



Israel's Aggression Against Occupied Palestine

Special Report: Highlighting Israeli Violations

January 1, 2017 - May 31, 2017

This report summarizes a number of attacks committed by Israel between January 1st, 2017 and May 31st, 2017. It provides an overview of Israel's violations and crimes, committed by its occupying forces and settlers, against the Palestinian civilian population living under its belligerent military occupation. It also includes attacks against Palestinian property and lands in flagrant violation of Israel's obligations, as the occupying power, under international law and international humanitarian law.

Israel's culture of impunity over 50 years of colonization has allowed it to deny the people of Palestine the freedom to exercise their inalienable national and human rights, including the right to self-determination. Marking 50 years of Israel's colonial occupation reflects the failure of the international community to take urgent and concrete measures to protect the Palestinian people and to hold Israel accountable for its systematic violations.

Summary of Israeli Violations by Type and Number:

Main Source: Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG)

Type Of Violation	West Bank Including Occupied East Jerusalem	Gaza Strip	Total
Killings	27 ¹	1	28
Injuries (1)	674	26	700
Raids	2773	30	2803
Detentions	2422	47	2469
Temporary Detentions	322	12	334
Flying Checkpoints	2452	-	2452
Israeli Gunfire Attacks	838	416	1254
Demolition Operations (2)	74	-	74
Settlers Violence/ Terrorism	220	-	220

(1) Source: Palestinian Ministry of Health (Figures cover period: January 1st 2017 – April 30th 2017)

(2) Every Demolition Incident/Operation may lead to the destruction of one or more homes or other structures.

¹ This figure includes martyr Abed Allah Al Kasaji, a Jordanian citizen, who was killed by the Israeli occupying forces in occupied East Jerusalem on May 13th 2017.

Since January 2017, the State of Israel killed 28 Palestinians - about 70% of them are 25 years old or younger.

Withholding the Bodies of Palestinian Martyrs

Withholding the bodies of Palestinians killed by Israel, whether by its occupying forces or settlers, is a clear violation of customary international law, specifically the Fourth Geneva Convention and Additional Protocols (II)². Under Art. 130 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, the occupying power must ensure that deceased persons are honorably buried, in accordance with the rites of the deceased person's religion, their graves respected, and graves marked and recognized³. The illegal practice of withholding bodies of Palestinians killed by the Israeli occupation adds to the grief of martyrs' families especially when Israel imposes conditional release, such as limiting the number of people allowed to attend funerals, as well as imposing time limitations on funerals, including the condition of middle-of-the-night burials.

Since September 2015, Israel has held more than 100 bodies of Palestinian martyrs while rejecting calls made by members of the international community, including Human Rights Organizations, for a serious investigation into their extra-judicial executions. Though the so-called Israeli Supreme Court had decided to release the bodies, the Israeli Minister of "Internal Security", Gilad Erdan, recommended holding on to the bodies. Recently, the lawyer of Commission of Detainees and Ex-detainees, Mohammad Mahmoud, noted that the so-called Israel's "Supreme Court" gave the "public prosecution" until June 14th to respond to the issue of detaining martyrs bodies with a detailed explanation⁴.

The Israeli Occupying Authorities still hold the bodies of the following martyrs:

	Name	Age	Governorate (Place of Killing)	Date	Days
1.	Abdel Hamid Abu Srur	19	Bethlehem	18 April 2016	409
2.	Mohammad Tarayrah	17	Hebron	30 June 2016	336
3.	Mohammad Al-Faqih	29	Hebron	26 July 2016	310
4.	Rami Awartani	31	Nablus	31 July 2016	405
5.	Misbah Abu Sbeih	38	Jerusalem	09 October 2016	235
6.	Fadi Qunbar	28	Jerusalem	08 January 2017	144
7.	Muhannad Abu Safaqa	44	"Netanya"	25 May 2017	7

² Art. 130, Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, Art. 8 of the Additional Protocols (II).

³ Art. 130, Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

⁴ "30 days to make a decision regarding releasing the detained Martyrs' bodies", Silwanic <http://www.silwanic.net/index.php/article/news/76979>

Palestinians Killed

Israel has continued to grant support to its occupation forces and armed settlers to attack Palestinian civilians. The State of Palestine has formally requested the United Nations to take action; to ensure protection for the Palestinian people.

