

Protection of Civilians Report
20 November – 3 December 2018
Biweekly Highlights

Latest development

On 4 December, a 22-year-old Palestinian man with special needs was shot and killed by Israeli forces, while clashes were happening following a search and arrest operation in Tulkarm city.

- **Demonstrations in the context of the ‘Great March of Return’ continued for the 36th successive week, resulting in the injury of 272 Palestinians by Israeli forces**, with no fatalities reported. Among the total number of injuries, 79 occurred during marches to protest restrictions on fishing areas in the northern Beit Lahiya area. Israeli sources indicated that no incendiary kites or balloons were launched and that no attempts were made to breach the fence during any of the demonstrations.
- **On at least 31 occasions outside of the above-mentioned demonstrations, Israeli forces opened fire in the Access Restricted Areas (ARA) at land and sea in Gaza**, injuring one child who approached the perimeter fence. Three fishermen were detained and the livelihoods of Palestinian farmers and fishermen were disrupted. **On two occasions, Israeli forces carried out levelling and excavation activities along the perimeter fence inside Gaza.**
- **On 26 November, a 32-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed by Israeli forces, after he reportedly drove his vehicle into a group of soldiers stationed on the main road near Beit Ummar village (Hebron)**, injuring three of them; his body has been withheld by the Israeli authorities. According to Palestinian eye witnesses the incident appeared to be a car accident; Israeli media sources indicated that it was a deliberate attack. Since the beginning of 2018, thirteen Palestinians have been killed during attacks or alleged attacks against Israelis in the West Bank.
- **During the period, 41 Palestinians, including eight children, were injured by Israeli forces during multiple protests and clashes in the West Bank.** Of the total, 34 injuries were recorded in protests near Huwvara checkpoint (Nablus) protesting Israel’s detention of the Palestinian Authority’s Governor of Jerusalem, and in the context of the weekly protest against access restrictions and settlement expansion in Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya). Another seven injuries occurred during clashes that erupted following two search and arrest operations, out of a total of 176 such operations carried out during the reporting period. Of all the injuries, 16 were caused by rubber bullets and 21 as a result of tear-gas inhalation or direct hits by tear gas canisters, which required medical treatment.
- **Citing the lack of building permits, the Israeli authorities demolished or seized 33 Palestinian-owned structures in Area C and East Jerusalem, including two structures provided as humanitarian assistance. As a result, 16 people, including six children, were displaced and 226 persons were affected.** Twenty-four (24) of the targeted structures were in East Jerusalem and nine were in Area C. The largest incident took place in the Shu’fat refugee

camp in East Jerusalem, where 19 structures were demolished, affecting the livelihood of 179 people, on the grounds of lacking building permits in an area designated for a road. In the Jabal al Mukabbir neighborhood of East Jerusalem, the Israeli authorities demolished an apartment built on the rooftop of a residential structure, displacing a family of four people. In Area C, two of the structures demolished were donor-funded water tanks provided as humanitarian assistance in response to a previous demolition in the community of Suba (Hebron). Also in Area C, another three residential structures were demolished, displacing thirteen people.

- **On 28 November, the Gaza wastewater treatment plant resumed partial operation, after a complete disconnection of water supply to a number of neighborhoods, due to damage sustained during an Israeli airstrike on 12 November.** Gaza municipal personnel managed to repair some of the damage and to resume water supply to hundreds of affected households. **Since early November, power supply has increased to at least eleven hours per day, due to funding by the Government of Qatar for fuel for the power plant, improving the delivery of basic services, including sanitation facilities.**

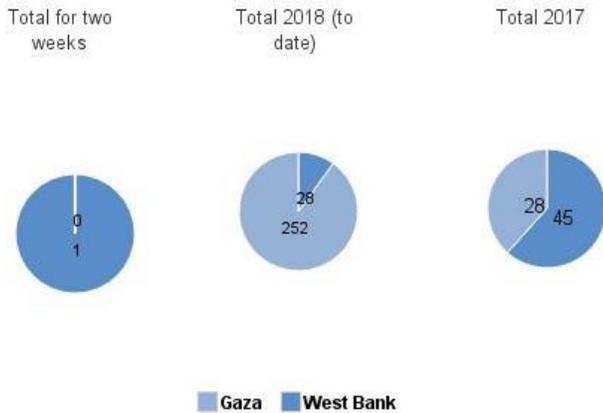
- **At least eleven attacks by Israeli settlers resulting in Palestinian property damage were reported.** Around 85 Palestinian-owned trees were vandalized by Israeli settlers in Turmus'ayya village (Ramallah), according to village council sources. In another five incidents, in Al Mughayyir (Ramallah), Al Jab'a (Bethlehem), Beit Iksa (Jerusalem) and Asira al Qibliya and Huwwara (both in Nablus) villages, Israeli settlers punctured the tires of 52 vehicles and sprayed offensive graffiti on some of the vehicles and on the wall of a school, a mosque and several houses. Israeli settlers and other Israeli groups entered various religious sites in the West Bank, triggering altercations and clashes with Palestinians, which ended in no injuries. The affected sites included the Al Haram ash Sharif/Temple Mount compound in East Jerusalem and a shrine in Sabastiya village (Nablus). **Settler violence and vandalism have been on the rise since the beginning of 2018, with a weekly average of five attacks resulting in injuries or property damage, compared with an average of three in 2017 and two in 2016.**

