

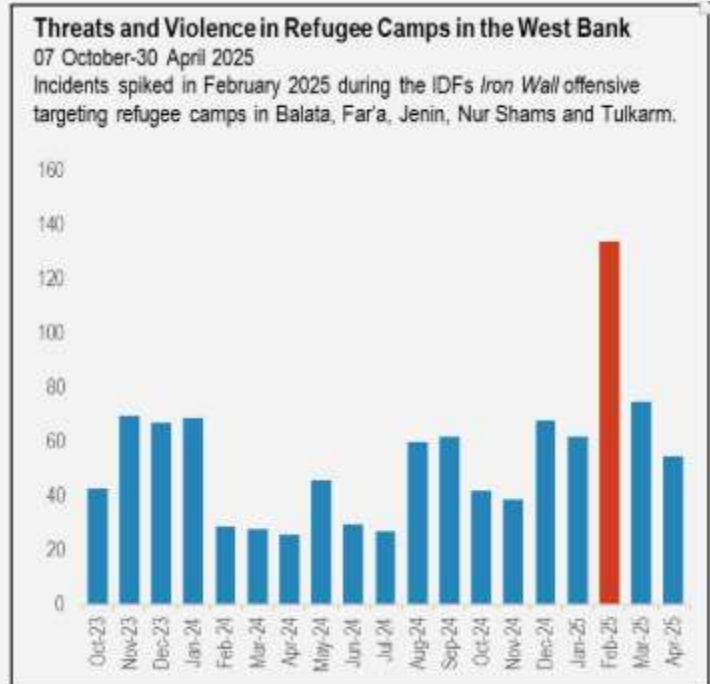
Protection in Danger in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and makeshift camps

May 2025

Insecurity Insight identified 3625 incidents that took place at refugee or makeshift camps in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) between 07 October 2023 and 30 April. In the West Bank, 1033 incidents were recorded, with a sharp rise in February 2025 during the IDF's *Iron Wall* offensive, which began on 21 January. The operation targeted refugee camps in Balata, Far'a, Jenin, Nur Shams, and Tulkarm, as well as surrounding towns, using tanks—**deployed** in Jenin for the first time since 2002—alongside armoured bulldozers and excavators. Demolitions, house raids, road and infrastructure destruction were widespread. At least 53 camp residents were killed, 63 injured and 66 arrested.

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Gaza Strip

Al-Bureij Refugee Camp

02 May 2025: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah Governorate, a tent sheltering displaced people was struck by an Israeli airstrike, killing three Palestinians. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

02 May 2025: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah Governorate, at least five Palestinians, including a man and his pregnant wife, were killed by an Israeli airstrike that hit a home. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

06 May 2025: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Abu Hamisa School sheltering displaced families was struck twice by Israeli airstrikes. The first strike hit the third floor of the building. Hours later, a second strike hit the same school. The two Israeli strikes killed 33 and injured 73 Palestinians. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

26 May 2025: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and others injured in an Israeli artillery shelling on the northern area of the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

29 May 2025: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 19 Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number of others injured in an Israeli airstrike on a residential block. **Source:** [The Guardian](#), [OCHA News](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

30 May 2025: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 20 people were injured when Israeli forces opened fire on people as they were heading to the humanitarian aid centre. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

30 May 2025: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and others injured in an Israeli artillery shelling on the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp

14 May 2025: In the south east of Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and others injured in an Israeli artillery strike. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

21 May 2025: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the head of the Palestinian Relief Office and an elderly IDP were killed by an Israeli drone strike. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

Deir el-Balah Camp

06 May 2025: In Deir al-Balah Refugee Camp, Gaza governorate, three Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

12 May 2025: In Deir al-Balah Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and others injured when an Israeli shell exploded in the southeastern area of the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Jabalia Refugee Camp

