

21-24 May 2021 – West Bank Situation update #3

Situation

- From Friday, 21 May- 8 am until Monday, 24 May- 8 am, the following was reported in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem:
 - Eight armed incidents, two in the north, two in the centre and four in the south.
 - 40 confrontations, resulting in 45 Palestinian injuries, including one minor, and one Israeli injuries.
 - 96 Israeli detentions, including one minor and two refugees; and 2 PA detentions.
 - Seven incidents of settlers' violence, including a group of settlers from Kiryat Arba, attacking a Palestine refugee family in Hebron.
- As outlined in the bar graph no. 1, the level of confrontations has reduced significantly with the peak trending downwards.
- This is reflected in both overall injury and live ammunition injury statistics: seven live ammunition injuries were reported, as occurred during demonstrations across the West Bank (3 Bethlehem; 1 An Nabi Salih; 1 Halhul; 1 Qalqiliya; 1 Beita). The number has decreased but still represents a higher figure than the annual average.

	Jan-April	May (1-24 @ 8am) and % of Year Total
<i>Confrontations</i>	718	729 (50%)
<i>Tear gas incidents</i>	486	654 (57%)
<i>Armed incidents</i>	159	305 (66%)
<i>ISF operations</i>	2070	1051 (34%)
<i>Settler violence incidents</i>	481	210 (30%)

	Jan-April	May (1-21 @ 8am) and % of Year Total
<i>Injuries</i>	674	2464 (89%)
→ <i>Of which LA injuries</i>	83 (12% of total injuries)	682 (22% of total injuries)
<i>Fatalities</i>	6	31 (86%)
→ <i>Of which LA fatalities</i>	6 (100% of total fatalities)	29 (100% of total fatalities)

- Israeli settlers entered into al Aqsa mosque over the weekend. Clashes erupted and 20 Palestine were reported injured with tear gas and plastic-coated metal bullets (PCMB).
- Demonstrations and clashes also continue in East Jerusalem. Adalah NGO filed a petition to remove cement blocks on entrance to Sheikh Jarrah street. Demonstrations have continued in the neighborhood and one Palestinian was injured by a stun grenade. The overall tension is reported to have reduced due to the lower number of armed settlers seen in Sheikh Jarrah. A new date for the Supreme Court hearing on the eviction of the Palestinian families has not been set yet.
- Israeli security forces announced a large detention campaign inside Israel, as well as in East Jerusalem, to arrest demonstrators.

- On 24 May, in Jerusalem, and in the proximity of the UNRWA West Bank Field Office compound, a 17 year-old Palestinian was shot, after stabbing and wounding two Israelis, one of them a soldier.

Impact on UNRWA Operations

- Education: On 21 May, all schools were closed, as usual for the weekend. On 22 May, all UNRWA schools that are normally open on Saturday, were running normally.
- On Sunday 23 and Monday 24 May all UNRWA schools were open. Likewise, UNRWA Vocational Training Centres resumed the face-to-face learning.
- During the reporting period:

- Arroub schools: Limited confrontations were reported at the entrance of Al-Arroub camp, on Monday 24;
- Silwan Girls’ school: Gathering of some settlers was reported on Monday 24.
- Jalazone school: Some confrontations nearby Beit Eil settlement reported on Monday 24;
- Shu’fat school: 20 tear gas canisters were removed from the school yard, on Saturday 22 May.

- Health: UNRWA health clinics are operating normally. Vaccination continues at UNRWA Health Centres.

Image 1. Trend of Live ammunition injuries and confrontations in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem (Jan 1- May 24- at 8 am- 2021)

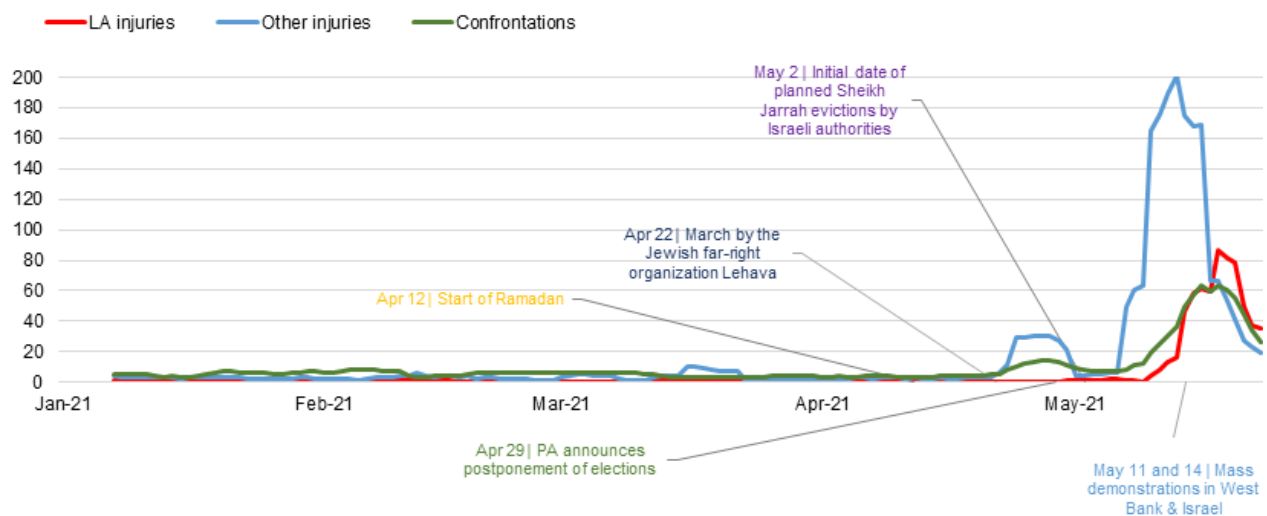


Image 2. Trend of Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem (Jan 1-May 24- at 8 am- 2021)