- **On at least nine occasions, Palestinians threw stones at Israeli-plated vehicles in the West Bank near Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Ramallah, causing damage to at least eight private vehicles, according to Israeli sources; one Israeli settler was injured in one of these incidents in Ramallah.**

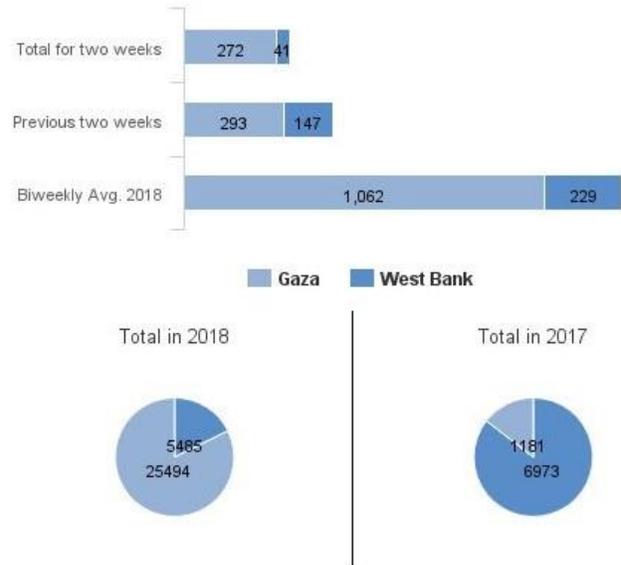
- **The Egyptian-controlled Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt was opened in both directions throughout the reporting period, except for five days.** A total of 1,280 people entered Gaza and 2,611 exited. The crossing has been almost continuously open, five days a week, since 12 May 2018.

Palestinian casualties in the occupied Palestinian territory (including East Jerusalem)

Palestinian fatalities by Israeli forces in the oPt

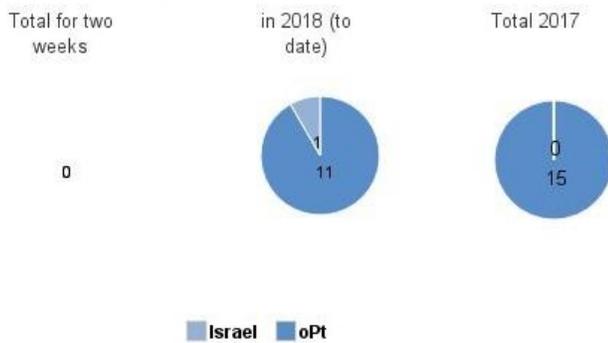


Palestinian injuries by Israeli forces in the oPt

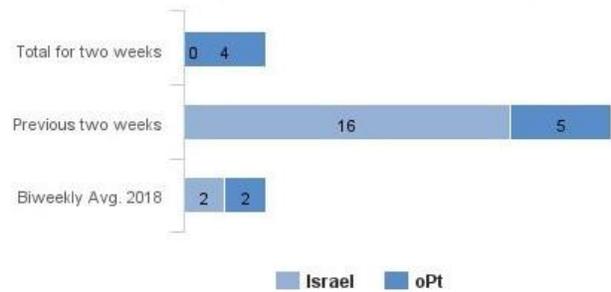


Israeli civilian casualties by Palestinians in the oPt and Israel

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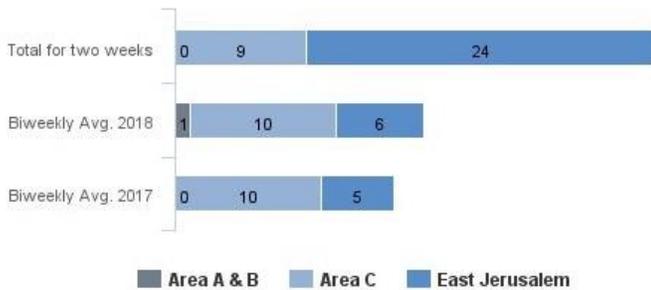