07 May 2025: In Tal al-Zatar area, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a 30-year-old female nurse of the NGO 'Health and Community Return Association' (AWDA) was killed by missiles from an Israeli forces airstrike. **Sources:** [AWDA](#) and [Genocide in Gaza](#)

08 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and others injured when the vicinity of the Education Intersection was hit by an Israeli airstrike and artillery shelling. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

09 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an UNRWA clinic and aid distribution point was struck by an Israeli airstrike, killing at least four people and injuring others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

13 May 2025: In the west of Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, three people were killed and an unspecified number of others were injured in an Israeli airstrike on a home near Furqan Mosque. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

14 May 2025: In al Jurn neighbourhood, Jabalia Refugee Camp, three doctors aged 52, 27 and 25, and a 27-year-old pharmacist, all of the same family, were killed in their home by Israeli airstrikes at dawn. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza](#), [Genocide in Gaza II](#), [Genocide in Gaza III](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

15 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-ran Al Awda Hospital was struck and damaged by an Israeli forces airstrike. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

15 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a 44-year-old doctor was killed with his wife and five children by Israeli airstrikes in his home. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

15 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and others injured in an Israeli airstrike on the Al-Falouja and Baer Al-Naajeh areas. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 15 Palestinians, including 11 children and a woman, were killed and an unspecified number injured in an Israeli attack on al Tawba prayer room and medical clinic . **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Quds News Network](#)

16 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a PRCS ambulance was struck by Israeli forces, hindering the transfer of injured individuals and resulting in an unspecified number of Palestinians being killed and injured. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

16 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a family home of two levels was flattened by Israeli warplanes. The entire family was buried under the rubble. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

18 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital, and a house in its vicinity, was struck by Israeli forces artillery shelling. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [OCHA News](#), [Quds News Network](#)

18 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, ten people were killed by an Israeli airstrike, including seven children and a woman. **Source:** [Castanet](#)

20 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an ambulance was fired upon by Israeli quadcopters inside the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

20 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, nine people were killed and an unspecified number of others were injured in an Israeli airstrike on a home. **Sources:** [Hurrijet Daily News](#) and [ACLED](#)¹

21 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the third floor of Building B at the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital was shelled by Israeli artillery fire. Gunfire was also directed at the water tanks on the hospital's roof. One staff member was injured. **Sources:** [IMEMC](#), [OCHA News I](#), [OCHA News II](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

22 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital was stormed by Israeli forces vehicles who opened heavy fire. Ambulance access was blocked and medical staff were unable to leave or reach the facility, with Israeli forces firing at any movement around the hospital. **Sources:** [AWDA](#), [OCHA News I](#), [OCHA News II](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Yaffa](#)

22 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike at 2am, resulting in a fire in the facility's warehouse, where vital medical supplies are stored. The emergency team was unable to control the fire which consequently raged for more than two days. The blaze caused near-total destruction of the hospital's external facilities, including medical vehicles and diagnostic equipment. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [AWDA](#), [AWDA I](#), [OCHA News I](#), [OCHA News II](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Yaffa](#)

22 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the specialised surgery department of the NGO-ran Al Awda Hospital was hit twice by Israeli forces bombing. **Sources:** [AWDA](#) and [Yaffa](#)

23 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli forces blew up a booby-trapped robot near the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

23 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run al Awda Hospital was struck by an Israeli drone attack, injuring at least three staff members. **Sources:** [AWDA](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

26 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a family home was hit by an Israeli forces airstrike, killing 19 people. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

28 May 2025: In Al-Fakhoura area, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, four Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number of others injured following an Israeli airstrike on a group of people. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

29 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli authorities ordered the medical team in the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital to evacuate as attacks intensified. Al Awda Hospital was the only remaining partially functioning hospital in North Gaza. The facility was overwhelmed with injuries and critically low on supplies. Ongoing hostilities over the past two weeks damaged the hospital, disrupted access, and created panic, deterring people from seeking care. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

