

PALESTINIAN CASUALTIES BY ISRAELI FORCES 2017-2022 (West Bank, inc. East Jerusalem)

2022

- in 2022, 154 Palestinians, including 36 children, were killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. 2022 is the highest number of fatalities recorded by the United Nations (UN) in the West Bank since 2005. 151 of those, including 35 children, were killed by Israeli forces, two including one child, were killed by Israeli settlers, and another child was killed by either forces or a settler.
- 55 Palestinians killed in Jenin; 33 in Nablus by Israeli forces.
- 72% of Palestinian fatalities across the West Bank in 2022 occurred during search-and-arrest operations.
- 21 Israelis, including 4 Israeli forces and 1 child, were killed by Palestinians from the West Bank in 2022. 10 of those killed were in the West Bank (compared with 3 in 2021) and 11 were in Israel (compared with 1 in 2021). Also in Israel, three foreign nationals were killed by Palestinians from the West Bank.
- The increasing number of deaths and injuries of Palestinians from the use of live ammunition by Israeli forces raises concerns about possible excessive or unwarranted use of force by Israeli forces acting in a law enforcement framework, including the use of lethal weapons as crowd control measures during protests and lack of accountability - such cases have only rarely resulted in effective investigations or holding to account suspected perpetrators within Israeli forces.

2023

- In January 2023, 35 Palestinians killed, including 6 children, 487 injuries by Israeli forces.
- 26 January 10 people, including 2 children and a 61-year-old woman, the highest number of Palestinians killed in a single operation since OCHA started recording data on casualties in 2005. 19 in Jenin so far in 2023
- Synagogue attack. Deadliest in 20 years.

SETTLER VIOLENCE 2017-2022

- Settler violence refers to incidents attributed to Israeli settlers that result in Palestinian casualties or in damage to Palestinian property, which were reported by at least three independent and reliable sources.
- The data include incidents where Israeli forces actively supported or provided security cover for Israeli settlers carrying out attacks that resulted in casualties among Palestinians in the West Bank.

2022

- 2022 saw the highest number of settler related incidents against Palestinians that have resulted in injury or property damage since OCHA started gathering settler related data in 2006. And 58% increase in the number of settler-related incidents compared with 2021 and a 123% increase compared with 2020.
- Israeli settlers are rarely charged for these attacks, increasing the level of threat to Palestinians and their property. According to Israeli Police data submitted to the Israeli NGO Yesh Din, between 2018-2020, the police opened a total of 369 investigations in cases of Israeli settler violence against Palestinians, of which only 11, or 3%, led to the prosecution of suspects. The rate of conviction is unknown.
- Settler violence intimidates Palestinians from accessing their land and sources of livelihoods and has facilitated the takeover of land by settlers for the establishment and expansion of settlement outposts.

2023

- Israeli settlers killed two Palestinians who either stabbed or allegedly attempted to stab Israeli settlers in newly established settlement outposts in Hebron and Ramallah.
- In January 2023, a total of 78 settler-related incidents (with and without Israeli forces) that have resulted in Palestinian casualties and/or property damage were reported. 61 of these incidents resulted in damage, nine resulted in casualties and eight resulted in both.

DEMOLITION/DISPLACEMENT

- 2022 witnessed a six-year-high in the number of structures demolished or seized in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, representing a 5% increase in the number of structures demolished and 14% decrease in the displacement rate compared with 2021.
- Less than 1% of Area C has Israeli-approved plans, which would allow Palestinians to apply for building permits and build in these areas. According to the Israeli NGO, Peace Now, on average, between 2009-2020, less than 2% of the building permit applications filed by Palestinians in Area C were approved by the Israeli authorities.
- Only 13% of East Jerusalem is zoned for Palestinian construction, much of which is already built up. In Jerusalem, between 1991-2018, only 16.5% of permits were issued for Palestinians, who comprise 38% of Jerusalem's residents. At least a third of all Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem lack Israeli-issued building permits, which are difficult to obtain, potentially placing over 100,000 residents at risk of displacement.
- In 2021, Israeli authorities began to use more military/confiscation orders rather than demolition orders: 50% of the cases in 2021 in Area C as compared to 30% between 2018-2020. Confiscation orders require shorter notification and limit legal recourse in comparison to demolition orders.
- Humanitarian assistance provided in Area C, some of it in response to previous demolitions/ seizures, has been increasingly targeted for demolition in recent years.
- Punitive demolitions are a form of collective punishment, prohibited under international law and often trigger confrontations and clashes between the Palestinian communities and Israeli forces, resulting in casualties.

2023

- In January 2023, 123 structures demolished for lack of permit; including 14 were provided as humanitarian aid, as a result 144 people, including 70 children were displaced. An additional five structures were demolished or sealed on punitive grounds, displacing a total of 30 people, including seven children in three separate incidents.

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Palestinians killed by Israeli forces	44	36	27	22	78	151
Including Palestinian children killed by Israeli forces	12	7	4	6	17	35
Palestinians injured by Israeli forces	7159	5961	3479	2406	16633	9875

SETTLER RELATED-INCIDENTS 2017-2022

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Incidents resulting in only Property damage.	115	217	268	286	390	621
Incidents resulting in only Casualties .	47	81	82	66	98	124
Incidents resulting in property damage and casualties	18	32	16	28	50	104
Sum of the above	180	330	366	380	538	849
Palestinians killed by Israeli settlers	4	3	2	0	5 (inc. 1 who attempted attack)	2 (inc. 1 who attempted attack)
Palestinians injured by Israeli settlers	77	115	113	135	171	265

Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in incidents involving settlers	1	4	6	0	2	12
Palestinians injured by Israeli forces in incidents involving settlers)	98	477	273	115	1109	2130
Trees vandalized by people known or believed to be Israeli settlers	5934	8248	7957	9892	12300	12500
Vehicles damaged by people known or believed to be Israeli settlers	84	612	697	190	322	746

**PALESTINIAN STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/PEOPLE DISPLACED
BY ISRAELI authorities 2017-2022**

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lack of permit	409	448	606	848	904	918
Includes donor-funded	106	55	128	157	220	140
Punitive demolitions	9	6	14	7	3	14
People displaced	615	393	847	971	1170	922