

AL MEZAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



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The Israeli Occupation Forces Aggression against Palestinian Civilians and Their Property in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

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Introduction

Upon publication of this report, thirty months will have passed since the outbreak of the Al Aqsa Intifada. During this period the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) have systematically violated Palestinians human rights and perpetrated war crimes on an unprecedented level in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). The absence of effective intervention on the part of the international community has allowed these crimes to continue unchecked.

The situation in the OPTs has grown even more dangerous since the US and Britain initiated the war on Iraq in March 2003. Palestinian and international human rights organizations were accordingly obliged to intensify their efforts to monitor and reveal Israel's practices especially as all eyes focused on Iraq. Al Mezan center for Human Rights has issued regular reports listing the names of the victims, the type of violation, the dates, and including sworn affidavits documenting the IOF's crimes. For the first 27 months of the uprising, Al Mezan issued monthly documentary reports. Starting from this year, however, the Center has begun issuing quarterly reports, which will allow more time to collect and confirm the information, to speak to the victims or their families and meet eyewitnesses, a process that has become increasingly difficult and dangerous owing to the IOF's frequent closures and sieges. The Center will continue issuing press releases and news in cooperation with sister human rights organizations in the OPTs for the most grievous crimes.

This report covers the period between 1 January and 13 March 2003 and documents all the IOF's violations of Palestinians human rights. It reviews Israel's systematic targeting of Palestinian civil premises, natural resources and private property. Additionally, it reviews the IOF's use of excessive and lethal force and the policy of "liquidation" or extra-judicial murder. It provides information on Israel's sieges and closures in the OPTs and their effects on civilian life. Finally, the report lists the provisions of Human Rights and Humanitarian Laws as they pertain to each of Israel's violations. Each section of this report is supported with lists of names, addresses and ages of the victims and the dates of violations.

1. Incursions into the Gaza Strip, 1 January - 31 March 2003:

In March 2002, Israeli Occupation Forces sent its military into all the Palestinian towns in the West Bank, except Jericho, effectively “re-occupying” it. In the Gaza Strip, these forces launched daily incursions into Palestinian towns and refugee camps. According to the findings of Al Mezan, the IOF invaded the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) controlled territory 50 times during the period covered by this report. It should be noted that the IOF maintains a continual presence in several areas in the Gaza Strip, and that this presence is not considered an “incursion”. The IOF carried out 12 incursions in the North Gaza District, 7 in the Gaza District, 15 in Mid Gaza (Deir Al Balah), 8 in the Khan Younis District and 8 in the district of Rafah.

These incursions are initiated with tens of tanks and armored vehicles supported by helicopter air cover. Forces surround the targeted area and open intensive fire before advancing further. During such incursions, the IOF prohibit all movement in and out of the area, including for emergency medical vehicles. In all of these incursions the IOF sprays the area with intensive, arbitrary fire killing civilians and destroying homes and private businesses. In this report, the Center reviews the largest incursions, especially those that resulted in significant loss of life and property¹.

1.1 Khan Younis, January 11, 2003:

At approximately 10:45 pm on Saturday 11 January 2003, about 50 Israeli tanks and bulldozers invaded the town of Khan Younis. Israeli Occupation Forces began at the Al Matahin Checkpoint, north of the town, and reached the center of the town near the Municipality building. Under heavy firing, they besieged the area and announced a curfew. In this incursion, occupation forces killed two Palestinians and injured 13. In addition, they destroyed 13 industrial facilities, 53 homes, 14 commercial stores and 7 motor vehicles, by bulldozers and mines.

1.2 Az-Zaytun area - Gaza City, January 24, 2003:

At approximately 12:15 pm Friday January 24, 2003 about 30 Israeli army vehicles invaded the az-Zaytun neighborhood southeast of Gaza City. They entered the town from the settlement of Netzarim and reached the house of Mas'oud Ayyad, who was assassinated by IOF at the beginning of the *Intifada*. Under heavy firing from tanks and helicopters, Israeli soldiers broke into numerous homes including Ayyad's. They made the Ayyads leave and destroyed the five-story-house with mines before they withdrew from the area two hours after midnight. As a result of the explosion of Ayyad's house, 12 other homes and 5 motor vehicles were severely damaged and 3 people were wounded.

1.3 Az-Zaytun area - Gaza City, January 25, 2003:

At approximately 10:20 pm the next day, the IOF invaded the same area. This time tanks came from the Netzarim settlement in the south and Al Karama Street in the east and reached the ash-Shija'ya public market in Salah ad-Din Street. An estimated number of 40 – 60 tanks and bulldozers took control of the area and started destroying homes and the public market. They destroyed two homes with explosives, 98 commercial stores and damaged 29 industrial facilities and tens of homes. In addition, the IOF killed 13 Palestinians and injured 30 others in this incursion. Six of those killed died from a missile fired by a helicopter into a crowd of people standing outside. An additional three people were killed in the same manner by another missile near the public market.

1.4 Beït Lahia, February 16, 2003:

At approximately 11 pm on Sunday, 16 February 2003, about 35 Israeli army vehicles entered the coastal road near the town of Beit Lahia north of the Gaza Strip and took up positions near the as-Sudanya area. They circled the at-Twam area, east of Jabalia, where they rounded the house of Naji Ahmad al-Ghandour, ordered the family to evacuate the house and destroyed it with explosives. In this incursion the IOF killed two Palestinians and injured nine others. The IOF also damaged twenty family homes, one sewing workshop, and three motor vehicles.

¹ It should be noted that Rafah District witnessed daily IOF incursions near the border with Egypt during which homes are destroyed. The largest incursion into Rafah took place on January 30, 2003, and it appears in another part in this report. See page 6

1.5 Ash-Shija'ya and At-Tuffah areas - Gaza City, February 18, 2003:

At approximately 9:50pm Tuesday, 18 February 2003, 30 IOF tanks, armored vehicles and bulldozers attacked the Ash-Shija'ya area under cover of helicopters. IOF fired tank shells and missiles on the area and destroyed many electricity and phone lines. At the same time, a second Israeli force invaded the At-Tuffah area where they destroyed industrial facilities and homes with explosives. As a result of this incursion, 11 Palestinians died and 20 were wounded. In addition, IOF destroyed six industrial facilities, two homes and three motor vehicles completely. Tens of facilities and homes were also damaged.

It is worth noting that at 11:45 the same night, a helicopter fired a missile on a group of Palestinian security members in the nearby Al-Qirim Street killing three of them and injuring a number of others.

1.6 Beït Hanoun, February 23, 2003:

At 2:30 am Sunday, 23 February 2003, about 50 Israeli tanks and army vehicles invaded the area just west of Beit Hanoun. On their way in the town, Israeli bulldozers destroyed 15 dunams of agricultural land and a number of home fences. They also broke into the house of Jamal Musa az-Za'aneen, rounded the family up on the ground floor and used the roof as a watchtower. The IOF broke into another four homes and arrested some of their residents.

At about the same time, five other tanks and two bulldozers entered Al-Kafarneh Street in the town and imposed a curfew. They ordered all the residents of the area to leave their homes and lie on the ground next to where the tanks were stationed. According to eyewitnesses, IOF used loudspeakers to order Abdullah as-Sabi' to leave his home and surrender; when he did not respond they shelled the house and four other adjacent homes. At about 5:30am they mined the homes of Mr. Sabi' and one of his cousins. Both homes were destroyed. Abdullah as-Sabi' was still in the house when it was blown up, and was found dead under the rubble the following day.

Three Israeli tanks and one bulldozer entered another branch road east of the town rounding the house of Ahmad Hasan az-Zwayid before they destroyed it with explosives. At approximately 7 am they also destroyed the house of Ibrahim az-Zwayid with explosives. The families were not allowed to take their belongings out of their homes.

During this incursion the IOF killed two Palestinians, Wa'il al-Ghribawi and Ayman Abu Sharar at 12:30 pm in the industrial zone in the town. They also caused severe damage to the infrastructure in the town. Many of the sewage pipes in the streets were ruined and the main bridge in the town was destroyed. IOF cut electricity and phone lines. This incursion lasted 27 hours during which the IOF killed seven Palestinians, injured 17, destroyed seven homes completely and 80 partially, and arrested three people, two police members and Ahmad al-Khateeb, a Reuters photographer.

