Protection in Danger in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt)

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee camps

March 2024

Recorded Violence in Refugee Camps in the oPt, 07 October 2023-31 March 2024			
	REPORTED INCIDENTS INSIDE REFUGEE CAMPS[1]	INCIDENTS WHERE REFUGEE CAMPS WERE DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS	INCIDENTS WHERE REFUGEE CAMPS WERE RAIDED
GAZA	405	289	5
EAST JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK	223	28	108
Data source: Insecurity Insight on HDX. Contact us for curated datasets.			

Insecurity Insight identified at least 628 incidents that took place at refugee camps in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) between 07 October 2023 and 31 March. In the Gaza Strip, 289 of the reported 405 incidents documented Israeli forces using explosive weapons damaging refugee camps. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem where 223 incidents were recorded, refugee camps were raided by Israeli forces at least 108 times. Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law.

Past incident reports: February; January; December; November; October 2023

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The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that took place at refugee camps in March 2024 in the oPt 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.

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Gaza Strip

Al-Bureij Refugee Camp

01 March 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, ten Palestinians were killed when a house was hit during Israeli bombardment at about 3:50. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 131 **and** IMEMC

01 March 2024: In al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate,four people were killed and injuring an unspecified number injured when an Israeli airstrike hit a house **Sources:** WAFA **and** Quds News Network

06 March 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, three Palestinians were killed, and others injured, when a house was hit at about 6:15. **Source:** OCHA Flash 134

13 March 2024: In Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, six Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when an Israeli airstrike hit a house. **Source:** Quds News Network

14 March 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, seven Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit at about 7:00. **Source:** OCHA Flash 140

14 March 2024: On Salah Ad Deen Road, Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, five Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit at about 12:30. **Source:** OCHA Flash 141

19 March 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, eight people were killed when an Israeli airstrike hit the camp. **Source:** PBS

20 March 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, seven Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit at 5:25. **Source:** OCHA Flash 144

Al-Shati Refugee Camp (Beach Refugee Camp)

08 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza governorate, five people, including a nine-year-old boy, were killed when they were hit by at least one airdropped aid parcel whose parachute failed to properly deploy. **Source:** CBS

09 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, two Palestinians were killed and seven injured when an Israeli airstrike hit a residential building. **Source:** WAFA

14 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

16 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, multiple Israeli airstrikes hit the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

20 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed when an Israeli airstrike hit a house. **Source:** Quds News Network

21 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, an unspecified number of houses were hit by Israeli artillery. **Source:** Quds News Network

21 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, two Palestinians were killed when an Israeli airstrike hit a house. **Source:** Quds News Network

23 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, a house was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Quds News Network

24 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and injured when a house was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** WAFA

31 March 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza governorate, two Palestinians were killed and ten injured in Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Qatar News Agency **and** WAFA

Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp

08 March 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a mother and father were killed and their two-year-old boy injured when an Israeli airstrike hit their home. **Source:** Quds News Network

15 March 2024: In west Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit civilian areas during Iftar. **Source:** Quds News Network

29 March 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, eight Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit by suspected Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Arab News

30 March 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and injured by Israeli fighter jets and artillery shells on the area. **Sources:** Qatar News Agency **and** WAFA

31 March 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, three Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when suspected Israeli airstrikes hit a house. **Sources:** Al Jazeera **and** WAFA

Al-Shaboura Refugee Camp

27 March 2024: In Al-Shaboura Refugee Camp, Rafah governorate, four Palestinians were killed and 10 injured when suspected Israeli airstrikes hit a house and a greenhouse. **Source:** ACLED[1]

Jabalia Refugee Camp

01 March 2024: In east Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

02 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 20 Palestinians, including children were killed, and 16 injured when Israeli airstrikes hit a house. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 131**,** Personal Communication **and** WAFA

02 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, ten Palestinians were killed when a house near Abu Hussain School was hit at about 23:00. **Source:** OCHA Flash 131

03 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 13 Palestinians were killed when Israeli airstrikes hit a house. **Source:** Personal Communication

03 March 2024: On Haddad Street, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a newly established cemetery was bombed during intensive Israeli aerial bombardment. **Source:** Quds News Network

04 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 13 Palestinians were killed when a house was hit at 00:45. **Source:** OCHA Flash 132

05 March 2024: On Al-Hoja Street, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, seven people were killed and an unspecified number injured when Israeli warplanes bombed a residential square. **Source:** WAFA

