



News of Terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

(July 20 – 26, 2016)

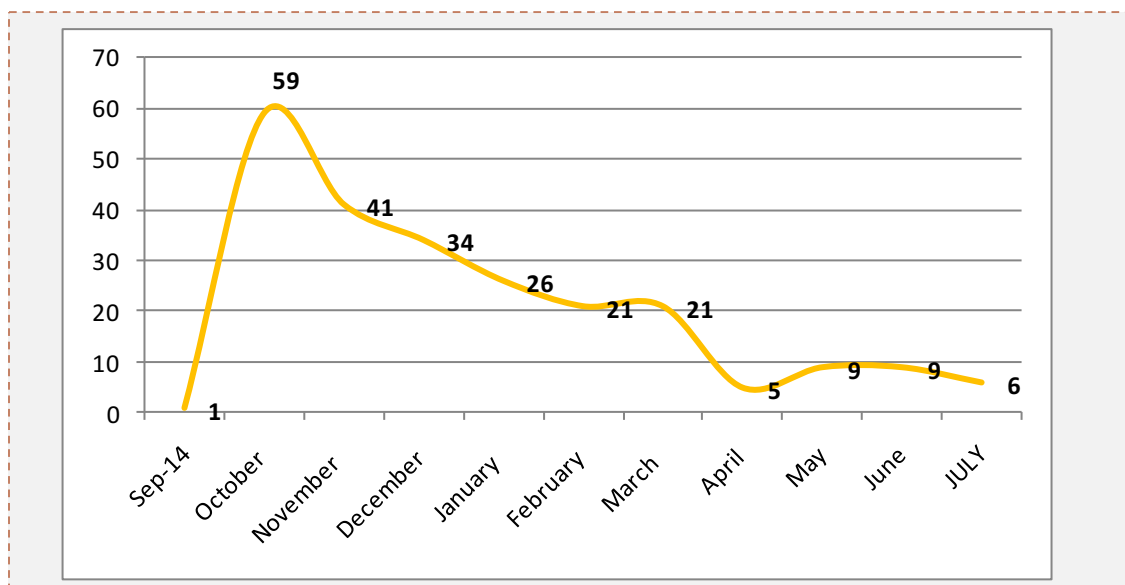


Hamas summer camps in the Gaza Strip, where children and adolescents receive military training. The pictures are from the graduation ceremonies of the first round of campers in the southern Gaza Strip (Facebook page of the Hamas summer camps, July 21, 2016)

Overview

- This past week the throwing of stones and Molotov cocktails and shootings at passing Israeli cars continued. However, no serious terrorist attacks were carried out.
- This year as well Hamas and the other terrorist organizations in the Gaza Strip are exploiting the summer vacation to give children and adolescents military training. The goal of the military training is to prepare the younger generation for the future campaign against Israel. Military training includes firing live ammunition, simulating the storming of an IDF post, attacking an Israeli APC, abducting an Israeli soldier and taking him to the Gaza Strip through a tunnel.
- **Riyad al-Maliki, foreign minister in the Palestinian national consensus government, gave a speech at the Arab summit held in Mauritania (replacing Mahmoud Abbas, who canceled his appearance because of his brother's death). Al-Maliki said the Palestinian Authority (PA) intends to sue Britain for having issued the Balfour Declaration and demanded the support of the Arab states.**

Monthly Distribution of Terrorist Attacks in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem



Riots, Clashes and Popular Terrorism

■ In the meantime, demonstrations, protest marches, riots, and the throwing of stones, Molotov cocktails and pipe bombs continue in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem.

■ The more prominent events were the following:

- **July 26, 2016** – Rioting Palestinians threw Molotov cocktails and stones at an IDF force operating in the **Amari refugee camp (near Ramallah)**. The soldiers fired at the rioters, wounding two (Facebook page of Red Alert, July 26, 2016).
- **July 23, 2016** – Palestinians threw two pipe bombs at an IDF post near **Beit El**. There were no casualties (Facebook page of Red Alert, July 23, 2016).
- **July 21, 2016** – Palestinians fired at an Israeli vehicle near **Beit Sahour (east of Bethlehem)** in a drive-by shooting. There were no casualties but a bullet was found in the vehicle (Facebook page of Red Alert, July 21, 2016).
- **July 21, 2016** – Palestinians threw stones at Israeli vehicles from a passing car on the **Tekoa-Har Homa road**. There were no casualties; the vehicles were damaged (Facebook page of Red Alert, July 21, 2016).