1.7 Al- Bureij Refugee Camp, March 2, 2003:

The IOF stormed Al-Bureij refugee camp about thirty minutes after midnight on March 2, 2003. Tens of tanks moved from the Netzarim settlement in the north and the Kfar Darom settlement in the south. They rounded the western part of the camp near the Salah ad-Din Street under heavy firing. As a result of this incursion, 8 Palestinians were killed and 29 others were wounded. The IOF destroyed five homes and arrested five people, two of whom were injured by Israeli gunfire.

It is noteworthy that of the five homes the IOF destroyed, four were destroyed with explosives causing damage to tens of other neighboring houses. Nuha Sweedan was killed after a wall in her house fell on her when the IOF destroyed the adjacent house. She was nine months pregnant. Additionally, the IOF restricted ambulance movement in the camp until 6 am the next morning.

1.8 An-Nuseirat Refugee Camp, March 17, 2003:

In the early morning hours of Monday, 17 March 2003, about 35 Israeli tanks and armored vehicles entered the Nuseirat refugee camp in the middle of the Gaza Strip, under cover of helicopters. They reached Block 2 in the camp, rounded it and moved to Block 5. Using loudspeakers, the IOF ordered the family of Muhammad as-Sa'afeen to leave their house. Mr. As-Sa'afeen, 34 years old, refused to leave the house and the IOF destroyed it with explosives while he was inside. As-Sa'afeen was found dead the following day. As in previous incursions, the IOF opened fire in the camp killing five people, three of them children. In addition to the destruction of as-Sa'afeen's house, four neighboring houses were partially destroyed and tens of others damaged.

1.9 Jabalia, March 3, 2003:

At approximately 11:45 pm on Wednesday, 3 March 2003, the IOF invaded the town and refugee camp of Jabalia. About 48 Israeli tanks and armored vehicles came from the Abu Safiyeh Street east of Jabalia and the Beit Hanoun Crossing (Erez). They advanced to Mas'oud Street in the town of Jabalia, rounding the house of Suheel Zyada, killed by the IOF earlier, and then proceeded to the refugee camp taking up positions near the Youth Activity Center. They opened fire on the area (again backed up by helicopter cover) killing two Palestinians.

At approximately 3 am the same night, the IOF destroyed Suheel Zyada's home and his brother's adjacent home with explosives. Tanks then penetrated deeper into the camp reaching a street opposite the At-Trans area in the middle of the camp and sprayed gunfire into the area. Tanks destroyed the doors of commercial stores and shelled the house of Harb Talib an-Najjar. At 4:30 am a tank fired a shell on a three-story house, owned by Ahmad Faraj and occupied by 30 persons, and causing it to catch fire. The house and the stores on the ground floor were gutted. As firemen attempted to put out the flames, an Israeli tank fired a second shell into the crowd of firemen, journalists and civilians outside the burning buildings killing eight of them and injuring 90 others. Before the IOF withdrew from Jabalia at 8 am, 14 Palestinians had been killed and approximately 130 wounded. In addition, three homes, five workshops, ten businesses and four private motor vehicles were completely destroyed while approximately 40 homes were partially destroyed.

1.10 Sheikh Zayid housing town near Beit Lahia, March 6, 2003:

Forty Israeli tanks entered the An-Nada Tuwrs area near Beit Lahia on Thursday, 6 March 2003. They went as far as the town of Shaikh Zayid bulldozing the street between the town and the An-Nada Tuwrs, and large areas of agricultural land to the east on their way. In closing this road, the IOF separated the An-Nada Tuwrs and a Bedouin Village from the rest of the Gaza Strip.

The IOF stayed in this area until March 10, 2003. They erected three military posts in the area; the first on a hill south of An-Nada Tuwrs; the second east of An-Nada; and the third in the town of Sheikh Zayid opposite the Tal Az-Za'tar area in Jabalia. They occupied the house of Rajab Yousif Abdul Hadi detaining the 18 members of his family in one room on the ground floor for four days.

The IOF's use of lethal force during this incursion resulted in the killing of Mufeed ad-Da'ifi and the injuring of 50 other people, mostly children. Additionally, the house of Ahmad Sulaiman Abu Mutee' caught fire during the Israeli attack. Abu Mutee' lost all his savings in the house.

1.11 Beit Lahia, March 17, 2003:

On 3 am on Monday, 17 March 2003, approximately 100 Israeli Special Forces members filtered into the Al-Attatra area, north of Beit Lahia. One hour later, Israeli tanks broke into the area, imposed a curfew, and at 6 am opened fire on the Palestinian Marine Police post killing two persons.

Meanwhile, at approximately 7 am the IOF ordered all residents of the Al-Atatra and As-Syafia areas between the ages of 15 and 45 to gather in the American School just east of Al-Atatra. Soldiers then tied the prisoners' hands behind their backs and ordered them to sit in a large pit they had dug earlier. IOF soldiers searched the prisoners' ID's and question them. Afterwards they handed them letters holding them

responsible whenever Palestinian shooting targeted the Israeli settlements in the area. Twelve Palestinians were wounded by Israeli fire and much of the infrastructure in the area was ruined during this incursion, including power and phone lines, the main streets (bulldozed), sewage pipes, and five dunams of cultivated land. The IOF withdrew after arresting three Palestinians.

2. Targeting Palestinian Civil Premises:

In spite of the fact that International Humanitarian Law requires the protection of civilians during all types of conflict, the facts reveal otherwise in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilians in Time of War, of August 12, 1949, provides 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.

In addition, Article 53 of the Geneva Convention prohibits the destruction of private property, stating:

Any destruction by the Occupying Power of real or personal property belonging individually or collectively to private persons, or to the State, or to other public authorities is prohibited, except where such destruction is rendered absolutely necessary by military operations.

The destruction of civilians' homes contravenes internationally accepted human rights standards. Article 11(1) in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights provides for ***'the right of every one to an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including adequate food, clothing and housing'*** and Article 10 states that ***'The widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to the family'***. Accordingly, Israel's practice of home demolition and making of tens of thousands of civilians homeless is a gross violation of international law. Additionally, the IOF's destruction of industrial enterprises, mostly small ones, is a violation of the right to work (Article 6).

Since the beginning of the *Intifada* (29 September 2000), the IOF have systematically targeted civil premises in the OPT. This includes homes, commercial stores, private industrial facilities, water-wells, schools, mosques and health facilities. The findings of Al Mezan's fieldworkers indicate that during the first quarter of 2003 the targeting civil premises in the OPT actually escalated throughout the Gaza Strip. Indeed, the IOF targeted civil premises in a systematic manner. The IOF's use of excessive force caused numerous deaths and the widespread destruction of property. Israel's destruction of civil premises is detailed in the following sections.

2.1 Targeting Homes:

Israeli Occupation Forces engage in a systematic policy of home demolition in the OPTs as a form of collective punishment. Attacks on Palestinian homes gradually escalated as the IOF used heavy bullets on limited areas in the beginning of the *Intifada* and later fired tank shells and missiles. In addition, the IOF bulldozed thousands of homes in frequent incursions into the Palestinian territories. Still worse, hundreds of homes were destroyed and damaged as a result of the Israeli Air Forces strikes on populated areas and Palestinian National Authority installations. Finally and most recently, the IOF escalated the destruction of homes by using dynamite and mines causing severe damage to neighboring homes as well. In all the cases, Palestinian civilians were given little or no time to evacuate their homes and collect their belongings.

An elderly Palestinian woman whose home was destroyed gave the following statement under oath to Al Mezan. It details the procedures that the IOF follow in such cases:

My name is Nuzha Khalil Zyada, 55-years-old. I used to live in a three-story house that my family own in Al Awda Street in Jabalia. My four sons and I were sleeping at our home on Wednesday March 5, 2003, when I heard the sound of an explosion. We woke up and hurried outside and knew that the IOF have already mined and destroyed the Family6 council, also called Al Maq'ad, by the house's door. The soldiers were shooting on the house without stop. They , then, destroyed the two doors with explosives. An Israeli soldier was standing near the front entrance and pointed his rifle on me.

