Protection in Danger in the occupied Palestinian territories

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee camps

October 2023

Since violence seriously escalated in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) on 07 October, Insecurity Insight has identified the below incidents at refugee camps in the oPt. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that took place at refugee camps and have not been independently verified. Join our mailing list for the latest information. Get in touch to report an incident or have additional information on an incident we have reported on. Help support our work by sharing this resource with your networks. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/OPTOct2023Protection

Gaza Strip

08 October 2023: In the Rafah Refugee Camp, Rafah city and governorate, Gaza strip, 24 people, including 19 family members, were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Associated Press News

08 October 2023: In the Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes destroyed an entire neighbourhood inside the camp. **Source:** Personal Communication

09 October 2023: In the Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes destroyed four mosques. An unspecified number of people were killed. **Source:** New York Times

09 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli fighter jets bombed two buildings in the main market of the camp killing at least 50 people, including children. The majority of those killed were displaced from nearby areas after receiving text messages from Israeli forces urging them to head to the camp which was in the city centre. The areas hit were close to a UNRWA-run school. Ambulances and civil defence teams were forced to evacuate the camp after continuous Israeli air strikes on the camp. **Sources:** Al Jazeera Middle East Eye **and** Personal Communication **and** New York Times

09 October 2023: In Khan Yunis and Al-Maghazi Refugee Camps, Gaza Strip, Gaza city, two mosques were hit by Israeli air strikes. **Source:** Personal Communication

09 October 2023: In the Al- Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, a house was hit and a child injured by Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** Personal Communication **and** Personal Communication

10 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, a house was hit and a child injured by an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Personal Communication

11 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, thirteen family members were killed and an unspecified number injured after an Israeli forces missile hit their home. **Sources:** International Middle East Media Center **and** OCHA

12 October 2023: In the Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit and destroyed a home inside the camp. **Source:** Personal Communication

12 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, 18 people were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Personal Communication

12 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 17 people were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

13 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the camp was evacuated following threats to leave by the Israeli forces. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

13 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the camp was hit by a Israeli fired phosphorus shell which fell in the middle of the camp, causing many injuries. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

13 October 2023: In the Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit two homes, killing 13 people. **Source:** **Al Jazeera**

14 October 2023: In the Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, at least ten people were killed in a suspected Israeli airstrike. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

14 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, seven members of the same family were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source**: **Personal Communication**

14 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli airstrikes near Falouja school killed at least 27 children. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

14 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit a post office building This was the second time that this camp was hit in one day. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

15 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, at least eight people were killed in Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** **Personal Communication I** **and** **Personal Communication II**

15 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, a child was killed and an unspecified number of people injured in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

17 October 2023: In the Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, an unspecified number of people were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

18 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, a bakery was bombed by Israeli airstrikes. The bakery was one of the few remaining bakeries that was providing essential bread to residents and had recently extended its hours to operate 24/7. Two people were killed and an unspecified number of people injured. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

19 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, Northern Gaza governorate, 17 people, including nine children, were killed by Israeli bombing that hit several homes. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

19 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, five people were killed by Israeli airstrikes targeted at the vicinity of two bakeries. **Source:** **OCHA**

20 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a bakery and a home inside the camp were hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** **Personal Communication I** **and** **Personal Communication II**

20 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, a home was hit by Israeli airstrikes. At least 11 killed, eight of whom were children. **Sources:** Personal Communication I **and** Personal Communication II

20 October 2023: In the Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, the camp was hit by heavy artillery shelling. **Source:** Personal Communication

22 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 30 people, most of whom were women and children, were killed in an Israeli airstrike. At least 27 others were also injured. **Sources:** Al Jazeera **and** Personal Communication

23 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit a house and a mosque. **Source:** Personal Communication

23 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, around 27 people, including children were killed in Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Personal Communication

23 October 2023: In the Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes destroyed three homes, killing 36 people. Many others were reported missing. **Source:** Personal Communication
and OCHA

24 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, two people were killed and at least 20 injured in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Personal Communication

24 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Gaza, phosphorus artillery shells were reportedly used by Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

As reported on 24 October 2023: In the Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, the camp was hit by heavy bombing. **Source:** Personal Communication

25 October 2023: In the Al Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, Israeli forces ordered residents to evacuate to Al Mawasi town by 08h in view of imminent bombardments. **Source:** OCHA

