

Reporting period: 7 - 13 July 2015

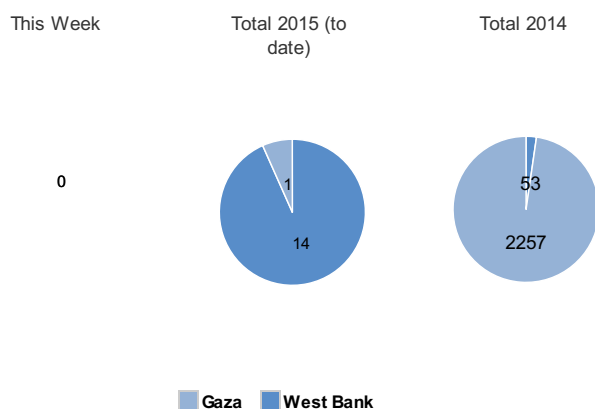
Please note: There will be no Protection of Civilians report next week due to the upcoming holidays. The next report will cover a two-week period.

Weekly Highlights

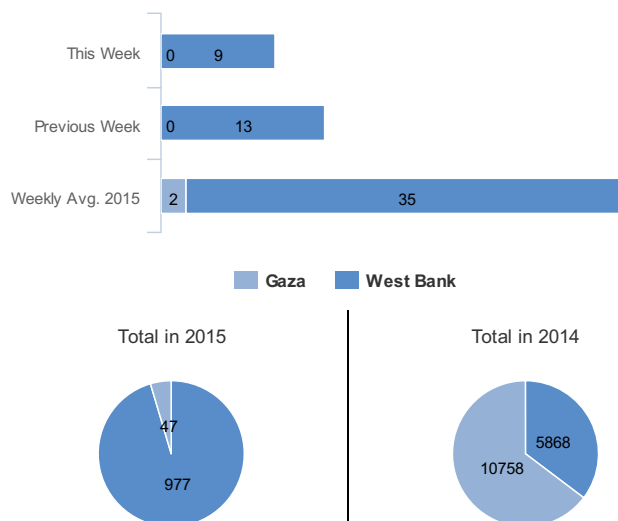
- Nine Palestinians, including three children, were injured by Israeli forces during various incidents across the West Bank.** Five of the Palestinians were physically assaulted by soldiers in separate confrontations, in Hebron city, at an ad-hoc 'flying' checkpoint in East Jerusalem, and during an attempt to cross the Barrier into Israel near Qalqiliya. The other four people were shot in clashes during the weekly demonstration against the longstanding closure of the main entrance to Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya), and in two search and arrest operations in Al Jalazun refugee camp (Ramallah) and in Shu'fat refugee camp (Jerusalem). A 55-year-old man lost his eye after being shot with a rubber bullet during the Shu'fat refugee camp clash. Overall, Israeli forces conducted 52 Search and Arrest operations and arrested 71 Palestinians in the West Bank.
- At least eleven incidents involving the opening of fire by Israeli forces towards Palestinian civilians in the Access Restricted Areas (ARA) on land and at sea were recorded in the Gaza Strip, none of which resulted in casualties.** Nine Palestinians were arrested in the ARA, including three Palestinians attempting to cross into Israel without permit, and six fishermen sailing near the Israeli-imposed fishing limit; two fishing boats belonging to the fishermen were confiscated.
- Two Palestinians, a woman and a man, were killed, and another three people were injured during clashes between two Palestinian families in Beit Jala (Bethlehem), on 13 July;** 12 commercial shops, four residential structures and several vehicles were also set on fire during the incident. Palestinian security forces intervened and arrested 50 people involved in the clashes. In another incident, **a four-year-old Palestinian girl from Yatta town (Hebron) was accidentally shot and killed by her father,** while he was cleaning his gun.
- On 9 July, an Israeli court lifted a long-standing gag order on the disappearance of two Israeli civilians, revealing that both are believed to be held captive in the Gaza Strip.** Both men entered Gaza voluntarily in two separate incidents in September 2014 and April 2015. The Secretary-General of the United Nations called on Palestinians in Gaza to provide information about their possible whereabouts and condition.
- The Israeli authorities dismantled and confiscated a tent in the Jabal al Mukabir area of East Jerusalem.** The tent was provided as humanitarian assistance to a family displaced last week, following the sealing of its home. This was the home of one of the perpetrators of an attack on a synagogue in West Jerusalem in November 2014 in which five Israelis were killed, along with the two perpetrators. Another two confiscation incidents were recorded in Area C, in Yassuf (Salfit), targeting two construction vehicles used to open an agricultural road, and in Hammat al Maleh (Tubas), involving a tractor and a water cistern.
- Demolitions and stop work orders were issued against dozens of structure in the Bedouin community of Abu Nwar (Jerusalem).** This is one of 46 communities in Area C of the central West Bank at risk of forcible transfer due to a "relocation" plan advanced by the Israeli authorities. Senior Israeli officers who visited Abu Nwar and Susiya, another community at risk of forcible displacement in Hebron, also informed the residents that they must vacate their homes by the end of the Eid Al Fitr Muslim feast (18-19 July), following which demolitions will start.
- This week marks the eleventh anniversary of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion,** which called on Israel to cease construction of the Barrier 'including in and around East Jerusalem'; dismantle the sections already completed; and 'repeal or render ineffective forthwith all legislative and regulatory acts relating thereto'. **On 7 July, the Israeli High Court issued a decision allowing resumption of the construction of a section of the barrier in Wadi Kremisan area in Beit Jala town (Bethlehem).** The court abated a previous court decision issued in April 2015 ordering changes to the route of the barrier.
- Around 56,000 Palestinians entered East Jerusalem on the fourth Friday of Ramadan, and around 63,000 for the Laylat al Qadr (Night of Destiny) celebration on 13 July, through the four designated checkpoints along the Barrier.** Overcrowding and frequent altercations were recorded at two of the checkpoints controlling access from the northern and southern West Bank. The criteria for access without permit [remained the same as in the previous week](#). Israeli authorities issued this week 800 permits allowing Palestinians from the Gaza Strip to access East Jerusalem for the Laylat al Qadr; earlier this month all permits for residents of Gaza were revoked following the launching of a rocket from Gaza.
- The Rafah crossing was closed entirely in both directions by the Egyptian authorities during the week.** So far in 2015, 7,504 Palestinians have exited Gaza via Rafah compared with 19,806 Palestinians in the equivalent period in 2014. This measure directly affects at least 12,000 people registered to cross in both sides.