■ The Palestinian media claimed that a Palestinian boy from al-Ram was killed in a confrontation with IDF forces (Wafa, July 20, 2016). **The IDF spokesman reported**

that the incident was unknown to the IDF. According to the spokesman, at the time of the alleged incident no IDF activity was carried out in al-Ram, and his death apparently occurred during a local dispute.



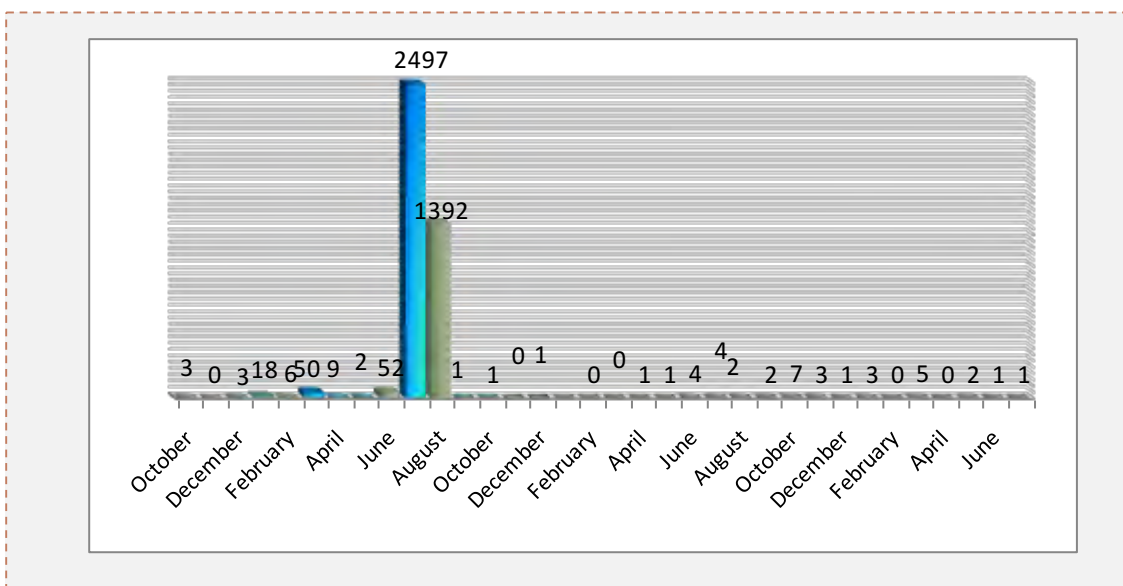
Left: The funeral held for Muhi al-Tabakhi in al-Ram; the yellow Fatah flag is in evidence (Wafa, July 20, 2016). Right: The death notice issued by Hamas for Muhi al-Tabakhi (Facebook page of Hamas in Jerusalem, July 20, 2016). Apparently the boy's death occurred during a local dispute.

