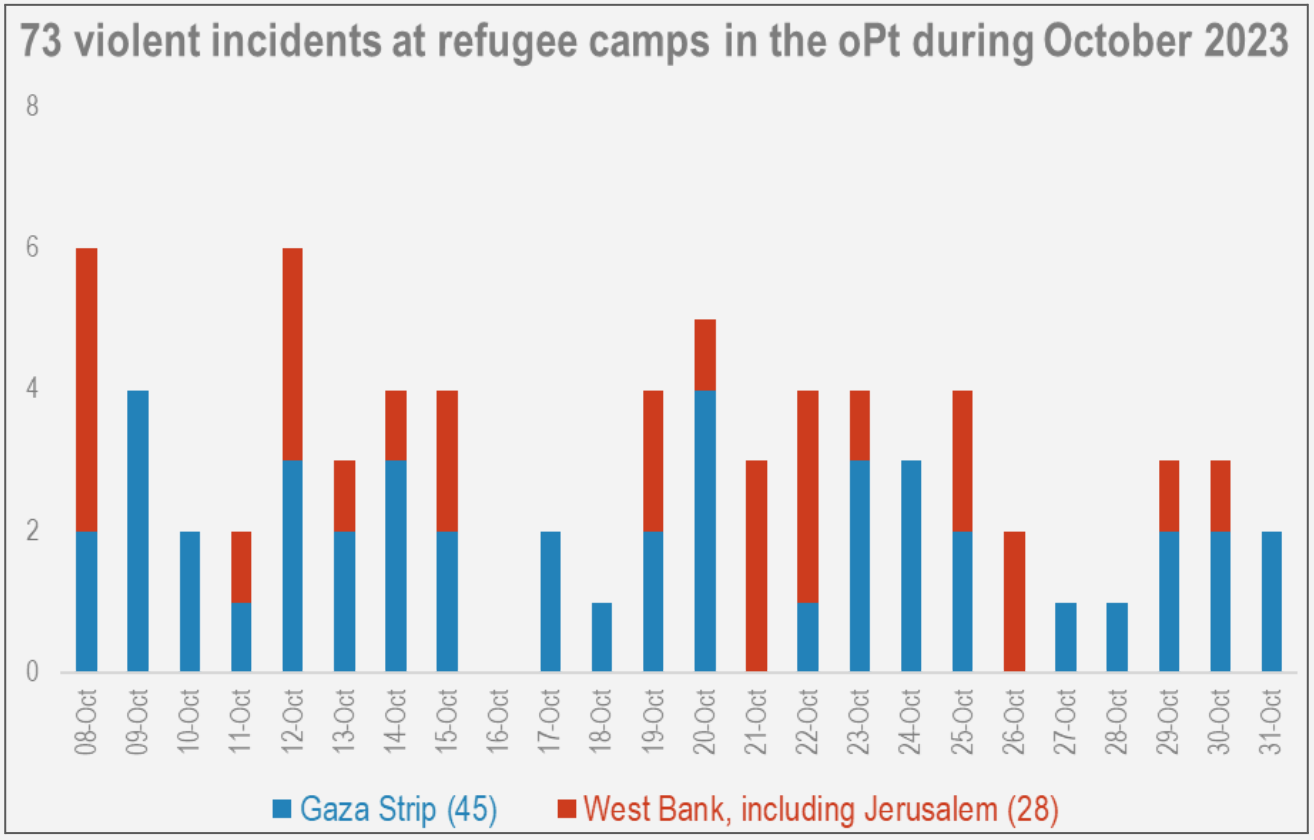
Protection in Danger in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt)

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee camps

November 2023

Recorded Violence in Refugee Camps in the oPt, 07-31 October 2023

	REPORTED INCIDENTS	INCIDENTS WHERE REFUGEE CAMPS WITH DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS	INCIDENTS WHERE REFUGEE CAMPS WERE RAIDED
GAZA	45	51	0
EAST JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK	28	5	13



Data source: Insecurity Insight on HDX. Contact us for curated datasets.

Since violence seriously escalated in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) on 07 October, Insecurity Insight has identified at least 73 incidents that took place at refugee camps in the oPt during October. In the Gaza Strip, where 45 incidents were reported, six of the territory's eight refugee camps have been hit by Israeli airstrikes resulting in hundreds of fatalities and injuries, the majority of which were children. Jabalia Refugee Camp in Gaza governorate has been struck on 17 occasions and Nuseirat Camp in Deir al-Balah governorate, one of the areas civilians were asked to evacuate to from Northern Gaza, 13 times. Between 18 and 19 October, three bakeries in Nuseirat Camp were hit by Israeli airstrikes. In addition to incidents at refugee camps, civilian infrastructure including hospitals, schools and churches, hosting thousands of displaced people has also been damaged by Israeli airstrikes.