They made us move to house's hall where they separated my daughters and me from the men. The women were kept in one room and five soldiers stayed with us. I noticed that my little daughter was not with us, so I talked to a soldier and told him that I need to look for her. His response was in Hebrew 'Shikit', which means 'be quiet', but I insisted that I was going to look for her. I entered several rooms in the house and couldn't find the girl. I came into a bag of mine, where I used to keep the important documents and some clothes. When I carried it, a soldier made me leave it. I finally found my daughter crying by the house.

All my sons and daughters and my husband and my brother-in-law's family, who live next door, were brought to the same small room; we were 22 of us. In a few minutes, the soldiers brought two dogs in the room. The dogs kept sniffing everybody. At approximately 3 am, the soldiers ordered that we move out to out neighbors' home saying that they were going to mine and destroy our house.

I asked a soldier for the reason why they were going to destroy the house. The response was so brief ' we will destroy it'. I saw the soldiers taking my husband, Abdul Karim, away and begged them to let him go, but they didn't.

All of us went to our relatives' home nearby. In thirty minutes, we heard the sound of a huge explosion. At approximately 5:30 am, I went to have a look at the house and found it and my adjacent brother-in-law's house completely destroyed. The soldiers left the area and I knew that they arrested my husband.

Al Mezan has documented the number of homes the IOF has damaged or destroyed in the Gaza Strip during the current *Intifada*. As of 31 March 2003, this number was 2,547, 834 of which were completely destroyed. The IOF have also destroyed thousands of homes in the West Bank. In the first three months of 2003, the IOF destroyed about 800 homes in the Gaza Strip alone. The following table shows more details on these homes.

Table 1: Homes demolished by IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003 in the Gaza Strip

No.	Owner's Name	Town	Extent of Damage	Date
1.	Ahmad Dyab ad-Dirbi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Jan. 2003
2.	Hasan Mahmoud al-Khawaja	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Jan. 2003
3.	Sabry Atallah as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Jan. 2003
4.	Jihad Hamid an-Najar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Jan. 2003
5.	Muhammad Mahmoud Dawud	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Jan. 2003
6.	Ra'id Kamil Darweesh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Jan. 2003
7.	Sarhan Ahmad as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Jan. 2003
8.	Ala' Hamdan ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
9.	Zyad Deeb ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
10.	Jamal Mahmoud ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
11.	Anwar Ahmad ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
12.	Nawal Zaki Nasser	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
13.	Kamal Hasan Rajab Shaqfeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
14.	Muhammad Muhammad Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
15.	Hasan Rajab Shaqfeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
16.	Iyad Udeh Khafaja	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
17.	Ahmad Sulaiman Khafaja	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
18.	Fathi Muhammad Abu Ghali	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003

19.	Abdul Rahman Muhammad Ahmad	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
20.	Atif Mahmoud ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
21.	Hammad Hamdan Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
22.	Nafith Rizi al-'Absi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
23.	Jum'a Khalil al-Sagheer	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
24.	Jum'a Khalil Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
25.	Mustafa Sulaiman Abu Khatleh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
26.	Anwar Ahmad ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
27.	Ahmad Shihadeh al-'Azazi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
28.	Hani Abdul Hameed al-Hams	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
29.	Jamal Mahmoud ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
30.	Kamal Hasan Shaqfeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
31.	Abdul Qadir Muhammad Abu Mihsin	Rafah	Partial Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
32.	Sulaiman Ali Khafaja	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
33.	Sabri Fathi ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
34.	Sameer Nasser Nasrallah	Rafah	Partial Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
35.	Imad Najeeb Salah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Jan. 2003
36.	Muhammad Hasan al Lahwani	Rafah	Partial Destruction	4 Jan. 2003
37.	Hamdan Marzouq ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	4 Jan. 2003
38.	Ahmad Hammad as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
39.	Fadil Khalil al-Mghari	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
40.	Sameer Muhammad al-Bayumi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
41.	Inheritors of Rashad Rushdi Rusrus	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
42.	Ayman Saeed al-Bayumi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
43.	Abdul Majid Ismail al-Akhras	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
44.	Abdul Rahman Muhammad al-Mishwakhi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
45.	Hasan Khalil Judeh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
46.	Hasan Muhammad Abu 'Armaneh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
47.	Fathiyeh Ramadan Udwan	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
48.	Fayiz Khalil al-Mghari	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
49.	Abdul Rahman Muhammad 'Ayish	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
50.	Ali Abid Rabu Abu al-Awf	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
51.	Khamis Ali al-Akhras	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
52.	Khalil Ibrahim al-Akhras	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
53.	Dharifeh Abdul Qadir Ahmad	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
54.	Sulaiman Muhammad al-Mishwakhi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003

55.	Fayiz Muhammad Abu Ghali	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
56.	Muhammad Sulaiman al-Mishwakhi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
57.	Jamil Muhammad Abu 'Armana	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
58.	Sa'da Muhammad Abu Sultan	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
59.	Hasan Ahmad 'Ilaian	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
60.	Ahmad Hamad as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
61.	Sameer Jum'a Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
62.	Khalil Muhammad Abu 'Armaneh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
63.	Mahmoud Jum'a Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Jan. 2003
64.	Na'im Sa'di al-'Alul	Rafah	Complete Destruction	6 Jan. 2003
65.	Jabir Muhammad Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Complete Destruction	6 Jan. 2003
66.	Ameen Muhammad Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Complete Destruction	6 Jan. 2003
67.	Muhammad Mustafa Shaqfeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	6 Jan. 2003
68.	Mustafa Abdul Qadir Shaqfeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	6 Jan. 2003
69.	Sameeha Hasan al-Far	Rafah	Partial Destruction	6 Jan. 2003
70.	Inheritors of Fu'ad Mahmoud al-Qishawi	Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Jan. 2003
71.	Abdul Dayim Muhammad Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
72.	Muhammad Atta Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
73.	Hani Jasir al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
74.	Mahnمود Atta Shurab	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
75.	Hafidh Atta Shurab	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
76.	Khalid Atta Shurab	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
77.	Abdul Qadir Ibrahim al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
78.	Hasan Hasan al Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
79.	Imad Ribhi al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
80.	Ahmad Khalid Shurab	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
81.	Samih Ibrahim al-Masri	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
82.	Hamatu Ahmad Ashour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
83.	Atta Saleem Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
84.	Muhammad Abdul Dayim Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
85.	Ahmad Ismail Faris	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
86.	Ahmad Abdul Dayim Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
87.	Ali Abdul Dayim Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
88.	Abdullah Abdul Dayim Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
89.	Mahmoud Abdul Dayim Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
90.	Imad Yasin Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003

91.	Muhammad Ahmad Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
92.	Jameel Abdul Rahman Ali (al-Kafarneh)	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
93.	Basam Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
94.	Abdul Rahman Muhammad Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
95.	Ghasan Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
96.	'Ilaian Mustafa al-Aqad	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
97.	Faraj Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
98.	Muhammad Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
99.	Faisal Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
100.	Mustafa 'Ilaian al-Aqad	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
101.	Abdul Fatah Abdul Majeed al-Aqad	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
102.	Muhammad Ismail Faris	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
103.	Muhammad Abdul Majeed al-Aqad	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
104.	Ibrahim Ismail Faris	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
105.	Sons of Hasan Ibrahim Mansour	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
106.	Sameeha Hasan an-Naffar	Rafah	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
107.	Nadhmi Saleem Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
108.	Ayman Nadhmi Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
109.	Muhammad Nadhmi Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
110.	Khalil Ismail Faris	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
111.	Saleem Atta Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
112.	Ahmad Nadhmi Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
113.	Ma'mun Ismail Faris	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
114.	'Anas Abdul Majeed al-Aqad	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
115.	Muhammad Abdul Rahman Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
116.	Ra'fat Hasan 'Inaya	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
117.	Nahidd Mahmoud al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
118.	Sabah Muhammad Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
119.	Basam Ahmad Shrab	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
120.	Muhammad Atta Shurab	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
121.	Kahila Uthman Shurab	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
122.	Ibrahim Atta Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
123.	Rida Sa'di Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
124.	Majid Muhammad Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
125.	Wisam Khalid al-Agha	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
126.	Taysir Abdullah Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003

