



PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS WEEKLY REPORT

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Key issues

- ❖ The Israeli authorities demolished 22 Palestinian-owned structures in East Jerusalem and Area C of the West Bank, displacing 17. Since October; the Israeli authorities demolished 48 Palestinian-owned structures in the Jerusalem governorate displacing 115 people, compared to 30 structures demolished and 33 people displaced in the first nine months of the year.
- ❖ According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, 120 essential medicines and 140 items of medical supplies are completely out of stock. According to the Central Drug Store, medicine for the treatments of cancer, anesthesia, dialysis, and hemophilia have all run out from hospitals and warehouses in the Gaza Strip, leaving many patients at risk.

WEST BANK

Significant increase in conflict-related casualties

The number of Palestinians injured in the West Bank this week was approximately 35 per cent higher than the average number of Palestinians injured per week since the beginning of 2011 (33 injuries). It is the highest number since the last week of September 2011.

Over three quarters of the Palestinian injuries during the period (35 injuries) were in the context of protests against access restrictions, settlement expansion, and Barrier construction. The remaining ten Palestinian injuries by Israeli forces occurred in the context of settler violence. Three Israeli soldiers were also injured.

Eighteen Palestinians and three Israeli soldiers were injured during a confrontation at Shu'fat checkpoint, which controls access to East Jerusalem from Shu'fat refugee camp. The protest was against Barrier construction being done in the area, and the expected opening of a new checkpoint at the entrance of the camp. Of those injured, one man was hit in the eye by a rubber-coated-metal bullet.

Another 12 Palestinians were injured in the weekly demonstration held in the village of Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya), against the closure of the village's

Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces:

Killed this week: 0

Of whom children: 0

Killed in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 9 vs. 13

Injured this week: 45, 35 in protests

Of whom children: 1

Injured in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 1342 vs. 1081

eastern entrance and restrictions imposed on access to agricultural land near Qedumim settlement. The latter require farmers to coordinate every entry to their land with the Israeli military. All injuries suffered from tear gas suffocation, which required medical treatment.

Also this week, ten Palestinians were treated for tear gas inhalation in the village of Iraq Burin (Nablus), when Israeli forces intervened in a confrontation between Israeli settlers and villagers, after the former raided the village.

Additionally, there were four incidents of Israeli settler violence that resulted in injuries or property damage. In one of them, Israeli settlers physically assaulted a 65-year-old Palestinian in the village of Salem (Nablus). In addition, settlers ploughed 12 dunums of Palestinian-owned land near Susiya (Hebron), set fire to one dunum of land planted with evergreens close to the village of Silat al Dhaher village (Jenin), and threw stones at vehicles next to

Azzun village (Qalqiliya), resulting in damage to two of them. In the early morning hours of 7 December, Israeli settlers set fire to a mosque in the village of Burkin (Salfit) in an apparent 'price tag' incident.

Demolitions and displacement in East Jerusalem and Area C

This week, the Israeli authorities demolished 22 Palestinian-owned structures in East Jerusalem and Area C of the West Bank, due to the lack of Israeli-issued permits. The demolished structures consisted of homes, residential tents, several commercial enterprises, animal barracks, and beehive structures.

In the village of Husan (Bethlehem), the livelihoods of 33 Palestinians were affected when the Israeli authorities demolished a restaurant, a car wash, a plant nursery, and an auto supply retail store. An additional four families, comprising 23 persons, were also affected as the heads of the families were employed in the demolished businesses. In the same context, the Israeli authorities demolished a stone quarry business in the village of Azzun (Qalqiliya). The business, which was comprised of one zinc structure and a stone storage yard, was demolished under the pretext of not having a construction license.

In the community of Wadi al Maleh (Tubas) of the Jordan Valley, the Israeli authorities demolished a residential structure which was originally funded by an international NGO. Consequently, five people, including three children, were displaced. Additionally, two animal barracks and two beehive structures were demolished, affecting the livelihood of more than 50 families who depended on the beehives for financial support.