In the West Bank, 28 incidents were reported at 13 refugee camps and mostly involved search and arrest operations by Israeli soldiers. In some cases, these search and arrest operations led to violent clashes with people inside the camp and camp residents were killed, injured and arrested. In at least five incidents, children were shot and killed by Israeli soldiers during these operations. Five other incidents involved Israeli drone strikes damaging infrastructure in and around the Jenin Refugee Camp.

Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law.

The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that took place at refugee camps and have not been independently verified through on the ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open-source verification process. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. We are continuously trying to identify more specific details on these incidents. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident please get in touch. **Help support our work by sharing this resource with your networks. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/Nov2023OPTPro**

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Gaza Strip

Al-Bureij Refugee Camp

02 November 2023: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, a UNRWA shelter was hit by Israeli airstrikes, killing at least two people and injuring over thirty. Nine houses were also destroyed during the attack. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 27 **and** Personal Communication

18 November 2023: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza strip, two journalists were killed when an Israeli airstrike hit their home. **Source:** Personal Communication

20 November 2023: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza strip, an unspecified number of people were killed and injured after an Israeli airstrike hit their home. **Source:** WAFA

21 November 2023: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, 20 people were killed and an unspecified number injured when Israeli warplanes fired two missiles on a UNRWAthe camp's school. **Source:** Al Jazeera **and** WAFA

23 November 2023: In, Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, an ambulance transporting wounded individuals, on Salah al-Din Street, was hit by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

Al Shati/Beach Refugee Camp

02 November 2023: In Al Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza governorate, an UNRWA shelter was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing at least one child. **Source:** OCHA Flash 27

Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp

05 November 2023: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, an unspecified number of people were killed and residential complexes were destroyed in an Israeli airstrike. The family of a journalist, including four of his children and four siblings, were killed during the strike. **Sources:** Quds News Network I **and** Quds News Network II

06 November 2023: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, an unspecified number of Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Quds News Network

16 November 2023: In Al Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, Israeli forces' shelling hit the Central Petroleum Station, at the northern entrance of the camp, where IDPs were sheltering in the early hours of the morning, killing nine IDPs and injuring dozens. **Source:** OCHA Flash 41

26 November 2023: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir Al-Balah governorate, Gaza strip, a Palestinian man was killed and another person injured by Israeli tank fire. **Source:** Arab News **and** OCHA Flash 51

Jabalia Refugee Camp

02 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Gaza strip, an UNRWA school sheltering thousands of IDPs was hit. At least 20 people were reportedly killed and five injured. **Sources:** CNN **and** OCHA Flash 27

08 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 20 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Personal Communication

10 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, buildings were hit by two separate strikes by Israeli forces, killing eleven people and injuring several others. **Source:** OCHA Flash 35

12 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 18 Palestinians were killed during two Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 37

13 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 31 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes on the camp. **Sources:** Personal Communication **and** The New Arab

14 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, six people were killed and an unspecified number injured in Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Personal Communication

17 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed in Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** Al Jazeera **and** Quds News Network

21 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, four people were killed and others injured when Israeli warplanes bombed six homes. **Sources:** Al Jazeera **and** WAFA

24 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an UNRWA school where IDPs were sheltering was hit in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Quds News Network

Nuseirat Refugee Camp

08 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, 18 Palestinians, mostly women and children, were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Personal Communication

13 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, eight people were killed in an Israeli airstrike on their home. Another residential building near the Abu Oreiban School was also hit. A female UNRWA staff member was injured whilst travelling in an UNRWA vehicle which also sustained damage due to the attack. **Sources:** Personal Communication, OCHA 38 **and** UNRWA

Between 13 - 14 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza strip, a UNRWA school, sheltering 11,300 IDPS, was hit by an Israeli airstrike damaging a classroom. Five IDPs were injured as a result. **Source:** UNRWA

Between 13 - 14 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza strip, a second UNRWA school was hit by an Israeli airstrike. The strike hit the building's roof causing damage to the solar system and creating a hole in the roof. Over 6,000 IDPs were sheltering in the school. No injuries were reported. **Source:** UNRWA

15 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, 15 people were killed and dozens injured in an Israeli airstrike on a tower. **Source:** Personal Communication

16 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, an unspecified number of homes were destroyed in a series of Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Quds News Network

17 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, at least 18 IDPs were killed in Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** Gulf Times, New Arab **and** Sparkle

19 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza strip, thirteen people were killed when their home was hit by an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Middle East Monitor

21 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, six people were killed and an unspecified number injured when their home was hit by an Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** Al Jazeera **and** WAFA

23 November 2023: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a house inside the camp was hit in Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Quds News Network