127.	Abdul Kareem Atta Shahwan	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
128.	Misbah S'oudi Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
129.	Khalid salim Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
130.	Salim Saleem Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
131.	Yihia Ahmad Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
132.	Umar Misbah Ashour	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	12 Jan. 2003
133.	As'ad Abid Rabu al-Ghuti	Rafah	Complete Destruction	13 Jan. 2003
134.	Ahmad Fayiz Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	15 Jan. 2003
135.	Abdul Majeed Abu Mghiseeb	Deir Al- Balah	Complete Destruction	15 Jan. 2003
136.	Zakiyeh Ibrahi, al-M'ashar	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
137.	Hammad Muhammad ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
138.	Muhammad Hasan ash-Shair	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
139.	Atiyeh Muhammad ash-Shair	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
140.	Fu'ad Muhammad Malahi ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
141.	Wahba Abid ash-Shair	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
142.	Issam Muhammad ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
143.	Kamal Muhammad ash-Shair	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
144.	Salih Sallam ash-Shair	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
145.	Ayish Sallam ash-Shair	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
146.	Hakmeh Ibrahim ash-Shair	Rafah	Partial Destruction	16 Jan. 2003
147.	Ahmad Muhammad Awad	Rafah	Complete Destruction	17 Jan. 2003
148.	Fu'ad Muhammad Mahmoud ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	17 Jan. 2003
149.	Nafith Eid Abu Mteer	Rafah	Complete Destruction	17 Jan. 2003
150.	Hammad Hamdan Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	17 Jan. 2003
151.	Fatima Saeed Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	17 Jan. 2003
152.	Shafiq Muhammad Abu Qa'oud	Rafah	Complete Destruction	17 Jan. 2003
153.	Fathi Hammad Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	17 Jan. 2003
154.	Majid Abdul Aziz Wahdan	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	22 Jan. 2003
155.	Nuzha Muhammad Khudair	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
156.	Robeen Muhammad Abu Khusa	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
157.	Salman Muhammad Abu Khusa	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
158.	Fayiq Khadir Khudair	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
159.	Jihad Musa ash-Shaweesh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
160.	Hamad Musa Abu Khusa	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
161.	Abdul Rahman Musa Abu Khusa	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
162.	Abdul Hadi Musa Abu Khusa	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003

163. Taysir Muhammad Abu Khusa	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Jan. 2003
164. Adnan Humdi Ali Umar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
165. Khalid Muhammad Sha'at	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
166. Sameer Khalil Abu 'Anzeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
167. Jamal Saeed Hammad	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
168. Abdul Fatah Urabi Mansour	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
169. Rasmi as-Sayid Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
170. Humdi Ali Mahmoud Umar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
171. Jabir Abdul Majeed 'Abid	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
172. Kamil Mahmoud Darweesh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
173. Muhammad Ahmad Abu Libdeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
174. Usama Abdul Hakim Abu Anzeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
175. Muhammad Ali al-Atrash	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
176. Samhan Abdul Rahman Hussain	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
177. Hamid Muhammad Sha'at	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
178. Ryad Hasan Abu Anzeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
179. Mas'ud Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
180. Saeed Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
181. Naeem Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
182. Husni Muhammad Ayyad	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
183. Khadra Khalil Shamallakh (Ayyad)	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
184. Fadil Muhammad Ayyad	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
185. Zyad Ahmad Ayyad and his brothers	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
186. Ismat Mahmoud Abu Sha'ban	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
187. Sa'dallah Muhammad Ashour	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
188. Hashim Mas'ud Hannuneh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
189. Mansour Mas'ud Hannuneh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
190. Eid Mas'ud Hannuneh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
191. Abdullah Sha'ban Abu Sha'ban	Gaza	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
192. Ahmad Saeed Hammad	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
193. Ahmad Muhammad Gasan Abu Libdeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
194. Ahmad Saeed Abu Libdeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
195. Yusif Salim Radwan	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
196. Ali Saeed Judeh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
197. Muhammad Salim Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
198. Mahmoud Abdul Karim Abu Taha	Rafah	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003

199. Basim Musa Radwan	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
200. Ahmad Saeed Abu Taha	Rafah	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
201. Umar Ahmad Saeed Abu Taha	Rafah	Partial Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
202. Sameer Mustafa Musa	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
203. Musa Salim Radwan	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Jan. 2003
204. Muhammad Mustafa Shaqfeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
205. Ahmad Zidan Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
206. Muhammad Hasan Abu Anzeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
207. Habeeb Musa Zu'rub	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
208. Musa Mustafa Musa	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
209. Mustafa Ismail Shaqfeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
210. Waleed and Mazin Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
211. Ra'id Kamal Darweesh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
212. Yihia and Muhammad Saeed Hammad	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
213. Subhi Ahmad Nasir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
214. Khalil Ahmad Nasir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
215. Dyad Ahmad al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
216. Mustafa Ismail Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
217. Wa'il Muhammad Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
218. Jihad Mustafa Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
219. Nahidd Muhammad Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
220. Hani Ismail Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
221. Muhammad Ismail Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
222. Wasfi Ahmad Nasir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
223. Basheer Khadir Hassan	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
224. Al-Abid Ismail Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
225. Nasir Ahmad Nasir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
226. Younis Ahmad Nasir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
227. Yousif Ahmad Nasir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
228. Atif Khadir Hassan	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
229. Nahidd Khadir Hassan	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
230. Khadir al-Basyuni Hassan	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
231. Ibrahim Hassan al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
232. Muhammad Hassan al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
233. Ramzi Hassan al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
234. Nafith Dyab al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003

235. Ibrahim Ahmad al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
236. Ahmad Muhammad al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
237. Jamal Hassan al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
238. Amir Ali al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
239. Hasanat Muhammad al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
240. Nabil Eid al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
241. Nahidd Khali al-Basyuni	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
242. Sana' Dyab Nussair	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
243. Mahmoud Sha'ban al-Za'aneen	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
244. Muhammad Abdul Jalil al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
245. Akif Muhammad al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
246. Ibrahim Hani Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
247. Munira Muhammad Awwad	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
248. Sa'di Ahmad al-Za'aneen	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
249. Sa'id Muhammad Ismail Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
250. Ra'id Muhammad Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
251. Ismail Muhammad al-Za'aneen	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
252. As'ad Abid Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
253. Akram Ali Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
254. Muneer Abid Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
255. Musa Muhammad Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
256. Mazin Muhammad al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
257. Kayan Rajab Abu Safyeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
258. Atif Muhammad Abdul Jalil al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
259. Fathi Muhammad al-Za'aneen	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
260. Nabeel Abid Musa Shabat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
261. Haniyeh Musa al-Za'aneen	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
262. Muhammad Abdul Karim Sa'adat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
263. Hasan Abdul Karim Sa'adat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
264. Mahmoud Abdul Karim Udeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
265. Abdul Latif Ahmad al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
266. Ahmad Abdul Karim Sa'adat	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
267. Qadri Muhammad al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
268. Mahmoud Muhammad al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
269. Wa'l Fathi Abu Ghali	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
270. Awni Dieb al-Mallahi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	25 Jan. 2003