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

Palestinian fatalities by Israeli forces in the oPt

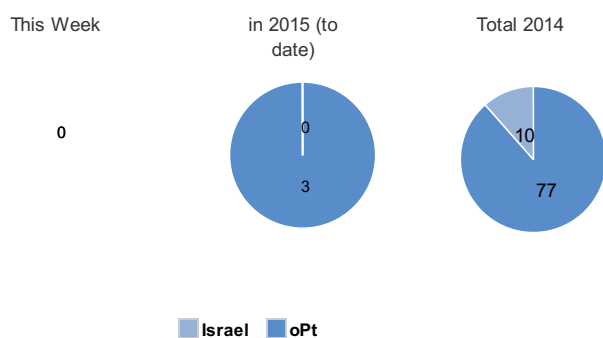


Palestinian injuries by Israeli forces in the oPt

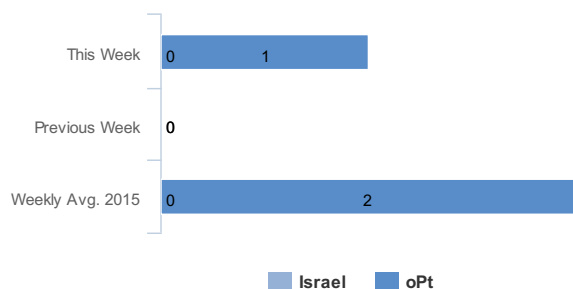


Israeli civilian casualties by Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel

Israeli fatalities by Palestinians in the oPt and Israel

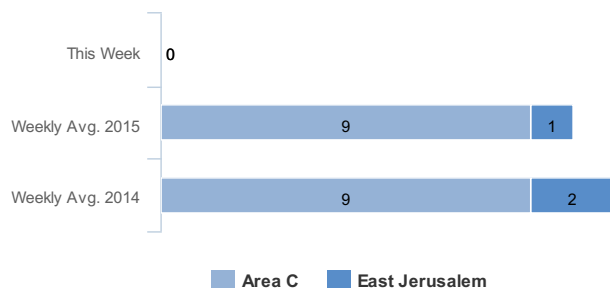


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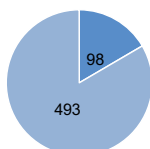
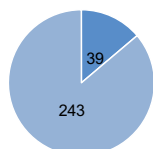
Demolitions and related displacements