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West Bank including East Jerusalem

Aida/Ayda Refugee Camp

10 November 2023: In the Ayda Refugee Camp, Bethlehem governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian child during a raid on the camp. **Source:** OCHA Flash 35

Al-Am'ari Refugee Camp

09 November 2023: In Al-Am'ari Refugee Camp, Ramallah city and governorate, West Bank, a number of people were wounded and arrested during an Israeli forces raid on the camp. **Source:** OCHA Flash 34

Al-Aroub Refugee Camp

10 November 2023: In Al-Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city and governorate, West Bank, a Palestinian detainee was reportedly used as a human shield by Israeli soldiers during active fighting. **Sources:** Eye on Palestine **and** Personal Communication

23 November 2023: In Al-Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city and governorate, West Bank, 15 people were detained by Israeli forces during a raid on the camp. **Source:** WAFA

23 November 2023: In Al-Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city and governorate, West Bank, two students were shot and killed by Israeli soldiers as they were heading to school. **Source:** WAFA

26 November 2023: In Al-Arroub Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, West Bank, a man was detained by Israeli soldiers who raided his home and destroyed personal belongings. **Source:** Quds News Network

Al-Jalazone Refugee Camp

07 November 2023: In Al-Jalazone Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, West Bank, clashes involving teargas and exchanges of live ammunition erupted between the Palestinian Security Forces (PSF) and armed Palestinians amidst a large-scale anti-crime operation. Several PSF officers were injured. One person was killed. 1,600 students took cover in an UNRWA school for several hours until the operation was concluded. **Source:** UNRWA

26 November 2023: In Al-Jalazone Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out a military raid on the camp. A man was detained and Israeli soldiers also damaged a coffee shop inside the camp. **Sources:** Quds News Network I **and** Quds News Network II

29 November 2023: In Al-Jalazone Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raided several homes inside the camp. This led to violent confrontations between camp residents and Israeli forces. A 12-year-old boy was detained by Israeli forces after they raided his home. **Sources:** Middle East Eye **and** Quds News Network

Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp

29 November 2023: In Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raided an unspecified number of houses during a military raid on the camp. The soldiers were reportedly accompanied by a bulldozer. **Source:** Middle East Eye

Askar Refugee Camp

23 November 2023: In Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, six UNRWA schools were closed due to Israeli security operations in the area. **Source:** UNRWA

26 November 2023: In the Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, Israeli obstructed an ambulance from accessing the camp following reports of an injury from Israeli forces gunfire during a military raid on the camp. **Sources:** Quds News Network I **and** Quds News Network II

29 November 2023: In Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out a military raid on the camp which led to violent confrontation with camp residents. **Source:** Middle East Eye

Balata Refugee Camp

17 November 2023: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, five Palestinians were killed and at least two were injured by an Israeli drone strike. **Sources:** Al Jazeera **and** OCHA Flash 43

21 November 2023: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, a Palestinian child was injured and one Palestinian killed following a raid by the Israeli forces. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 47 **and** WAFA

22 November 2023: Near Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces confiscated keys and phones of medics as they attempted to reach wounded people during a military raid. **Sources:** Personal Communication **and** Quds News Network

23 November 2023: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, Israel Security Forces carried out a 12-hour military raid on the camp which led to armed confrontations between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers. Israeli forces fired teargas and stun grenades during the raid. An 18-year-old boy was shot and killed and three other young men were wounded by bullets by Israeli forces. An unspecified number of people were also detained. Camp infrastructure, including roads and shops, were damaged and several homes were raided by Israeli soldiers. UNRWA operations inside the were reportedly severely impacted as a result of the raid. **Sources:**

Quds News Network I, **Quds News Network II**, **Quds News Network III**, **Quds News Network IV**. **Quds News Network V**, **UNRWA** and **WAFA**

23 November 2023: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, four UNRWA schools were closed due to Israeli security operations in the area. **Source:** **UNRWA**

23 November 2023: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, a UNRWA health centre was closed as staff members were unable to reach the centre due to Israeli security operations in the area. **Source:** **UNRWA**

Camp No.1 Refugee Camp

23 November 2023: In Camp No.1 Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, a UNRWA health centre was closed as staff members were unable to reach the centre due to Israeli security operations in the area. **Source:** **UNRWA**

Dheisheh Refugee Camp

19 November 2023: In Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian in confrontations that occurred during an Israeli raid on the camp.. **Source:** **OCHA Flash 44**

Deir Ammar Refugee Camp

27 November 2023: In Deir Ammar Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out a military raid on the camp. **Source:** **Quds News Network**

Ein el-Sultan Refugee Camp

29 November 2023: In Ein el-Sultan Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raid an unspecified number of houses during a military raid on the camp. **Source:** **Middle East Eye**