Israel's South

Rocket Fire Attacking Israel

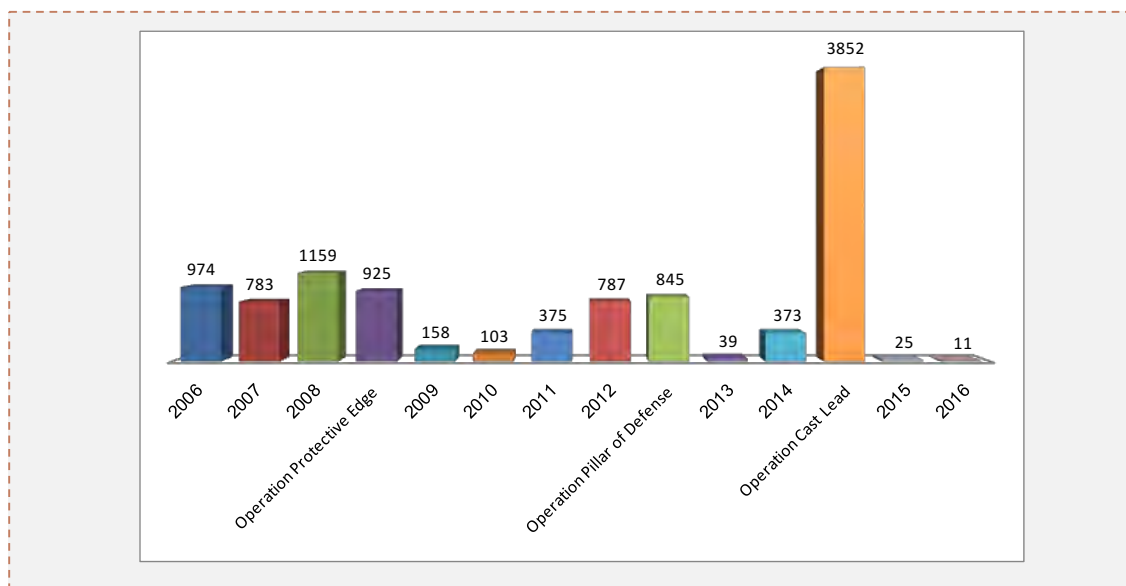
- This past week no rocket hits were identified in Israeli territory.

Monthly Distribution of Rocket Fire (2014 – 2016)¹



*The data include the three rockets launched by ISIS's Sinai Province from the Sinai Peninsula in July by ISIS's Sinai Province.

Annual Distribution of Rocket Fire in Israel's South²



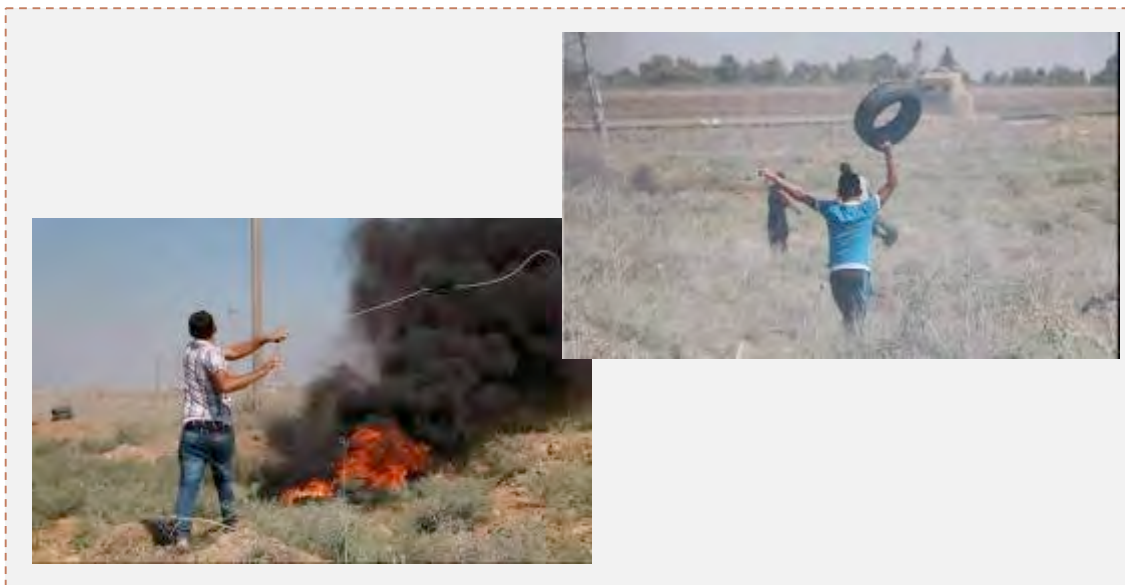
Riots near the Border Security Fence

- The Palestinian media reported that Gazans had rioted against IDF forces near the village of Nahal Oz, east of Gaza City. Several Palestinians approached the border security fence and set tires on fire and threw stones at the IDF forces. According to

¹ As of July 26, 2016. The statistics do not include mortar shell fire or rockets which misfired and fell inside the Gaza Strip.

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the reports, a number of Palestinians suffered from smoke inhalation from smoke grenades thrown when the IDF forces responded to the riot (Quds.net, July 22, 2016).

