



## **Extra-Judicial Executions as Israeli Government Policy**



**Extra-Judicial Executions Committed by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF)**

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**Introduction:**

Israel's policy of extra-judicially executing Palestinians allegedly involved in armed resistance against the Israeli occupation of Palestine has been meticulously documented by the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR). The continuing silence of the international community, including High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, has actively encouraged Israel to act as though it is above the law and to continue committing gross human rights violations against the Palestinian people, including hundreds of extra-judicial executions.

IOF have carried out these extra-judicial executions of Palestinian activists whom they accuse of carrying out, or planning, armed attacks against the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and/or inside the State of Israel. IOF have also targeted the political leaders of Palestinian organizations. By failing to produce any evidence linking the targeted individual to attacks allegedly committed by members of the Palestinian resistance, as well as failing to utilize peaceful means in order to arrest and detain suspects, IOF has assumed the role of both judge and executioner.

Since the beginning of the Second Intifada in September 2000, PCHR has consistently investigated and documented extra-judicial executions committed by IOF in the OPT, as well as demanding the international community intervene effectively in order to pressurize Israel to stop all extra-judicial executions. The Centre has established a database that keeps statistics on all extra-judicial executions, and attempted executions, carried out by IOF in the OPT.

In addition, PCHR has also published a series of reports and fact sheets on extra-judicial executions committed by IOF against Palestinians in the OPT during the second Intifada. This report is the eighth in the series. It covers the period between 1 August 2006- 30 June 2008.

## **Extra-Judicial Executions, International Declarations and International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**

Extra-judicial executions are gross violations of universally agreed human rights that enshrine the right to life. Article 3 of the (1948) Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person". Article 6 of the (1966) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights states that "Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life". Article 6 of the Covenant clarifies that, "In countries which have not abolished the death penalty, sentence of death may be imposed only for the most serious crimes in accordance with the law in force at the time of the committing of the crime and not contrary to the provisions of the present Covenant and to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. This penalty can only be carried out pursuant to a final judgment rendered by a competent court". This final sentence ascertains that all High Contracting Parties to the Covenant have a right to deliver and carry out judgment of a death penalty only under specific circumstances that ensure a just judgment has already been reached. Therefore, the defendant on trial must be convicted of having committed a "most serious" crime, and the final judgment condemning the defendant to death must be rendered by a competent court.

International Law therefore addresses the issue of extra-judicial executions, that by definition lack any notion of judicial process, and thus deprive the targeted individual(s) from their right to life, as well as the right to defend themselves against the charges against them. According to the first principle of the (1989) United Nations 'Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions',<sup>1</sup> "Governments shall prohibit by law all extra-legal, arbitrary and summary executions and shall ensure that any such executions are recognized as offences under their criminal laws, and are punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account the seriousness of such offences. Exceptional circumstances, including a state of war or threat of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency may not be invoked as a justification of such executions. Such executions shall not be carried out under any circumstances including, but not limited to, situations of internal armed conflict, excessive or illegal use of force by a public official or other person acting in an official capacity or by a person acting at the instigation, or with the consent or acquiescence of such person, and situations in which deaths occur in custody. This prohibition shall prevail over decrees issued by governmental authority".

All of these articles and provisions are applicable to civilian populations living under military occupation as well as populations who live under national state authorities. Moreover, populations living under a foreign occupation force enjoy special protection

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<sup>1</sup> These principles were recommended by the UN Social and Economic Council in resolution 65/1989 of 24 May 1989. They were approved and published by the General Assembly under resolution 44/163 of 15 December 1989.

under the provisions of the Fourth 1949 Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilians during times of war. Under article 3 of the Convention, all forms of actions related to "Violence to life and person", "Murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture" and "The passing of sentences and the carrying out of executions without previous judgment pronounced by a regularly constituted court, affording all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples" are prohibited at all times and in all circumstances.

Even if a person is condemned to death by a regularly constituted court, civilians protected under the Convention, according to Article 75, enjoy the right to, "Petition for pardon or reprieve". Article 33 (of the Convention) states that "No protected person may be punished for an offence he or she has not personally committed. Collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation or of terrorism are prohibited. Pillage is prohibited. Reprisals against protected persons and their property are prohibited".

Under article 147 of the Convention, the Contracting Parties' lack of commitment [to the Convention] constitutes one of the "Grave Breaches" of the Convention. Article 85 of Protocol 1 of the Fourth Geneva Convention defines "Grave Breaches as, "Acts committed willfully and causing death or serious injury to body or health..., making the civilian population or individual civilians the object of attack..., launching an indiscriminate attack affecting the civilian population or civilian objects...."

In addition, the (2002) Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court defines these grave violations as war crimes. According to article 8 of the Statute, war crimes include:

"(a) Grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, namely, any of the following acts against persons or property protected under the provisions of the relevant Geneva Convention:

(i) "Willful killing...."

(b)....

(iv) "Intentionally launching an attack in the knowledge that such attack will cause incidental loss of life or injury to civilians or damage to civilian objects...."

(vi) "Killing or wounding a combatant who, having laid down his arms or having no longer means of defense..."

(c)...

(iv) "The passing of sentences and the carrying out of executions without previous judgment pronounced by a regularly constituted court, affording all judicial guarantees which are generally recognized as indispensable."

(e) ...

(ix) "Killing or wounding treacherously a combatant adversary..."

## **Extra-judicial executions: an Official Israeli Policy**

Extra-judicial executions are the most blatant example of Israel's policy of committing summary executions of Palestinians in the OPT. These premeditated executions are carried out with the explicit approval of the highest ranking Israeli political and military officials, who claim these executions are "Targeted killings" of Palestinians who allegedly threaten the security of the State of Israel.

IOF extra-judicial executions of Palestinians enjoy legal cover provided by the Israeli judiciary. In many cases, the Government of Israel openly immediately admits it has committed these extra-judicial executions, claiming they are successfully confronting direct threats to Israel's national security. In March 2006, the Israeli Internal Security Minister, Avi Dichter, claimed that if Isma'il Haniya (who was a candidate for Prime Minister at the time) and his group continued "With their policy of terrorism," they would, when they formed their Government, either be arrested, or else face the same destiny as Sheikh Ahmed Yassin (who was executed by an Israeli air strike on 22 March, 2004).<sup>2</sup> On 27 August, 2006, Dan Haluts, former Israeli Army Chief of Staff, stated that "The list of targeted persons in the Gaza strip includes 15 names" in a clear reference to Israel's official Israeli policy of extra-judicial executions. Haluts told the US Washington Post newspaper that "Targeted killing is the most important method in the fight against terrorism"<sup>3</sup>. During an interview with Israeli Army Radio on 13 May, 2007, former Infrastructure Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer publicly stated that "We decided to carry out more physical liquidation operations against [Palestinian] terrorists..... I think this will eliminate the damage caused to Israeli territory due to the launching of Palestinian rockets". This statement also confirmed Israel's extra-judicial execution policy.

In the vast majority of cases of extra-judicial execution, IOF has not provided any evidence that the Palestinians it has executed have been engaged in military action against IOF military personnel or settlers in either the OPT or Israel. The executions of Palestinians are carried out without any recourse to due process, including investigations into any crimes that have apparently been committed or may be committed. Following an extra-judicial execution, IOF sources routinely claim the targeted Palestinians were executed for their 'terrorist' activities, without explaining what these activities were. However, on other occasions IOF either maintain an official silence, or else deny responsibility for the extra-judicial execution(s). When IOF admit their responsibility for an extra-judicial execution, they consistently claim the victims were "terrorists". IOF use

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<sup>2</sup> Alhayat Aljadedah newspaper, 6 March 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Quoted in Al-Ayam Newspaper, 28 August 2006.

this word to justify their crimes, although the necessary evidence is never produced, and Israeli sources routinely use rhetoric in order to indicate that Palestinians have been executed for terrorist activities. However, there is no justification for the extra-judicial execution of any person. An extra-judicial execution is a summary execution of an individual without any recourse to due process, including the individual having the right to defend him or herself, or to be defended, in a court of law. These executions therefore constitute grave violations of all international human rights law instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Fourth Geneva Convention.

## **Facts and Data**

From the beginning of the Second Intifada in September 2000, until 30 June 2008, the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) carried out 348 extra-judicial execution operations in the OPT. During these operations, a total of 754 Palestinians were executed, which is 20% of the overall number of Palestinians killed by IOF<sup>4</sup> since the beginning of the Second Intifada. The victims included 521 targeted persons, and 233 bystanders, including 71 children and 20 women. 405 of the victims were executed in the Gaza Strip and 350 were executed in the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip, 248 of the victims were targeted people, and 157 were civilian bystanders. In the West Bank, 274 of the victims were targeted persons and 76 were civilian bystanders.