International human rights organizations, including the International Federation for Human Rights, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International, have called upon the occupying power to halt such illegal practices. Some of their reports have included references to killings in a “random and deliberate way”. Amnesty International listed at least 20 cases of “unlawful killings” in a communication given to Israeli authorities. Since January 1st, 2017, the Israeli occupying forces killed 28 Palestinians under the pretext of “suspicion of planning or committing attacks”.

The following examples highlight several incidents wherein the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) or illegal settlers have killed Palestinian citizens in acts of extra-judicial executions:

- On January 16, IOF raided Taqou’ town in Bethlehem governorate and fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents and as a result killed **Qusai Al-Amour** (17 years old) and left three other residents injured: Omar Al-Amour, Muneer Al-Amour and Mahmoud Al-Amour.
- On January 29, IOF raided Jenin Refugee Camp and broke into several houses, and fired live ammunition and rubber coated steel bullets towards the residents and as a result killed **Mohammad Abu Khalifa** (17 years old) and left five residents injured (including three children): Ashraf Tubas (17 years old), Mateen Dabaya (17 years old) and Adham Miri’ (17 years old).
- On February 10, Palestinian prisoner **Mohammad Al-Jallad** (24 years old), a resident of Tulkarem city, died due to medical negligence in an Israeli hospital while being treated for critical injuries sustained after IOF opened fire towards him and arrested him at Huwara Military checkpoint in Nablus governorate on November 9th 2016.
- On February 16, **Samed Abu Shahab** (29 years old), a resident of Al-Amal neighborhood in Khan Younes, died of wounds he sustained when IOF opened fire towards him in 2005. Martyr Abu Shahab was receiving treatment in a hospital in Egypt.
- On March 1, IOF positioned near settlement of “Teena” located in south Al-Thahiriyyeh town south Hebron city, opened fire and **killed Sa’ed Qaisiyeh** (24 years old), who is mentally disabled.
- On March 23, IOF positioned at a Military watch tower near “Bet El” Settlement opened fire towards a vehicle and as a result killed **Mohammad Al-Hattab** (17 years old), and also critically injured three others: Jasem Nakhlah (18 years old – who died later on April 10th of sustained wounds), Ahmad Zeid (18 years old) and Mohammad Nakhlah (18 years old). All are residents of Al-Jalazoun Refugee Camp.
- On April 1, IOF opened positioned in the old city of occupied East Jerusalem opened fire towards and killed **Ahmad Ghazal** (17 years old), a resident of Nablus city.

- On April 19, IOF positioned near “Kfar Etzion” settlement junction located south of Bethlehem city, opened fire towards and killed **Suhaib Mashahreh** (21 years old), a resident of Al-Shiekh Sa’id village in Jerusalem governorate.
- On May 7, IOF positioned near Bab Al-Amoud area in the old city of occupied East Jerusalem opened fire towards and killed **Fatima Hajiji** (16 years old), a resident of Qarawa Bani Zeid village in Ramallah & Al-Bireh governorate.
- On May 18, an Israeli armed settler who was driving his car in Huwara street in Nablus governorate opened fire towards Palestinians who were demonstrating in solidarity with Palestinian hunger striking prisoners and as a result killed **Mu’taz Bani Shamsa** (23 years old), a resident of Beita village, and injured also journalist Majdi Shtayeh

Palestinians Injured

According to the Ministry of Health of Palestine, since January 1st 2017 and until April 30th 2017, at least **700** Palestinians have been injured, of which **111** Palestinians were treated in the field and **35** children were transferred to hospitals: including **6** that were shot with live ammunition and **12** others with rubber-coated bullets. Furthermore, **391** Palestinians have suffered from tear gas inhalation while others suffered from assaults and burns.