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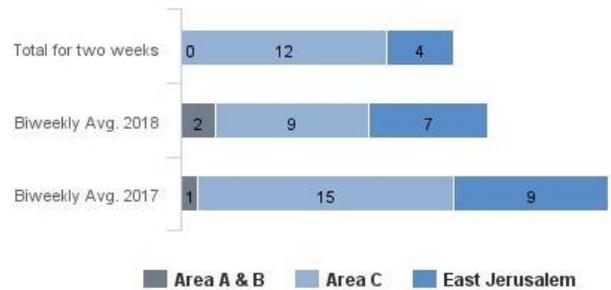


Demolitions and related displacements

Palestinian-owned structures demolished

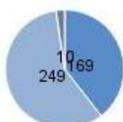


Palestinians displaced due to demolitions



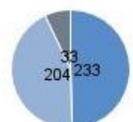
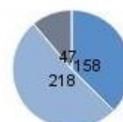
Total in 2018 (to date)

Total in 2017

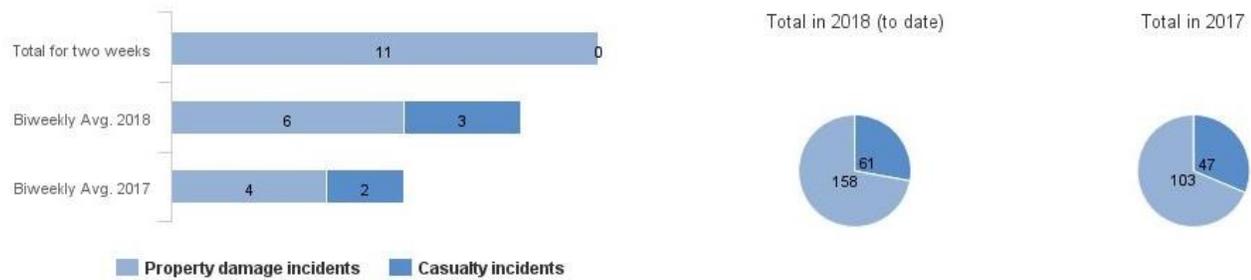


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Settler-related violence in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)



Israeli military operations in the occupied Palestinian territory (including East Jerusalem)

Israeli military incursions into Gaza*

* excluding the period of hostilities (7 July- 26 August 2014)

Total for two weeks In 2018 (to date) Total 2017

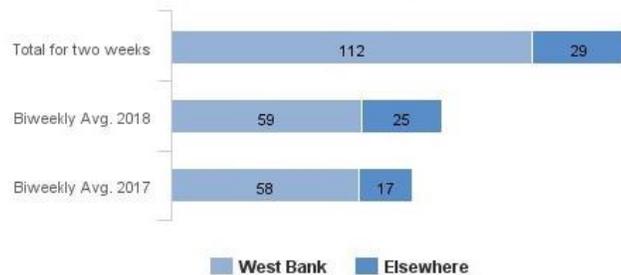


Israeli military search and arrest operations into the West Bank



Movements of goods into and out of Gaza through Kerem Shalom Crossing

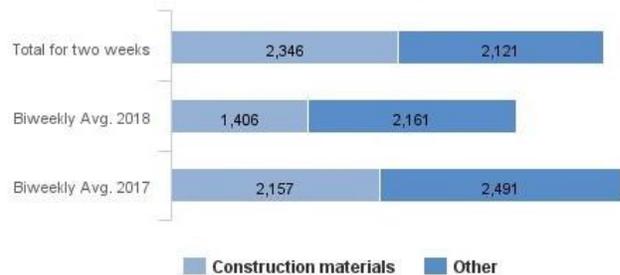
Truckloads leaving Gaza



240

Jan-May 2007 weekly average (before the blockade)

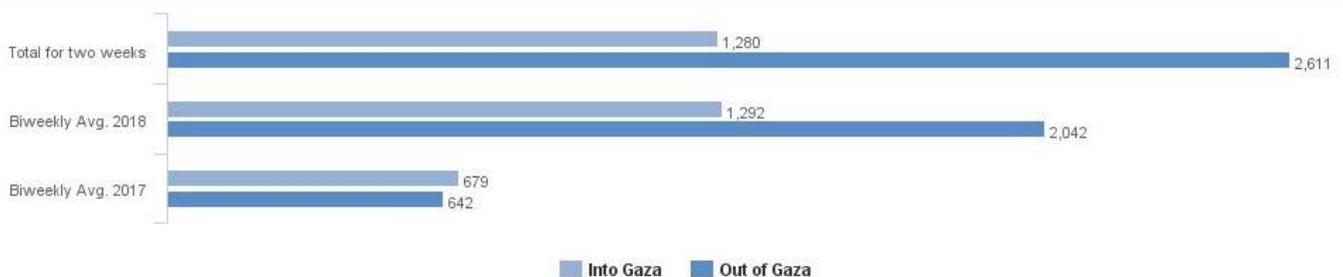
Truckloads entering Gaza



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Jan-May 2007 weekly average (before the blockade)

Movement of People via Rafah crossing



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