

## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



### MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 July 2004 – 31 July 2004

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 July 2004 to 31 July 2004. The survey is compiled from Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG), Negotiations Affairs Department, Palestine Liberation Organization. The PMG monitors all aspects of ground conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Israeli violations, Palestinian violations and Palestinian achievements. The PMG Daily Situation Reports are a survey of daily events collated from information provided by Palestinian Authority civilian ministries and security agencies. The information reported through the PMG process only represents data available at the time of distribution.

## SUMMARY TABLE OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS AGAINST PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS – JULY 2004

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>81</b>	Incl. 11 children, 1 mentally challenged civilian, 1 university professor, 2 female civilians (incl. 1 as a result of injuries), 1 worker inside the Green Line, 14 civilians extra-judicially killed as a result of missile attacks and Israeli Special Forces attacks (including 2 children), 1 elderly & physically disabled civilian trapped and killed under the rubble of his destroyed house, and 3 officers.
<b>Injuries</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>287</b>	Incl. 63 children (2 with critical injuries), 5 children injured due to explosion of UXO left by the Israeli army, 11 female civilians, 1 ambulance driver, 1 American national and 1 Canadian national.
<b>Incursions</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	Jericho, Beit Hanun, the town of 'Illar, and the village of Seida.
<b>Attacks</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>413</b>	Incl. from helicopters, tanks, and navy boats opening fire towards civilian houses, commercial shops, workshops, and vehicles. Israeli settlers opened fire towards shepherds. Open fire during raids, during confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians, and from military outposts towards Palestinian locations.
<b>Raids</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>740</b>	Incl. siege on the town of Beit Hanun beginning on 28 June; soldiers dispatched from helicopters in the village of Raba and the towns of Kafr Ra'i, Bal'a and 'Illar, Israeli army positioned in 'Ein Beit El Ma refugee camp in Nablus; raid on Religious Endowments office and 4 charitable associations in Jenin, Qalqiliya & Bethlehem.
<b>Arrests (per person)</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>498</b>	Incl. 32 children, 8 injured civilians, 3 medics from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, 100 workers inside the Green Line, 3 female civilians, 1 journalist, 2 physicians, 7 college students, 1 Imam, and 37 officers.
<b>House Demolitions</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>136</b>	Jerusalem - several barracks on At Tur mountain in Jerusalem; Jenin - a 2-storey house in the town of Ya'bad, 1 house in Qabatiya, 1 house in Kafr Dan, 5 houses in Barta'a al Sharqiya, evacuation notices to demolish 3 houses, 3 barracks and 1 commercial shop in the village of Al 'Aqaba; Tulkarem – 1 house in the village of Seida; Nablus – 1 house in the village of Till, 1 room in 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp, 1 house in Beit Furik; Ramallah – 1 apartment in Ramallah; Bethlehem - 1 house in Ad Duheisha refugee camp; Hebron - demolition orders for 10 heritage houses near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the city of Hebron, evacuation notices to demolish 7 houses east of the town of Yatta, 3 houses demolished in the area of 'Arab Ar Ramadin; Northern Gaza - 2 houses in Beit Hanun; Khan Yunis – 7 houses demolished and 6 houses partially demolished in Al Barazil neighbourhood, 14 houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, 7 houses in the area of Qizan An Najjar, 26 houses in An Nimsawi neighbourhood, 1 house in Abu Al 'Ajin, 1 mosque and 7 houses demolished in Al Qarara; Rafah – 10 houses in Al Salaam neighbourhood, 1 house in Al Barahima neighbourhood.
<b>Destruction of Property</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>157</b>	Incl. uprooting and burning of trees in the town of Ya'bad and the village of Yasuf; destruction of 3 blacksmith workshops in the Gaza Strip; damage to civilian houses; demolition of school wall in Jericho; crops damaged in Beit Hanun and Khan Yunis; wall of 1 mosque demolished; 1 water reservoir contaminated in the town of Kafr Rumman; 3 vehicles and 1 sheep pen destroyed; 3 houses burnt; 17 commercial shops and 1 cement factory destroyed; doors of offices and buildings destroyed; computers, files and furniture confiscated; 120 trees burnt near the settlement of Avne Hefetz; blacksmith workshop and crops destroyed; electricity generator damaged in Idhna; 2 sheep pens demolished in At Tur, Jerusalem; 4 cement factories, 3 water wells, 8 house walls, 1 sheep pen and crops destroyed in Beit Hanun and Kafr Qaddum; files and documents confiscated from 2 charitable associations; contents of 2 charitable associations destroyed; 3 commercial shops and 1 olive oil factory in the village of Barta'a; crops, 1 factory and 1 blacksmith workshop; 1 shop in Tubas; contents of 1 charitable society in Nablus; doors of Zakaat Committee building in the city of El Bireh destroyed; money stolen from civilian house during house search; 1 taxi confiscated at entrance to the village of Bardala; 1 battery factory damaged.

