

Reporting period: 8 - 14 September 2015

Weekly Highlights

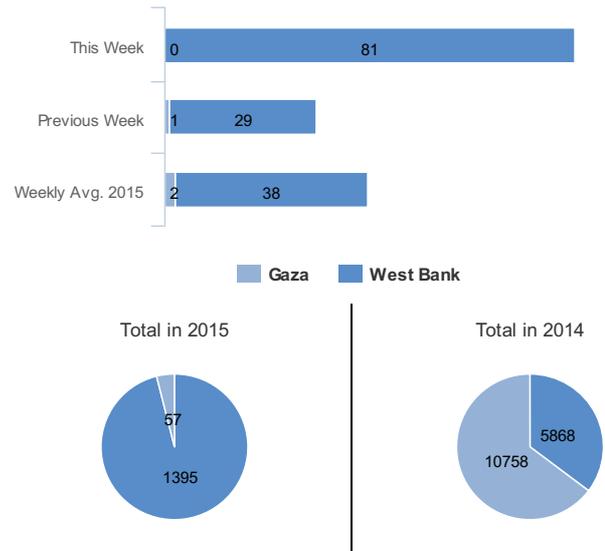
- **On 13 and 14 September, the Israeli police carried out operations in Al Aqsa Mosque Compound (Haram Al Sharif), triggering violent confrontations with Palestinians** (events continued in the following days, outside of the reporting period). **A total of 47 Palestinians, including two children were injured, and the interior of the mosque sustained extensive damage.** Furthermore, the education of around 500 students attending grade school in the compound was disrupted by the access restriction and violence. The operations followed three consecutive weeks of preventing all Palestinian women, as well as all men under 50, from entering Al Aqsa Mosque Compound during the morning hours, to secure the entry of settlers and other Israeli groups. The recent events triggered additional protests and clashes in other parts of East Jerusalem, leading to the injury of nine Palestinians, including six children, as well as the injury of four Israeli policemen, according to Israeli media. **The Security Council has expressed grave concern over escalating tensions and called for "the exercise of restraint, refraining from provocative actions and rhetoric, and upholding unchanged the historic status quo at the Haram Al-Sharif – in word and in practice."**
- **Another 25 Palestinians, including 11 children, were injured in the West Bank in multiple clashes with Israeli forces,** including 14 Palestinians (11 children and a pregnant woman) injured during settler-related incidents in Silwan, the Old City of East Jerusalem and Sebastiya (Nablus); seven injured during the weekly demonstrations in Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya); three Palestinians during clashes in Silwad village (Ramallah) and at the checkpoint of Betuniya (Ramallah); and a man who was injured during a search and arrest operation in Yasuf (Salfit).
- **An Israeli settler was killed in a car crash and his two daughters injured, near Sur Bahir neighborhood in East Jerusalem** as a result of stone-throwing by Palestinians at his vehicle. Also in East Jerusalem, another two Israelis were injured as a result of stone throwing at their vehicles while traveling near the Old City and At Tur area, and an Israeli was physically assaulted in the Old City of Jerusalem, bringing to four the number of Palestinian attacks on settlers and other Israeli groups this week.
- **On 12 September, rolling power cuts across Gaza increased from 12-16 hours to over 20 hours per day across Gaza. A lack of fuel,** combined with the loss of 30 megawatts (MW) of electricity due to problems with Egyptian supply lines, has forced the Gaza Power Plant to reduce its operational capacity to 25 per cent. Long hours of power cuts have severely disrupted the provision of basic services, including health and water.
- **On 8 September, a 19-year-old youth was seriously injured as a result of the explosion of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in Ash Shuja'iyeh area, east of Gaza City.** UNMAS estimates that there are over 5,000 UXO in Gaza. Since the August 2014 ceasefire, around nine people were killed by UXO.
- **In the Gaza Strip, three Palestinians were arrested in two separate incidents for crossing through the perimeter fence into Israel without Israeli authorization.** On 11 occasions, Israeli forces opened fire at Palestinians in Access Restricted Areas (ARA) at sea, off the coast of the Gaza Strip, resulting in no casualties or damage. On two occasions, Israeli forces entered and leveled land and carried out excavations near the perimeter fence, inside Gaza.
- **Four Israeli settler attacks on Palestinians leading to injury or damage to property were recorded during the week,** including the physical assault of a seven-year-old Palestinian boy standing on Huwwara main road (Nablus); the injury of six Palestinians in Nablus governorate, as a result of stone-throwing at Palestinian vehicles near Duma and Deir Sharaf; and an arson attack on Palestinian-owned agricultural land near Burin (Nablus).
- **On 8 September, the Israeli authorities demolished a plants nursery in KHALLET SAKARIYA (Bethlehem) in Area C for lack of Israeli-issued building permits,** and confiscated around 22,000 NIS (3.8 NIS = USD 1) worth of the materials therein, affecting four families. Israeli forces also destroyed an agricultural irrigation system in Al Baq'a area of Hebron city, on grounds that it was connected to a main water pipeline without authorization, damaging seasonal crops planted in the land. Finally, around ten dunums of land in KHALLET AN NAHLA area (Bethlehem) were bulldozed and some 800 meters of retaining walls, two water tanks, and around 60 olive trees were damaged, on grounds that the area is designated as "state land"; a petition filed by Palestinians with the Israeli Supreme Court, challenging this designation, is pending.
- **The Rafah Crossing was exceptionally opened on 8 and 9 September for Palestinian pilgrims heading to Mecca (Saudi Arabia), allowing over 1,500 to cross into Egypt.** The crossing has been continuously closed, including for humanitarian assistance, since 24 October 2014, except for 32 days of partial openings.