28 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli tanks opened heavy machine gunfire on the main building of the NGO-run al Awda Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Khan Yunis Refugee Camp

20 May 2025: In Khan Yunis Refugee Camp, Khan Yunis governorate, five people, including three children, were killed by Israeli drone fire. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

23 May 2025: In the west of Khan Yunis Refugee Camp, Khan Yunis governorate, two children were killed and two others were injured in an Israeli airstrike on a home. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nuseirat Refugee Camp

05 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, nine Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured in an Israeli bombing. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

08 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, four people, including two children, were killed when an Israeli drone struck a home. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

14 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the UNRWA-ran Al Mufti school sheltering IDPs was struck by Israeli forces. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

18 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a tent sheltering IDPs was bombed by an Israeli drone, killing three Palestinians. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, al Hasayna School was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing seven people and injuring 18, most of them are children. Two UNRWA staff who worked there as teachers were killed in the attack. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

19-20 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the Radi petrol station sheltering displaced families was struck by Israeli airstrikes, killing 15 people. **Sources:** [Al Manar TV](#), [BBC](#), [Press TV](#), [Saudi Gazette](#) and [Tri-City News](#)

20 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, heavy Israeli artillery fire hit the camp. **Source:** [Al Manar TV](#)

22 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, an unspecified number of people were injured in an Israeli airstrike on a home. **Source:** [Kuwait News](#)

24 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, one person was injured in an Israeli airstrike in the vicinity of Al-Sinna Mosque. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

25 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the head of operations for Palestinian Defense and his wife were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a home. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#) and [Al Jazeera](#)

As reported on 30 May 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, attacks by suspected Israeli forces were reported. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

Makeshift Refugee Camps

06 May 2025: In al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, a child was killed and an unspecified number of others were injured in an Israeli drone strike on a tent sheltering IDPs. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

06 May 2025: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a tent sheltering displaced people was hit by an Israeli missile attack, killing at least one person and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

06 May 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, a school sheltering displaced people was struck, with reports that 20 people were killed. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

07 May 2025: In al Tuffah neighbourhood, Gaza governorate, al Karama School sheltering displaced families was struck twice by an Israeli airstrike, the first time the school was hit by missiles. The attack killed at least 16 Palestinian including a journalist. **Sources:** [New Age](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

11 May 2025: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, 8 people were killed, including four children, in an Israeli air strike on tents housing displaced people. **Source:** [New Age](#)

11 May 2025: In al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, four people from the same family were killed in an Israeli drone strike on a tent sheltering IDPs. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

12 May 2025: In Al Darraj area, Gaza city and governorate, a school sheltering IDPs was hit by an Israeli artillery strike. A woman was killed and 25 people were injured. **Sources:** [ACLEDD¹](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

17 May 2025: In al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, tents sheltering IDPs were bombed by Israeli drones, killing over 20 Palestinians and injuring 100 others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

18 May 2025: In Al Jazeeri Camp, Khan Yunis governorate, three people were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a tent sheltering IDPs. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

18 May 2025: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, tents sheltering IDPs near the NGO-run Al Khair Hospital were bombed by Israeli helicopters, killing three Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 May 2025: In al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, tents sheltering IDPs were hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing three Palestinians and injuring 15 others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 May 2025: In al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, a tent sheltering IDPs, was hit by Israeli airstrike, killing at least seven and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

20 May 2025: In the Beit Lahia Project area, North Gaza governorate, Khalifa School, sheltering IDPs, was hit by an Israeli airstrike in the morning, killing four people and injuring more than 30 others. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Wafa](#)

20 May 2025: In the Gaza Strip, more than 60 people, including women and children, were killed by Israeli airstrikes, which bombed homes and tents housing displaced persons. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

20 May 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, Musa bin Nusayr School, where hundreds of displaced people were sheltering, was struck by Israeli airstrikes overnight, killing 10 people and injuring others. **Sources:** [Al Manar TV](#), [BBC](#) and [Saudi Gazette](#)