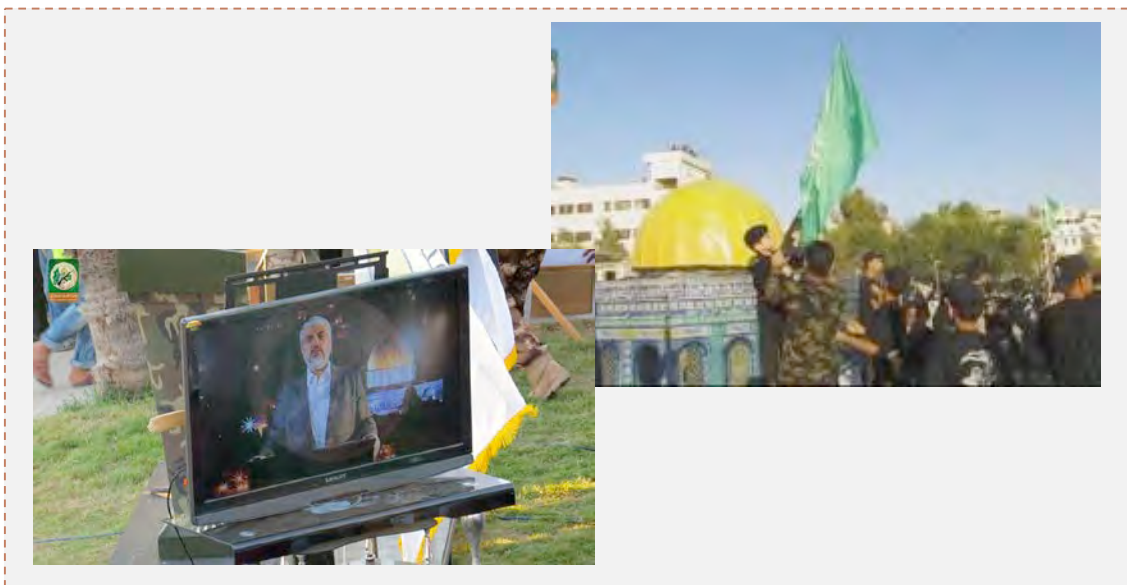


Palestinians riot against IDF forces near the village of Nahal Oz (Facebook page of QudsN, July 22, 2016).

Developments in the Gaza Strip

Terrorist Organization Summer Camps in the Gaza Strip

■ **The first round of the summer camps held for high school students in the Gaza Strip ended this past week.** A commander speaking at a final ceremony said that the objective of the camps was to train the "generation of liberation for a campaign against Israel" (Quds.net, July 23, 2016). **Khaled Mashaal**, head of Hamas' political bureau, said in a recorded speech that Hamas, its military wing and all the organizations in Palestine **understood that conflicts with Israel demanded a long period of preparation.** He said Hamas was working intensively on preparations for "resistance" and liberation, defending the [Palestinian] people and fighting against the [Israeli] occupation and settlements (Hamas website, July 22, 2016).



Graduation ceremony for the first session of Hamas summer camps. Left: Khaled Mashaal's recorded speech. Right: Campers simulate taking control of the Temple Mount (Facebook page of the Hamas summer camps, July 21, 2016).

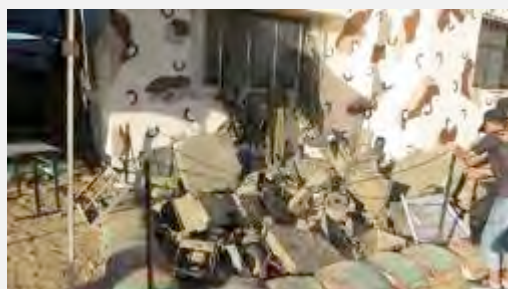


Military training in the Rafah district where high school students practiced capturing an Israeli APC, storming an IDF post and abducting an Israeli soldier, taking him to the Gaza Strip through a tunnel (Facebook page of the Hamas summer camps, July 21, 2016).



Left: Training in a summer camp in the Rafah district. Campers simulate capturing and IDF post and abducting an Israeli soldier. Right: Rifle practice with live ammunition (Facebook page of the Hamas summer camps, July 21, 2016).