The following examples highlight several incidents of Israeli occupying forces firing at Palestinian children:

- On January 1, IOF raided Hizma town, located to the north of occupied East Jerusalem, and fired coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents. As a result Bilal Al-Din (15 years old) was injured after he was struck by a rubber coated steel bullet in his head, the child was hospitalized.
- On January 21, a demonstration took place in Kufur Qaddum village in Nablus governorate against the closure of the eastern entrance of the village. IOF forces tried to disrupt the demonstration by firing rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards the demonstrators who attempted to reach the closed site and as a result injured Awad Mansour Obeid (12 years old).
- On February 2, IOF positioned near junctions of Salem, Azmout and Deir Al-Hatab villages, in Nablus governorate, fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning and as a result injured three people, including two children: Ahmad Abu Daoud (17 years old), Alaa Zaghal (16 years old).
- On February 3, IOF opened fire towards Palestinians who were participating in a demonstration against the Israeli continuous attacks against Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound in Al-Bureij refugee camp in middle of Gaza strip. As a result injured Ali Washah (17 years old).
- On February 24, IOF fired coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards Palestinians who were demonstrating against settlement activity and against the closure of Al-Shuhada Street in the old city of Hebron. This led to the injury of four

residents including Mufid Al-Sharbaty (13 years old), Siham Abu Aram, Sana Amro, and journalist Mohammad Obeid. They were all hospitalized.

- On March 3, IOF positioned at Qalandia military checkpoint fired coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards Palestinians. This led to the injury of two people including Ahmad Shehadeh (12 years old) and Diya Hajouj, leaving both hospitalized.
- On April 17, IOF positioned near a military watchtower at the entrance of Bethlehem city, fired rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents who were participating in a demonstration in solidarity with Palestinian hunger striking prisoners and as a result injured two residents including Mohammad Musa (13 years old) and Ibrahim Musallam.
- On April 23, IOF positioned near Al-Mahkama (DCO) military checkpoint near “Bet El” settlement located in North Al-Bireh city fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards several residents as they were demonstrating in solidarity with Palestinian hunger striking prisoners. As a result, four residents were injured – including three children: Ahmad Hammad (16 years old), Mustafa Hamdan (16 years old), Yihya Al-Shafi'i (17 years old).
- On May 19, IOF positioned near entrance of the town of Aboud, northwest of Ramallah City, fired live ammunition, rubber coated steel bullets, stun and tear gas grenades towards Palestinians who were demonstrating in solidarity with Palestinian hunger striking prisoners. This led to the injury of infant Abdel Rahman Al-Barghouthi (one and half years old) as a result of tear gas inhalation, and Mohammad Zeidan (16 year old) a resident of Beit Rima village, Abdullah Thiab E'timad Jaber and Omar Abdel Majid.
- On May 29th 2017, Israeli occupation naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats while chasing them off the shores of Gaza city and as a result injured the fisherman Adham Al-Dabji.

Israeli Raids and Arrests

The Israeli occupying forces have carried out around **2803** raids in Occupied Palestine during the period covered in the report (an average of **19** daily military raids). Additionally, nearly **2469** Palestinians have been arrested from across the West Bank, occupied East Jerusalem and Gaza (an average of **16** Palestinians arrested on a daily basis).

Home Demilitations

Since the beginning of this year, the Israeli occupying forces have carried nearly **74** demolition operations in Palestinian cities, refugee camps, villages and Bedouin communities to demolish homes and other structures and to deliver demolition orders. According to UNOCHA, since January 1st, 2017 and until May 31st, 2017: the Israeli authorities demolished at least **249** Palestinian structures, including **78** International donor-funded structures. As a result, around **417** people were displaced, including **242** children, and **4276** people were affected, including **1550** children.

- On January 2, IOF stormed Al-Khan Al-Ahmar bedouin community located in the Eastern Jerusalem governorate and demolished 11 residential structures owned by Palestinian families from Al-Jahalin clan.
- On January 4th 2017, IOF stormed Al-Ashqariya neighborhood located between Beit Hanina and Shufat neighborhoods in occupied East Jerusalem and demolished two homes, owned by Adnan Shweiki.
- On February 15, IOF raided Hizma town and demolished three structures: a house owned by Abdel Aziz Shihadeh, another house under construction owned by Jaber Hasan, and a section of an old house owned by Abdallah Al-Khatib.
- On February 18, IOF stormed Bi'ir Ayoub area in Silwan neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem and forced Saleh Shweiki to demolish his 80m2 home to avoid paying high fines for allegedly being built without a license.
- At dawn on March 28, IOF raided Al-Isawiya village in Jerusalem governorate and demolished two homes (one of which is under construction) owned by Ahmad Abul Hummus and Riyadh Muhesen.
- On April 4, IOF demolished three apartment buildings (consisting of 13 Apartments) in Za'ayem village in Jerusalem governorate. The apartments were owned by: Othman Abu Sbitan, Ahmad Al-Shiber and Ayman Al-Daya.
- On May 4, IOF raided Al-Walajeh village, located west of Bethlehem governorate, and demolished three homes owned by Ibrahim Nayrukh, Hamed Abu Sneineh, and his brother Raed Abu Sneineh. On the same day, the Israeli occupying forces also demolished a residential building of four apartments in Al-Tur neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem.
- On May 9, IOF demolished two residential structures in Jiftlik village, in Jericho governorate, owned by Salem Ka'abneh and his son Odeh Ka'abneh.