From 1 August 2006- 30 June 2008, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) documented 96 IOF extra-judicial execution operations carried out against Palestinian activists allegedly involved in the planning or implementing of military operations against Israeli targets in the OPT or Israel. These 96 IOF operations resulted in the extra-judicial execution of 173 Palestinians: 150 of the victims were targeted persons and 23 were civilian bystanders, including three women and three children. Sixty three of the IOF extra-judicial operations were carried out in the Gaza Strip, where 119 Palestinians were executed: 102 of the victims were targeted persons and 17 were civilian bystanders. Thirty three operations were carried out in the West Bank, where 54 Palestinians were executed: 50 of the victims were targeted persons and 4 were civilian bystanders.<sup>5</sup>

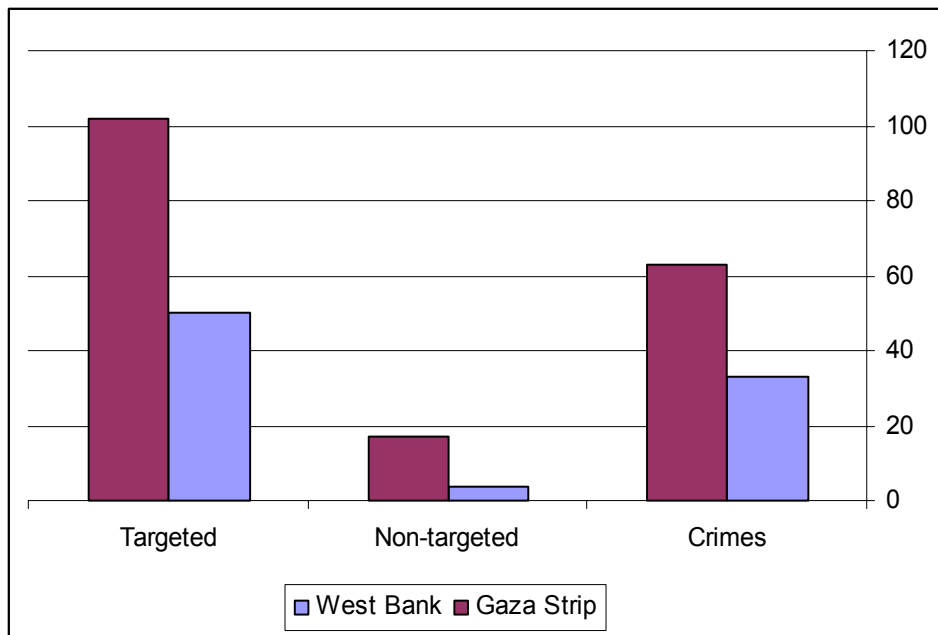
During the reporting period, PCHR documented 14 extra-judicial execution operations that failed to kill the intended target (s). These operations all took place in the Gaza Strip, and although the intended target(s) survived, fourteen bystanders were injured. On 11 September 2006, an IOF drone launched a missile at a white Subaru car that was traveling north of Rafah, carrying several activists from the Al-Quds Brigades, the armed wing of Islamic Jihad. The missile missed the target, and the activists fled from the car. Minutes later, the drone launched a second missile that destroyed the empty car.

On 3 October 2006, an IOF drone launched 2 missiles at a white Subaru car carrying three activists of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, an armed wing of the Fatah movement. The car was traveling on Sal al-Din Street towards Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip and the first missile was launched as the car reached the outskirts of Beit Hanoun. The first missile missed its target, and the occupants fled before the second missile was launched, which set the car on fire. The three resistance activists sustained shrapnel wounds as they fled, and a second car traveling in the same street was also set ablaze by the second missile strike. Two civilians traveling in a third car near the site of the air strikes also received shrapnel wounds.

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<sup>4</sup> According to PCHR data, since the beginning of the Second Intifada, IOF killed at least 4,803 Palestinians in the Gaza strip and the West Bank. This number includes 3706 civilians: 2038 in the Gaza Strip and 1668 in the West Bank.

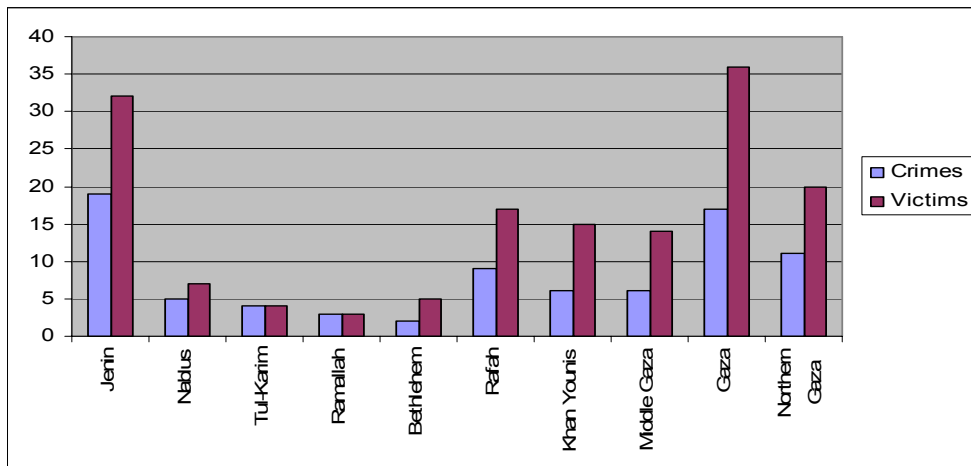
Diagram 1

**Victims of Extra-judicial executions in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank  
1 August 2006 – 30 June 2008**

These figures reveal that the number of victims killed in every extra-judicial execution operation carried out in the Gaza Strip exceeded the number of victims killed in the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip, the average number of victims per extra-judicial operation is 1.85. However, the 63 extra-judicial execution operations carried out in the Gaza Strip from 1 August 2006 – 30 June 2008 included fourteen operations that failed to kill their target. Therefore, IOF carried out 49 extra-judicial execution operations in the Gaza Strip that resulted in the deaths of Palestinians. Taking this factor into account, the average number of victims per extra-judicial operation in the Gaza Strip is in actuality 2.4 per extra-judicial operation. In the West Bank the average number of victims per extra-judicial operation is 1.62. The higher number of victims in the Gaza Strip is due to IOF use of aircrafts and tanks to shell civilian houses and vehicles in densely populated residential areas. In the West Bank, extra-judicial execution operations carried out by IOF during the reported period employed IOF undercover units who ambush victims and shoot them from extremely close range.

**Diagram 2**

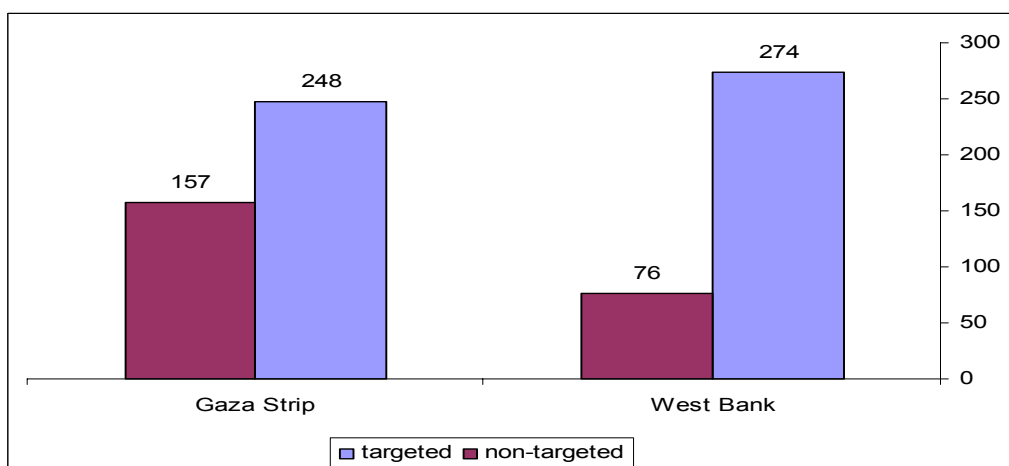
**Number of extra-judicial execution operations<sup>6</sup> and victims in West Bank and Gaza Strip Governorates, 1 August 2006 – 30 June 2008**



The above diagram illustrates that the highest number of IOF extra-judicial executions were carried out in Gaza Governorate and Jenin; 36 operations were carried out in Gaza Governorate and 32 in Jenin. The percentage of victims in these two governorates represents 40% of the total number of victims.

**Diagram 3**

**Total number of victims (targeted and non-targeted) in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank since September 2000**



<sup>6</sup> IOF carried out 14 attempted extra-judicial operations during the reporting period: these attempted operations are not included in the diagram.

Diagram 3 illustrates the number of non-targeted victims of extra-judicial executions carried out by IOF in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank since September 2000, is 233 (31% of the total number of victims) This exposes IOF utter disregard for the lives of Palestinian civilians.