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

Palestinian fatalities by Israeli forces in the oPt

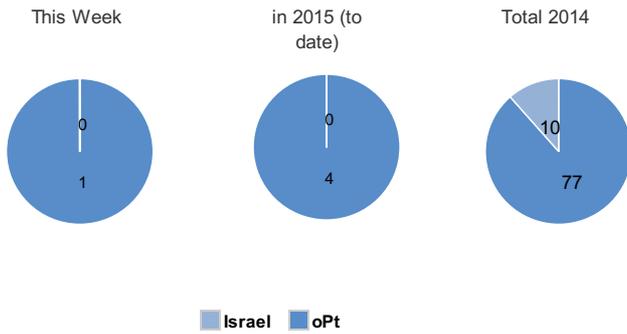


Palestinian injuries by Israeli forces in the oPt

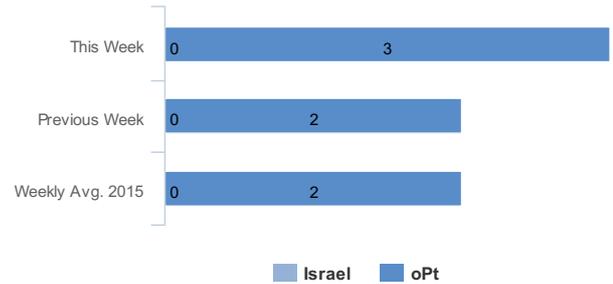


Israeli civilian casualties by Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel

Israeli fatalities by Palestinians in the oPt and Israel

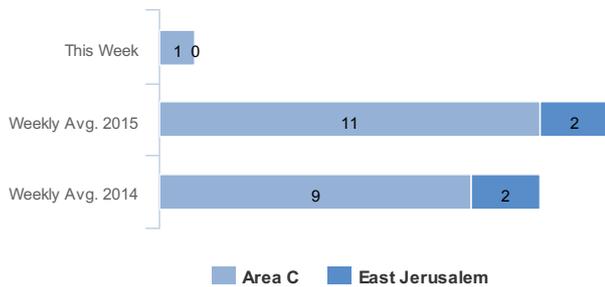


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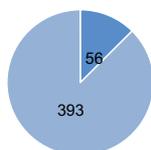


Demolitions and related displacements

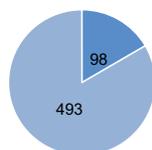
Palestinian-owned structures demolished



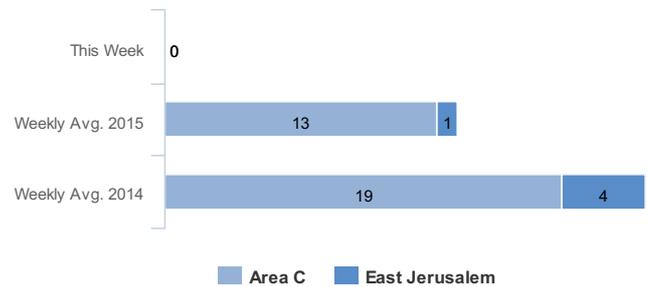
Total in 2015 (to date)



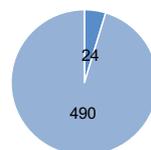
Total in 2014



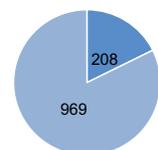
Palestinians displaced due to demolitions