In an Area C section of the Jerusalem governorate, the Israeli authorities conducted a series of demolitions targeting Palestinian-owned businesses and residences, mainly in Al-Khalayleh village. Four residential structures were demolished, including two zinc barracks that were being used to shelter families that lost their homes in a wave of demolitions in October 2011. Consequently, 12

Settler-related incidents:

Incidents resulting in Palestinian injuries or property damage:

2011 vs. same period in 2010: 395 vs. 298

Injured this week: 1

Palestinians injured in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 174 vs. 105

Settlers injured in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 36 vs. 50

people, including nine children, were displaced and 49 others were affected. In addition, three businesses and three animal barracks were demolished affecting the livelihood of 15 families. In the same context, the Israeli authorities demolished two residential structures in the East Jerusalem neighborhoods of Beit Hanina and Silwan, displacing two families of 15 people, including ten children. .

Also in Jerusalem, a family of six was displaced when they vacated their house in Silwan following a court-issued eviction order given in the context of a legal battle between the family and a settler organization over the ownership of the house. The family had been given until the end of November 2011 to evacuate their house and hand over the keys to the court.

During the week, the Israeli authorities issued 19 stop-work orders against 12 residential structures, a mosque, five cisterns, four animal barracks, and 11 electric poles in the governorates of Hebron and Qalqiliya.

Barrier construction around East Jerusalem. During the last week, the Israeli military began construction of new concrete segments of the Barrier in areas to the north of Qalandiya village and at the entrance of Shu'fat refugee camp. The Barrier segment being constructed at Qalandiya will surround Qalandiya airport and isolate approximately 400 dunums of land.

Palestinian-owned structures demolished in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Demolished this week: 22

Of which residences: 7

Structures demolished in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 537 vs. 350

People displaced in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 985 vs. 455

GAZA STRIP

Calm interrupted: one Palestinian killed and five others injured in the Gaza Strip

After two weeks of relative calm in Gaza and southern Israel, one Palestinian member of an armed group was killed and five other armed militants were injured in an Israeli airstrike and tank shelling on the outskirts of Gaza City. Israeli forces also conducted limited activities in the access restricted areas northeast of Al Bureij and Beit Hanoun, as well as restricted sea areas.

Palestinian armed factions also fired a number of rockets towards southern Israel. Although no damages from rocket fire were reported on the Israeli side of the border, one of the rockets fell short and damaged a Palestinian residence in the Zaitoun quarter, southeast of Gaza city.

Access to health services: medical supply shortages; patients and companioner detained

According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, 120 essential medicines and 140 items of medical supplies are completely out of stock. According to the Central Drug Store (CDS), medicine for the treatments of cancer, anesthesia, dialysis, and hemophilia have all run out from hospitals and warehouses in the Gaza Strip, leaving many patients at risk. The CDS further indicated that the lack of medicine and supplies for dialysis, for example, directly threatens the lives of 400 patients in the Gaza Strip.

This week, the Israeli authorities at Erez Crossing detained two Palestinian patients and a patient's companion. One patient was detained while returning to Gaza from an East Jerusalem hospital, while the other two people were detained when trying to leave. All three remain in detention as of the end of the reporting period.

Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip:

Killed this week: 1

Of whom children: 0

Killed in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 101 vs. 61

Injured this week: 5

Of whom children: 0

Injured in 2011 vs. same period in 2010: 425 vs. 220

Israel allows limited agricultural exports from Gaza

Israel authorities have allowed the export of certain types of crops from Gaza to international markets, but continued to prohibit exports to Israeli and West Bank markets. Between 27 November and 3 December, a total of six truckloads of strawberries (6.6 tonnes) were allowed to exit via Kerem Shalom crossing.

Since the beginning of 2011, approximately 190 truckloads of agricultural produce have been allowed to leave Gaza for external markets; by comparison, over 5,700 truckloads of a wider range of goods were exported in 2007, prior to the imposition of the blockade.

Movement of goods (Kerem Shalom Crossing):

Imports:

Weekly average of truckloads (TL) entered this week: 1,292

TL carrying food: 38%

Weekly average of TL since the beginning of 2011: 925

Weekly average of TL before the blockade: 2,807

Exports:

Truckloads that left this week: 2

Weekly average since the beginning of 2011: 5

Weekly average before the blockade: 240

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