271. Inheritors of Hasan Muhammad Libbad	Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
272. Waleed Muhammad al-Ijleh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
273. Abdullah Mahmoud al-Batniji	Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
274. Nasir Mustafa Lulu and his brothers	Gaza	Partial Destruction	25 Jan. 2003
275. Adil Abbas Sa'da	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
276. Muhammad 'Ilaian Yasin	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
277. Majid Hamdi as-Sawafiri	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
278. Hamdan Hamdi as-Sawafiri	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
279. Fadil Ismail Ayyad	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
280. Issa Ahmad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
281. Sameer Ahmad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
282. Muhammad Ahmad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
283. Hussam Mahmoud Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
284. Fayiz Muhammad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
285. Adnan Ahmad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
286. Ahmad Muhammad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
287. Mahmoud Muhammad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
288. Hasan Muhammad Doula	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
289. Hani Yasin Abu Sha'ban	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
290. Ali Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
291. Musa Issa Sha'ban	Gaza	Complete Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
292. Rabab Mahmoud Sha'ban	Gaza	Complete Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
293. Muzayan Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
294. Ali Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	Complete Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
295. Abdullah Muhyi ad-Din as-Sirhi	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
296. Ahmad Hasan Abu Zour	Gaza	Complete Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
297. Muhammad Ahmad Madi	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
298. Hamid Hammad 'Iliwa	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
299. Muhammad Saleem Ulwan	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
300. Hamdi Nimir ad-Dahduh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
301. Anwar Uthman ad-Dahduh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
302. Yousif Ismail Tafish	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
303. Awadd Ibrahim Foura and his brothers	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
304. Muhammad Sha'ban al-Juju	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
305. Zuheer Rashad Ashour	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
306. Zuhdi Rashad Ashour	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003

307. Rani Zuhdi Ashour	Gaza	Partial Destruction	26 Jan. 2003
308. Riziq Salim Abu Tilakh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	29 Jan. 2003
309. Ibrahim Hasan al-Masri	Rafah	Complete Destruction	29 Jan. 2003
310. Irhayil Ahmad as-Sufi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	29 Jan. 2003
311. Khalid Hussain Abu Tolakh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	29 Jan. 2003
312. Khalil Hasan al-Masri	Rafah	Complete Destruction	29 Jan. 2003
313. Hamdeh Muhammad as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
314. Abdul Salam Abdul Hamid Abu as-Saeed	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
315. Ra'fat Abdul Hamid Abu as-Saeed	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
316. Ali Abdul Hamid Abu as-Saeed	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
317. Jameel Abdul Hamid Abu as-Saeed	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
318. Ta'a Khalil Uthman	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
319. Salah Ibrahim Abu al-Ineen	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
320. Sami Ibrahim Abu al-Ineen	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
321. Muhammad Ibrahim al-Haj Yousif	Rafah	Complete Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
322. Muhammad Ali Abu Ali	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
323. Zyad Muhammad Hasanain	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
324. Abdullah Ibrahim al-Haj Yousif	Rafah	Complete Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
325. Hasan Ahmad al-Absi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
326. Hameed and Jameel Abu as-Saeed	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
327. Kamil Ibrahim al-Haj Yousif	Rafah	Complete Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
328. Yousif Ibrahim al-Haj Yousif	Rafah	Complete Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
329. Muhammad Saeed as-Sbakhi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
330. Thabit Saeed as-Sbakhi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
331. Mahmoud Ahmad Rusrus	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
332. Khalid Muhammad Hasanain	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
333. Zaki Jabir al-Mghaiar	Rafah	Partial Destruction	30 Jan. 2003
334. Khalil Ibrahim Musa	Rafah	Complete Destruction	31 Jan. 2003
335. Khalid Mustafa Abu Khatleh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	31 Jan. 2003
336. Jameel Khalil Abu Anzeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	31 Jan. 2003
337. Wa'il Udetallah Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Complete Destruction	31 Jan. 2003
338. Yousif Khalil Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	31 Jan. 2003
339. Adil Abdul Rahman Abu Iyadeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	31 Jan. 2003
340. Majid Mustafa Abu Khatleh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	31 Jan. 2003
341. Sufyan Ismail al-Hams	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Feb. 2003
342. Salih Ahmad Arada	Rafah	Complete Destruction	3 Feb. 2003

343. Nasir Khalil Mansour	Rafah	Complete Destruction	3 Feb. 2003
344. Mahmoud Muhammad Abu Touq	Rafah	Complete Destruction	3 Feb. 2003
345. As'ad Yousif al-Azayza	Dier Al Balah	Complete Destruction	4 Feb. 2003
346. Sameer Muhammad al-Azayza	Dier Al Balah	Complete Destruction	4 Feb. 2003
347. Sameer Abdul Qadir Hassan	Rafah	Complete Destruction	4 Feb. 2003
348. Yousif Muhammad al-Azayza	Dier Al Balah	Complete Destruction	4 Feb. 2003
349. Saeed Yousif al-Azayza	Dier Al Balah	Complete Destruction	4 Feb. 2003
350. Ismail Nimir Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
351. Rif'at Hammad Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
352. Taysir Khalil Mansour	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
353. Sa'di Irhayil as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
354. Safyeh Hussain Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
355. Tayaba Ahmad as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
356. Ghazi Riziqa Abu Tilakh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
357. Naeem Yousif Abu Ubaid	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
358. Subhi Nimir Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
359. Muhammad Hasan al-Masri	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
360. Ismail Nimir Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
361. Salah ad-Din Mustafa Abu Khatleh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
362. Fayruz Shiheh Syam and her daughter Amani	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
363. Muhammad Sa'di ash-Shair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
364. Ala' Ali Foura	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
365. Amna Salih Abu Mihsin	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
366. Sabri Atta as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
367. Subhi Nimir Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
368. Jamal Abdul Qadir Hassan	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Feb. 2003
369. Nihad Mustafa Abu as-S'oud	Rafah	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
370. Salim Abdul Karim Abu Ubaida	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
371. Kawthar Ali Abu Ubaida	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
372. Nufal Ibrahim Abu Awad	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
373. Jabir Muhammad Abu Zarqa	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
374. Khalid Muhammad Abu Louz	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
375. Amna Muhammad Abu Zayid	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
376. Ali Muhammad Abu Zarqa	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
377. Abdul Rahman Hussain Abu Zbaida	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
378. Khalil Ahmad Salah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003

379. Muhammad Salim Abu Ghaith	Rafah	Complete Destruction	8 Feb. 2003
380. Abdul Mu'ti Zaki Uwaida	Rafah	Partial Destruction	9 Feb. 2003
381. Sameer Hasan al-Mghaiar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Feb. 2003
382. Hasan Abdullah al-Mghaiar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Feb. 2003
383. Jihad Muhammad Baraka	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Feb. 2003
384. Abdul Fatah Ali Issa	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Feb. 2003
385. Ahmad Saeed Uwaida	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Feb. 2003
386. Ahmad Fayiz Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	10 Feb. 2003
387. Mahmoud Ismail Abu Arar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	11 Feb. 2003
388. Atta Nimir Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	11 Feb. 2003
389. Muhammad Mahmoud al-Khawaja	Rafah	Complete Destruction	11 Feb. 2003
390. Ali Saeed Judeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	14 Feb. 2003
391. Ayid Udeh al-Aydi	Gaza	Complete Destruction	14 Feb. 2003
392. Fayiz Mustafa Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	14 Feb. 2003
393. Mithqal Ibrahim Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	14 Feb. 2003
394. Ahmad Saeed Judeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	14 Feb. 2003
395. Shukri Hasan Judh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	14 Feb. 2003
396. Hani Muhammad Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	14 Feb. 2003
397. Zainab Mustafa al-Qasas	Rafah	Complete Destruction	15 Feb. 2003
398. Zyad Abdul Karim Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	15 Feb. 2003
399. Muhammad Hamza Nufal	Rafah	Complete Destruction	15 Feb. 2003
400. Saeed Muhammad ad-Da'our	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	15 Feb. 2003
401. Muneer fathi al-Qasas	Rafah	Complete Destruction	15 Feb. 2003
402. Mahmoud Hamza Abu Libdeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	15 Feb. 2003
403. Itra Ali Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Feb. 2003
404. Ramadan Muhammad Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Feb. 2003
405. Hilmi Hamza Nufal	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Feb. 2003
406. Kan'an Umar an-Nunu	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	16 Feb. 2003
407. Shafeeq Kuhail	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	16 Feb. 2003
408. Dieb and Ahmad Basheer Ubaid	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	16 Feb. 2003
409. Ibrahim al-Musalami	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	16 Feb. 2003
410. Kamil Hirzallah	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
411. Inheritors of Khamis Darweesh Hassuneh	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
412. Umar Muhammad al-Ghirbawi	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
413. Smaeer Salih al-Mjabar	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
414. Muhammad Ali Ba'lusha	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003