<b>House Occupations</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>56</b>	Incl. 19 houses in Nablus, 1 house in Beit Hanun, 1 house in the area of Malaka south of Gaza city, Beit 'Ur at Tahta, Balata refugee camp, the village of Beit 'Awwa, 1 house in Tulkarem & 2 houses in Ash Shuja'iyah.
<b>Curfews</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47</b>	In the cities of Jenin, Salfit, Nablus, Bethlehem, Qalqiliya; the towns of Huwwara, Beit Ummar, Yatta, Beit Hanun; 'Ayda refugee camp, 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp, Qalandiya refugee camp, Tulkarem refugee camp; the villages of Beit Sira, Qaffin, Birqin, Kafr Laqif, Beit 'Ur al Foqa, Kafr ad Dik, 'Illar, Al Araqa, Seida, Beita, Beit 'Ur at Tahta, Deir Sharaf, Qusin, Kafr Qaddum, Ras Karkar and Al Mughayyir.
<b>Closures (per District)</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>465</b>	Complete closure since 22 March 2004; Jericho declared a military closed zone
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	—	<b>131</b>	<b>131</b>	66 incidents of partial opening of crossing points.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	Incl. open fire towards 1 ambulance, injuring its driver; 1 ambulance prohibited from entering the villages of Bizzariya and Seida; ambulances prohibited from entering the village of Barta'a al Sharqiya; 1 ambulance prohibited from crossing a checkpoint, leading to the death of 1 civilian; 1 ambulance prohibited from entering Tulkarem refugee camp; Israeli army took position in the area surrounding Tulkarem Public Hospital; 1 ambulance driver severely beaten and detained while transporting ill civilians.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	Raid on 1 mosque in the town of Al Eizariya; 1 mosque demolished in Al Qarara; wall of 1 mosque demolished in Jericho; worshippers detained in 1 mosque in 'Ayda refugee camp; worshippers detained in 1 mosque in the village of Zawata; 1 extremist Israeli settler called for the demolition of Al Aqsa Mosque.
<b>Provocation of Pal. Forces</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	Israeli army took position near Al Muqata'a in Ramallah; surrounded Al Muqata'a in Jericho; opened fire towards Palestinian security locations; raided and surrounded security offices; detention of Palestinian patrol officers; open fire towards 1 Palestinian Civil Defence vehicle.
<b>Settler Violence / Settlement Activity</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	Incl. open fire and burning of trees in the town of Ya'bad and the village of Yasuf; stones thrown towards civilians in Hebron; open fire from the settlement of Karnei Shomron towards shepherds; 1 guard beaten while working at Al Aqsa Mosque; 1 settlement outpost constructed south of the town of Dura; 1 settler by-pass road measuring 200 meters in length constructed along the settlement of Kissufim; fire set to agricultural land near the settlement of Avne Hefetz in the district of Tulkarem; expansion works in the settlement of Neve Ya'aqov north of the city of Jerusalem; 1 civilian run over by Israeli settler on road # 60 in the city of Bethlehem; several civilians beaten; water well contaminated in the village of Al Tuwani, south-west of the town of Yatta; 1 child beaten in the village of Deir Ballut; olive trees uprooted in the village of Kafr Qaddum; expansion of the settlements of Kiryat Arba' and Bani Hever and the settlement outpost of Abigail; a herd of sheep run over near the village of Za'tara; stones thrown and crops damaged; civilians prevented from harvesting crops; raid on the area of Abu Al 'Ajin and opening indiscriminate fire; construction of 200 housing units for the expansion of the settlement of Shaked; expansion of the settlement of Ma'ale Israel; 1 female civilian beaten in Tall ar Rumeida in the city of Hebron; 1 civilian house occupied in the old city of Hebron.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>3134</b>	