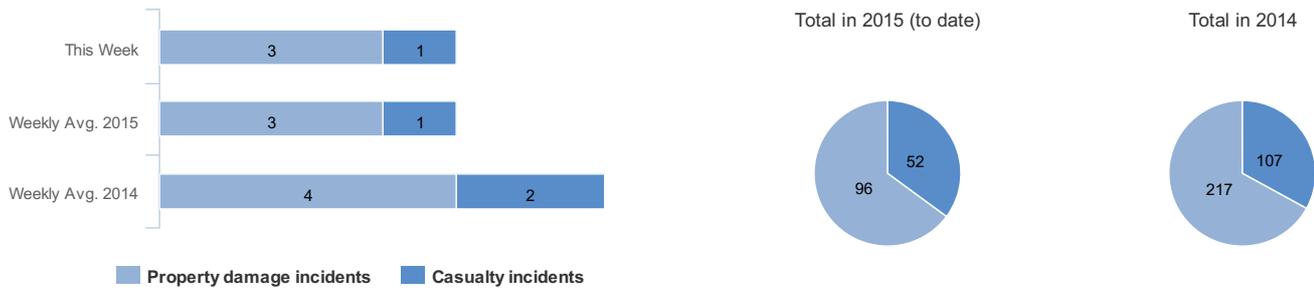
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Total in 2014



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



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

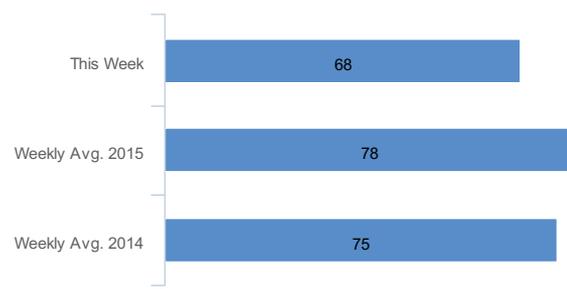
Israeli military incursions into Gaza*

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

This week In 2015 (to date) Total 2014

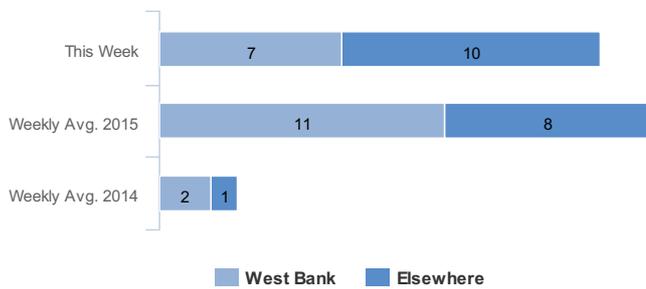


Israeli military search and arrest operations into the West Bank

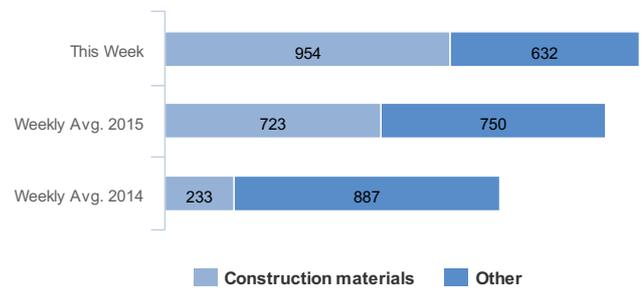


Movements of goods into and out of Gaza through Kerem Shalom Crossing

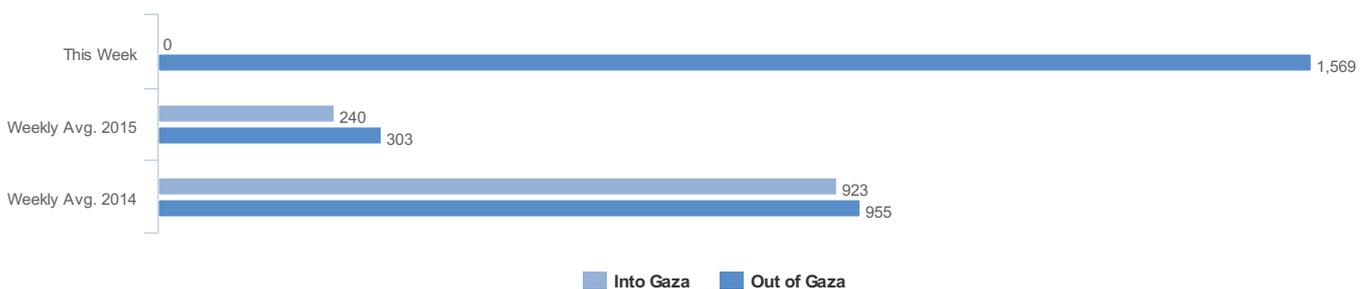
Truckloads leaving Gaza



Truckloads entering Gaza



Movement of People via Rafah crossing



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