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.

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<td>Confrontations</td>
<td>718</td>
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<td>Tear gas incidents</td>
<td>486</td>
<td>654 (57%)</td>
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<td>Armed incidents</td>
<td>159</td>
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<td>ISF operations</td>
<td>2070</td>
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<td>Settler violence incidents</td>
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<td>674</td>
<td>2464 (89%)</td>
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<td>83 (12% of total injuries)</td>
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<td>Fatalities</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>6 (100% of total fatalities)</td>
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- 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.

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

![Trend of Live ammunition injuries and confrontations in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem (Jan 1-May 24- at 8 am- 2021)](image-url)
Image 2. Trend of Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem (Jan 1-May 24- at 8 am- 2021)

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