## COMARATIVE TABLE OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT TYPE	MAY	JUNE	JULY	NOTES
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>81</b>	Incl. 14 extra-judicial killings. Death toll was raised in comparison with June as the Israeli army conducted massive incursions and air attacks on residential localities.
<b>Injuries</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>287</b>	Number or injuries was raised this month compared to June. Injuries rose due to raids, indiscriminate fire and UXO explosions.
<b>Incursions</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	High increase in the number of incursions.
<b>Attacks</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>413</b>	Relatively constant. Attacks targeted civilian houses and public property by helicopters, navy boats and tanks.
<b>Raids</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>740</b>	Constant over the past 3 months.
<b>Arrests (per person)</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>498</b>	Despite the relatively calm situation, the number of children arrested rose from 23 in June to 63 during July.
<b>House Demolitions</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>136</b>	Large number of houses demolished to implement Israeli plan to expand the area separating Rafah and Egyptian border.
<b>Destruction of Property</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>157</b>	Sharp rise compared to the past 2 months; raids on and closure of charitable societies and attacks on blacksmiths' workshops.
<b>House Occupations</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	Israeli army continues to occupy civilian houses and convert them into military posts.
<b>Curfews</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	Relatively constant in comparison with the month of June.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	<b>(Hundreds)</b>	<b>(Hundreds)</b>	<b>(Hundreds)</b>	Separating and closing all districts; to arrest civilians
<b>Closures (per District)</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>465</b>	Complete closure over the past 3 months, preventing movement, incl. into Jerusalem
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>131</b>	Between Gaza and the Green Line; preventing workers from entering industrial zones and crossing the Green Line; Rafah Crossing closed and thousands of civilians, including children, women, elderly and ill civilians, prevented from entering the Gaza Strip.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	Relatively constant; attacks on ambulances, medical staff and hospitals.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	Israeli army continued to attack religious sites, particularly in the city of Hebron, and to prevent civilians from entering Jerusalem for Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque.
<b>School Disruption</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	Low number of attacks due to summer vacation in all schools.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	Relatively constant number of attacks on civilians, property and land; increased rate of settlement expansion and construction of settlement outposts.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3653</b>	<b>2980</b>	<b>3070</b>	

## OVERVIEW OF EVENTS

### A. Extra-Judicial Killings

Israeli army helicopters and Special Forces continued to extra-judicially kill Palestinian civilians. The Israeli army assassinated 14 civilians, including 6 in Tulkarem, 1 in Jenin, 2 in Nablus, 3 in Gaza city and 2 in Rafah.

1. At 02:30 on 06 July, the Israeli army extra-judicially killed *Wa'el Salman 'Araysheh* when an explosive charge detonated in his vehicle in Balata refugee camp.
2. At 13:45 on 13 July, Israeli army Special Forces, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and opened fire towards a taxi, extra-judicially killing *Nu'man Mustafa Tahayneh*.
3. At 20:30 on 22 July, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards a civilian vehicle in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city, destroying the vehicle and extra-judicially killing 2 civilians:
  - (i) *Hazem Rahim*; and
  - (ii) *Ra'uf Abu 'Asi*.
4. At 20:20 on 26 July, Israeli army Special Forces raided the city of Tulkarem and opened intensive fire, extra-judicially killing 6 individuals, including 2 children and 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer:
  - (i) *Ahmed Nabil Baruq*, 15 years old;
  - (ii) *Sa'id Jamal Abu Qamar*, 15 years old;
  - (iii) *Abdul Rahim Hassan Shadid*, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer;
  - (iv) *Hani Yousef 'Uweidhah*;
  - (v) *Mahdi Rayeq At Tanbur*; and
  - (vi) *Mohammed 'Adnan Ash Shantir*.

