

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 November 2007 – 30 November 2007

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 November 2007 to 30 November 2007. The report includes a summary table of events 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 Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG), Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD), and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). 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 civil ministries and security agencies. The information reported through the PMG process only represents data available at the time of distribution.

SAMPLE OF ISRAELI ARMY VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2007

- **On November 04**, Israeli combat helicopters fired a missile targeting a factory in Northern Gaza district, resulting in the death of 3 civilians, including a father and his son, and the injury of 2 others.
- **On November 05**, a child was seriously injured as a result of toying with Israel army UXO near Matirda military camp east of Bethlehem district.
- **On November 10**, the Israeli army opened fire towards 2 children under the pretext of approaching the grounds of the Green Line in the area east of the refugee camp of al-Brej in Central Gaza district. The 16- and 17-year old children were killed instantly.
- **On November 12**, a physician died of injuries sustained during an Israeli air strike on the area located east of the town of Jabalia in Northern Gaza district.
- **On November 16**, a public march set out, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in the village of Bil'in in Ramallah district, in protest of the construction of the apartheid wall. Clashes between the Israeli army and civilian protestors broke out, resulting in the injury of 9 civilians, including one journalist and a Japanese peace activist. In addition, the Israeli army detained one American and one Israeli peace activists.
- **On November 20**, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of al-Far'a in Toubas district. Clashes between the Israeli army and civilians broke out, resulting in the injury of 5 civilians, including 4 children.
- **On November 25**, crack Israeli soldiers raided a café in the refugee camp of Tulkarem, and assassinated one civilian and injured another.
- **On November 27**, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun in Qalqilya district and opened fire intensively during a house search, resulting in the injury of 3 civilians, including 2 children.
- **On November 28**, the Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired tank missiles from its posts on the Green Line towards civilian houses and agricultural land in the town of al-Shokeh east of the city of Rafah. As a result, one civilian was seriously injured.
- **On November 29**, the Israeli army opened fire from its posts on the Green Line towards the area of Johr al-Dik, located to the east of the al-Brej refugee camp in Central Gaza, resulting in the injury of 2 civilians.
- **On November 30**, an Israeli settler ran over a civilian on the bridge of al-Zawiyyeh in Salfit district. The civilian was taken to an Israeli hospital for treatment suffering from serious bruising and fractures,.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – NOVEMBER 2007