**Diagram 4**

**Number of victims (targeted and non-targeted) per year since September 2000:**

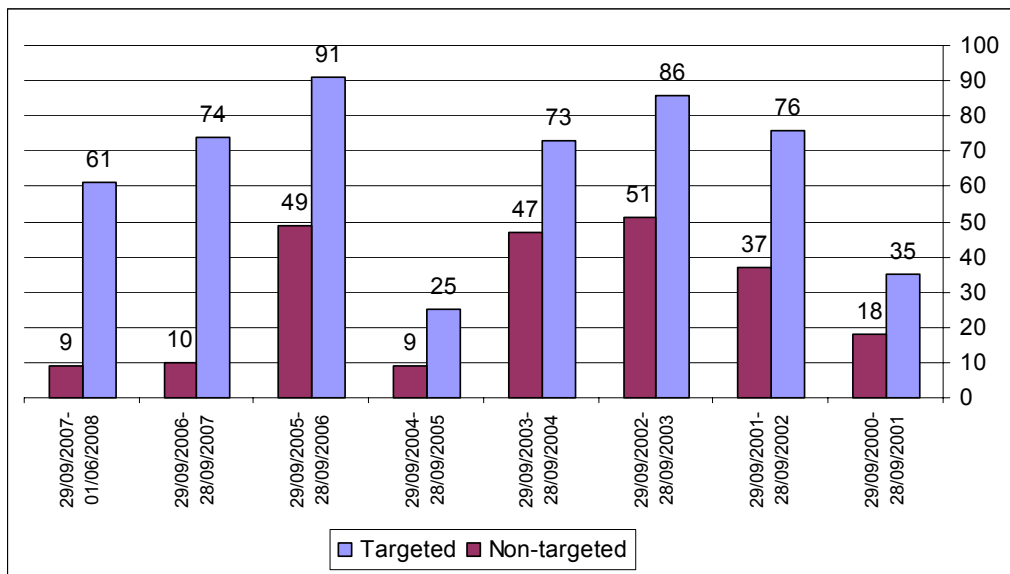


Diagram 4 also confirms IOF disregard for the lives of Palestinian civilians. It illustrates that civilian bystanders have been killed in extra-judicial execution operations throughout the years of the Second Intifada. This completely undermines the IOF claim to carry out so-called ‘targeted killings’ without threatening Palestinian civilians' lives. During the 3 first years of the Second Intifada, there was a steady increase in the number of victims of extra-judicial executions. During the fourth year, the number dropped as IOF carried out less extra-judicial operations. However, the number of operations increased in the fifth year, and, taking into consideration the number of civilian bystanders killed, the number has remained almost constant over the last two years.

## **Methods employed in attempted extra-judicial executions**

During the reporting period, IOF carried out 96 extra-judicial executions in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. During these operations, IOF employed 3 main execution methods:

### **1. Launching missiles at the target**

During the reporting period, IOF launched missiles at targets using aircrafts, tanks, missile launchers or gunboats during 63 extra-judicial execution operations, which were all carried out in the Gaza Strip. At the beginning of the Second Intifada, the IOF employed helicopters to carry out extra-judicial executions in the OPT. Afterwards they also began to use F16 planes. More recently, IOF have used un-manned drones to carry out extra-judicial operations.<sup>7</sup>

### **2. Undercover units**

Undercover units are members of the Israeli military who disguise themselves as Palestinians and move into OPT for the specific purpose of carrying out extra-judicial execution operations against Palestinians. These IOF units were established during the first Intifada between 1987- 1993. They managed to kill and arrest dozens of Palestinian activists, and they continued extra-judicial operations after the end of the First Intifada. They were particularly active in the West Bank, and became more intensively active after the eruption of the Second Intifada in September 2000.

During the reporting period, IOF undercover units carried out 28 extra-judicial execution operations in the West Bank, killing 42 civilians. PCHR investigations revealed that in the majority of cases, IOF could undoubtedly have arrested their targets: however, in the overwhelming majority of cases IOF shot their targets dead at close range.

### **3. IOF ambushes of targets' houses**

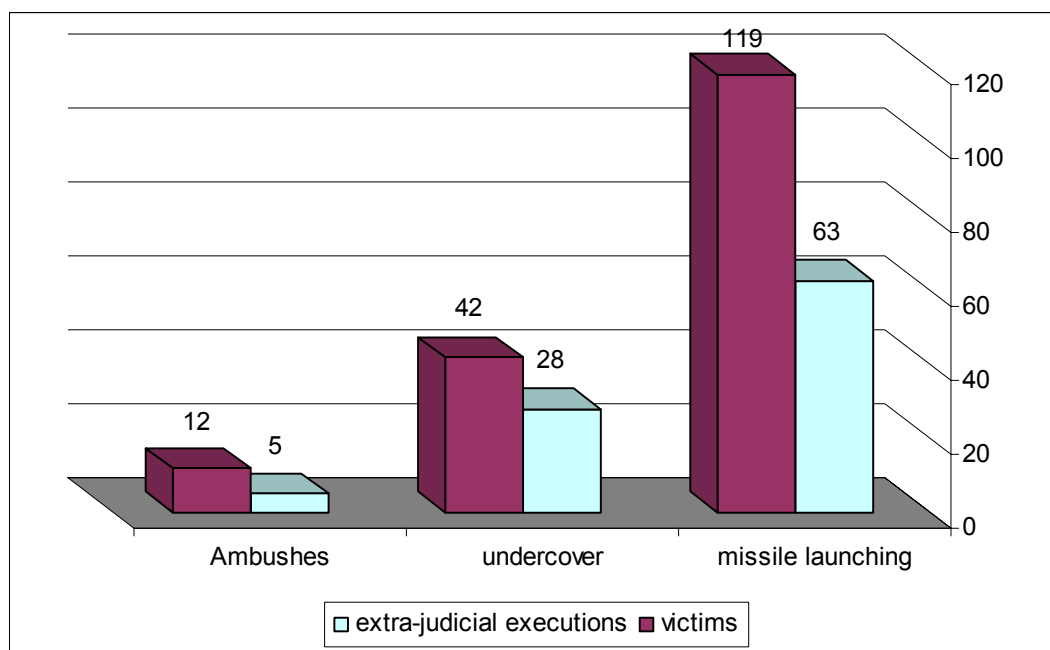
This IOF method is commonly used in the West Bank. During the reporting period, IOF carried out 5 extra-judicial execution operations using this method. All of these operations were carried out in the West Bank, and resulted in the execution of 12 civilians.

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<sup>7</sup> This excludes a single extra-judicial execution operation carried out by IOF against 2 Palestinian activists in the West Bank on 9 August, 2006. According to a PCHR investigation, on 9 August an IOF helicopter launched 3 air-to-surface missiles at an unoccupied house belonging to Mazen Farid Hawasheen in the Al-Sumran neighborhood of Jenin refugee camp. One of the missiles landed on the road between Barqeen village and Jenin city, while the other two missiles hit the house directly. Two Palestinian civilians who had been sheltering in the house were killed: 26-year-old Mohammed Majed Ahmed Atiq, and 22-year-old Amjad Said Ahmed Al-Ajami. IOF claimed Atiq and Al-Ajami were wanted men. Since the implementation of the 2002 "Operation Defensive Wall," this has been the only IOF extra-judicial operation carried out in the West Bank using missiles.

Diagram 5

Extra-judicial methods of execution, 1 August 2006 – 30 June 2008



### Extra-judicial Executions carried out by IOF in the OPT

As previously noted, IOF continued carrying out extra-judicial executions against Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank throughout the reporting period. These crimes claimed the lives of civilians in their homes, streets, vehicles and workplaces. In several cases, entire families were killed whilst in their own homes, including children, women and elderly people. This demonstrates IOF utter disregard for the lives of civilians in their own homes. Following an extra-judicial execution operation on 22 July, 2002, that targeted Salah Shehada, a leader of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades (the armed wing of Hamas), IOF subsequently admitted they knew Shehada was with his wife and children and that he was living in a densely populated residential area. The (former) Israeli Army Chief of Staff, General Moshe Ya'alon, admitted that the Israeli Government was fully aware Shehada's wife and daughter "Were close to him during the implementation of the assassination ... and there was no way out of conducting the operation despite their presence."<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> PCHR Assassination of Palestinians: an Israeli official policy, report on extra-judicial killings committed by the IOF, 1 May 2002-28 September 2002.