The Israeli army injured 5 other civilians and arrested 2 injured civilians.

### B. Killings

The Israeli army killed 67 civilians, including 32 in the districts of Nablus and Tulkarem and 35 in the Gaza Strip (the district of Northern Gaza) during raids and as a result of indiscriminate fire and tank shells. The death toll was also raised as a result of ambulances being impeded at Israeli army checkpoints while transporting ill civilians and explosions from UXO left by the Israeli army.

1. At 01:00 on 03 July, *Tariq Jamal Ghannam*, 9 years old, died as a result of injuries sustained when an Israeli army UXO exploded in the village of 'Aqqaba on 28 June 2004.
2. At 10:00 on 03 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations in the settlement of Netzer Hazani towards Palestinian Territory west of the city of Khan Yunis, killing *Mohammed Ahmed Karim*, a mentally challenged 55-year-old.
3. At 15:00 on 04 July, the Israeli army opened fire on the road leading to the settlement of Beit Shemesh towards a civilian vehicle transporting Palestinian workers, killing *Hamad Al Shawahin* and injuring 2 other workers.

4. At 23:05 on 05 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 12 towards civilian houses in the area of Batn As Samin in the city of Khan Yunis, killing *Ala' Mohammed Ash Sha'er*, 10 years old.
5. At 23:05 on 08 July, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Hajja and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, killing *Mohammed Khamis Masri* and injuring 2 others.
6. At 09:10 on 10 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 6 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Shabora neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, killing *Halima Awda Abu Samhadana*, a 16-year-old female child.
7. At 17:20 on 10 July, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its locations in the settlement of Nitsareem towards 1 civilian vehicle travelling along Salah ad Din road south of the city of Gaza, destroying the car and killing 4 civilians:
  - *Mohammad Mahdi Abu Zir*;
  - *Mahmoud Abu Namos*;
  - *Hasan Nafiz Abu Dalal*; and
  - *Abdel Rahman Ayesh*.
8. At 10:15 on 12 July, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided An Nimsawi neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis, opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian houses. The Israeli army killed *Ibrahim Khalaf Allah*, a 73-year-old physically disabled civilian, when it demolished his home while he was still in it, trapping him under the rubble of the destroyed house.
9. At 20:30 on 19 July, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and opened intensive fire, killing *Usamah Abu Zaytun*, 16 years old.
10. On 20 July, the Israeli army detained an ambulance carrying 1 civilian, *Abd Al Latif Mulitat* and prevented the ambulance from crossing a checkpoint. Mulitat died at the checkpoint.
11. At 03:00 on 27 July, Israeli army Special Forces raided Al Shuja'iya neighbourhood in Gaza city. Israeli army helicopters and tanks opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, killing 2 civilians, and injuring 4 others, including 2 children. Those killed were:
  - (i) *Mahir Abu Al 'Ata*; and
  - (ii) *Fadi Tha'er Al Mughni*.
12. At 18:50 on 26 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Nimsawi neighbourhood and the area of Batn as Samin in the city of Khan Yunis, killing *Sarah Mahmoud Zu'rub*, a 12-year-old female child, and injuring 1 other male child.

### C. Injuries

The Israeli army injured 287 civilians, including 63 children, during the month of July. 142 civilians were injured in the West Bank and 145 in the Gaza Strip. Civilian injuries were a result of Israeli army **raids** (640 raids in the West Bank and 100 raids in the Gaza Strip), and indiscriminate **attacks** by the Israeli army (175 attacks in the West Bank and 238 attacks in the Gaza Strip). The majority of civilian injuries in the West Bank were distributed as follows: 10 in Jerusalem, 17 in Jenin, 38 in Nablus, 25 in Tulkarem, 15 in Ramallah and 9 in Hebron. In the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army injured 42 civilians in Northern Gaza, 20 in Gaza City, 32 in Khan Yunis and 44 in Rafah.