06 March 2024: In east Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, two houses were hit in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** Quds News Network

07 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

08 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, one person was killed, three injured and two houses destroyed by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** WAFA

13 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza Strip, a house was hit by Israeli warplanes during Iftar. **Source:** Quds News Network

20 March 2024: At Hamouda Junction, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, three Palestinians were killed and 10 injured when they were hit at about 13:35. Unconfirmed reports that the group comprised police officers involved in securing the delivery of aid. **Source:** OCHA Flash 145

26 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of Palestinians were killed when a house was hit by airstrikes. **Source:** ACLED[2]

27 March 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a house was destroyed in Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Quds News Network

Nuseirat Refugee Camp

15 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, eight Palestinians were killed when a house was hit at about 20:00. **Source:** OCHA Flash 141

15 March 2024: In the Abu Ghula area, Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 36 Palestinians were killed, mostly children and women, including pregnant women, and an unspecified number injured when a residential building was hit at about 23:50. **Source:** OCHA Flash 141

16 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, seven Palestinians were killed and 10 injured when a house was hit at about 10:00. **Source:** OCHA Flash 141

17 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a man and a young girl were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit at about 15:00. **Source:** OCHA Flash 142

18 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, nine Palestinians, including a three-year-old boy, were killed and six injured when a house was hit at about 00:40. **Source:** OCHA Flash 142

18 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, six Palestinians including a woman and a young girl, were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit at about 21:30. **Source:** OCHA Flash 143

19 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a house was destroyed in an Israeli airstrike, killing 19 people, including five women and nine children. **Source:** PBS

19 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, one person was killed in an Israeli strike. **Source:** PBS

19 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, four people and a police officer in charge of securing humanitarian centres and trucks were killed amid a car bomb outside an UNRWA building. **Source:** Middle East Eye

19 March 2024: On Al Ishreen Street, Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 27 Palestinians were killed when a three-floor building housing IDPs was hit at about 21:00. **Source:** OCHA Flash 144

19 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, four Palestinians, including the camps' head police and two young girls, were killed and an unspecified number injured when a car was hit at about 17:30. **Source:** OCHA Flash 144
20 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, nine Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit at about 19:40. **Source:** OCHA Flash 145

21 March 2024: In the Al Isra area, Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, nine Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when a house was hit at about 5:00. **Source:** OCHA Flash 145

26 March 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, two Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured in Israeli airstrikes while they were recovering bodies from the rubble. **Source:** WAFA

West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Al Am'ari Refugee Camp

04 March 2024: In Al Amari Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, Israeli forces shot and killed a 16-year-old Palestinian boy and injured two others when Israeli forces raided the camp in the morning. Subsequently, an exchange of fire took place between Palestinians and Israeli forces, injuring a soldier. **Source:** OCHA Flash 132

21 March 2024: In Umm Al-Sharayet neighbourhood, Al Am'ari Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, an 18-year-old man was shot in the head and killed and two other youths injured during a confrontation with Israeli forces. **Source:** WAFA

Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp

21 March 2024: In Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, Israeli forces, including an undercover unit, shot and killed a 29-year-old Palestinian man during a raid that involved an exchange of fire with Palestinians. Israeli forces searched houses in the camp and injured three Palestinians, including a five-year-old girl injured from shrapnel and two men who were shot and arrested. **Source:** OCHA Flash 142 **and** Quds News Network

05 March 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, a 45-year-old Palestinian man was shot in the face by Israeli forces as they raided the camp. **Sources:** Quds News Network **and** WAFA

30 March 2024: In Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, Israeli forces searched the camp and restricted free movement in Jericho. **Source:** WAFA

Balata Refugee Camp

26 March 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, houses were damaged after Israeli forces raided the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

Dheisheh Refugee Camp

06 March 2024: In Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem governorate, five Palestinians were shot from the waist down and three other Palestinians arrested by Israeli forces. **Source:** WAFA

16 March 2024: In Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp and arrested a Palestinian man. **Source:** Quds News Network

Fawwar Refugee Camp

04 March 2024: In Fawwar Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, a 16-year-old male teenager was shot and injured when Israeli soldiers stationed at the camp entrance opened fire on residents. **Source:** WAFA

15 March 2024: In Fawwar Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, a 26-year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an Israeli raid in the camp on 17 July 2023. **Source:** OCHA Flash 142