Settlers Violence

The Negotiations Affairs Department has previously reported that during the past thirteen years at least 11,700 attacks were perpetrated by Israeli settlers against the occupied Palestinian population and their properties. Since January 2017, Israeli settlers have carried out nearly 220 reported attacks against Palestinians, their properties and places of worship.

Israeli settlers have continuously been involved in the killing and injuring of Palestinians. In several documented cases, Israeli settlers have incited the occupying forces to execute Palestinian civilians. Video excerpts obtained mainly by human rights organizations (widely shared on social media) have reflected an extreme level of hate and violence by Israeli settlers, and their close ties with the Israeli occupying forces, and the support granted to them by members of the Israeli cabinet.

The following examples highlight some of the attacks carried out by Israeli settlers:

- On January 17, an Israeli settler while he was driving his car in Jabal Jales area in the old city of Hebron ran over the child Elian Al-Razem (5 years old) and as a result the child was hospitalized with contusions.
- On January 27, Israeli settlers from "Side Boaz" settlement (illegally built on Al-Khader town in Bethlehem) uprooted 300 grapevines, 100 olive seedlings and stole roles of steel fence and barbed wire owned by Mohammad Salah. The settlers also uprooted and stole 50 grapevines owned by Husam Salah.
- On February 8, Israeli settlers stormed and levelled 15 dunums of land in Jallud village in Nablus governorate.
- On February 9, Israeli settlers stormed an agricultural land in Al-Khader town in Bethlehem and uprooted approximately 400 olive trees owned by Ali Issa.
- On March 7, an Israeli settler driving a bus near the junction of Jinsafut village in Qalqilia governorate, ran over Mitwalli Shubaki (62 years old), and as a result left him hospitalized with life threatening injuries.
- On March 11, Israeli settlers assaulted the child Malek Siam (16 years old), a resident of Jerusalem in the settlement of the French Hill in occupied East Jerusalem.
- On April 22, an Israeli settler travelling in his vehicle near Karamah village, in west Yatta in Hebron, opened fire towards the child Yousef Awwadeh (6 years old) leaving him hospitalized with a bullet wound in the abdominal area.
- On April 23, an Israeli settler was driving his vehicle at high speed in Sur Baher village, in occupied East Jerusalem and ran over two children that were hospitalized with contusions: Mohammad Atun and his sister Nada Atun.
- On May 3, an Israeli settler travelling along Zeef village junction, in Hebron governorate, ran over the child Laith Shatat (6 years old), leaving him hospitalized.
- On May 9, Israeli settlers stormed Al-Sahel area located in Shu'fat neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem and slashed the tires of 17 vehicles owned by Palestinian residents. The settlers also sprayed and painted "Price Tag" graffiti and racist slogans on the vehicles.

Assaults Against Holy Sites

Israel has continued to unleash its aggression against the holy sites. These orchestrated attacks including aiding and supporting Israeli extremists in their forced entry into Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, violating the sanctity of the place. According to reports issued by the Palestinian Ministry of Waqf and Religious Affairs (covering April and May 2017): the Israeli authorities have committed more than 210 violations and assaults against the holy sites, which coincided with the Jewish holidays.

As part of Israel's ongoing scheme to impose a temporal and spatial division of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, the Israeli occupying forces continued to allow hundreds of extremists to break into this holy site. In addition, the Israeli forces have also arrested and deported several guards and worshippers staying at Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound. The ministry's report, issued in May, highlights several incidents of Israel's violations and indicates, "On May 24, 2017, the occupation authorities broke into Al-Aqsa Mosque and attacked the guards; injuring four of them and arresting three others". Similarly, the report adds "the Israeli authorities broke into Al-Aqsa Mosque in April, searched its chapels, facilities and clinics, and broke the locks of many doors leaving behind a huge destruction."