20 May 2025: In northern Gaza Strip, a school-turned-shelter and a family home were hit by Israeli airstrikes, killing at least 22 people, more than half of them women and children. **Sources:** [Al Manar TV](#) and [Tri-City News](#)

20 May 2025: In al Daraj neighbourhood, Gaza governorate, Musa bin Nusayr School sheltering IDPs was hit by Israeli drones, killing at least 13 Palestinian and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

20 May 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, a school sheltering displaced people was struck by Israeli forces, killing eight people. **Sources:** [Hurrijet Daily News](#) and [New Age](#)

22 May 2025: In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, two people were killed and an unspecified number of others were injured in an Israeli airstrike on a tent sheltering IDPs. **Source:** [Kuwait News](#)

25 May 2025: In al Darraj area, Gaza city and governorate, the Fahmi al-Jarjawi School sheltering displaced families was struck by Israeli forces, causing a fire to break out. 36 people were killed and more than 55 others were injured, most of whom were women and children. Israeli forces claimed the site was a Hamas and Islamic Jihad command and control complex. **Sources:** [Asharq Al-Awsat](#), [Breaking News](#), [Daily Times](#), [Daily Sabah](#), [Personal Communication](#), [EuroMed Monitor](#), [Euronews](#), [Le Monde](#), [Middle East Eye](#), [Naharnet](#), [Namibian](#), [New Age](#), [OCHA News](#), [Times Of Malta](#), [The Globe And Mail](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#), [WION](#) and [Xinhua Net](#)

31 May 2025: In al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, a tent sheltering displaced people was hit by an Israeli drone, killing six people, four of them members of the same family. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Al-Ein Refugee Camp

20 May 2025: In Al-Ein Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp and killed a 62-year-old Palestinian man, wounding him with live ammunition in the leg. **Source:** [IMEMC News](#)

Askar Refugee Camp

13 May 2025: In Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, a young man was abducted from a barber shop by Israeli special forces. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

13 May 2025: In Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, three people were detained by Israeli forces after they besieged a home. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

Jalazone Refugee Camp

20 May 2025: In Jalazone Refugee Camp, Ramallah and al-Bireh governorate, Israeli forces ransacked and stormed the camp. **Source:** [IMEMC News](#)

Jenin Refugee Camp

Throughout May 2025: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, Israeli forces fired live and rubber-coated bullets, tear gas canisters, and stun grenades at Palestinians during a raid on the camp. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

Nur Shams Refugee Camp

01 May 2025: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, Israeli forces fired live and rubber-coated bullets, tear gas canisters, and stun grenades at Palestinians during a raid on homes. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

05 May 2025: In Nur Shams and Tulkarem Refugee Camps, Tulkarem governorate, Israeli forces launched a new demolition campaign affecting the homes of forcibly displaced residents. The two camps had been under strict Israeli blockade for the last three months. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

28 May 2025: Update: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, nearly 50 residential units marked for demolition at the start of the month had already been destroyed. Residents were briefly allowed to enter the camp to collect personal items. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

Shu'fat Refugee Camp

08 May 2025: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, an UNRWA-run school was raided by Israeli forces who issued a closure order and demanded students and the staff to evacuate immediately. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Tulkarem Refugee Camp

Throughout May 2025: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, Israeli forces fired live and rubber-coated bullets, tear gas canisters, and stun grenades at Palestinians during a raid on homes. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

21 May 2025: In Al Balawneh neighbourhood, Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, a home was destroyed by Israeli forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

28 May 2025: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, the Israeli military informed the Palestinian District Coordination and Liaison Office that 58 residential buildings in the camp were scheduled for imminent demolition. Residents were given only four hours to retrieve personal belongings from their homes. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

29 May 2025: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, the Red Crescent team was fired upon by Israeli forces at the entrance of the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 08 June 2026.

