestinian located behind the barrier and of the town of Jayyous in Qalqilya District; razing of land for the construction of a bypass road in the Wadi al-Maleh in the northern Jordan Valley in Tubas District; approval of a plan to build a 3-storey addition to the two floors building that includes rooms, reception and information center and a hall in the far northwestern side of the yard west of Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem; the ratification of the scheme to build a settlement in Wadi Hilweh in Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem; the decision issued by the occupation authorities to build 500 new housing units in the Shiloh settlement and the issuance of permits to build 200 housing units Shiloh settlement and the outpost Shivotut Rahel in Nablus District.

12. Settler Violence

Ramallah: Erecting 6 mobile homes and the detention of 3 civilians near Bet El settlement. **Qalqilya**: Israeli settlers set a civilian vehicle on fire and closed Qalqilya-Nablus main road. Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles and attacked several civilian homes. **Nablus**: Israeli settlers cut down olive trees and stoned civilian vehicles near Yitzhar settlement. **Salfit**: Israeli settlers uprooted 10 olive trees north-west of Yasuf and occupied land near Kfar Tepoah settlement. **Jericho**: Israeli army opened fire indiscriminately toward civilians west of Al-Auja and excavated land in Fasayel village. **Hebron**: Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles and attacked civilians; stoned civilian homes; demolished house under construction; razed agricultural land; cut down olive trees.

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **133** occasions during the month of January. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **99** occasions. It opened **Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing** for 25 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'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 **34** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 23 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*.