IOF used an F16 airplane to drop a 2,000-lbs bomb on the house of Salah Shehada on the night of 22 July, 2002. As a result, 16 civilians were killed, 77 others were injured, and the house was completely destroyed. In addition, two neighboring houses were also destroyed and thirty two partially destroyed. The victims included Shehada, his wife, his female child, his assistant, eight children, including a baby of 2 months, two elderly men and two women.<sup>9</sup>

### **1. The Al-Hayia family**

The IOF extra-judicial execution operation carried out against the Al-Hayia family was one of the most extreme extra-judicial execution crimes committed by IOF against civilians in the OPT during the reporting period.<sup>10</sup>

According to PCHR documentation, on 20 May 2007, an IOF aircraft fired a missile at a meeting hall belonging to the Al-Hayia family in the al-Shejaeya neighborhood of eastern Gaza City. The missile directly hit the hall, killing seven members of the family, plus an eighth person from another family. In addition, three other civilians were wounded. The meeting hall was adjacent to the house of Dr. Khalil Imsa'il Al-Hayia, member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and a prominent leader of Hamas, who was not at home at the time of the IOF attack. At first it was assumed that Dr. Al-Haya was the target of an IOF extra-judicial execution operation. But later IOF announced via its own media sources that their target had been Sameh Saleh Farawana, who they alleged had been planning "terrorist" activities against Israel. The eight victims of the extra-judicial operations were later identified as:

1. Sameh Saleh Farawana, a Hamas activist
2. Ala'a Nemer Al-Hayia, 21, a Hamas activist
3. Nemer Isma'il Al-Hayia, (65)
4. Abdul Majeed Isma'il Al-Hayia, (53)
5. Jihad Abdul Majeed Al-Hayia, (17)
6. Ibrahim Mohammed Al-Hayia, (30)

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<sup>9</sup> Ibid

<sup>10</sup> Other extra judicial execution operations during the reporting period include an operation on 12 July, 2006. During the operation, an IOF aircraft launched two missiles at a 2-storey house in the Al-Sheikh Radwan district of Gaza city. The house belonged to Dr. Nabil Abdol Latif Abu Selmeya. Dr. Abu Selmeya was killed with his wife and 7 children. The house was completely destroyed and about 34 bystanders were injured, including 5 children and 6 women. Serious damage was caused to 15 neighboring houses. Following the operation, IOF announced they were targeting Mohammed Al-Deif, the leader of the armed wing of Hamas and apparently the man most wanted by IOF. IOF alleged Al- Deif had been in the targeted house at the time of the operation.

7. Isma'il Khaled Al-Hayia, (19)
8. Mohammed Khaled Al-Hayia, (16).

The injured victims were:

1. Udai Abdul Majeed Al-Hayia, (16), sustained a shrapnel head injury;
2. Zeiad Abdul Majeed Al-Hayia, (19), injured by shrapnel
3. Arafat Ouda Al-Hayia, (30), seriously wounded by shrapnel in the abdomen.

## **2. The Al-Yazji family**

In spite of the Israeli justifications given following the extra-judicial execution operation carried out against the extended Al-Hayia family, there was international condemnation of the extra-judicial execution operation. However, Israel continued its policy of extra-judicial execution operations. The International Community subsequently remained silent about Israel's continuing use of extra judicial execution operations, and Israel used this silence as complicity, in order to continue to act as though it were above the law, and to carry out further extra-judicial execution operations, with utter disregard to the cost of the lives of Palestinian civilians.

On 16 January 2008, an IOF aircraft fired a missile at a civilian vehicle carrying three members of the same family, including a 5-year-old boy. The vehicle was traveling in Al-Nafaq Street, in the Al-Daraj neighborhood east of Gaza City. The missile hit the vehicle, instantly killing 27 year old Mohammed Hashem Mohammed Al-Yazji, his 5-year-old son, Ameer, and his 40-year-old brother, Amer. In addition, three bystanders were injured in the attack.

The Israeli media subsequently reported that IOF sources admitted the vehicle was attacked by mistake, and the target of the IOF attack was another vehicle, in which Palestinian resistance activists had been traveling.<sup>11</sup>

## **3. August 2007, extra-judicial execution operation in Rafah**

On August 4 2007, IOF carried out an extra-judicial execution operation that killed two civilians and injured twelve others; however, the 3 targeted people escaped despite sustaining serious injuries. According to PCHR investigations, on 4 August, an IOF aircraft fired a missile at a civilian car that was traveling on Salah al Din Road, north of Rafah International Crossing Point, on the Egyptian border. Three members of the al-Quds Brigades (the armed wing of Islamic Jihad) were traveling in the car. The missile hit the front of the car, injuring the three men, who nevertheless managed to escape from the vehicle. A few minutes later, an IOF aircraft fired 2 missiles at another civilian vehicle that was pulling a container and had stopped just 20 meters away from the

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<sup>11</sup> PCHR Weekly Report 03/2008

entrance to Rafah International Crossing Point. The driver of the vehicle, 42-year-old Midhat Ahmed al-Halabi, and a civilian bystander, 30-year-old Hisham Nasser al-Jamal, were both instantly killed. In addition, 12 civilian bystanders, including a child, were wounded. A jeep belonging to Islamic Jihad had been loaded into the container, and had apparently been the target of the IOF attack.

#### **4. November 2006, IOF extra-judicial execution of 2 members of Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades (the armed wing of Hamas) in Gaza**

On 20 November 2006, an IOF aircraft fired a missile at a white Mitsubishi car that had stopped in front of a house belonging to the family of Bassel Sha'aban Ubeid (22), a member of Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, in the Al-Shejaeya neighborhood of eastern Gaza City. Ubaid and one of his colleagues, 26-year-old Abdul Qader Ahmed Habeeb, were both inside the car. The missile hit the car, killing both activists. In addition, 5 members of Amen family, including two children, sustained shrapnel injuries.

1. Hanan Mohammed Amen, aged 3 month,
2. Mohammed Farouq Amen, (28)
3. Samaher Mohammed Amen, (25)
4. Mo'men Hamdi Amen, (2)
5. Ahmed Farouq Amen, (26),

#### **5. September 2006 IOF extra-judicial execution of 2 members of Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades**

On 5 September 2006, an IOF drone fired a missile at a car traveling near Al-Istiqama Mosque in Saddam Street in the densely populated Al-Junaina neighborhood. Two members of Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, were traveling in the car. One of them, 28-year-old Ahmed Abdul Karim Ashour, was instantly killed, and the second, 34-year-old Ahmed Abdul Karim Al-Arqan, was seriously injured. Al-Arqan was evacuated to the European Hospital in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza, where he died two hours later from his injuries. Twenty six civilian bystanders, including 5 children, sustained shrapnel injuries.

#### **6. May 2007, IOF extra-judicial execution operation kills disabled young man**

On 4 May 2007, an IOF undercover unit killed 3 Palestinians, including a disabled young man, in Sielat al-Harhiya village, near Jenin. The undercover entered the Al-Zioud neighborhood of the village and opened fire at three Palestinians sitting on a piece of land that belonged to Izzat Zioud. The three Palestinians were instantly killed. One of the victims was twenty one year old Ahmed Izzat Said Zioud, the son of the landowner, a mentally disabled young man who was clearly not the intended target of the undercover unit. The other two victims were 28 year old Mahdi Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Al-Kheir, and nineteen year old Khaled Saleh Ashour.

Yahya Yousif Mohammed Jaradat (31) saw the IOF extra-judicial operation and gave PCHR an eye-witness statement. *"At about six o'clock in the evening [on 4 May 2007], I was on my way back from Jenin. I heard intense gunfire coming from the Al-Zioud neighborhood. At first I thought it was a clash between families. I drove to the [Al-Zioud] neighborhood but I saw nothing. Then I realized the firing was in the nearby area of forest. I walked there with Ahmed Taher Zioud [16], Abdullah Husni Zioud [36], and my 25-year-old brother, and we were surrounded by four Israeli soldiers. They ordered us to hold up our hands and also lift up our shirts. Then we were told to lie face down. Three vehicles arrived, and a man approached the four Israeli soldiers, who told him they had killed 3 Palestinians. This man said, "you were supposed to kill 7 Palestinians. What happened?" The soldiers talked to him in Hebrew, and I can understand Hebrew. They told him they had arrived [in the area] in two civilian vehicles with Palestinian registration plates. They added that the two vehicles traveled on different routes. A Palestinian car blocked the road and delayed one of the cars, and the second car got lost and arrived after the operation had been carried out. They soldiers said they had killed 3 Palestinians, but the others had escaped. One of the soldiers added he had wounded one of those who fled. The man who had listened to them then asked the soldiers to close the area and conduct a field scan. One of the soldiers ordered me to walk ahead of him and look at the bodies. I recognized Mahdi Abu Al-Kheir. The bodies had been horribly mutilated by gun shot wounds to the head. The soldier took me back to the others, and, after they had finished the field scan at about eight o'clock in the evening, we were then handcuffed and blindfolded. They took us to a military camp, interrogated us and then released us."*<sup>12</sup>

### **7. February 2007, extra-judicial execution of 3 civilians in Jenin**

On 28 February 2007, an IOF undercover unit extra-judicially executed 3 Palestinians in Jenin refugee camp. One of the victims was Ashraf Mahmoud Al-Sa'adi, (25), a leader of the Al-Quds Brigades (the armed wing of Islamic Jihad) in the northern West Bank. The other 2 victims were also members of Islamic Jihad: Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Na'asa (34) and Ala'a Braiki (24). The three men were traveling in a car that was attacked by the IOF, who fired at close range, killing the three of them instantly. A PCHR investigation revealed that Al-Sa'di had initially been wounded, and could have been arrested, but IOF instead shot him dead at close range.