25 October 2023: In the Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, Israeli warplanes hit and destroyed a bakery, killing at least 10 people, and injuring many others. **Source:** The New Arab

25 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, an Israeli airstrike hit the home of an Al Jazeera journalist, killing his wife, daughter, son and grandson. Other members of the family are still missing. **Source:** Al Jazeera II

26 October 2023: In the Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, at least two people were killed after Israeli airstrikes hit a farm inside the camp. **Source:** Al Jazeera

27 October 2023: On Al Hoja Street, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, at least 22 people were killed after Israeli airstrikes hit a home. **Source:** OCHA

28 October 2023: In the Al Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, the camp was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Personal Communication
28 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, heavy bombardment was reported inside and near the camp, destroying residential buildings. **Sources:** Al Jazeera III **and** Personal Communication

29 October 2023: In the Al Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, an Israeli airstrike hit a home, killing at least seven people. **Source:** Personal Communication

29 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, at least twelve people were killed by Israeli airstrikes near Bilal Ben Rabah Mosque. **Source:** Personal Communication

30 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, 26 people were killed when Israeli airstrikes hit a wedding hall used as an informal shelter. **Source:** OCHA

30 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, Israeli warplanes bombed a house along Road 18, killing 14 Palestinian who had previously fled the Al Shati Refugee Camp. **Source:** Personal Communication

30 October 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit and destroyed parts of the Camp. **Sources:** Personal Communication **and** Quds News Network

31 October 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, six tons of explosives were dropped by Israeli warplanes, killing over 100 people, and injuring over 300 others. **Sources:** Eyes On Palestine**,** Mediavenir, Personal Communication I**,** Personal Communication II**,** Sahara Reporters **and** Sparkle

31 October 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, an Israeli airstrike hit the Mohandisin Tower, killing 34 people. **Sources:** Personal Communication I **and** Personal Communication II

01 November 2023: In the Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Gaza Strip, Israeli warplanes bombed a five-storey building hosting 150 people, including those who fled bombardments the day before. Tens were killed. **Source:** Personal Communication

West Bank

02 October 2023: In the Al Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city, West Bank, a child was arrested by Israeli forces in a raid on the camp**. Source:** International Middle East Media Center

02 October 2023: In the Al Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city, West Bank, an unspecified number of unarmed civilians were injured by Israeli forces who invaded the camp and fired live ammunition, grenades and tear gas. **Source**: International Middle East Media Center

03 October 2023: In the Al-Am'ari and Al-Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah city, West Bank, two young men were arrested by Israeli forces. **Source**: International Middle East Media Center

05 October 2023: In the Shu'fat Refugee Camp, Jerusalem city and district, West Bank, two male Palestinians were arrested by Israeli forces in a raid on the camp. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

05 October 2023: In the Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, a young man was arrested after Israeli forces in a raid on the camp. **Source:** International Middles East Media Center

05 October 2023: In the Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm city and governorate, West Bank, three young men were injured with live rounds whilst another two young injured men were abducted after Israeli special forces invaded the camp. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

08 October 2023: In the Al Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city and governorate, West Bank, two Palestinians were injured and dozens suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation after Israeli forces raided the camp. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

08 October 2023: In the Shu'fat Refugee Camp, Jerusalem city and district, West Bank, the camp remained under closure for the second consecutive day, restricting the movement of more than 27,000 Palestinians from accessing essential services, including health care. **Source:** OCHA Flash 2

08 October 2023: In the Shu'fat Refugee Camp, Jerusalem city and district, two male Palestinians were arrested by Israel Forces. **Source**: International Middle East Media Center

09 08 October 2023: In the Al-Fawwar Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, West Bank, a young man with learning difficulties was shot by Israeli forces. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

09 October 2023: In the Qalandia Refugee Camp, Jerusalem city and district, West Bank, a 17-year-old boy was killed by Israeli soldiers. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

11 October 2023: In the Al-Fawwar Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, West Bank, two male residents were shot and seriously injured after Israeli forces entered the camp. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

12 October 2023: In the Al-Fawwar Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, West Bank, two male residents were arrested during Israeli military raids in the camp. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

12 October 2023: In the Al-Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, West Bank, a camp resident was arrested during Israeli military raids in the camp. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

13 October 2023: In the Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raided the camp, searching homes and arrested two male residents. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

14 October 2023: In the Qalandia Refugee Camp, West Bank, two men were arrested from their homes by Israeli forces. **Source:** International Middle East Media Center