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	1	0	1	Crack Israeli soldiers assassinated one civilian in a café in the city of Tulkarem.
Deaths	1	30	31	Incl. 2 children; one physician; 20 armed individuals.
Injuries	67	59	126	Incl. 20 children; 6 female civilians; one prisoner; 5 international peace activists and supporters; 3 pupils; 2 journalists; one physician; one civilian who was run over by a settler; 2 civilians who died in a car accident involving an Israeli military jeep; one fisherman; and 19 armed individuals.
Attacks	169	135	304	The Israeli army carried out 130 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 60 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 62 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 10 attacks from checkpoints. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire on 6 occasions and combat helicopters on 27 occasions.
Raids	786	30	816	36 in Jerusalem; 91 in Ramallah; 103 in Jenin; 41 in Toubas; 77 in Tulkarem; 71 in Qalqiliya; 65 in Nablus; 9 in Salfit; 60 in Jericho; 134 in Bethlehem; 99 in Hebron; 12 in Nbbcorthern Gaza; 9 in Central Gaza; 6 in Khan Younis; 3 in Rafah.
Arrests	398	13	411	The Israeli army arrested 17 Palestinian civilians in Jerusalem; 43 in Ramallah; 20 in Jenin; 14 in Toubas; 33 in Tulkarem; 58 in Qalqiliya; 83 in Nablus; 9 in Salfit; 16 in Jericho; 35 in Bethlehem; 70 in Hebron; 2 in Northern Gaza; 11 in Rafah. The arrested civilians include 27 children; 1 female civilian; 5 university students; 1 twelfth-grade student; 3 PLC members; 1 municipal council member; 1 village council member ; 4 fishermen; 22 military officers.
House Demolitions	3	4	7	The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Nablus; 2 houses in Bethlehem; 1 house in Northern Gaza; 3 houses in Central Gaza.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	66	28	94	Destruction of Property: The Israeli army destroyed civilian vehicles, electrical transformers, tin-houses, trees, plants, and a fishing boat. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army confiscated weapons, ammunition, and computers.
House Occupations	23	12	35	Jenin (3); Tulkarem (2); Nablus (14); Qalqilya (4); Northern Gaza (6); Central Gaza (6).
Curfews	27	0	27	The Israeli army imposed curfews over residential areas in the districts of Jenin (1); Toubas (1); Tulkarem (1); Nablus (1); Qalqilya (16); Salfit (5); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (1).
Closure of Crossing Points	0	114	114	The Israeli army closed international crossing points (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and Arafat International Airport) on 60 occasions, and crossing points to Israel on 54 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	429	0	429	Jerusalem (69); Ramallah (38); Jenin (67); Toubas (10) Tulkarem (21); Qalqiliya (44); Nablus (15); Salfit (42); Jericho (15); Bethlehem (45); Hebron (63).
Medical Obstruction	3	0	3	The Israeli army denied Palestinian ambulances access to injured civilians; Israeli troops searched a UNRWA clinic.
Attacks on Religious Sites	6	0	6	The Israeli army stormed into the al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards in the old city of Jerusalem, and broke into and searched 2 mosques in the town of Anata. Likewise in the refugee camp of Balata in Nablus district, the Israeli army broke into 2 mosques, and in the refugee camp of al-Dheisheh in Bethlehem district besieged one mosque. Additionally, the Israeli army demolished the door of a mosque in Qalqilya district.
School Disruption	3	0	3	The Israeli army fired tear gas bombs inside one school, and raided 2 schools.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	18	0	18	The Israeli army provoked the Palestinian National Security Forces on 9 occasions; the civil police forces on 6 occasions; the presidential guard on 1 occasion; the Preventive Security Apparatus on 1 occasion; the Civil Defence Forces on 1 occasion.
Settlement Activity	6	0	6	In the districts of Ramallah (1); Jenin (3); Nablus (1); Bethlehem (1).
Settler Violence	25	0	25	In Jerusalem (1); Jenin (1); Qalqilya (12); Salfit (1); Nablus (4); Jericho (1); Hebron (5).
TOTAL	2031	425	2456	

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	COMMENTS
Deaths	35	402	31	Death toll dropped to 21.4% compared to October and rose by 8.6% compared to September. The Israeli army killed 2 children during the month of November, compared to 1 child in October and 5 in September.
Assassinations	0	2	1	The Israeli army resumed the policy of assassination without trial for those whom it considers “wanted” by the Israeli security forces.
Injuries	172	195	126	Drop of 35.4% compared to October and of 26.7% compared to September. Twenty children were injured during the month of November, compared to 39 in October and 32 in September.
Attacks	229	290	304	Increase in the number of attacks by 4.8% compared to October and by 32.8% compared to September.
Raids	720	757	816	The total number of Israeli army raids into Palestinian Authority-controlled territory (Area A – which the Israeli army has continued to reinvade since 2002) was 463 in November, compared to 463 in October and 389 in September. The Israeli army also raided Palestinian Authority-controlled territory in the Gaza Strip districts on 30 occasions. During these raids, the Israeli army levelled civilian land on 12 occasions.
Arrests	414	423	411	Drop of 2.8% compared to October and a drop of 0.7% compared to September. Twenty-seven children were arrested during the month of November, compared to 22 children in October and 36 in September.
House Demolition	8	2	7	Rise of 250% compared to October and drop of 12.5% compared to September.
Attacks on Property	144	91	94	Rise of 3.3% compared to October and drop of 34.7% compared to September.
House Occupation	39	28	35	Rise of 25% compared to October and drop of 10.3% compared to September.
Curfews	6	14	27	Curfews rose by 92.9% compared to last October and by 350% compared to September.
Flying Checkpoints	445	436	429	Drop of 1.6% compared to October and of 3.6% compared to September.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	156	135	114	Crossing points to Israel were closed on 54 occasions in November, compared to 73 in October and 96 in September. As in October and September, the Israeli army closed Rafah Crossing completely throughout the month of November. Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	2	2	3	Rise of 50% compared to October and September.
Attacks on Religious Sites	9	8	6	Drop of 25% compared to October and by 33.3% compared to September.
School Disruption	1	4	3	Drop of 25% compared to October and rise of 200% compared to September.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	10	6	18	Despite efforts made by Palestinian forces to control the security situation, the Israeli army continued to take position near Palestinian security offices and headquarters. The Israeli army also detained Palestinian security commanders and officers, and arrested 22 Palestinian military officers.
Settlement Activity	3	8	6	Drop of 25% compared to October and by 100% compared to September.
Settler Violence	28	36	25	Decrease by 30.6% compared to October and by 10.7% compared to September.
TOTAL	2421	2477	2456	The general 0.9% drop in the total incidents compared to October was due to the drop in the rate of deaths, injuries, arrests, raids, attacks, flying checkpoints and house occupation. Compared to September, total incidents rose by 1.5% due to the increase in raids, attacks, closure of crossing points, provocation of Palestinian forces, house occupations, curfews, and attacks on private and public property.