Jenin Refugee Camp

05 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jericho city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces bulldozed the main street, rendering it unusable. **Sources:** **Quds News Network I** **and** **Quds News Network II**

07 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, UNRWA schools were evacuated for children's safety, impacting 1,700 students, amidst an ISF operation. **Source:** **UNRWA**

Between 08-09 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, West Bank, Israeli forces shot and killed 13 Palestinians, including one child, in an incident lasting for over 12 hours. The operation involved armed clashes with Palestinians and airstrikes, resulting in extensive infrastructure damage. On 2 December the death toll reached 16 fatalities, with people dying of wounds sustained after being shot, including a 16-year-old Palestinian child and three other children. **Sources:** **Al Jazeera**, **OCHA Flash 34**, **OCHA Flash 45** **and** **OCHA Flash 57**

09 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, West Bank, as a result of the destruction to roads around four UNRWA schools, caused by the Israeli military during the military raid, the schools opted for remote learning. **Source:** **OCHA Flash Report 31**

14 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a Palestinian child died of wounds sustained after being shot by Israeli forces during a raid on the camp on 29 October. **Sources:** **OCHA Flash 39** **and** **OCHA Flash 40**

16 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, at least four hospitals were surrounded by Israeli soldiers during an army raid. The soldiers turned up at Ibn

Sina Hospital asking the medical staff to evacuate the hospital. Two paramedics were arrested. **Source:** Al Jazeera

17 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, at least five people were killed by a drone strike and others injured during a raid of the camp by Israeli forces. **Source:** Al Jazeera

19 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces killed a disabled Palestinian man during an operation that involved armed clashes. **Source:** OCHA Flash 44

Between 25-26 November: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out a ten-hour military raid on the camp. Five Palestinians were shot and killed during armed clashes with Palestinian fighters. Israeli airstrikes and bulldozers caused extensive infrastructure and residential damage. Israeli forces also obstructed paramedics, arrested two injured persons from a hospital and denied access to two hospitals. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 51, Quds News Network I, Quds News Network II **and** Quds News Network III

Between 28 - 29 November 2023: In Jenin refugee camp, Jenin governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out a 12-hour military raid which led to violent confrontations with Palestinian fighters inside the camp. An unspecified number of camp residents were arrested and injured during the raid and an 8-year-old boy and 15-year-old boy were shot and killed by Israeli soldiers. Several homes were destroyed by Israeli drone strikes and bulldozers demolished camp infrastructure, including water, electricity and sewage networks. Israeli forces forced several families out of their homes. One injured Palestinian fighter was detained from an ambulance. **Sources:** Middle East Eye, OCHA Flash 54, Quds News Network I, Quds News Network II, Quds News Network III, Quds News Network IV, Quds News Network V **and** WAFA

Nur Shams Refugee Camp

14 November 2023: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, armed clashes between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers inside the camp were reported. All UNRWA operations inside the camp, including two schools, were suspended as a result. **Source:** OCHA Flash Report 31

Qalandiya Refugee Camp

23 November 2023: In Qalandiya Refugee Camp, Jerusalem governorate,Israeli forces carried out a security operation inside the camp. **Source:** UNRWA

Shu'fat Refugee Camp

03 November 2023: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem city and district, Palestinians were reportedly attacked by armed settlers. **Source:** Personal Communication

08 November 2023: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem city and district, a girl was shot at by Israeli forces as she was looking out her window. **Source:** Quds News Network

13 November 2023: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem city and district, an Israeli military raid was carried out inside the camp. The gate of the UNRWA Health Centre was damaged by Israeli explosives and soldiers entered the courtyard. **Source:** UNRWA

14 November 2023: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem city and district, an Israeli military raid was carried out inside the camp which led to the evacuation of three UNRWA schools. **Source:** UNRWA

Tulkarem Refugee Camp

07 November 2023: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, streets at the entrance of the camp, where some UNRWA girls' schools are located, as well shops and houses, were damaged by Israeli bulldozers. IEDs were detonated by unidentified armed perpetrators, and heavy exchanges of fire took place. An UNRWA health centre was damaged due to fire from a nearby electricity transformer. At least five people were injured by live ammunition or shrapnel. UNRWA services inside the camp were suspended. **Source:** UNRWA

14 November 2023: In Tulkarem Refugee camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, a large-scale Israeli military raid was carried out inside the camp. Armed clashes between Palestians and Israeli soldiers were reported leading to seven Palestinian camp residents killed and twelve injured. Israeli bulldozers destroyed roads inside the camp, and damaged homes. Ambulances also faced difficulties in entering the camp. All UNRWA operations, including four schools, were suspended as a result. **Source:** UNRWA

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