■ During the summer camp in the Sajaiya refugee camp, Hamas' military-terrorist wing displayed weapons it claimed had been used in fighting Israel during Operation Protective Edge. The display included various types of rockets, rifles and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) (Facebook page of the "Pioneers of Liberation in Sajaiya," July 19, 2016). In a different display organized by Hamas' military-terrorist wing in one of its posts, there was a model of a tunnel and materials used by the Izz al-Din Qassam Brigades' information unit (Facebook page of the "Pioneers of Liberation," July 21, 2016).



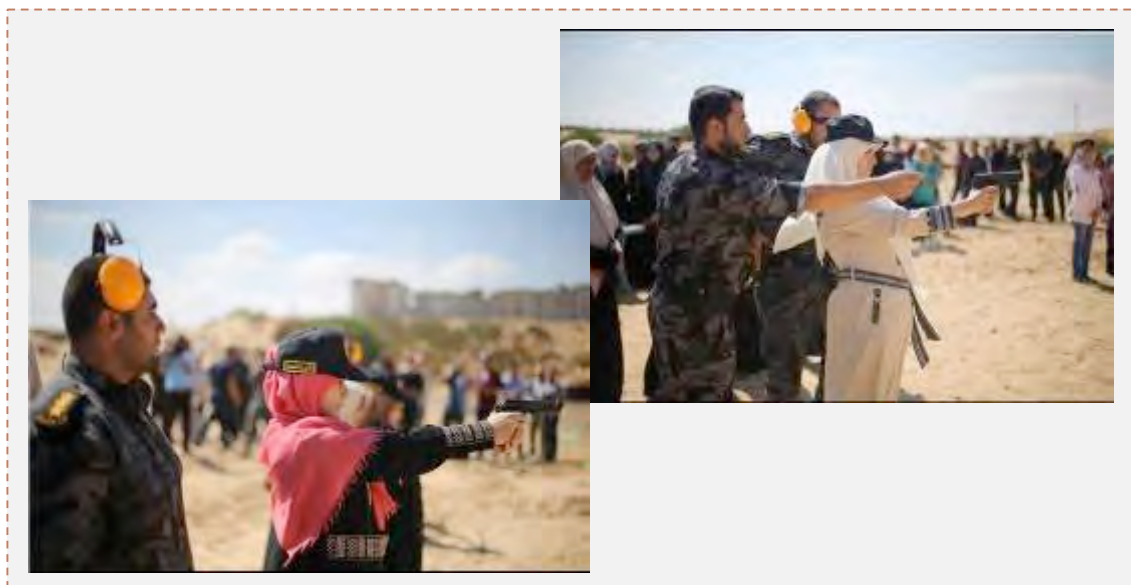
The display in Sajaiya. Left: A UAV Hamas claimed had flown over Israel during Operation Protective Edge. Right: IDF "spoils of war" Hamas claimed it had seized in the Sajaiya refugee camp during Operation Protective Edge (Facebook page of the "Pioneers of Liberation in Sajaiya," July 19, 2016).



Display in an Izz al-Din Qassam Brigades post. Left: Rocket launchers used by Hamas' military-terrorist wing. Right: Model of a tunnel and a poster with the names of Izz al-Din Qassam Brigades terrorist operatives killed during activities the tunnels (Facebook page of the "Pioneers of Liberation," July 21, 2016).

Training for Women

- The security apparatus of the ministry of the interior in the Gaza Strip noted the completion of the second round of a special training course in Khan Yunis called "Flowers of Palestine." The course was given to women, some of whom were the wives of senior Hamas operatives (Alresala.net, July 24, 2016). According to reports, there was also a course given for young women. It was supervised by the security and guard forces of the southern Gaza Strip (Facebook page of Palinfo, July 24, 2016).



Girls and the wives of senior Hamas operatives practice shooting (Facebook page of Paldf, July 24, 2016).