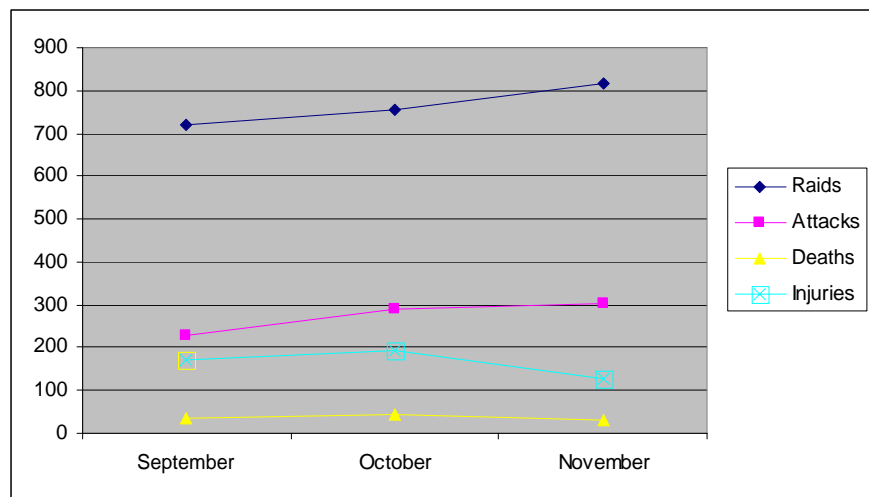
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2007

WEST BANK	NOTES
7	In the districts of Ramallah (1); Qalqilya (1); Jericho (1); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (1). Palestinian security forces handed over 6 stranded Israelis and one stolen vehicle to the Israeli army.

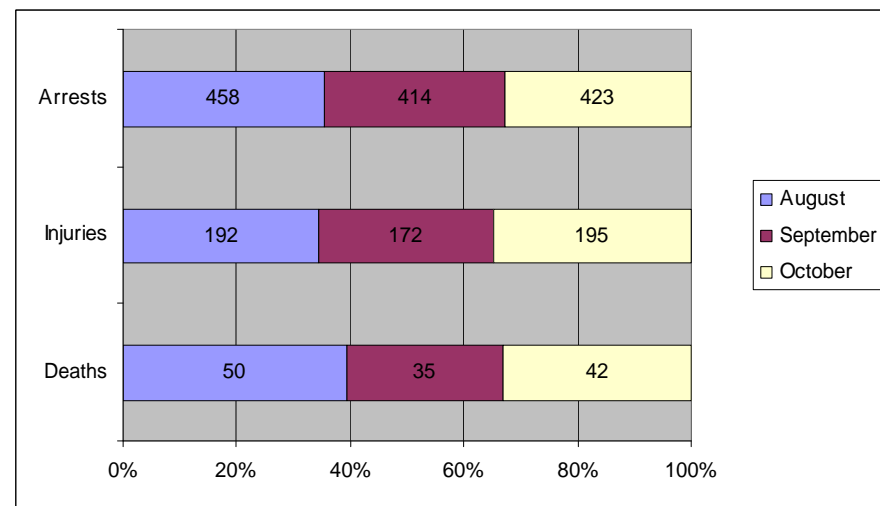
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	NOTES
4	7	7	During the month of November, the Palestinian security forces handed over 7 Israelis who entered Palestinian-controlled Area A (9 in October; 4 in September), as well as a stolen vehicle.