Additionally, the Waqf report indicates that the Israeli occupation authorities prevented the call for prayer in the Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron for at least 126 times.

During the months of March and April this year, Palestinian Christians celebrating the period of Lent and Holy Week faced a number of Israeli restrictions including the denial of permits to pray in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount of Olives in occupied East Jerusalem. These assaults by the Israeli occupying forces were mainly witnessed on Sunday, April 9, 2017, during the traditional procession through the Mount of Olives (Church of Bethphage) and towards Saint Anne's Church in the Old City of Jerusalem (Lion's Gate) on the occasion of Palm Sunday. During the festivities of the Holy Week, including Good Friday and the Holy Fire on Saturday, Israel's occupying forces and extremist settlers harassed Palestinian worshippers, including priests and nuns.

Charts

Chart 1:

Palestinian Martyrs by month between January 1st 2017- May 31st 2017

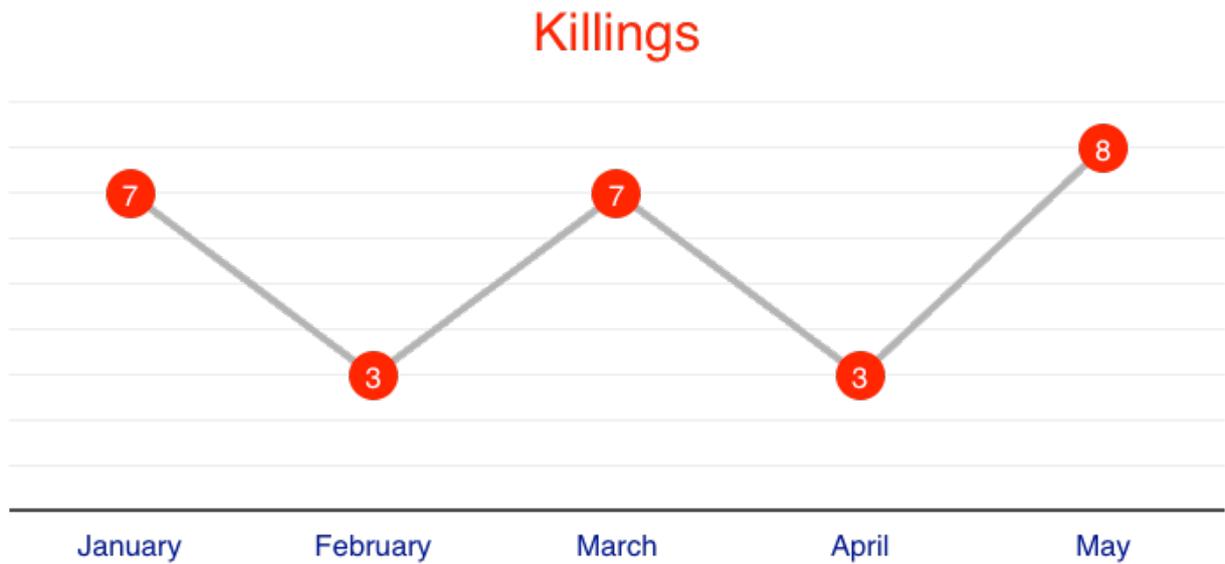
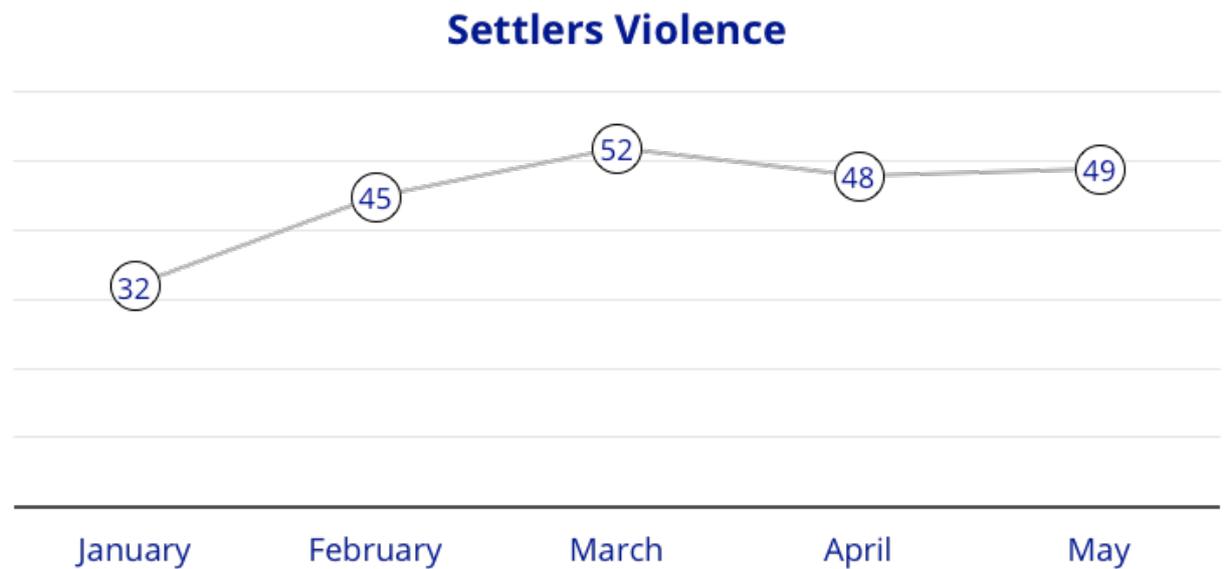