415. Muhammad Ameen Abu Rukba	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
416. Ghazi Naji al-Ghandour	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
417. Naji Ahmad al-Ghandour	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
418. Mahmoud Naji al-Ghandour	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
419. Hasan Naji al-Ghandour	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
420. Wa'il Muhammad Abu Saif	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
421. Mustafa Kamil Zaqout	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
422. Rawhi Mhajir al-Wihidi	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
423. Sameer Hasan al-Kumi	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
424. Sulaiman Mahmoud Hanyeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
425. Taha Abdullah Abu Sharikh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
426. Safwat Yousif Dyab	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
427. Ihsan Musa Dyab	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
428. Sami Salih al-Mjabar	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
429. Abdullah Taha Abu Sharikh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
430. Fayiz Ibrahim Hassuneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Feb. 2003
431. Abdul Latif Abu Khudair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
432. Muhammad Khalil ash-Sheikh Khalil	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
433. Muhammad Ahmad Baraka	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
434. Iyad Ali Judeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
435. Adham Ali Hasan	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
436. Ashrafa Hamza Abu Libdeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
437. Amna Barhoum and her husband, Atta	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
438. Ameen and Ibrahim Hussain al-Mghaiar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
439. Jalal Saeed Uwaida	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
440. Hasan Fadil al-Arqa	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
441. Salman Ihmeed as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
442. Muhammad Hassan Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
443. Fawzyeh Ahmad Abu Jazar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
444. Khadir Abdul Aziz Awad	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
445. Tawfiq Muhammad al-Agha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
446. Muhammad Mahmoud Dawud	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
447. Ismail Husni Abu as-Su'oud	Rafah	Complete Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
448. Ibrahim Muhammad Hamudeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
449. Abdul Fatah Muhammad Hamudeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	18 Feb. 2003
450. Ahmad, Imad and Muhammad Hamid al-Qirim	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	18 Feb. 2003

451. Muhammad Muhyi ad-Din al-Qatta'	Gaza	Complete Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
452. Hyam Sadiq al-Qatta'	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
453. Nahidd Shaheer al-Hilu	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
454. Darweesh Ismail as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
455. Abdul Karim Ismail as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
456. Mahmoud Darweesh as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
457. Shuhrat Hashim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
458. Ibrahim Ismail as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
459. Jamal Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
460. Sami Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
461. Hilmi Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
462. Muntasir Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
463. Basheer Tawfiq al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
464. Jihad Muhammad al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
465. Ameen Muhammad al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
466. Mahir Muhammad al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
467. Hani Muhammad al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
468. Sami Mahmoud al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
469. Zuheer Mahmoud al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
470. Saeed Mahmoud al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
471. Mahmoud Kamil al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
472. Nahidd Hamdi Ihmeed	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
473. Issam Hamdi Ihmeed	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
474. Ra'id Hamdi Ihmeed	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
475. Ashraf Hamdi Ihmeed	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
476. Ramadan Hamdi Ihmeed	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
477. Khalil Mahmoud Ihmeed	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
478. Abdul Qadir Hussain Nasrallah	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
479. Sa'di Abdullah as-Saqqa	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
480. Inheritors of Sha'ban Ramadan ash-Shurafa	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
481. Nafith Sha'ban ash-Shurafa	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
482. Abdullah Mahmoud Aabid	Gaza	Partial Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
483. Ahmad Khalil Abu Samra	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	19 Feb. 2003
484. Ibrahim Abu al-Khair	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	21 Feb. 2003
485. Subhi Mahmoud Arandas	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
486. Fathi Mahmoud Arandas	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003

487. Ali Mahmoud Arandas	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
488. Fathi Ibrahim Abu Zuhri	Rafah	Complete Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
489. Ali Khalid Hassuneh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
490. Ali Talal Yousif	Rafah	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
491. Talal Ali Yousif	Rafah	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
492. Ashraf Talal Yousif	Rafah	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
493. Muneer Abdul Salam Hassuneh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	22 Feb. 2003
494. Barakat Mahmoud al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
495. Jameel Mahmoud al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
496. Khalil Ibrahim Mahmoud as-Sabii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
497. Kahdir Ibrahim Mahmoud as-Sabii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
498. Hani Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
499. Muhammad Atiyeh Ali Awadd	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
500. Jamal Ramadan Mahmoud al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
501. Muhammad al-Abid Mahmoud al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
502. Fadi Ryad Ramadan al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
503. Mahmoud Muhammad as-Sabii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
504. Yousif Abid Ashour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
505. Ali Ramadan Mahmoud as-Sabii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
506. Subhiyeh Hussain Qasim	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
507. Ibrahim Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
508. Zaid Sulaiman al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
509. Hathal Sulaiman Ubaid	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
510. Abdul Hakim Ramadan Mahmoud al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
511. Abdul Ra'uf Salim al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
512. Adnan Khalid Hamadin	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
513. Muhammad al-Abid al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
514. Ibrahim Muhammad Ismail	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
515. Adnan Ali Abu Ubaida	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
516. Yasir Abid Ismail	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
517. Yihia Khalid Hamadin	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
518. Basheer Awadd Ashour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
519. Adil Salim Abu Ubaida	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
520. Salim Ali Abu Ubaida	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
521. Fawzi Ali Qasim	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
522. Ibrahim Mahmoud as-Sabii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003

523. Abdullah Muhammad as-Sabii'	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
524. Dalal Kamil ad-Daraj	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
525. Muhammad Abid Ashour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
526. Saeed Abdul Ra'uf al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
527. Hasan Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
528. Badir Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
529. Ibrahim Ahmad az-Zwidi	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
530. Abdul Rahman Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
531. Fayiq Ahmad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
532. Muhammad Abdul Karim Udeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
533. Mansour Younis al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
534. Sa'd Muhammad as-Sabii'	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
535. Jabir Muhammad Ashour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
536. Mahmoud Ahmad Ashour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
537. Abdul Satar Muhammad Ismail	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
538. Mahmoud Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
539. Yousif Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
540. Aysheh Abdul Aziz al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
541. Iyad Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
542. Antar Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
543. Jabir Abdul Fatah al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
544. Yihia Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
545. Meryam Muhammad Abu Harbid	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
546. Muhammad Ahmad Ismail	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
547. Shinnara Muhammad Abu Zarqa	Khan Younis	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
548. Ahmad Abdul Fatah Bakir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
549. Ahmad Ali al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
550. Karim Abdullah al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
551. Nasir Abdullah al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
552. Safiyeh Mustafa ash-Shair and her son, Umar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
553. Atwa Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Complete Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
554. Atwa Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
555. Muhammad Ali Qasim	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
556. Ramadan Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
557. Muhammad Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
558. Shaybub Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003

559. Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
560. Sa'd Abdullah al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
561. Name Ibrahim al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
562. Jamal Khalil az-Zwidi	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
563. Yihia Ayoub Qasim	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
564. Sabir Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
565. Nasr Ahmad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
566. Ahmad Ayoub ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
567. Tariq Salim ash-Shair and his brothers	Rafah	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
568. Abdul Shafi Sulaiman Abdul 'Al	Rafah	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
569. Khalil Awadd Fayyad	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
570. Musa Muhammad Ashour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
571. Yasir Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
572. Suraya Mustafa al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
573. Ali Deib al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
574. Zana Muhammad Abu Ubaida	Khan Younis	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
575. Saeed Ibrahim al-Masri	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
576. Su'ad Hasan al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
577. Rafeeq Abid Ismail	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
578. Muhammad Mahmoud al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
579. Jameeleh Shihadeh al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
580. Antar Ahmad ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
581. Ibrahim Ismail Abu Udeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
582. Zuheer Muhammad al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	23 Feb. 2003
583. Yousif Ihmeed as-Sufi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	24 Feb. 2003
584. Basheer Muhammad al-Lidawi	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
585. Abdul Raziq Ahmad Abu Jalala	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
586. Saleem Hasan al-Ghoul	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
587. Abdul Hamid Awadd Isbeeh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
588. Hammudeh Hasan Abu Jarad	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
589. Sameer Mahmoud Eid	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
590. Rajai'i Ahmad Hussain	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
591. Yasin Yousif Judeh	Rafah	Partial Destruction	25 Feb. 2003
592. Mahmoud Sulaiman Sabbah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
593. Ahmad Ghaith Sabbah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
594. Muhammad Sulaiman Sabbah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003