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. Assassinations

Israeli soldiers assassinated civilian Mohammad Zaki Fozah and injured another person in a café in the Tulkarem refugee camp.

2. Deaths

The Israeli army killed 31 Palestinian civilians in November, including 1 civilian in the West Bank and 30 in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army killed Palestinians in the following districts: Ramallah (1); Northern Gaza (15); Gaza (1); Central Gaza (4); Khan Younis (8); Rafah (2). Of these, the Israeli army killed 2 children, one physician, and 20 armed individuals.

3. Injuries

The total number of injuries reported during the month of November was 126 (67 Palestinians in the West Bank and 59 in the Gaza Strip). Most injuries were reported in the districts of Northern Gaza (26); Ramallah (21); Khan Younis (17); Qalqilya (11); Jerusalem (10). Of those injured, 20 were children, including 1 child who died as a result of toying with Israeli army UXO; 6 female civilians, including 2 who were attacked by Israeli settlers; 5 international peace activists; 1 prisoner; 13 pupils; 2 journalists; 1 physician; 1 civilian who was run over by a settler; 2 civilians who were injured in a car accident with an Israeli military jeep; 1 fisherman; 19 armed individuals.

4. Arrests

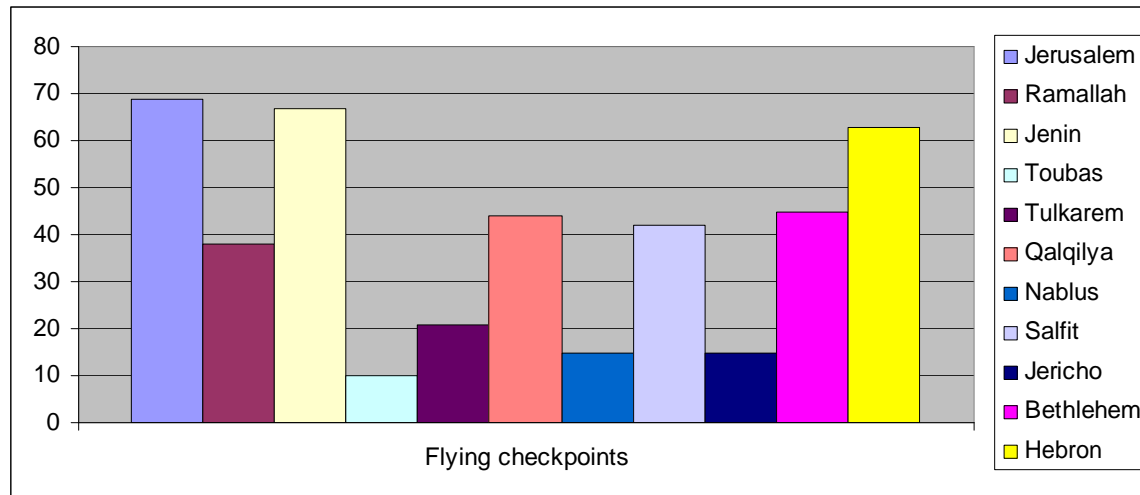
The Israeli army arrested 411 Palestinian civilians in November, including 398 Palestinians in the West Bank and 13 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of arrests were reported to have taken place in the districts of Nablus (83); Hebron (70); Qalqilya (58); Ramallah (43); Bethlehem (35); Tulkarem (33); Jenin (20). Among these, the Israeli army arrested 27 children; 1 female civilian; 1 twelfth-grade pupil; 1 university student; 3 PLC members, including a female member; 1 municipal council member; head of a village council; 4 fishermen; 22 military officers.

5. Closure

Especially on Fridays, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and prevented civilians from accessing the al-Aqsa Mosque compound. Beginning on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at permanent checkpoints set up throughout the West Bank districts. The Israeli army continued as well to isolate the northern districts from the central and southern districts of the West Bank, impeding civilian movement between these districts. Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and at the entrances to the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus continued to impede access to civilian residents. Additionally, the Israeli army also continued to isolate the Jordan Valley and impede civilian access by adopting harsher measures at permanent checkpoints set up in Tayaseer.