1. At 13:00 on 01 July, 4 Palestinian children were injured when an Israeli land mine exploded near the border fence in the village of Deir Al 'Asal, south of the town of Dura:
  - (i) *Fadi Mohammad Ash Shawamre*, 16 years old;

- (ii) **Riad Shehde Ash Shawamre**, 17 years old;
  - (iii) **Hussain Kamel Ash Shawamreh**, 17 years old; and
  - (iv) **Issa Rasmi Ash Shawamreh**, 17 years old.
2. At 23:55 on 05 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 13 towards civilian houses in the area of Jurat al Lut in the city of Khan Yunis, injuring 3 civilians, including 1 child.
  3. At 16:10 on 08 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Tall as Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan in the city of Rafah, injuring 6 civilians, including 1 male child, 1 female child and 4 female adult civilians.
  4. On 09 July, Israeli army soldiers physically assaulted and injured a Palestinian civilian at a checkpoint set up near the town of Ar Ram. The civilian was handcuffed and left bleeding on the road for 1 hour, after which he was taken to hospital.
  5. At 09:00 on 09 July, a bomb left by the Israeli army exploded in the area of Arab ar Rashayida, severely injuring **Naief Mohammad ar Rashayida**, 11 years old.
  6. At 02:00 on 20 July, Israeli army helicopters fired 2 missiles at a house in Ash Shati' refugee camp, injuring 4 civilians.
  7. At 21:00 on 26 July, an Israeli army patrol opened intensive fire towards civilians attending a wedding party in the town of Beit Rima, injuring 9 civilians.

#### **D. Closure**

The Israeli army continues to close all districts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including crossings into the Green Line and within the districts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank. The Israeli army set up permanent checkpoints, hundreds of flying checkpoints and dirt barricades throughout the districts, closing all entrances to cities, levelling roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The closure continues to increase poverty and unemployment rates, negatively impacting economic and livelihood activities and impeding access to health facilities.

1. Beginning at 18:30 on 28 June 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a military siege on the town of Beit Hanun. Israeli army helicopters and tanks opened intensive fire towards agricultural land along the outskirts of the town, killing 12 individuals, including 2 male children, 1 female child and 2 Palestinian Police officers, and injuring 35 civilians, including 6 children, among whom 1 was severely injured, and 3 female civilians. The Israeli army occupied several houses and converted them into military posts and demolished 5 civilian houses, 1 concrete factory, 4 brick workshops, and the Agricultural Work Union building. The Israeli army destroyed 1 cooler for freezing agricultural products, 1 green house, 2 poultry farms, 1 sheep pen, 8 house walls and 3 water wells. The Israeli army also levelled hundreds of *dunums* of agricultural land east of the town. The Israeli army remained positioned in the area at the end of July.
2. At 04:30 on 02 July, the Israeli army, including several tanks, APC's, and 50 jeeps raided, the city of Jericho, opened intensive fire, fired several tank shells, imposed curfew, and surrounded Al Muqata'a. The Israeli army raided and searched civilian houses, arrested an unidentified number of civilians, demolished a civilian building, and destroyed the doors of a number of houses and the entrance to a school using explosives.

3. Beginning at 04:00 on 19 July 2004, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida and continued to impose curfew. The Israeli army opened intensive fire, killing Shahir 'Ajaj and injuring 1 other civilian, and arrested 6 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army demolished 1 civilian house, raided a charitable association office, destroyed its contents and confiscated all documents.

### **E. Raids**

The number of Israeli army raids rose to 740. 640 raids took place in the West Bank, including 63 in Jenin, 172 in Tulkarem, 67 in Nablus, 48 in Salfit, 109 in Ramallah, 111 in Bethlehem and 51 in Hebron. The Israeli army conducted 100 raids in the Gaza Strip, including 55 in Northern Gaza, 13 in Gaza city, 15 in Khan Yunis and 13 in Rafah.