595. Amna Muhammad al-Mdallal	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
596. Tayisir Hasan al-Mghaiar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
597. Mahmoud Ahmad Abu Libdeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
598. Zuheer Ahmad Abu Libdeh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
599. Sulaiman Ghaith Sabbah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
600. Ali Muhammad Aziz	Rafah	Complete Destruction	26 Feb. 2003
601. Shawqi Sulaiman Braika	Rafah	Complete Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
602. Ahmad Sulaiman Braika	Rafah	Partial Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
603. Ibrahim Abdul Mun'im Zu'rub	Rafah	Complete Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
604. Musa Sulaiman Braika	Rafah	Partial Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
605. Kamal Sabri Braika	Rafah	Partial Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
606. Ahmad Abdul Mun'im Zu'rub	Rafah	Partial Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
607. Muhammad Abdul Mun'im Zu'rub	Rafah	Partial Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
608. Issa Sulaiman Braika	Rafah	Complete Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
609. Ahmad Abdul Mun'im Zu'rub	Rafah	Complete Destruction	27 Feb. 2003
610. Jum'a Sarhan Abu Jazar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
611. Jum'a Sarhan Abu Jazar (his second homes)	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
612. Ihsan Udeh an-Natour	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
613. Ibrahim Ismail al-Qadi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
614. Mustafa Jamal Hassan	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
615. Awadd Muhammad an-Nairab	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
616. Sami Muhammad az-Zatma	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
617. Akif Sulaiman al-Qadi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
618. Ibrahim Ismail al-Qadi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
619. Muhammad Musa al-Ghoul	Rafah	Complete Destruction	28 Feb. 2003
620. Sameer Ahmad Brhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	1 Mar. 2003
621. Imad Iyada Abu Arar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
622. Muhammad Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
623. Akram Nayif Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
624. Hakma Salim Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
625. Husam Talal Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
626. Talal Muhammad Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
627. Muhammad Musa Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
628. Jihad Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
629. Bassam Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
630. Fayiq Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003

631. Nidal Talal Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
632. Fayiz Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
633. Fareed Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
634. Hani Fayiz Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
635. Shikri Husni Salama	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
636. Ibrahim Abdul Ra'uf Toman	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
637. Ra'id Fayiz Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
638. Zuhryeh Mustafa Hassuneh	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
639. Sa'di Jabir Abu Ikhees	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
640. Jihan Fayiz Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
641. Hasan Husni Salama	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
642. Hasan Hasan Miqdad	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
643. Nahidd Khalil an-Najar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
644. Husni Udeh Salama	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
645. Baha' Husni Salama	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
646. Samir Husni Salama	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
647. Salim Nayif Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
648. Jamal Husni Salama	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
649. Umar Jum'a Hamid	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
650. Fayqa Salama Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
651. Waleed Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
652. Hussain Salama Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
653. Ghazi Muhammad Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
654. Muhammad Salama Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
655. Fawzi Fayiz Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
656. Nasir Udeh Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
657. Karam Yousif Qannan	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
658. Bassam Husni Salama	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
659. Fatima Abdullah Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Complete Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
660. Abdul Ra'uf Hasan Miqdad	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
661. Naeem Sha'ban al-Khuzundar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
662. Muhammad Abdul Majeed Abu Nasir	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
663. Diyab Mahmoud Ulwan	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
664. Ibrahim Ali at-Tarshawi	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
665. Jameel Sha'ban at-Tabash	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
666. Waleed Muhammad Ashour	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003

667. Sabir Hasan Abu Akar	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
668. Taha Mustafa Shihada	Kahn Younis	Partial Destruction	2 Mar. 2003
669. Shukri Sulaiman al-Maqadma	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
670. Muhammad Izzat Ammum	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
671. Ghazi Muhammad Badwan	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
672. Ahmad Khalil al-Attar	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
673. Hussam Ahmad al-Attar	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
674. Abdullah Hamid Abu Ihmeesa	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
675. Khalil Musa Ali al-Attar	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
676. Anan Sulaiman Hamdan	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
677. Izzat Muhammad Mansour	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
678. Muhammad Salih Taha	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
679. Khalil Mahmoud Badwan	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
680. Ala' Muhammad al-Attar	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
681. Ahmad Muhammad Shaheen	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
682. Zaki Mahmoud Badwan	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
683. Adil Abdullah Abdul Salam	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
684. Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Rayya	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
685. Ramadan Hasan Abu Hasanain	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
686. Umar Ibrahim al-Hour	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	3 Mar. 2003
687. Sa'di Abid al-Jamal	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
688. Saeed Abid al-Jamal	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
689. Mueen Khalid al-Bal'awi	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
690. Yousif Muhammad Mansour	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
691. Rushdi Harb al-Ghreez	Rafah	Partial Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
692. Musa as-Sayid Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
693. Atif Abdul Aziz al-Ghuti	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
694. Ibrahim Muhammad al-Habibi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
695. Usama Jamal at-Taweel	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
696. Jamal Musa at-Taweel	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
697. Khalid Jamal at-Taweel	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
698. Amna Muhammad Hasanain	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
699. Yousif Ahmad Hasanain	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
700. Zeinab Ibrahim Umar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
701. Issam Awadd an-Nairab	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
702. Issa Husni Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003

703. Anees Jum'a Abu Jazar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
704. Asgraf Muhammad Khadir	Rafah	Complete Destruction	5 Mar. 2003
705. Kamal Faris Azzam	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
706. As-Sayid Kamil Asalyeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
707. Fayiz Ahmad Salih	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
708. Muhammad Abdul Rahman Khalil	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
709. Abdul Karim Mahmoud Zyada	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
710. Mahir Abdullah Dahlan	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
711. Hasan Abdul Rahman Khalil	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
712. Rabah Ahmad Eid	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
713. Bassam Faris Azzam	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
714. Faizan Abdul Satir Jasir	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
715. Theebbeh Yousif Saqir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
716. Kayid Muhammad Hammad	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
717. Kamil Hammad Asalyeh	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
718. Dieb Muhammad Abu Sultan	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
719. Amen Rabee' Khadir	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
720. Harb Talal an-Najar	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
721. Faris Yihia al-Akhras	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
722. Muhammad Abdullah Abu Itrish	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
723. Muhammad Saeed al-Jamal	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
724. Mansour al-Abid al-Jamal	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
725. Abid Muhammad ash-Shair	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	6 Mar. 2003
726. Ahmad Hussain Abu Mutee'	North Gaza	Complete Destruction	7 Mar. 2003
727. Malik Sabri ash-Shawa	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
728. Ali Fu'ad Banat	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
729. Salah salama Atallah	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
730. Yihia and Yousif Muhammad al-Ghsain	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
731. Habeeb Abid al-Ra'i	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
732. Dieb Murjan Hamam	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
733. Abdul Rahim Hamdan Irbayi'	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
734. Abdul Rahim Hamdan Irbayi' (his second home)	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
735. Kamal Mahmoud al-Burnu	Gaza	Partial Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
736. Hussain al-Louh	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	8 Mar. 2003
737. Tahani Muhammad Barhoum	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Mar. 2003
738. Intisar Shukri an-Najili	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Mar. 2003