Special permits are still required for private civilian vehicles to cross Huwara and Beit Iba checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Nablus and for vehicles leaving the city of Jericho through the checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city as well as through Ma'ale Efrayim, al-Hamra, and al-'Auja checkpoints leading to the area of the Jordan Valley. Considering it a "border crossing point," the Israeli army continued to prevent Palestinian West Bank civilian vehicles from crossing Qalandya checkpoint towards the towns of al-Ram and Qalandya, as well as Dahiyat al-Bareed north of the city of Jerusalem.

Further impeding civilian access, the Israeli army set 429 flying checkpoints in and around Palestinian residential locales throughout the West Bank during the month of November, compared to 436 flying checkpoints in October and 454 in September. The chart below shows the distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank for October 2007.



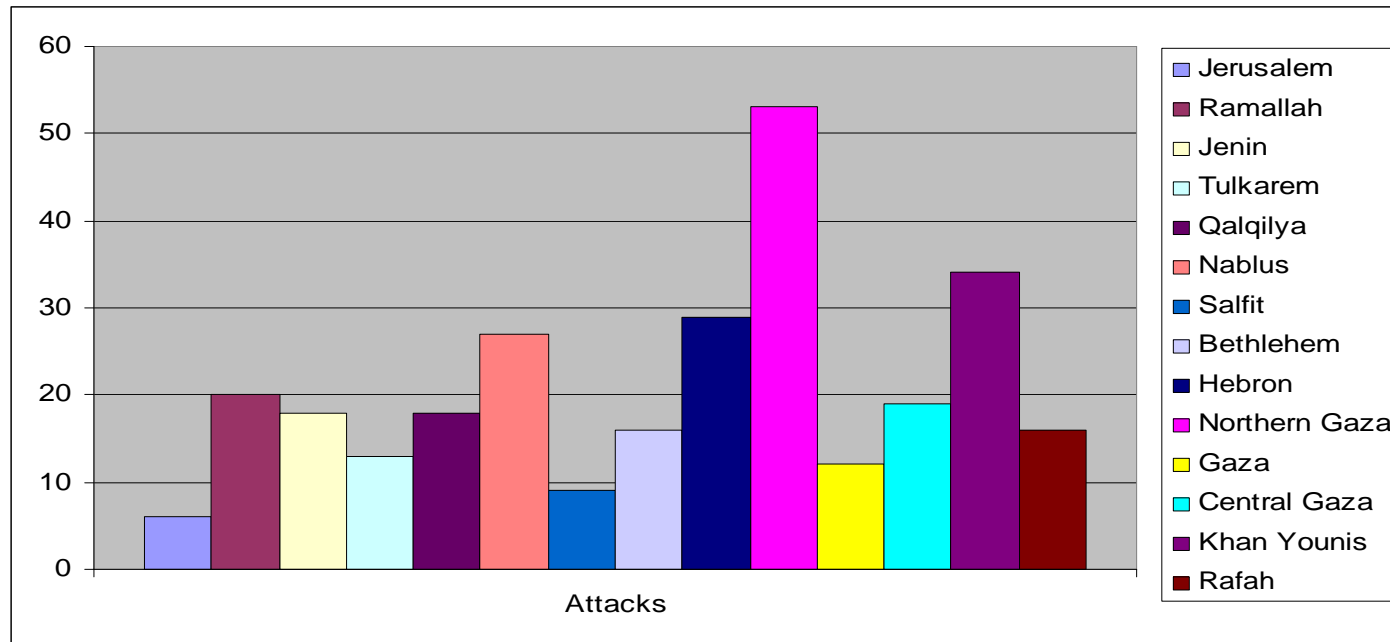
Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank – November 2007

6. Attacks

A total of 304 attacks were reported during the month of November, including 169 attacks in the West Bank and 135 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army carried out 130 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas; 91 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians; 62 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property; 10 attacks from checkpoints. In addition, Israeli combat aircraft, helicopters and UAVs carried out 22 air attacks. Israeli combat helicopters also opened fire towards Palestinian territory with machine guns on 5 occasions. Furthermore, Israeli navy boats carried out 6 attacks in Gaza. (See chart below).

In addition, the Israeli army carried out 135 attacks (including air attacks) in the Gaza Strip districts. Armed Palestinian individuals fired 386 mortars towards areas inside the Green Line; opened fire on 10 occasions; detonated 3 explosive devices near Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line and fired 22 anti-tank missiles towards the Israeli army.