14 October 2023: In the Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, West Bank, one person was killed during Israeli military raids in the camp in search of Hamas members. **Source:** Al Jazeera

15 October 2023: In the Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raided the camp and detained an unspecified number of people. **Source:** Personal Communication

15 October 2023: In the Al-Am'ari, Ramallah city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raided the camp and detained an unspecified number of people. **Sources**: Personal Communication **and** Wafa News Agency

19-20 October 2023: In the Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, West Bank, 12/13 civilians, including six children, as well as three alleged Palestinian fighters, and an Israeli soldier were killed during an Israeli military raid in the camp. Additionally, 62 Palestinians and nine Israeli soldiers were injured. One of the persons killed was a 16-year-old boy who was shot and reportedly left without medical assistance for more than hour after medics were prevented from

reaching him. The boy's father was also killed after trying to move his son to a safer location. During the raid many homes were searched and snipers were deployed on rooftops. Roads and other infrastructure sustained extensive damage. **Sources:** OCHA I, OCHA II, Personal Communication **and** International Middle East Media

19 October 2023: In the Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem governorate, West Bank, a 17-year-old boy was shot and killed by soldiers after a raid on the camp. The boy was reportedly shot inside his home. Three other Palestinians were also shot and injured and an unspecified number of Palestinian workers from Gaza were arrested. **Sources:** International Middle East Media **and** OCHA

19 October 2023: In the Nur Shams Refugee Camp, West Bank, two Palestinian children, 15 and 16 years old, were killed by Israeli forces during confrontations with Palestinian forces. **Source:** OCHA

20 October 2023: In the Aqbat Jaber Camp, Jericho city and governorate, West Bank, a 17-year-old Palestinian was killed after confrontations erupted when Palestinians threw stones at Israeli forces attempting to demolish a Palestinian prisoner's home, who responded with live ammunition, teargas, and sound bombs. **Source:** OCHA

21 October 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jericho city and governorate, West Bank, two Palestinians were killed by an Israeli airstrike targeting a mosque, where, according to the Israeli forces, a cell was about to launch a large attack. **Source:** OCHA

21 October 2023: In the Askar Refugee Camp, a Palestinian man was killed and four others were injured during an Israeli military raid. **Source:** OCHA

21 October 2023: In the Al Arrub Refugee Camp, a Palestinian driver was shot and killed by Israeli forces, who reportedly prevented an ambulance from reaching him while he was bleeding on the ground. **Source:** OCHA

22 October 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jericho city and governorate, West Bank, two persons were killed in an Israeli airstrike on Ansari mosque. **Sources:** Al Jazeera **and** Personal Communication

22 October 2023: In the Al Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city and governorate, West Bank, a man was shot and killed by Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

22 October 2023: In the Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, a man was shot and killed by Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

23 October 2023: In the Al-Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, West Bank, two people were shot and killed by Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

25 October 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, four people, including two children aged 15 and 17, were killed after residents clashed with Israeli forces during a Israeli military raid on the camp. Israeli forces reportedly launched a drone attack on the camp. **Source:** OCHA

25 October 2023: In the Kalandia Refugee Camp, Area C, East Jerusalem, West Bank, a Palestinian was killed during an Israeli military raid on the camp. **Source:** OCHA

26 October 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, West Bank, armed clashes between Israeli forces and armed fighters were reported on the outskirts of the camp. Armoured vehicles, bulldozers and drones were deployed to the area. **Source:** Al Jazeera

26 October 2023: In the Jalazone Refugee Camp, Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate, West Bank, a 17-year old Palestinian was struck and killed by live ammunition during confrontations between Israeli forces and school students. Eight others were injured. **Source:** OCHA

29 October 2023: In the Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, four Palestinians were shot and injured. **Source:** Al Jazeera

Between 28 - 29 October 2023: In the Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, a man was shot and killed by Israeli forces during a raid on the camp. During the incident an IED was reportedly used. **Sources:** Al Jazeera II **and** Personal Communication

30 October 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces used bulldozers to destroy the entrance of the camp, as well as streets and infrastructure, whilst also bombing several places inside and around the area, killing four young men, and wounding five others. **Sources:** Personal Communication I, Personal Communication II, Quds News Network I **and** Quds New Network II

As reported on 01 November 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces informed residents via pamphlets that their opportunity to flee would end very soon, and that Hamas would be eliminated. **Source:** Personal Communication

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