1. At 02:45 on 01 July 2004, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, imposed curfew on the old city and the city centre, occupied 10 buildings and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army searched several houses and detained 6 families, including 11 civilians, in the old city. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians.
2. At 22:20 on 02 July, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, raided 3 buildings and destroyed the entrance of one of the buildings with explosives. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians, including 3 medics from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society.
3. At 16:00 on 02 July, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and Special Forces, raided the area of Malaka south of the city of Gaza, opened intensive fire, occupied 1 civilian house, detained its residents inside the house, and converted the house into a military post. Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards civilians, injuring 4, and arrested 3 civilians.
4. At 10:15 on 02 July, the Israeli army, including 15 tanks and 9 bulldozers, raided 500 meters into Palestinian Territory in Al Barazil neighbourhood and opened intensive fire, killing 1 child, ***Omar Abu Zrei'an***, and injuring 3 civilians, including 1 child.
5. At 19:00 on 03 July, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed ***Mahmoud Al Lahwani***, and injured 2 civilians, including 1 child.
6. At 14:10 on 05 July, the Israeli army, accompanied by Special Forces and helicopters, raided the city of Jenin and imposed curfew. The Israeli army surrounded 1 civilian house and opened intensive fire, killing 1 civilian, ***Khalid Abu Hatab***, and injuring 3 others, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 injured civilian. The Israeli army destroyed 1 civilian vehicle parked in the area.
7. At 01:25 on 06 July, the Israeli army raided 'Ein Beit al Ma' refugee camp, imposed curfew and opened intensive fire. An Israeli army helicopter patrolled the skies over the camp and fired 3 missiles towards 1 civilian building, killing 4 civilians, including:
  - (i) ***Dr. Khalid Salah***, a university lecturer;
  - (ii) ***Mohammed Khalid Salah***;
  - (iii) ***Yamin Ali Faraj***; and
  - (iv) ***Amjad Arrar***.

The Israeli army injured 4 other civilians.



## **F. Attacks**

413 Israeli army attacks, utilizing various forms of weaponry (e.g. missiles from helicopters, tanks shells, firing from navy boats and machineguns) took place throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including 36 attacks in Jenin, 53 in Tulkarem, 23 in Nablus, 48 in Salfit and 17 in Ramallah. In the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army conducted 58 attacks in Northern Gaza, 32 in Gaza city, 36 in Khan Yunis and 52 in Rafah.

1. At 10:35 on 03 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 5.5 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in As Salaam neighbourhood, killing *Yasser Mohammed Al 'Arjah*.
2. At 20:00 on 03 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 7 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the city of Rafah, injuring 1 child.
3. At 02:00 on 04 July, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Bracha towards 1 civilian, *Tha'er Hilmi Ramadan*, killing him.
4. At 00:30 on 05 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 7 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses at Salah ad Din gate south of the city of Rafah, killing *Rif'at Abu 'Umrah*.

## **G. Attacks against Palestinian Governmental Institutions and Military and Security Forces**

The Israeli army continued to attack Palestinian security locations and police stations. 64 such attacks were reported, including 15 in the West Bank and 49 in the Gaza Strip. Despite the fact that the Palestinian Police and security forces resumed operations in coordination with the Israeli authorities, the Israeli army continued to attack Palestinian military locations, destroying 3 locations. The Israeli army also raided Palestinian National Security Forces locations, detained vehicles and assaulted officers.

1. At 09:10 on 02 July, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards a Palestinian National Security location west of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 17:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a Palestinian National Security location north of the town.
2. On 05 July, the Israeli army raided the town of At Tayba and raided a Palestinian Preventive Security office.
3. At 22:00 on 05 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in northern Gaza.
4. At 18:30 on 05 July, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards the Department of Wireless Communications of the Palestinian National Security, east of Gaza city.
5. At 19:35 on 05 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a Palestinian National Security location south of Ash Shuhada' junction, south of Gaza city.
6. At 14:15 on 12 July, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, surrounded the Palestinian Police station in the city, and detained 4 Palestinian Police officers.
7. On 20 July, the Israeli army destroyed 2 Palestinian National Security locations in the town of Beit Hanun.