The Palestinian Authority

The PA Intent to Sue Britain over the Balfour Declaration

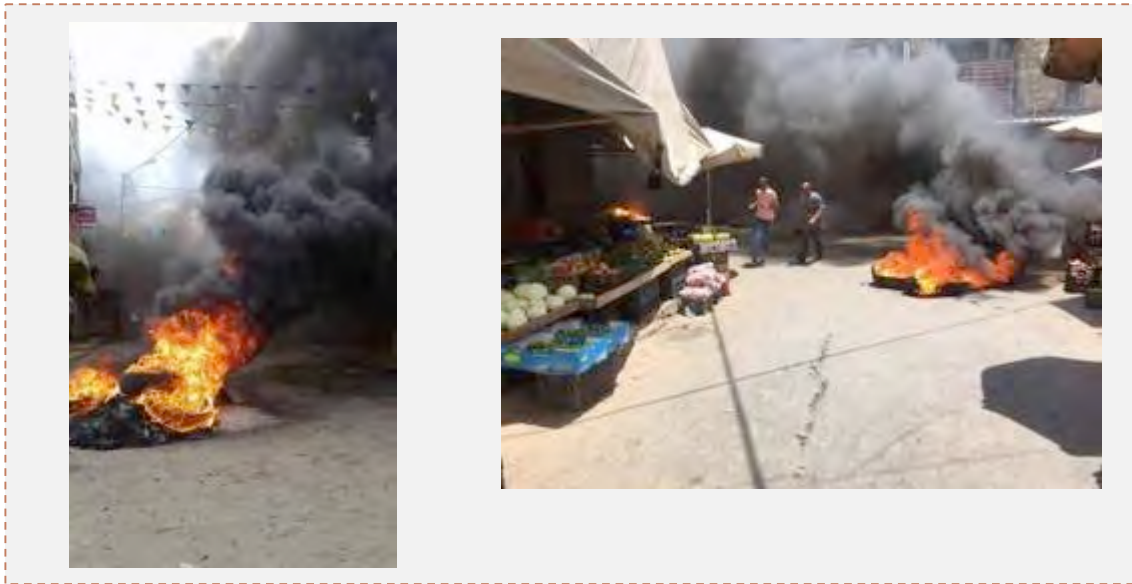
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Riyad al-Maliki speaking at the Arab summit meeting in Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania (YouTube, July 25, 2016).

Activities of the Palestinian Security Forces

■ The Palestinian security forces continue their operation to put an end to the "security anarchy" in the territories under PA control. They instituted a broad campaign in the villages in the region south of Hebron (Quds.net, July 19, 2016). Their activities infuriated local residents, who set tires on fire in the market in Nablus to protest the detention of an Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades operative (Facebook page of Quds.net, and Facebook page of Hamas – Jenin, July 20, 2016).



Tires burning in the market in Nablus (Facebook page of Quds.net, and Facebook page of Hamas – Jenin, July 20, 2016).

■ The **Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR)**, an Arab human rights organization in Britain, lodged a complaint with the office of the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague regarding what it called "the widespread and systematic torture of Palestinian detainees in the West Bank, committed by the Palestinian Security Services."³ The organization appended a list of the names of those detained and the tortures allegedly inflicted on them. According to the AOHR, despite their appeals to the authorities, including Mahmoud Abbas, the crimes were not investigated and the organization was therefore appealing to the ICC (AOHR, July 25, 2016). The AOHR is a non-governmental organization established "to promote human rights culture in the world and to advocate human rights in general and the rights of the Arab citizens in particular."⁴

The Battle for Hearts and Minds: Palestinian Media Encouragement for the Current Terrorist Campaign

Facebook page of the Town of Sa'ir (north of Hebron)

■ The Facebook page of "Sa'ir, our home" calls itself the official Facebook page of the "Sa'ir, the hometown of shaheeds." The page has received about 21,000 "likes." Its background pictures include scenes of Palestinians rioting against the Israeli security forces (Facebook page of "Sa'ir, our home," February 7, 2016)

³ <http://aohr.org.uk/index.php/en/all-releases-2/6270-torture-by-palestinian-security-services-before-icc.html>

⁴ <http://aohr.org.uk/index.php/en/about-us.html>



(Facebook page of "Sa'ir, our home").

- During the most recent Palestinian terrorist campaign **Sa'ir was prominent for the number of operatives who carried out terrorist attacks**. From the beginning of the terrorist campaign (middle of September 2015) till the present day ten residents of the town have been killed while carrying out terrorist attacks. Others were killed in confrontations with the Israeli security forces.