Heightened tension which began in mid-September 2015 in the Old City of Jerusalem, increased significantly from 1 October throughout the oPt and Israel, characterized by widespread confrontations with Israeli forces, alongside almost daily attacks on Israelis. In this context, serious protection concerns have been raised including related to deliberate attacks on Israeli civilians by Palestinians and excessive use of force against Palestinians by the Israeli military and police, including possible extra-judicial killings.¹ As noted by the UN Deputy Secretary-General, the violence is taking place in the context of a “stifling and humiliating occupation that has lasted almost half a century.” ²

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2. Brief of the Deputy Secretary-General to the Security Council, 22 October 2015.
3. Palestinian injuries include people who received medical treatment by paramedic teams on the ground, in local clinics or in hospitals.
4. The figures exclude casualties that occurred within Israel and did not involve Palestinians from the oPt as either victims or perpetrators. Figures on Israeli injuries are based on media reports.