Chart 2:

Settlers Violence/Terrorism between January 1st 2017 – May 31st 2017



- Source: Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG)

ANNEX: The following are the names of the 28 Palestinian martyrs killed between January 1st, 2017 and May 31st, 2017

January 2017

NO.	Name	Age	Governorate (Place of Killing)	Date
1	Fadi Qunbar	28	Jerusalem	08 January 2017
2	Mohammad Al-Salhi	32	Tubas	09 January 2017
3	Qusai Al-Amour	17	Bethlehem	16 January 2017
4	Nidal Mahdawi	44	Tulkarem	17 January 2017
5	Hussein Abu Ghosh	24	Jerusalem	25 January 2017
6	Mohammad Abu Khalifa	17	Jenin	29 January 2017
7	Shaima Ja'abees	9	Jerusalem	30 January 2017

February 2017

NO.	Name	Age	Governorate (Place of Killing)	Date
8	Suleiman Hammad	81	Bethlehem	08 February 2017
9	Mohammad Al-Jallad(Prisoner, died of medical negligence)	24	Tulkarem	10 February 2017
10	Samed Abu Shanab (died of wounds he sustained in 2005)	29	Khan Yunes	16 February 2017

March 2017

NO.	Name	Age	Governorate (Place of Killing)	Date
11	Sa'ed Qaisiyeh	24	Hebron	01 March 2017
12	Basel Al-A'araj	33	Ramallah	05 March 2017
13	Ibrahim Matar	25	Jerusalem	13 March 2017
14	Murad Abu Ghazi	17	Hebron	17 March 2017
15	Yousef Abu Athra	18	Rafah	22 March 2017
16	Mohammad Al-Hattab	17	Ramallah	23 March 2017
17	Siham Nimer	49	Jerusalem	29 March 2017

April 2017

NO.	Name	Age	Governorate (Place of Killing)	Date
18	Ahmad Ghazal	17	Jerusalem	01 April 2017
19	Gasem Nakhleh (died of wounds he sustained in last March)	17	Ramallah	10 April 2017
20	Suhaib Mashahreh	21	Jerusalem	19 April 2017

May 2017

NO.	Name	Age	Governorate (Place of Killing)	Date
21	Fatima Hajeeji	16	Jerusalem	07 May 2017
22	Saba Obeid	22	Ramallah	12 May 2017
23	Abed Allah Al Kasaji (Jordanian citizen)	57	Jerusalem	13 May 2017
24	Mohammad Baker	25	Gaza	15 May 2017
25	Mu'taz Bani Shamsa	23	Nablus	18 May 2017
26	Fatima Taqatqa	16	Bethlehem	20 May 2017
27	Ra'ed Radaydeh	15	Bethlehem	22 May 2017
28	Muhannad Abu Safaqa	44	"Netanya"	25 May 2017