Jalazoun Refugee Camp

02 March 2024: At the entrance of Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, Israeli forces shot and killed a 13-year-old boy, and injured another child at the entrance of the camp. According to Israeli media the two children were attempting to throw Molotov cocktails. **Source:** OCHA Flash 131, Personal Communication **and** Quds News Network

04 March 2024: In Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, a 16-year-old was killed by Israeli forces in a raid. Properties were vandalised and mass arrests were conducted. **Source:** Personal Communication

Jenin Refugee Camp

28 February 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, a volunteer ambulance driver and another person were detained and another injured by Israeli forces who stormed the camp. Civilian property and infrastructure was bombed and levelled by bulldozers. **Source:** IMEMC News

12 March 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces stormed the camp and surrounded a house. **Source:** WAFA

13 March 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, houses were raided, damaged and demolished and roads were bulldozed by Israeli forces. **Sources:** Quds News Network**,** Quds News Network **and** WAFA

20 March 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, minutes before the start of Iftar Israeli forces targeted with a "Sky Quad Drone" a Palestinian vehicle, killing three passengers and injuring the fourth. According to reports from PRCS, two bodies were severely charred, while the third was dismembered. **Source:** OCHA Flash 144

20 March 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, Palestinians demonstrated in front of the Palestinian Presidential Compound, refusing to bury three killed Palestinians before the release of political prisoners from a Palestinian Authority prison. Subsequent clashes and an exchange of fire erupted between Palestinian security forces and Palestinians resulting in the injury of six Palestinians. **Source:** OCHA Flash 144

21 March 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, an Israeli drone strike hit a vehicle, killing four young Palestinian men. An additional 28-year-old Palestinian man died from sustained injuries the following day. **Source:** OCHA Flash 145 **and** WAFA

27 March 2024: In Jenin city and its adjacent Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, in the early morning hours, Israeli forces killed four Palestinians and injured five others during an eight-hour military raid. Fatalities included one Palestinian killed by live ammunition during armed clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinians, who also threw pipe bombs and stones at the forces, and two killed when struck by an Israeli drone. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 147 **and** OCHA Flash 149

Nur Shams Refugee Camp

09 March 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, vital infrastructure including roads and water pipelines were destroyed by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

As reported on 05 March 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out a raid during which an exchange of fire took place between Palestinians and Israeli forces. The raid resulted in extensive damage to roads connecting the camp with Tulkarm and Nablus cities as well as the destruction of electricity and sewage infrastructure. Five livelihood structures were damaged by bulldozers. **Source:** OCHA Flash 131

11 March 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, an exchange of fire took place between Israeli forces and Palestinians. Israeli forces bulldozed roads inside the camp, the main entrance of the camp, and the main road that linked the camp with Tulkarm and Nablus, causing damage to water, electricity, sewage and internet infrastructure. As a result, it was estimated that over 84,600 people in the camp and Tulkarm city were affected. Three houses and one livelihood structure were also destroyed. **Source:** OCHA Flash 137

20 March 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out a 10-hour raid during which the forces killed four Palestinians, two by Israeli airstrikes and two by shooting. Israeli forces also bulldozed road infrastructure and caused damage to residential houses and other properties. Houses were raided, civilians were interrogated, and drones hit the Al-Manshiya neighbourhood. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 144 **and** WAFA

As reported on 21 March 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, the PRCS were prevented from entering the camp to assist two men who had been shot and injured by Israeli forces during a camp raid. The men were left to bleed for more than an hour and a half leading to their death. **Source:** WAFA

21 March 2024: In Nur Shams Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces stormed the camp using armoured vehicles. **Source:** Quds News Network

29 March 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raided the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

Qalandiya Refugee Camp

01 March 2024: In Qalandiya Refugee Camp, West Bank, Israeli forces shot a young Palestinian man and arrested a father and his son. Israeli forces prevented Palestinian medics from aiding the man they had shot. **Source:** IMEMC News

27 March 2024: In Qalandiya Refugee Camp, West Bank, a young Palestinian man was shot by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

Shu'fat Refugee Camp

12 March 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, West Bank, Israeli forces shot a 13-year-old Palestinian boy in the chest with live ammunition while reportedly holding a lit firework and playing with other boys. Israeli forces withheld his body and raided his house in the camp. A general strike was announced in the camp in response. **Sources:** Boston Globe, OCHA Flash 138 **and** Quds News Network

28 March 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, Israeli soldiers raided the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

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1 This brief only includes incidents of violence and threats to officially designated refugee camps inside the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

2 Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) database attribution policy. Accessed 07 April 2024.