## **H. House Demolitions**

The Israeli army demolished 136 civilian houses, including 26 houses in the West Bank and 110 in the Gaza Strip, leaving hundreds of families homeless. The majority of house demolitions were a result of frequent Israeli army raids, claims that houses were located in close proximity to the Wall, and for Israeli settlement expansion. As a punitive measure, the Israeli army also demolished houses belonging to civilians killed by the Israeli army and houses belonging to political prisoners. The Israeli army demolished civilian houses in several neighbourhoods in the city

of Rafah on the Egyptian border, in several neighbourhoods in Khan Yunis and in the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army also distributed evacuation notices to demolish 20 civilian houses, 3 barracks and 1 commercial shop throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

1. At 20:00 on 02 July, the Israeli army demolished 1 mosque and 7 houses in the area of Al Qarara near the city of Khan Yunis and levelled agricultural land.
2. On 03 July, the Israeli army raided 500 meters into Al Barazil neighbourhood, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and demolished 6 civilian houses.
3. At 03:00 on 05 July, the Israeli army raided the village of Till and demolished 1 civilian house belonging to the family of Tha'er Hilmi Ramadan, a civilian killed by the Israeli army.
4. On 06 July, the Israeli army raided the area of 'Arab Ar Ramadin, south-west of the town of Adh Dhahiriya and demolished 3 civilian houses.
5. On 06 July, the Israeli army raided Al Barazil neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 child, partially demolished 6 civilian houses and 16 shops, and severely damaged infrastructure.
6. At 00:25 on 08 July, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided West Khan Yunis refugee camp, opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells towards civilian houses, injuring 3 civilians, including 1 female child, and demolished 14 houses.
7. At 03:00 on 09 July, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad and demolished a 2-storey civilian house belonging to the family of a political prisoner.
8. At 01:15 on 12 July, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided 100 meters into An Nimsawi neighbourhood, opened intensive fire, fired several tank shells towards civilian houses and demolished 26 civilian houses.
9. On 20 July, the Israeli army raided the village of Barta'a ash Sharqiya and demolished 5 houses, 13 commercial shops, and 1 olive oil factory.
10. Beginning at 00:30 on 21 July 2004 until 08:30 on 22 July 2004, the Israeli army, supported by helicopters, raided As Salaam neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, opened intensive fire, demolished 10 houses, levelled 1 green house, and damaged infrastructure.

### **I. Destruction of Public and Private Property**

The Israeli army carried out 157 attacks against public and private property, including 62 in the West Bank and 95 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army levelled agricultural land, burned trees, destroyed blacksmith workshops, damaged and set fire to civilian houses, and demolished the wall of a school and walls of civilian houses. The Israeli army also damaged crops, demolished the wall of 1 mosque, contaminated a water reservoir, destroyed civilian vehicles and sheep pens, and damaged 17 commercial shops and cement factories. Furthermore, the Israeli army damaged doors of civilian offices and buildings, confiscated computers, files and furniture from offices, and damaged the contents of 2 charitable associations. The Israeli army damaged 1 electricity generator, 3 water wells, stole money from 1 civilian house as it was searching it, and confiscated 1 taxi.

1. At 22:20 on 05 July, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 7 tanks shells from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, burning 3 civilian houses.

2. At 01:00 on 08 July, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin, opened indiscriminate fire and searched 2 buildings, including the offices of the Department of Religious Endowments and a charitable association, after destroying the doors of the offices with explosives. The Israeli army confiscated computers and documents from the offices.
3. At 01:00 on 08 July, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched 1 building, including the offices of a charitable association after destroying its door. The Israeli army confiscated computers, files and furniture from the office, sealed the door with red wax and issued an order to close the offices for 2 years.
4. At 01:00 on 08 July, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, raided the offices of the Orphan Care Society, destroyed the door of the office, confiscated computers, files and furniture, sealed the door with red wax and issued an order to close the offices for 2 years.
5. On 22 July, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards 1 civilian house in the city of Nablus, setting fire to the house.
6. At 13:00 on 25 July, Israeli army helicopters fired 2 missiles towards a 2-storey civilian house in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city. At 22:00, Israeli army helicopters attacked the house again, completely destroying the structure, including furniture, and injured 3 civilians.

