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Protection in Danger in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt)

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee camps

February
2024

Recorded Violence in Refugee Camps in the oPt, 07 October 2023-28 February 2024

	REPORTED INCIDENTS INSIDE REFUGEE CAMPS ¹	INCIDENTS WHERE REFUGEE CAMPS WERE DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS	INCIDENTS WHERE REFUGEE CAMPS WERE RAIDED
GAZA	357	259	5
EAST JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK	201	24	100

Data source: [Insecurity Insight](#) on [HDX](#). [Contact](#) us for curated datasets.

Insecurity Insight identified at least 558 incidents that took place at refugee camps in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) between 07 October 2023 and 28 February.² In the Gaza Strip, 259 of the reported 357 incidents documented Israeli forces using explosive weapons damaging refugee camps. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem where 201 incidents were recorded, refugee camps were raided by Israeli forces at least 100 times. Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law.

Past incident reports: [January](#); [December](#); [November](#); [October 2023](#). Visit our [oPt](#) webpage. Join our [mailing list](#).

The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that took place at refugee camps in February 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

06 February 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, six people were killed when an Israeli airstrike hit their home. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

10 February 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, looting reportedly took place while an Israeli military drone hovered overhead. An unspecified number of people who tried to prevent the looters were shot and injured. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

12 February 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli forces fired missiles and shells at residential homes inside the camp. **Source:** [MEMC](#)



22 February 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, six children were injured when Israeli airstrikes hit their home. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

26 February 2024: In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Al-Shati Refugee Camp

24 February 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp (Beach Refugee Camp), Gaza governorate, Israeli drones attacked a journalist photographer, injuring him while he was working inside the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

24 February 2024: In Al-Shati Refugee Camp (Beach Refugee Camp), Gaza governorate, two Palestinians were killed and four injured in an Israeli bombing during the evening. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp

11 February 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli artillery shells hit the eastern area of the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

24 February 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli fighter jets bombed a house, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people during the morning. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

Deir Al-Balah Refugee Camp

17 February 2024: In Deir Al-Balah Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit three houses in the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Jabalia Refugee Camp

06 February 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, ten Palestinians were killed and ten injured when their home in the eastern part of the camp was hit by an Israeli airstrike at about 17:00. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 113](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

15 February 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a woman and her unborn child were killed in Israeli airstrikes on the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 February 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit Riyadh as-Salihin Mosque for the second time. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 February 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a UNRWA facility sheltering displaced persons was hit by an Israeli airstrike. A police car inside the camp was also bombed killing one person and injuring others. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

22 February 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli shelling hit the centre of the camp for a second time, resulting in an unspecified number of fatalities and injuries. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Khan Younis Refugee Camp

05 February 2024: In Khan Younis Refugee Camp, Khan Younis city and governorate, several residential buildings were hit. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 112](#)

Nuseirat Refugee Camp

13 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, three Palestinians, including a young girl and two women, were killed when a residential building was struck at about 2:45 by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 118](#)

14 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 15 Palestinians were killed when a residential building was hit by Israeli airstrikes at about 15:00. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 120](#)

14 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, six Palestinians were killed and 10 others injured, when a residential building was hit by Israeli strikes at about 16:00. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 120](#)

15 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 11 Palestinians were killed, including seven children when an Israeli airstrike hit their home west of the camp. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

17 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 20 Palestinians were killed, when a number of residential buildings were hit by Israeli strikes at about 15:00. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 121](#)

17 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 16 Palestinians were killed following widespread attacks on the camp by Israeli forces in the evening. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

21 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 22 Palestinians were reportedly killed, and 33 injured when their home in the western part of the camp was struck at about 20:20 by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 125](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

21 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli military bombed Zahra Elementary School, injuring an unspecified number of people. The next day, a bulldozer removing rubble was bombed. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

26 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and injured after the Israeli military attacked a house in the camp. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

28 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 14 Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured when four buildings were hit by Israeli forces at about 16:45. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 130](#)

28 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, 18 Palestinians were killed, and tens of others injured when a house was struck by Israeli strikes at about 19:00. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 130](#)

Bader Refugee Camp

12 February 2024: In Bader Refugee Camp, Rafah city and governorate, two Palestinians, including a boy and his 21-year-old sister, were reportedly killed when a group of people was struck by Israeli forces at about 13:00. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 118](#)

West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Al-Aroub Refugee Camp

19 February 2024: In Al-Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, Israeli soldiers carried out a security operation inside the camp leading to confrontations with local residents. Israeli soldiers fired live bullets, stun grenades and tear gas canisters, injuring at least one man by shrapnel bullets. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp

22 February 2024: In Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, Israeli forces destroyed the Shuhada Roundabout established in 1993 in honour of the martyrs of Aqbat Jabr. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Balata Refugee Camp

04 February 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, two Palestinian men were injured during an undercover operation by Israeli forces into the camp. A four-year-old child was also injured by a police dog during a raid in his home by Israeli soldiers. **Sources:** [WAFA](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

Ein el-Sultan Refugee Camp

01 February 2024: In Ein el-Sultan Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp, and arrested a 17-year-old boy and two young men. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

15 February 2024: In Ein el-Sultan Refugee Camp, Jericho governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp and broke into homes. Local Palestinian youths protested in response. Two men, one of whom was a former prisoner, were arrested during the raid. **Source:** [MEMC](#)

Far'a Refugee Camp

08 February 2024: In Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp using a bulldozer and firing live rounds, injuring a Palestinian young man. Another male was arrested. **Source:** [MEMC](#)

27 February 2024: In Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, Israeli forces shot and killed two Palestinians, including a bystander. The raid in the camp involved an exchange of fire between Palestinians and Israeli forces and the throwing of pipe bombs and stones by Palestinians. Initial information indicates that Israeli forces bulldozed multiple sections of streets in the camp, causing damage to infrastructure, including water networks, resulting in continuous water cut-offs. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 127](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