### **8. March 2008, extra-judicial executions of 4 civilians in Bethlehem**

On 12 March 2008, an IOF undercover unit executed four Palestinian resistance activists traveling in a car in Jamal Abdul Nasser Street in the center of Bethlehem. The Palestinians were intercepted by a car with a Palestinian registration plate. This car contained an IOF undercover unit, who opened fire at the four Palestinians from an extremely close range, killing all four of them instantly. The victims were identified as:

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<sup>12</sup> PCHR Weekly Report 18/2007

1. Mohammed Shehada Abed Al-Ta'amari (45), a prominent activist of the Al-Quds Brigades (the armed wing of Islamic Jihad)
2. Ahmed Khalil Salem Al-Balboul (48), the leader of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades (an armed wing of Fatah), in Bethlehem;
3. Imad Hassan Mahmoud Al-Kamel "Al-Asakra" (35), an officer of the Palestinian National Security Forces
4. Issa Marzouq Zawahra (36), an Islamic Jihad activist and an elected member of the Municipal Council of Bethlehem

### **9. November 2006, extra-judicial execution of 4 civilians in Jenin**

On 7 November 2006, an IOF undercover unit moved into Al-Yamoun village, southwest of Jenin, traveling in a civilian vehicle with a Palestinian registration plate. The vehicle stopped in the center of the village and IOF soldiers immediately opened fire at a number of Palestinians who were sitting near Al-Yamoun Bakery. Four Palestinians were wounded, but they were able to flee into a house belonging to Mohammed Salim Qabala. IOF military vehicles then moved into the village. IOF chased the four injured Palestinians into Mohammed Salim's house and shot them dead. The victims were all from Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades:

1. Salim Yousef Mahmoud Abu Al-Haija, (24), hit by several live bullets in the neck and the legs;
2. Ala'a Jamil Khamaisa, (24), hit by a live bullet in the head;
3. Taher Abed Abahra, (25), hit by live bullets in the head, the chest and the legs; and
4. Mahmoud Rajah Abu Hassan, (25), hit by a live bullets in the head and the left leg.

In the meantime, Aiman Suleiman Mahmoud Mustafa (31), a worker at the Al-Yamoun bakery, came into the street to see what was happening. IOF immediately shot him dead with two live bullets in the chest and the shoulders. Before withdrawing from the village, IOF arrested 11 Palestinians. The detainees included 3 wounded persons:

1. Ibrahim Mahmoud Nawahda (30);
2. Salim Ahmed Awad, (27)
3. Mohammed Yousef Abu Al-Haija (27).

### **10. September 2006 extra-judicial execution of injured civilians**

On Thursday, 7 September 2006, an IOF undercover unit moved into Qabatya village, southeast of Jenin, traveling in two civilian cars with Palestinian registration plates. When the two cars arrived in the area of Al-Zakarna, IOF soldiers opened fire at two Palestinians who were walking in the area, injuring one of them, Rashid Mohammed Abdul Hadi Zakarna (37), with a live bullet to the right shoulder, while the other, Ashraf Adeeb Zakarna (26), was able to escape to a house belonging to Mohammed Qassem Zakarna. The Rashid Zakarna collapsed onto ground. Two local residents came out of their houses to assist him, and the IOF fired at them, wounding both:

1. Kamel Kayed Al-Loubani (28), wounded by a live bullet in the right leg; and
2. Zachariah Kayed Al-Loubani (32), wounded by a live bullet in the pelvis.

The two men were able to move back to their house. A number of IOF soldiers subsequently raided the house and of the IOF shot Kamel Al-Loubani dead. Other IOF brought Rashid Zakarna into the house and shot him dead. The Israeli extra judicial operation had apparently targeted Rashid Zakarna, who was allegedly wanted for being a member of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a military wing of the Fatah movement. In order to arrest Ashraf Zakarna, IOF soldiers then raided a house belonging to Mohammed Qassem Zakarna, where dozens of Palestinians were celebrating a wedding party. They opened fire indiscriminately, wounding 12 Palestinian civilians, including 5 women. During their withdrawal from the village, IOF also opened fire at an unidentified number of Palestinian civilians. As a result, Mohammed Mahmoud Fahed Abu Al-Rub (36) was killed by a live bullet in the heart. Five other civilians were also wounded. One of them, 18-year-old Haitham Najah Subhi Assaf, was seriously wounded by a live bullet in the head. He was later pronounced clinically dead.

In his testimony to PCHR, Mahmoud Kayed Al-Loubani, 46, stated:

*“At approximately 16:30 on Thursday, 7 September [2006], I saw Rashid Mohammed Abdul Hadi Zakarna, [36], and Ashraf Adeeb Zakarna, [26], walking near my house, which is located behind Qabatya secondary school. Two civilian cars with Palestinian registration plates were traveling behind them. Immediately, the two men were fired at from inside the two cars. Rashid was wounded by a live bullet in the right shoulder, while Ashraf was able to escape towards a house belonging to Mohammed Qassem Zakarna. A number of masked Israelis soldiers got out of the two cars and hid among local houses. My brothers, [32-year-old] Zachariah and [28-year-old] Kamel, went towards Rashid to offer him help. Immediately, IOF soldiers fired at them. The two were wounded by live bullets, but they were able to move back to the house. IOF soldiers broke into the house, bringing Zuhair Zakarna, who was wounded by a live bullet to the right leg, with them. I moved down to the first floor to offer help to my wounded brothers. IOF soldiers pointed their guns at me and ordered me to stay back. Soon, an IOF soldier shot my brother Kamel dead. Later, an Israeli military jeep arrived on the scene. The soldier who killed my brother expressed his pride at having killed my brother to an officer who was in the jeep, and the officer highly commended him. Soon after, IOF soldiers raided Mohammed Qassem Zakarna’s house to detain Ashraf. Women there screamed and IOF soldiers opened fire indiscriminately, wounding a number of civilians. When the soldiers brought Ashraf out, he was bleeding. I heard an Israeli soldier telling him not to be afraid, because they would make him have a rest like Rashid. Before their withdrawal from the village, IOF soldiers arrested Ashraf and my brother Zachariah.”<sup>13</sup>*

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## **Conclusion**

IOF commit extra-judicial executions against Palestinian field and political activists from a number of Palestinian resistance organizations, despite the fact that it is usually possible for them to arrest these activists and prosecute them using due process. This Israeli policy of extra-judicial executions has been officially adopted by the Israeli political and military establishments, and is judicially sustained by the Israeli Supreme Court, despite being illegal under international humanitarian and human rights law.

Furthermore, international complacency concerning this issue has reinforced Israel's ability to continue its policy of extra-judicial executions; acts which constitute war crimes under international humanitarian law, and which the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions are legally obligated to take all steps necessary to prevent. In contravention of this obligation, the United States, a signatory of the Fourth Geneva Convention, has continued to provide strong military and political support for the illegal extra-judicial execution policy that Israel has adopted.

In the face of Israeli practices, PCHR calls upon the international community and the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 to:

1. Immediately intervene in order to stop these war crimes being committed by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) against Palestinian civilians, and resistance activists, and to force Israel to respect and fulfill its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT);
2. Intervene effectively in order to stop the crimes of extra judicial executions against all Palestinians, which represent a form of summary execution, and to prosecute IOF for its crimes;
3. Provide immediate international protection for all Palestinian civilians in the OPT.

**Victims of extra-judicial executions crimes committed by IOF in the OPT**  
**August 2006 - June 2008**

<b>Targeted Persons</b>							
#	Name	Age	Date of execution	Place of execution	Date of Death	Cause of Killing	Notes
1.	Rashed Al-Umari	24	06-Aug-06	Jenin	06-Aug-06	Bullets	Al-Umari was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the Islamic Jihad
2.	Mohammed Majde Ahmed Etayeq	26	09-Aug-06	Jenin	09-Aug-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Etayeq was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
3.	Amjad Said Ahmed Al-Ajami	22	09-Aug-06	Jenin	09-Aug-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Ajami was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
4.	Aqila Sleiman Mohammed Shanayta	33	18-Aug-06	Bethlehem	18-Aug-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Shanayta was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
5.	Ala'a Farouq Al-Rabi	25	28-Aug-06	Ramallah	28-Aug-06	Several bullets	
6.	Ibrahim Nemer Abu Monif	25	29-Aug-06	Jenin	29-Aug-06	Several bullets	Abu Monif was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, the military wing of Fatah Movement
7.	Hani Abdullah Hashash	30	29-Aug-06	Nablus	29-Aug-06	Several bullets	Hashash was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
8.	Husam Lutfi Jaradat	42	23-Aug-06	Jenin	30-Aug-06	A bullet	Jaradat was a high profile activist of the Al-Quds Brigades. He died of his injuries, after an attempt to extra-judicially execute him by the IOF, on 23 August 2006.
9.	Ali Issa Al-Nashar	26	06-Sep-06	Rafah	06-Sep-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Nashar was a member of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades

10.	Ahmed Abdul Karim Ashour	28	06-Sep-06	Rafah	06-Sep-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Ashour was a member of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
11.	Ahmed Abdul Karim Al-Arkan	34	06-Sep-06	Rafah	06-Sep-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Arkan was a member of Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
12.	A'ed Abdul Kader Al-Bashiti	33	06-Sep-06	Rafah	06-Sep-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Bashiti was a member of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigade
13.	Mjahed Akram Al-Sabe'a	22	06-Sep-06	Jenin	06-Sep-06	Several bullets	Al-Sabe'a was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
14.	Rashid Mohammed Abdul Hadi Zakarna	37	07-Sep-06	Jenin	07-Sep-06	Several bullets	Zakarna was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
15.	Nabil Ma'arouf Aref Hanani	26	19-Sep-06	Jenin	19-Sep-06	A bullet	Hanani was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
16.	Bassam Salama Ben Hamad	30	30-Sep-06	Rafah	30-Sep-06	A missile	Hamad was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
17.	Husam Fayez Ghayad	22	01-Oct-06	Rafah	30-Sep-06	A missile	Ghayad was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
18.	Umar Saleh Saleh Salem Al-Zaqzouq	28	04-Oct-06	Khan Younis	04-Oct-06	A missile	Al-Zaqzouq was an activists of the Abu Al-Rish Brigades, an armed wing of Fatah movement
19.	Yaser Yousif Mahdi Al-Banna	34	04-Oct-06	Khan Younis	04-Oct-06	A missile	Al-Banna was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
20.	Raja'i Ahmed Al-Leban	24	12-Oct-06	Gaza	12-Oct-06	A missile	Al-Leban was an activist of the Al-Mujahideen brigades, an armed wing of Fatah,
21.	Rasem Fathi Thaher	35	12-Oct-06	Northern Gaza Strip	12-Oct-06	A missile	Thaher was a member of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas
22.	Adel Yousif Abu Al-Rish	30	12-Oct-06	Northern Gaza Strip	12-Oct-06	A missile	Abu Al-Rish was a member of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
23.	Mohammed Jamal Al-Talouli	39	12-Oct-06	Northern Gaza Strip	12-Oct-06	A missile	Al-Talouli was a member of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades

24.	Adel Yousif Abu Al-Rish	22	17-Oct-06	Nablus	17-Oct-06	A bullet	Abu Al-Rish was an activist of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and alleged wanted by IOF
25.	Ahmed Mansour Abu Hamid	34	03-Nov-06	Rafah	03-Nov-06	A missile	Abu Hamid was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
26.	Mohammed Talal Farhat	23	03-Nov-06	Gaza	03-Nov-06	A missile	Farhat was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
27.	Imad Reyad Mushtaha	30	03-Nov-06	Gaza	03-Nov-06	A missile	Mushtaha was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
28.	Tamer Ali Helles	23	03-Nov-06	Gaza	03-Nov-06	A missile	Helles was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
29.	Lu'ai Mohammed Al-Borno	33	04-Nov-06	Gaza	04-Nov-06	A missile	Al-Borno was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
30.	Ahmed Rajab Awad	0	08-Nov-06	Gaza	08-Nov-06	A missile	Awad was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
31.	Ramzi Yousif Sheheibar	23	08-Nov-06	Gaza	08-Nov-06	A missile	Sheheibar was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
32.	Abdul Kader Ahmed Habib	26	20-Nov-06	Gaza	20-Nov-06	A missile	Habib was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation that targeted activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
33.	Basel Sha'aban Ubeid	22	20-Nov-06	Gaza	20-Nov-06	A missile	Ubeid was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation that targeted activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
34.	Mahmoud Juma'a Sleiman Al-Basyouni	32	23-Nov-06	Northern Gaza Strip	23-Nov-06	A missile	Al-Basyouni was an activist of the Al-Naser Salah Ed Deen brigades, the armed wing of the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC)
35.	Ahmed Darwish Abu Al-Qomsan	35	23-Nov-06	Northern Gaza Strip	23-Nov-06	A missile	Abu Al-Qomsan was an activist of the Al-Naser Salah Ed Deen brigades

36.	Fayeq Ahmed Abu Al-Qomsan	42	23-Nov-06	Northern Gaza Strip	23-Nov-06	A missile	Abu Al-Qomsan was an activist of the Al-Naser Salah Ed Deen brigades
37.	Mohammed Amin Mahmoud Zeitawi Ramaha	26	14-Dec-06	Nablus	14-Dec-06	Several bullets	Ramaha was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
38.	Ammar Mohammed Salem Zaqzouq	33	14-Dec-06	Nablus	14-Dec-06	2 bullets	Zaqzouq was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
39.	Rami Rashid Innab Abu Keshek	27	19-Dec-06	Nablus	19-Dec-06	Several bullets	Keshek was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
40.	Mohammed Ahmed Mahmoud Hamad	24	19-Dec-06	Tul Karim	19-Dec-06	Several bullets	Hamad was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
41.	Jaser Nader Ahmed Abu Zaghib	24	01-Feb-07	Tul Karim	01-Feb-07	A bullet	Zaghib was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
42.	Amer Abdul Rahman Qarmout	39	04-Feb-08	Northern Gaza Strip	04-Feb-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Qarmout was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting a leader of the Al-Naser Salah Ed Deen brigades
43.	Mahmoud Ibrahim Qasem Ubeid	24	21-Feb-07	Jenin	21-Feb-07	Several bullets	Ubeid was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
44.	Ashraf Mahmoud Nafe'a Al-Sa'adi	25	28-Feb-07	Jenin	28-Feb-07		Al-Sa'adi was the leader of the Al-Quds Brigades
45.	Ala'a Breiki	24	28-Feb-07	Jenin	28-Feb-07		Breiki was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
46.	Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Na'asa	34	28-Feb-07	Jenin	28-Feb-07		Abu Na'asa was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
47.	Ashraf Mahmoud Aref Hanaysha	24	17-Apr-07	Jenin	17-Apr-07	2 bullets	Hanaysha was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
48.	Ahmed Mohammed Al-Issa	24	21-Apr-07	Jenin	21-Apr-07		Al-Issa was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
49.	Mahmoud Abdul Latif Ghalil	23	21-Apr-07	Jenin	21-Apr-07		Ghalil was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
50.	Mohammed Ghaleb Al-Damj	22	21-Apr-07	Jenin	21-Apr-07		Al-Damj was a member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades

51.	Mahdi Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Al-Kheir	28	04-May-07	Jenin	04-May-07		Al-Kheir was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
52.	Khaled Saleh Ashour	19	04-May-07	Jenin	04-May-07		Ashour was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
53.	Sameh Saleh Farawana	0	20-May-07	Gaza	20-May-07	A missile	An activist of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam
54.	Umar Mohammed Mustafa Abdul Halim	28	29-May-07	Ramallah	29-May-07	A bullet	Abdul Halim was a member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
55.	Eid Hashem Saleh Khalil	20	29-May-07	Jenin	29-May-07	A bullet	Khalil was a member of the Al-Quds Brigades
56.	Fadi Abdul Kader Salman Abu Mustafa	22	01-Jun-07	Khan Younis	01-Jun-07	2 missiles	Abu Mustafa was a member of the Islamic Jihad and an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
57.	Mohammed Abdul Jabbar Mohammed Tweir	23	14-Jun-07	طولكرم	14-Jun-07	A bullet	Tweir was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
58.	Husam Khalil Harb	30	24-Jun-07	Gaza	24-Jun-07	A missile	Harb was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
59.	Zakareya Younis Al-Tatar	28	27-Jun-07	Gaza	24-Jun-07	A missile	Al-Tatar was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
60.	Ra'ed Amin Abu Fannouna	37	27-Jun-07	Gaza	27-Jun-07	A missile	Abu Fannouna was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
61.	Ra'ed Fou'ad Ghannam	21	30-Jun-07	Khan Younis	30-Jun-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Ghannam was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades

62.	Mohammed Anwar Al-Ra'i	24	30-Jun-07	Khan Younis	30-Jun-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Ra'i was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
63.	Zeyad Shaker Thyab Ghannam	42	30-Jun-07	Khan Younis	30-Jun-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Ghannam was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
64.	Mahmoud Najib Nazzal	20	08-Jul-07	Jenin	08-Jul-07	Several bullets	Nazzal was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades
65.	Ahmed Husni Al-Bal'awi	22	26-Jul-07	Gaza	26-Jul-07	A missile	Al-Bal'awi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
66.	Umar Arafat Al-Khatib	35	26-Jul-07	Gaza	26-Jul-07	A missile	Al-Khatib was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
67.	Khalil Zeid Al-Da'ifi	33	26-Jul-07	Gaza	26-Jul-07	A missile	Al-Da'ifi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
68.	Hesham Naser Al-Jamal	30	04-Aug-07	Rafah	04-Aug-07	A missile	Al-Jamal was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 3 activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
69.	Madhat Ahmed Al-Halabi	42	04-Aug-07	Rafah	04-Aug-07	A missile	Al-Halabi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 3 activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
70.	Ali Said Baroud	34	20-Aug-07	Middle Gaza Strip	20-Aug-07	A missile	Baroud was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
71.	Isma'il Mohammed Abu Abdeh	22	20-Aug-07	Middle Gaza Strip	20-Aug-07	A missile	Abu Abdeh was killed in an extra-judicial execution

							operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
72.	Abed Rabboh Khaled Abu Helo	22	20-Aug-07	Middle Gaza Strip	20-Aug-07	A missile	Abu Helo was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
73.	Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Qreinawi	22	20-Aug-07	Middle Gaza Strip	20-Aug-07	A missile	Al-Qreinawi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
74.	Mohammed Ateya Abu Azab	35	20-Aug-07	Middle Gaza Strip	20-Aug-07	A missile	Abu Azab was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
75.	Ahmed Ali Al-Qreinawi	23	20-Aug-07	Middle Gaza Strip	20-Aug-07	A missile	Al-Qreinawi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
76.	Mohammed Ahmed Khalil Abu Salem	23	21-Aug-07	Khan Younis	21-Aug-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Abu Salem was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
77.	Awad Ibrahim Awad Al-Masri	29	21-Aug-07	Khan Younis	21-Aug-07	Shrapnel	Al-Masri was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
78.	Shadi Mustafa Masoud Al-Saqqa	23	21-Aug-07	Khan Younis	21-Aug-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Saqqa was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades

79.	Yahya Umar Umar Abdol Maleq Habib	20	22-Aug-07	Gaza	22-Aug-07	A missile	The extra-judicially executed person was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
80.	Ahed Said abu Jabal	20	23-Aug-07	Gaza	23-Aug-07	A surface-to-surface missile	abu Jabal was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
81.	Mustafa Nader Atiq	21	25-Aug-07	Jenin	25-Aug-07	Several bullets	Atiq was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
82.	Ala'a Saleh Mohammed Srour	30	25-Aug-07	Jenin	25-Aug-07	Several bullets	Srour was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
83.	Sameh Naser Al-Sawafiri	21	23-Aug-07	Gaza	29-Aug-07	A surface-to-surface missile	Al-Sawafiri was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
84.	Yousif Shaker Al-Asi	22	16-Sep-07	Nablus	16-Sep-07	Several bullets	Al-Asi was wanted for 4 years and not granted amnesty by IOF.
85.	Sami Samir Al-Za'im	25	26-Sep-07	Gaza	26-Sep-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Za'im was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Army of Islam
86.	Fawzi Fares Al-Ashram	27	26-Sep-07	Gaza	26-Sep-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Ashram was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Army of Islam
87.	Ayman Mohammed Dalloul	26	26-Sep-07	Gaza	26-Sep-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Dalloul was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Army of Islam

88.	Usama Salem Al-Rifi	35	26-Sep-07	Gaza	26-Sep-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Al-Rifi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Army of Islam
89.	Hasib Deeb Ahel	27	26-Sep-07	Gaza	26-Sep-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Ahel was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Army of Islam
90.	Ali Hasan Abu Rmeila	42	25-Aug-07	Jenin	07-Oct-07	Several bullets	Abu Rmeila died from his wounds in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
91.	Hasan Khader Mahmoud Na'im	20	13-Oct-07	Northern Gaza Strip	13-Oct-07	Shrapnel from a surface-to-surface missile	Na'im was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades
92.	Ra'ed Abed Yousif Shamallakh	28	20-Oct-07	Gaza	20-Oct-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Shamallakh was extra-judicially executed with his colleague Nezar Abu Arab
93.	Nezar Samir Abu Arab	29	20-Oct-07	Gaza	20-Oct-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Abu Arab was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades and killed with his colleague Ra'ed Shamallakh
94.	Mubarak Abdullah Al-Hasanat	37	23-Oct-07	Middle Gaza Strip	23-Oct-07	Shrapnel	Al-Hasanat was an activist of the Al-Naser Salah Ed Deen brigades
95.	Mohammed Zaki Qozah	24	25-Nov-07	Tul Karim	25-Nov-07	Several bullets	Qozah was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
96.	Majed Yousif Al-Harazin	35	17-Dec-07	Gaza	17-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Al-Harazin was the general leader of the Al-Quds Brigades.
97.	Amin Abdol Latif Al-Eila	25	17-Dec-07	Gaza	17-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a surface-to-surface missile.	Al-Eila was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades

98.	Karim Marwan Al-Dahdouh	24	17-Dec-07	Gaza	17-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a surface-to-surface missile.	Al-Dahdouh was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
99.	Na'el Rushdi Tafesh	34	17-Dec-07	Gaza	17-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a surface-to-surface missile.	Tafesh was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
100.	Ammar Abu Said	34	17-Dec-07	Gaza	17-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a surface-to-surface missile.	Abu Said was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
101.	Samir Awad Allah Baker	33	18-Dec-07	Northern Gaza Strip	18-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Baker was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
102.	Usama Ali Yasin	32	18-Dec-07	Northern Gaza Strip	18-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Yasin was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
103.	Mohammed Said Al-Taramsi	34	18-Dec-07	Northern Gaza Strip	18-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Al-Taramsi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
104.	Husam Mahmoud Abu Jabal	36	18-Dec-07	Northern Gaza Strip	18-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Abu Jabal was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Al-Quds Brigades
105.	Mu'atasem Rafiq Saleh Al-Sharif	23	27-Dec-07	Ramallah	27-Dec-07	Several bullets	Al-Sharif was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation carried out by an IOF undercover unit against an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades
106.	Mohammed fawzi Abu Hasanin	31	27-Dec-07	Middle Gaza Strip	27-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a drone	Abu Hasanin was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Al-Quds Brigades

107.	Mohammed Ahmed Abu Hasanin	40	27-Dec-07	Middle Gaza Strip	27-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a drone	Abu Hasanin was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Al-Quds Brigades
108.	Mohammed Murshed Abu Abdullah	40	27-Dec-07	Middle Gaza Strip	27-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a drone	Abu Abdullah was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Al-Quds Brigades
109.	Ibrahim Ali Al-Luh	27	27-Dec-07	Middle Gaza Strip	29-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a drone	Al-Luh was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Al-Quds Brigades
110.	Nedal Husein Al-Amoudi	35	13-Jan-08	Gaza	13-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Al-Amoudi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Army of Islam
111.	Maher Ibrahim Al-Mabhoh	30	13-Jan-08	Gaza	13-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Al-Mabhoh was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Army of Islam
112.	Walid Anis Yousif Ubeidi	45	16-Jan-08	Jenin	16-Jan-08	Several bullets	Ubeidi was the general leader of the Al-Quds Brigades
113.	Mohammed Ahmed Al-Safadi	28	16-Jan-08	Middle Gaza Strip	16-Jan-08	A missile from an aircraft	Al-Safadi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Al-Naser Salah Ed Deen brigades
114.	Wa'el Abdol Karim Ahel	30	16-Jan-08	Middle Gaza Strip	16-Jan-08	A missile from an aircraft	Ahel was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of of the Al-Naser Salah Ed Deen brigades
115.	Ra'ed Shehda Abu Foul	30	17-Jan-08	Northern Gaza Strip	17-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Abu Foul was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting him and another activist of the Al-Quds Brigades

116.	Isma'il Mohammed Radwan	21	18-Jan-08	Northern Gaza Strip	18-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Radwan was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades
117.	Mahmoud Ramadan Al-Bersh	18	18-Jan-08	Northern Gaza Strip	18-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Al-Bersh was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades
118.	Ibrahim Saleh Al-Ghouti	25	20-Jan-08	Northern Gaza Strip	20-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by an aircraft	Al-Ghouti was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting activists of the al-mujahideen brigades
119.	Mohammed Fou'ad Abu Harb	30	25-Jan-08	Rafah	25-Jan-08	A missile from an aircraft	Abu Harb was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades
120.	Zayed Mesleh Abdol 'Al	24	25-Jan-08	Rafah	25-Jan-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Abdol 'Al was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades
121.	Ibrahim Samir Al-Absi	21	25-Jan-08	Rafah	25-Jan-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Al-Absi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades
122.	Sami Mohammed Al-Hamayda	34	25-Jan-08	Rafah	25-Jan-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Al-Hamayda was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 members of the Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades
123.	Ahemd Sadeq Abu Zeid	30	04-Feb-08	Jenin	04-Feb-08	Several bullets	Abu Zeid was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 3 members of the Al-Quds Brigades

124.	Ammar Abdol Rahman Deib Zakarna	26	04-Feb-08	Jenin	04-Feb-08	Several bullets	Zakarna was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 3 members of the Al-Quds Brigades
125.	Mohammed Bassam Abu Mteir	22	09-Feb-08	Rafah	09-Feb-08		Abu Mteir was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
126.	Ibrahim Zaki Mseimi	30	27-Feb-08	Nablus	27-Feb-08	Several bullets	Mseimi was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation carried out by IOF undercover unit targeting members of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades who had been granted amnesty by IOF
127.	Mohammed Majdi Abu Al-Husein	22	27-Feb-08	Khan Younis	27-Feb-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Al-Husein was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
128.	Aziz Jawdat Mohammed Masoud	21	27-Feb-08	Khan Younis	27-Feb-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Masoud was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
129.	Hasan Nour Addin Motawaq	19	27-Feb-08	Khan Younis	27-Feb-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Motawaq was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
130.	Abdullah Mohammed Yahya Adwan	22	27-Feb-08	Khan Younis	27-Feb-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Adwan was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
131.	Umar Ateya Salama Abu Akar	26	27-Feb-08	Khan Younis	27-Feb-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Abu Akar was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting members of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades

132.	Issa Marzouq Saleh Zawahra	36	12-Mar-08	Bethlehem	12-Mar-08	Several bullets	Zawahra was an activist of the Islamic Jihad and an elected member of the municipal council of Bethlehem
133.	Imad Hasan Mahmoud Al-Kamel "Al-Asakra"	35	12-Mar-08	Bethlehem	12-Mar-08	Several bullets	Al-Kamel was a member of the Palestinian National Security services
134.	Ahmed Khalil Salem Al-Balboul	48	12-Mar-08	Bethlehem	12-Mar-08	Several bullets	Al-Balboul was an activist of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and the leader of the Brigades in southern Bethlehem
135.	Mohammed Shehada Abed Al-Ta'amori	45	12-Mar-08	Bethlehem	12-Mar-08	Several bullets	Al-Ta'amori was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades and wanted by IOF
136.	Nedal Heidar Shaqoura	22	18-Mar-08	Northern Gaza Strip	23-Mar-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	Shaqoura died on 18 March 2008 from injuries inflicted in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 3 activists of the Al-Quds Brigades
137.	Abdullah Mohsen Al-Ghosein	38	14-Apr-08	Northern Gaza Strip	14-Apr-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Al-Ghosein was a member of the Al-Quds Brigades
138.	Ibrahim Mohammed Abu Elbeh	43	14-Apr-08	Northern Gaza Strip	14-Apr-08	A missile from a military aircraft	Abu Elbeh was the leader of the National Resistance Brigades (the military wing of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine)
139.	Belal Mahmoud Kamil	26	17-Apr-08	Jenin	17-Apr-08	Several bullets	Kamil was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades. He was killed when IOF demolished stores where there were activists of the Al-Quds brigades
140.	Izz Addin Mohammed Zakarna	19	17-Apr-08	Jenin	17-Apr-08	Several bullets	Zakarna was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades. He was killed when IOF demolished stores where there were

							activists of the Al-Quds brigades
141.	Usama Abdol Hamid Al-Hubi	43	02-May-08	Rafah	30-Apr-08	Shrapnel from 2 missiles launched by a military aircraft	Al-Hubi was a member of the Al-Quds Brigades
142.	Awad Abdol Fattah Al-Qiq	33	30-Apr-08	Rafah	30-Apr-08	Shrapnel from 2 missiles launched by a military aircraft	Al-Qiq was a leader of the Al-Quds Brigades and was targeted by a previous failing extra-judicial execution operation
143.	Nafeth Kamel Mansour	39	01-May-08	Rafah	01-May-08	Shrapnel from 2 missiles launched by a military aircraft	Mansour was one of the field leaders of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
144.	Mousa Fawzi Al-Edeini	35	17-Jun -08	Khan Younis	17-Jun -08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	An activist from the Army of Islam
145.	Mahmoud Mohammed Al-Shandi	27	17-Jun -08	Khan Younis	17-Jun -08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	An activist from the Army of Islam
146.	Nedal Khaled Al-Sdoudi	21	17-Jun -08	Khan Younis	17-Jun -08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	An activist from the Army of Islam
147.	Mohammed Amer Asaleya	21	17-Jun -08	Khan Younis	17-Jun -08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	An activist from the Army of Islam
148.	Mutaz Mohammed Doghmosh	29	17-Jun -08	Khan Younis	17-Jun -08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	An activist from the Army of Islam
149.	Salah Saber Qaddouha	23	17-Jun -08	Middle Gaza Strip	17-Jun -08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	An activist from the Army of Islam
150.	Tareq Juma'a Abu Ghali	29	24 – Jun -08	Jenin	24 – Jun -08	Several bullets	Abu Ghali was an activist from the Al-Quds Brigades

<b>Bystanders</b>								
151.	Maryam Farhouda	Mohammed	55	09-Jul-06	Northern Gaza Strip	28-Aug-06	Shrapnel from a missile	Farhoud died of her injuries in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting Palestinian activists who were traveling by car near Farhoud's house
152.	Usama Jamal Al-Toubasi		27	14-Aug-06	Jenin	14-Aug-06	A bullet	Al-Toubasi died from his wounds in a failing extra-judicial execution operation targeting Zachariah Al-Zbeidi
153.	Ashraf Deeb Zakarna		26	07-Sep-06	Jenin	07-Sep-06	Several bullets	Ashraf Zakarna killed in an extra-judicial execution operation carried out by an IOF undercover unit targeting Rashid Kafarna
154.	Mahmoud Fahed Abu Al-Rab		36	07-Sep-06	Jenin	07-Sep-06	A bullet	Al-Rab killed in an extra-judicial execution operation carried out by an IOF undercover unit targeting Rashid Kafarna
155.	Feras Bassam Abu Al-Rish		22	17-Oct-06	Nablus	17-Oct-06	2 bullets	Feras Abu Al-Rish was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting Yousif Abu Al-Rish.
156.	Rabah Uthman Hejji		75	19-Nov-06	Gaza	19-Nov-06	Shrapnel	Hejji was killed in a failing extra-judicial execution operation of members of Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades who all could flee

157.	Kamal Kathem Mohammed Anan	43	21-Apr-07	Gaza	21-Apr-07	Shrapnel from a missile	Anan was the officer of Gaza municipality's water wells
158.	Ahmed Izzat Said Zayoud	21	04-May-07	Jenin	04-May-07		Zayoud was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting 2 activists of the Al-Quds brigades
159.	Ala'a Nemer Al-Hayia	21	20-May-07	Gaza	20-May-07	A missile	Ala'a Al-Hayia was an activist of the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades
160.	Abdol Majid Nemer Al-Hayia	53	20-May-07	Gaza	20-May-07	A missile	Abdol Majid Al-Hayia was killed when IOF shelled a meeting hall belonging to Al-Hayia family
161.	Jihad Abdol Majid Al-Hayia	17	20-May-07	Gaza	20-May-07	A missile	Jihad Al-Hayia was killed when IOF shelled a meeting hall belonging to Al-Hayia family
162.	Mohammed Khaled Al-Haya	16	20-May-07	Gaza	20-May-07	A missile	Mohammed Al-Hayia was killed when IOF shelled a meeting hall belonging to Al-Hayia family
163.	Isma'il Khaled Al-Hayia	19	20-May-07	Gaza	20-May-07	A missile	Isma'il Al-Hayia was killed when IOF shelled a meeting hall belonging to Al-Hayia family
164.	Ibrahim Mohammed Al-Hayia	30	20-May-07	Gaza	20-May-07	A missile	Ibrahim Al-Hayia was killed when IOF shelled a meeting hall belonging Isma'il ngi to Al-Hayia family
165.	Jihad Al-Sayed Thaher	39	17-Dec-07	Gaza	17-Dec-07	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	Thaher was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting the general leader of the Al-Quds Brigades in Gaza,

							Majde al-Harazin
166.	Amir Mohammed Hashem Mohammed Al-Yazji	5	16-Jan-08	Gaza	16-Jan-08	A missile from a military aircraft	IOF sources said the attack against Al-Yazji was by mistake
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168.	Amer Hashem Mohammed Al-Yazji	40	16-Jan-08	Gaza	16-Jan-08	A missile from a military aircraft	IOF sources said the attack against Al-Yazji was by mistake
169.	Maryam Mohammed Al-Rahel	52	17-Jan-08	Northern Gaza Strip	17-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	Al-Rahel was killed with one of her 2 sons who were riding with her on a donkey cart. The IOF launched a missile to a car of the resistance members but the missile hit the car in stead.
170.	Fatheyra Yousif Al-Hesoumi	35	17-Jan-08	Northern Gaza Strip	17-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	Al-Hesoumi was killed while accompanying her neighbor, Ra'ed abu Foul, to the market. Abu Foul was an activist of the Al-Quds Brigades who was a target of the IOF.
171.	Mohammed Saleh Al-Rahel	22	17-Jan-08	Northern Gaza Strip	17-Jan-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	Al-Rahel was riding with his mother and brother on a cart. He was killed when the IOF launched a missile to a car of the resistance members but the missile hit the car in stead.
172.	Nour Salman Al-Dabari	24	20-Apr-08	Rafah	20-Apr-08	Shrapnel from a missile launched by a military aircraft	Al-Diari was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting Ra'ed Al-Attar, an activist of the

							Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades.
173.	Eyad Rodwan Khanfar	25	24- Jun- 08	Jenin	24- Jun- 2008	Several bullets	Khanfar was killed in an extra-judicial execution operation targeting Tareq Abu Ghali