Palestinian-owned structures demolished

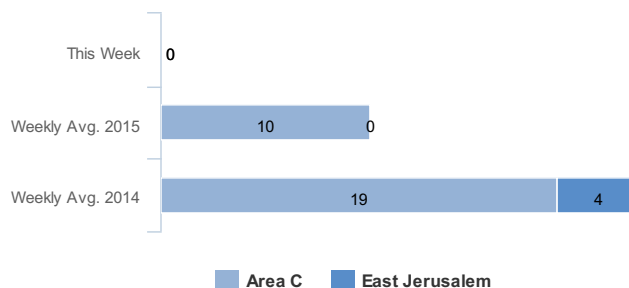


Total in 2015 (to date)

Total in 2014

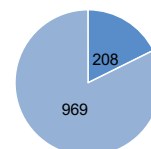
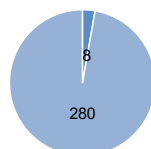


Palestinians displaced due to demolitions



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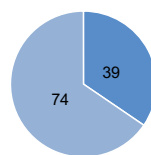
Total in 2014



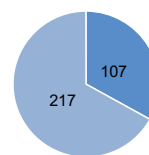
Settler-related violence in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)



Total in 2015 (to date)



Total in 2014



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

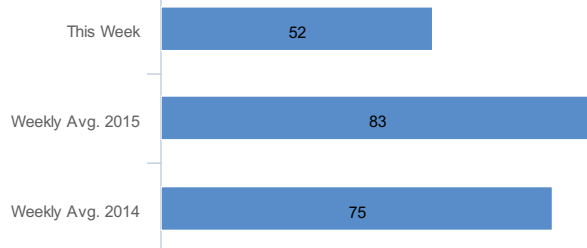
Israeli military incursions into Gaza*

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

This week In 2015 (to date) Total 2014

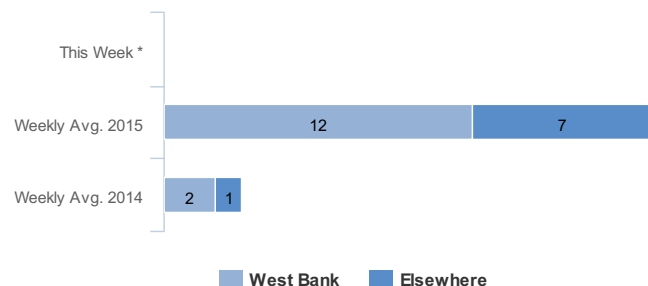


Israeli military search and arrest operations into the West Bank

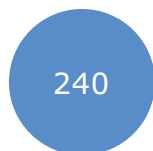


Movements of goods into and out of Gaza through Kerem Shalom Crossing

Truckloads leaving Gaza

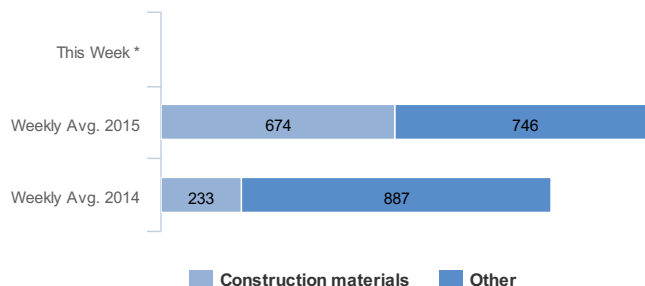


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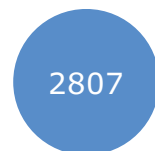


Jan-May 2007 weekly average (before the blockade)

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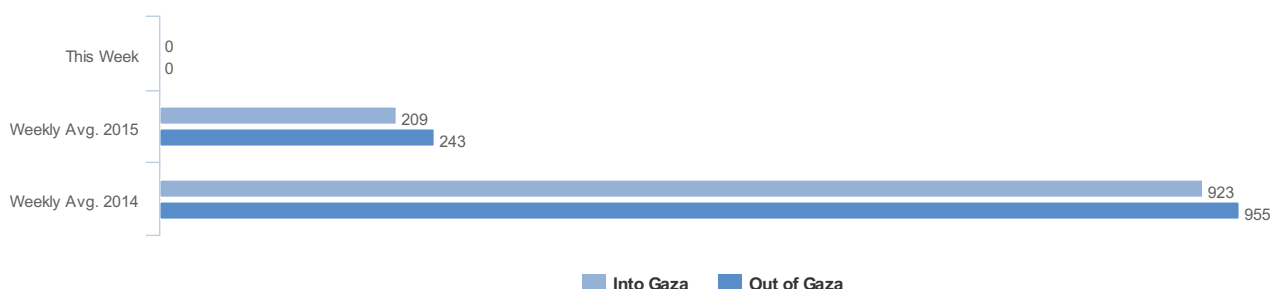


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Movement of People via Rafah crossing



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