Fawwar Refugee Camp

21 February 2024: In Fawwar Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Jalazoun Refugee Camp

13 February 2024: In Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, Israeli soldiers opened fire on civilians in the camp. One child was hit by a rubber bullet in his head. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

16 February 2024: In Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 February 2024: In Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp after which clashes erupted at the entrance of the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 February 2024: In Jalazoun Refugee Camp, Ramallah governorate, Israeli forces raided the camp and searched several homes before arresting two children and their fathers. A 28-year-old man was also shot, injured and arrested inside his home during the raid. The man was first forced to remove his clothes, shot a second time, tied up and then arrested. **Sources:** [MEMC](#) and [WAFA](#)

Jenin Refugee Camp

13 February 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, the destruction of homes and roads caused during an Israeli military operation hindered the access of residents to Jenin city and caused significant damage to sewage networks. Four Palestinian houses were rendered

uninhabitable by Israeli bulldozers during the raid; some 16 Palestinians were displaced, including three children. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 118](#) and [OCHA Flash 121](#)

20 February 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, an Israeli forces undercover unit shot and killed a Palestinian man after besieging a house; another Palestinian was injured. The unit was followed by Israeli forces and bulldozers. Clashes erupted between Palestinian armed groups and Israeli forces, with reports on an exchange of fire when the unit was discovered by Palestinians. Multiple sections of roads in the camp were bulldozed, causing severe damage to infrastructure, and at least two houses sustained severe damage when they were hit by Israeli drones. The operation ended in the early morning hours of the next day and Israeli soldiers stole a car during their withdrawal. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 123](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

22 February 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, an Israeli drone-fired missile struck a vehicle travelling in the camp, killing two Palestinians, a man and a 17-year-old child, and injuring 15 others, including one in a critical condition. According to the Israeli military, the man was involved in attacks against Israelis and was on his way to carry out another attack. On 26 February, the man died from his injuries. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [OCHA Flash 125](#) and [OCHA Flash 126](#) and [WAFA](#)

27 February 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, Israeli special forces, accompanied by military vehicles, carried out a military operation inside the camp and the neighbouring town. **Source:** [IMEMC](#)

28 February 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, an ambulance volunteer was arrested by Israeli soldiers during a raid on the town. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

Nur Shams Refugee Camp

07 February 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli special forces carried out a six-hour military operation inside the camp. At least three people were killed and two others injured following an exchange of fire between local residents and Israeli soldiers. The men were killed inside their home after Israeli soldiers shelled the house using Anerga missiles, causing a fire to break out on the top floor, while bulldozers demolished and destroyed other parts of the house. The vicinity of the house was also shelled before Israeli forces withdrew from the camp. Two residential buildings sustained severe damage and were rendered uninhabitable, resulting in the displacement of five families comprising 30 people, including eight children. Initial field information indicates that about 30 additional houses sustained minor to moderate damage during the operation. During the operation, civilian access into and out of the camp was blocked and a power outage was reported in different parts of the camp. Following their withdrawal, ambulance crews evacuated the bodies of the two youths. **Sources:** [IMEMC](#), [OCHA Flash 113](#), [OCHA Flash 116](#), [WAFA I](#) and [WAFA II](#)

07 February 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, during a six-hour military raid on the camp, 15 UNRWA staff members were trapped inside the agency's health clinic. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 113](#)

07 February 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli soldiers prevented PRCS ambulance crews from entering the camp to assist two wounded individuals who had been shot during a raid on the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

29 February 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, a Palestinian man died of injuries sustained on 19 October 2023 during an Israeli military operation in Nur Shams Refugee Camp near Tulkarm city, which resulted in the killing of 13 other Palestinians, including the man's 12-year-old son. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 129](#)

Shu'fat Refugee Camp

01 February 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, Israeli forces attacked and beat up a young Palestinian inside the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

04 February 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, a young Palestinian man was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by Israeli forces during a raid in the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

05 February 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, two people were detained by Israeli forces during a raid in the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

16 February 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, Israeli forces closed the checkpoint leading to the camp and raided the camp, after a Palestinian man from the camp shot and killed two Israeli men in southern Israel and injured four others including a child.. During the raid a Palestinian man was shot and injured by rubber bullets who was filming the raid on the camp. Israeli soldiers also deployed a skunk water vehicle during the raid. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#), [Quds News Network III](#), [OCHA Flash 121](#) and [WAFA](#)

17 February 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, Israeli forces used teargas inside the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

18 February 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, Israeli soldiers punitively sealed off an apartment in a 13-storey building, displacing five people, including four children. The house belonged to the family of the Palestinian who was shot and killed while carrying out a shooting attack in Kiryat Malachi in Israel on 16 February. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 124](#)

Tulkarm Refugee Camp

18 February 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, Israeli forces, including undercover units, military vehicles and an armoured bulldozer, carried out a military raid into the camp. Two Palestinian men were shot and killed and three others injured during an exchange of fire with Palestinians. One of the bodies of the men was taken away by Israeli soldiers. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 121](#) and [WAFA](#)

18 February 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, a four-hour military operation took place during school hours, impacting 1,356 pupils and 61 education staff inside four UNRWA schools in the camp. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 121](#)

This Monthly News Brief comprises reported threats and incidents of violence affecting protection of IDPs and refugees in the oPt. It is part of the Protection in Danger project by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events of threats and incidents of violence affecting protection of IDPs and refugees and have not been independently verified. This report is funded and supported by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the U.S. Government who is not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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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 These figures do not include all the incidents below due to the volume of incidents that took place during the reporting period.