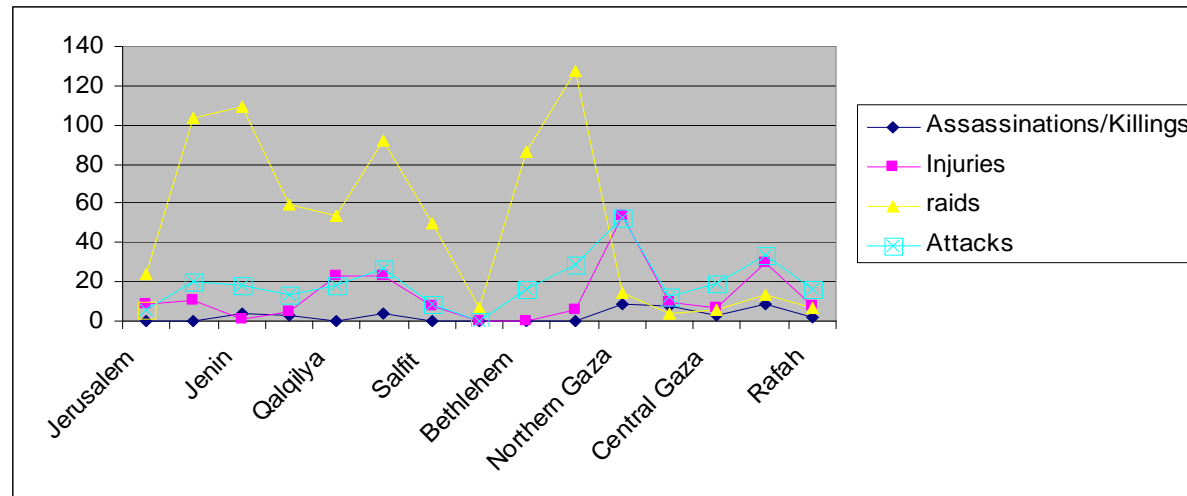


Israeli attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip – November 2007

Following the crisis in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 has no longer been effective.

7. Raids

1. The Israeli army carried out a total of 816 raids into Palestinian residential locales during the month of November, including 786 in the West Bank and 30 in the Gaza Strip. The majority of Israeli army raids took place in the districts of Hebron (138); Jenin (103); Bethlehem (99); Ramallah (91); Tulkarem (77); Qalqilya (71); Nablus (61); Salfit (60). The Israeli army opened fire during 130 raids, approximately 16% of the total number of raids into Palestinian residential areas. Additionally, the Israeli army imposed curfew 27 times on 19 residential locales in the West Bank during raids (compared to 14 times in October and 6 in September). During the raids, the Israeli army occupied and converted into military posts 35 civilian houses and residential buildings. The following graph shows the correlation between the number of raids and resulting human losses:



Correlation between the number of raids and resulting human losses – November 2007

2. The Israeli army also continued to intensify its raids on Palestinian Authority controlled territory (Areas A under the Oslo Agreement), which the Israeli army re-occupied in 2002. The Israeli army conducted 541 raids, approximately 66.3% of the total number of raids, into Palestinian Authority controlled territory in the West Bank.

8. House Demolitions

During the month of November, the Israeli army demolished 7 civilian houses, including 3 in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip. The house demolition included 2 houses in the village of al-Freides in Bethlehem district under the pretext of unlicensed construction. In addition, the Israeli army demolished one house during a raid on the refugee camp of Balata in Nablus, and another house north of the town of Beit Hanoun in Northern Gaza. Furthermore, 2 houses in Wadi al-Salqa in Central Gaza were brought down by the Israeli army.

9. Provocation of Palestinian Military and Security Forces

The Israeli army provoked Palestinian forces in West Bank districts on 18 occasions during the month of November (not including the 22 Palestinian military officers who were arrested by the Israeli army). The provocation was reported to have taken place in the West Bank as follows:

Types of Israeli Army Provocation against Palestinian Forces during the Month of November 2007

Type of Provocation	West Bank	Notes
Attacks	1	Israeli army fired sound bombs in front of a Palestinian police station in the city of Nablus.
Preventing Palestinian Security Forces from carrying out security duties	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army threatened with arms the Chief Commander of the Palestinian Security Forces at a military checkpoint. The Israeli army prevented the Civil Defence fire brigade from putting out fire that broke out in a house in