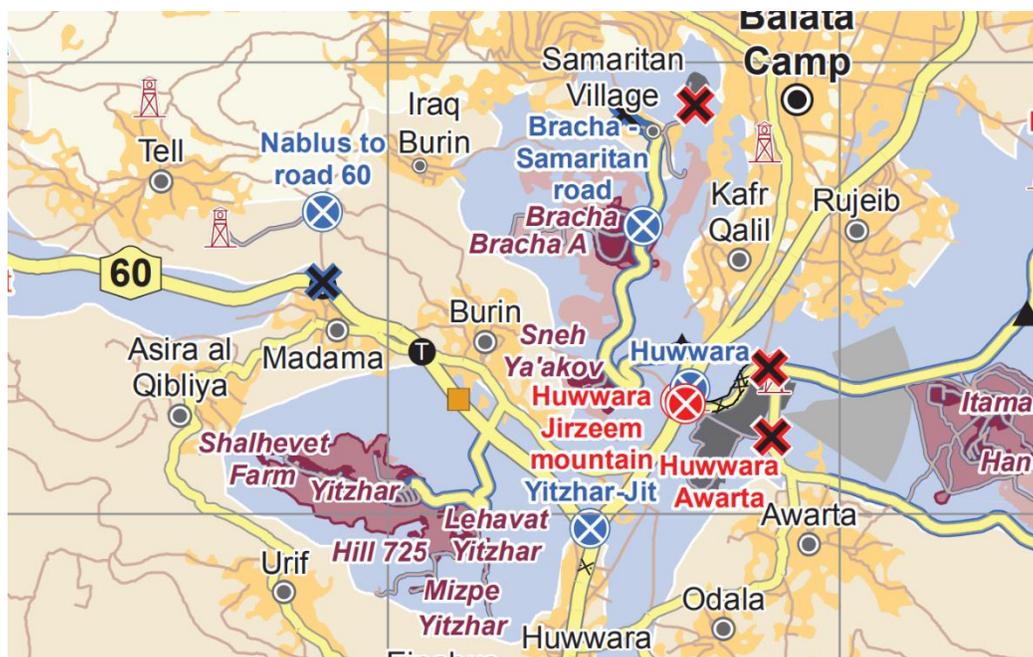


## Burin and Villages South of Nablus

November 2022



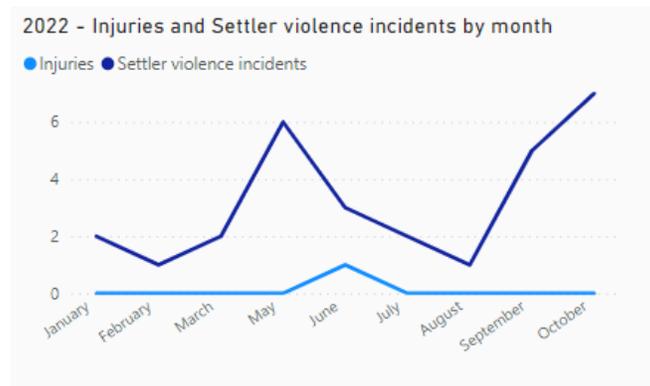
### Background

- Burin, surrounded by three settlements (Bracha, Yitzhar and Giva't Ronin outpost) and an ISF (Israeli Security Forces) military outpost. Burin is one of the many West Bank villages regularly exposed to settler violence. Yitzhar is well known to have radical settlers, including the presence of extremist groups.
- The main income for many of the c. 2,800 Palestinian residents (PCBS 2017), over half of whom are Palestine refugees, is agriculture, especially olive cultivation.
- The community often cut off from Nablus and Huwwara, as the only road leading to the village is often blocked with a flying checkpoint of ISF.
- Violent settler attacks target Palestinians in their cars and houses or in their farmland, the schools and mosques of the village and farms of the villagers too.
- Forms of attacks are e.g., theft of olives, uprooting or destruction of olive trees, confiscation of land, attack of houses in the village or farmers on their lands, often resulting in injuries and property damage.
- The settlers are often accompanied by the ISF, who tend to only intervene to arrest or detain Palestinians.
- Many farmers need to obtain permits or coordinate their visits with the ISF, when they wish to access their agricultural lands. The ISF occasionally blocks their access without notice or explanation.

### Most Recent Incidents

- On 6 November 2022, Israeli settlers from the Yitzhar settlement attacked five families in Burin. The families accessed their lands after prior coordination with the DCA/DCL (District Coordination Liaison) and while they were picking the olives, around 15 Israeli settlers threw stones at them and attempted to steal olive crops and olive harvesting equipment. The ISF did not protect the Palestinians. *According to the Head of the Village Council, Palestinians, who requested access, re-visited these fields the following day and found olive trees cut down.*
- On 3 November 2022, Israeli settlers from the Yitzhar settlement, in the presence of the ISF, attacked three Palestinian houses on the outskirts of Burin. Settlers threw stones at the houses and damaged a solar panel. Burin residents gathered and clashes erupted; the ISF were reported to have shot tear gas and live ammunition towards the Palestinians. PRCS (Palestine Red Crescent Society) treated several cases of tear gas inhalation.
- On 14 October 2022, at least seven dunams of Palestinian lands were set on fire, reportedly by Israeli settlers from the Yitzhar settlement, in the northern lands of Burin village. The affected lands are uncultivated; however, the incident is part of a repeated and focused wave of Israeli settler attempts to keep the Palestinian owners off their lands. *According to the Head of the Village Council, Israeli authorities use an Ottoman law to re-distribute lands, if they are not cultivated for six consecutive years.*

**1. Number of Incidents in Burin Recorded by UNRWA**



**Number of Settler Incidents in the West Bank Recorded by UNRWA**

