

ISRAEL'S SYSTEMATIC KILLINGS IN THE WEST BANK SITUATION REPORT

From Oct.7 to Nov.12, 2023

Tensions have been running high across the West Bank since the fighting broke out on Oct. 7 between Palestinian resistance groups and Israeli army in the Gaza Strip, where Israel launched relentless air and ground attacks, including on hospitals, residences, and houses of worship.

Hundreds were detained, injured, and/or killed as they took out to the streets across the occupied West Bank to speak out against Israeli genocide in Gaza, where at over 11,000 Palestinians have been killed, including more than 4,500 children.

This report provides daily facts and statistics about the death toll and targets of Israeli military since Oct.7 until Nov.12. It also outlines the geographical area, age, and gender of victims of Israeli attacks in the West Bank and Jerusalem.

Hundreds of injuries were reported as Israeli troops quelled marches staged in solidarity with Gaza and in protest at Israel's simmering state-sponsored terrorism.

Movement crackdowns, extensive manhunt and arrest campaigns, and random shooting of gunfire and teargas have been increasingly reported across the occupied West Bank.

Medics, ambulances, and hospitals have raised alarm bells, saying emergency units have been operating beyond their normal capacity as the number of casualties soared.



Until Sunday, November 12, the death toll of Palestinians killed by Israeli gunfire in the West Bank was estimated at 186, according to data by the Palestinian Health Ministry.

Israel deployed drones and bulldozers, amid some of its deadliest recent raids on the West Bank, particularly on the city of Jenin and refugee camps. Drone strikes on Jenin have signaled a new offensive strategy, where Israel relied increasingly on air attacks across the occupied territory.

The Jenin refugee camp was one of 19 established in the West Bank after hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were driven from their homes during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Its residents have been discriminated against by the occupying Israeli authorities, who preside over a system that rights groups have described as apartheid.

Until October 28, at least eight Palestinians were killed by gunfire unleashed by Israeli settlers, in yet another sign of simmering army-backed settler terrorism.



The Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research conducted a special poll on Palestinian public opinion in the West Bank between the period of September 28 and October 12, 2023. The period leading up to and during the conduct of the poll witnessed a few important developments directly related to the subject of the poll, including an increase in the number of terrorist attacks by settlers. This year witnessed an unprecedented acceleration in settler violence, including killings, torture, burning homes, orchards and cars, and attacks on places of worship in an unprecedented manner, many of which came under the watchful eyes of the Israeli army and sometimes under its protection. The attacks have continued during the current war in Gaza. The Nablus governorate was subjected to the most brutal settler attacks, especially in places like Huwara, Beita, Madama, Deir Sharaf, Burqa, Qusra, Asira al-Qibliya and other towns, followed by the governorate of Ramallah, especially in Sinjil, Turmus'ayya, um Safa and al-Mughayir, and the AlKhalil governorate, especially in the Old City area of H2 and in the south of the governorate.

The results of this special survey on the threat posed to West Bank Palestinians by settlers indicate that the risk extends to all Palestinian areas and that it is not restricted to Areas C and B, but extends to Area A, and that there are some areas where this danger is overwhelming and is felt by most of the citizens. The concerns of the Palestinian population include fear of attacks on their homes and property as well as the fear of displacement or forced relocation to other areas.



West Bank Victims since Oct.7

Until Sunday, November 12, the Palestinian Health Ministry reported the killing of 186 Palestinians by Israeli occupation forces across the West Bank, including 47 children, 4 elderly people, and a woman. Jenin topped the list with 42 victims. 28 were killed in Tulkarem, 25 in Nablus, 23 in AlKhalil, 22 in Ramallah and AlBireh, 14 in Jerusalem, 7 in Bethlehem, and 7 in Jerusalem. The list also includes 6 victims from Jericho and the Jordan Valley, 6 from Qalqilya, 5 from Tubas, and another Palestinian from Salfit.

Israel continues to withhold the bodies of at least 6 Palestinians killed since Oct.7. PRC field researchers identified their names as: Mohamed Awad Jarbou'a, from Ramallah&AlBireh; Rajeh Hosam Taha, from AlKhalil; Mourad Issa Kara, from Bethlehem; Omar Hamza Daraghma, from Tubas; Arafet Yasser Hamden, from AlBireh, and Muntassar Mohamed Seif, from Nablus.

Two Palestinians were pronounced dead behind Israeli bars, most probably, under torture, just a few days following their detention.





Israeli war crimes against besieged and bombarded Gaza continue to stoke tension in the occupied West Bank, where Palestinians say they now live in terror of more reprisal attacks by Israeli army and extremist settlers. Israeli attacks, both in Gaza and the West Bank, including bombardment of civilian facilities, random gun shooting, drone strikes, arbitrary detention, and torture of political prisoners contravene international humanitarian law and relevant UN resolutions.

Israel has proved once again that it has failed to take effective precautionary measures to avoid civilian casualties, exacerbating the long-running crisis. Instead of addressing the root cause of the conflict, which is the occupation of Palestinian territory, and allowing the Palestinians to exercise their right to self-determination, Israel is using excessive force and indiscriminate means against civilians and anti-occupation demonstrators, resulting in serious harm to persons, including death and permanent injuries.

Civilians are never a legitimate target; And Israel must uphold its duty to protect them under international humanitarian law.











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