#### **J. Israeli Settler Violence and Settlement Activity**

Israeli settlers carried out 36 attacks, including opening fire towards civilians, intentionally running over civilians and severely beating civilians. Israeli settlers also contaminated water wells, threw stones towards civilian vehicles, occupied civilian houses and burned crops. Settlement activities during this period included settlement expansion and construction of new settlement outposts. Israeli settler violence primarily occurred in the city of Hebron, with 18 attacks. Additionally, Israeli settlers carried out 1 attack in Jerusalem, 2 in Qalqiliya, 3 in Jenin, 1 in Nablus, 4 in Salfit, 1 in Bethlehem and 2 in Khan Yunis.

1. On 04 July, a group of Israeli settlers opened fire towards civilians in the area surrounding the town of Ya'bad.
2. At 16:00 on 04 July, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tapu'ach set fire to olive trees in the village of Yasuf and prevented vehicles from the Palestinian Civil Defence from extinguishing the fires. Confrontations took place between Israeli settlers and Palestinian civilians.
3. On 04 July, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Ramat Shay, located in Tall Rumeida in the old city of Hebron, threw stones towards civilian houses, injuring 2 children.
4. On 06 July, an Israeli settler beat 1 guard working at Al Aqsa mosque when he attempted to prevent the settler from entering Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
5. On 07 July, a group of Israeli settlers, under the protection of the Israeli army, began construction of a new settlement outpost on a hill covering 150 *dunums* (37.5 acres) of land belonging to the village of Fuqeiqis, southwest of the town of Dura.
6. On 11 July, the Israeli army began expansion of the settlement of Neve Ya'aqov, north of the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also began construction of settler bypass roads and support walls on an area of 2,000 *dunums* (500 acres) of land confiscated in the village of Hizma.
7. On 11 July, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Avnei Hefetz set fire to agricultural land adjacent to the settlement, damaging over 150 trees.

8. At 07:00 on 13 July, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over *Jabir Ghanayem* on road # 60, parallel to the town of Al Khadr. He died of injuries sustained as a result of the attack.
9. On 13 July, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on, south-west of the town of Yatta, poisoned a water well in the village of At Tuwani, adjacent to the settlement.
10. On 20 July, the Israeli army began digging works for construction of new housing units for the expansion of the settlement of Kiryat Arba'.
11. Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Abigail, located near the village of At Tuwani, east of the town of Yatta, expanded the outpost with the addition of 4 new caravans.
12. On 20 July, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Penne Heifer, south of the town of Bani Na'im, added 3 caravans to the settlement.
13. On 22 July, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' raided agricultural land and damaged 10 *dunums* (2.5 acres) of grape vines.

### **K. Attacks on Religious Sites**

6 attacks on religious sites were reported during July, including 5 attacks in the West Bank and 1 attack in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army carried out 3 attacks in Jerusalem, 1 in Nablus and 1 in Bethlehem. Attacks on religious sites included the destruction of mosques, searches of mosques, and surrounding of worshippers in mosques. The Israeli army continued to prohibit worshipers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque.

1. On 01 July, the Israeli army raided 1 mosque in the town of Al Eizariya and confiscated several copies of the Qur'an, amongst other religious books.
2. At 21:30 on 24 July, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata, surrounded the village mosque and detained worshippers following evening prayers.
3. The Israeli army destroyed 1 mosque in the town of Beit Hanun.

### **L. Medical Obstruction**

The Israeli army continued to attack the Palestinian health sector, including hospitals, clinics, ambulances and medical staff. 10 attacks were reported during July, including 8 in the West Bank and 2 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army carried out 2 attacks in Jenin, 4 in Tulkarem, 2 in Nablus, 1 in Gaza city and 1 in Rafah.

1. At 17:15 on 10 July, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 bulldozers, raided the area north of the settlement of Nitsareem and east of Ash Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road and opened intensive fire towards an ambulance, injuring the ambulance driver.
2. On 29 July, the Israeli army severely beat and handcuffed *Muntaser al Hathnawi*, an ambulance driver, and detained him at a checkpoint set up near the settlement of Shavei Shomron for several hours as he was transporting ill civilians from the city of Jenin to the city of Nablus.