739. Ali Sulaiman Abu Taha	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Mar. 2003
740. Nidal Abdullah al-Imwasi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Mar. 2003
741. Jamal Abdullah al-Imwasi	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Mar. 2003
742. Majid Mahmoud Abi Isnideh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Mar. 2003
743. Huwari Muhammad Abu Ihwaih	Rafah	Complete Destruction	9 Mar. 2003
744. Hamdi Mahmoud at-Tarri	Rafah	Complete Destruction	11 Mar. 2003
745. Muhammad Sabri Abu Arar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	11 Mar. 2003
746. Iyada Ismail Abu Arar	Rafah	Complete Destruction	11 Mar. 2003
747. Yihia Husni Salah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
748. Fahmi Yousif Bahloul	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
749. Abdul Salam Husni Salah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
750. Abdul Rahmab Husni Salah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
751. Ahmad Hussain Salah	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
752. Ahmad Yousif Bahloul	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
753. Hamid Yousif Bahloul	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
754. Kamal Yousif Abu Shamaleh	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
755. Safiyeh Muhammad Idhair	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
756. Muhammad Yousif Bahloul	Rafah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
757. Rajab as-Sa'afeen and his sons	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
758. Saeed Muhammad Awadd	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
759. Ahmad Abdul Qadir Ibrahim	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
760. Nasir Khalil Abu Sharar	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
761. Mirvat Fadil Abu Ataya	Deir Al Balah	Partial Destruction	16 Mar. 2003
762. Khalil Muhammad al-Attar	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Mar. 2003
763. As'ad Muhammad al-Attar	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Mar. 2003
764. Nawadir Mahmoud at-Toum	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Mar. 2003
765. Fayiz Ahmad at-Toum	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Mar. 2003
766. Khalil Misbah al-Attar	North Gaza	Partial Destruction	17 Mar. 2003
767. Marwan Abu Rkab	Deir Al Balah	Complete Destruction	19 Mar. 2003
768. Yousif Qaddura Malaka	Gaza	Complete Destruction	22 Mar. 2003
769. Meryam Muhammad Abu Jazar	Rafah	Partial Destruction	24 Mar. 2003

2.2 Targeting Palestinian Public Institutions:

In addition to homes, the IOF targeted public buildings such as schools, mosques, churches, and civil institutions. Israeli officials describe these procedures as exerting more pressure on the Palestinians. As a result of this 'pressure', numerous institutions have been destroyed or damaged, including government buildings and non-governmental organizations.

These procedures cause enormous difficulties for the Palestinian community, often deprived of the most vital services. The destruction and damage of schools, for instance, has repercussions well beyond the material loss. It affects the educational process and contributes to serious psychological disorders suffered by children and teachers alike.

The following table shows the public institutions that the IOF targeted during the first three months in 2003.

Table 2: Shows Public Establishments Destroyed by IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003

No.	Public Establishment	District	Date	Extent of Damage
1.	Qbaa' Al Jadeed Mosque	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
2.	St. Philips Church	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
3.	Arab Ahly Hospital	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
4.	Safad Primary School	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
5.	Khalil Al-Rahman Mosque	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
6.	Al-Wihda Sports Club	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
7.	Al Bayt Al-Saeed Association	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
8.	SOS Children Village	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
9.	Kamal Udwan Secondary School	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
10.	Kamal Udwan Boys Secondary School	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
11.	Tal as-Sultan Housing Project Garden	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
12.	Al Wafa Hospital for Medical Rehabilitation	Gaza	6 Feb. 2003	Partial Destruction
13.	Dar Al Arqam Typical School	Gaza	18 Feb. 2003	Partial Destruction
14.	An Nasir Mosque	North Gaza	23 Feb. 2003	Partial Destruction
15.	Al Quds Medical Center	North Gaza	23 Feb. 2003	Partial Destruction
16.	Al Hayat Center for Women Protection	North Gaza	23 Feb. 2003	Partial Destruction
17.	Al Imam Ash-Shaf'i Mosque	Khan Younis	2 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
18.	Ash-Shaf'i Kindergarten	Khan Younis	2 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
19.	At-Taqwa Mosque	Deir Al Balah	3 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
20.	An-Nour Mosque	Rafah	5 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
21.	Ash-Shuqairi Boys Secondary School	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
22.	Directorate of Education	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction

2.3 Targeting Industrial and Commercial Facilities:²

According to the findings Al Mezan fieldworkers, the IOF's targeting of industrial and commercial facilities increased rapidly during the first quarter of the year 2003. As of 31 March 2003, the IOF destroyed 59 industrial facilities and 132 commercial stores in the Gaza Strip alone. To destroy these facilities, the IOF used guided missiles, air-land and land-land, heavy machineguns, tank shells, mines and bulldozers. They destroyed the equipment and any other materials inside as well. Worse, they seized numerous machines and other equipment and raw materials owned by Palestinian civilians. As a result of using missiles and mines to destroy these facilities, many homes and other facilities were destroyed or damaged.

The Israeli forces attacked mostly metal workshops in the Gaza Strip. After the destruction of many of these workshops, particularly those located on the ground floors of apartment buildings, many of the owners of buildings insisted that the owners of these facilities leave. Since most of these facilities are located inside populated areas, finding new space in which to set up shop is increasingly difficult.

Israel's targeting of these facilities is not innocent as the IOF claim. In most of the cases no evidence was found to support Israel's claims that the owners were involved in weapons' industry. It is more likely that Israel destroyed these facilities in order to complete the destruction of the Palestinian economy. The following table shows more information about the owners and facilities that were targeted by the IOF during 2003.

Table 3: Owners of Industrial Establishments Destroyed by IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003

No.	Establishment's Owner	District	Date	Extent of Damage
1.	Munthir Issa an-Naffar	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
2.	Ahmad Khalid Kassab	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
3.	Wajeeh Hasan al-Bashiti	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
4.	Abdul Jawwad Abdul Latif al-Banna	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
5.	Salim Ahmad Khalil Sha'at	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
6.	Muhammad Mahmoud az-Zaqzouq	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
7.	Khalil Ahmad Abu Dawoud	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
8.	Zuheer Fayiz Abu Shaqra	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
9.	Ahmad Abdul Qadir Abu Hilal	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
10.	Bassam Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
11.	Nizar Abdullah Rasheed Abu Taha	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
12.	Nabeel Ahmad an-Naffar	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
13.	Subhi Khalil at-Taweel	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
14.	Jamal Salih Abu Sha'ban	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
15.	Hammad Ibrahim Foura	Gaza	25 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
16.	Hamid Hammad I'liwa	Gaza	25 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
17.	Yousif Nasir Lulu	Gaza	25 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
18.	Fathi Jum'a I'laian	Gaza	25 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
19.	Muhammad Saeed Lulu	Gaza	25 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction

² industrial and commercial facilities are considered part of the 'objects indispensable for the survival of the civilian population' in occupied territories. The Israeli forces' destruction of these facilities was reflected in higher rates of poverty and unemployment in the OPT, which was already high.

20.	Jamal Hilmi al-Qishawi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
21.	Hani Yasin Abu Sha'ban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
22.	Adnan Hasan Ismail	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
23.	Ayman Khalil Murtaja	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
24.	Muhammad Issa Doula	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
25.	Muhammad Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
26.	Ahmad Muhammad Abu al-Qumbuz	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
27.	Adil Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
28.	Taha Rajab Abu Habil	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
29.	Sami Rabah Farwana	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
30.	Ribhi Salih at-Tabatibi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
31.	Ziyad Ramzi Abu Karsh	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
32.	Muzayan Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
33.	Mahmoud Nimir al-Buhtiti	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
34.	Ali Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
35.	Hani Hussain al-fayumi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
36.	Fu'ad Ibrahim as-Samna	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
37.	Fu'ad Ibrahim as-Samna (his second enterprise)	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
38.	Usama Rushdi Saqallah	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
39.	Ahmad Hasan Abu Zour	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
40.	Muhammad Abdul Qadir al-Faseeh	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
41.	Muhammad Ramadan Abu Karsh	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
42.	Younis Muhammad Abu Sultan	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
43.	Fayiz Ibrahim Hassuneh	North Gaza	17 Feb. 2003	Partial Destruction
44.	Muhammad Yihia ad-Din al-Qatta'	Gaza	19 Feb. 2003	Complete Destruction
45.	Nafith Sha'ban ash-Shurafa	Gaza	19 Feb. 2003	Complete Destruction
46.	Sameer Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	19 Feb. 2003	Complete Destruction
47.	Amen Muhammad al-Kahlout	Gaza	19 Feb. 2003	Partial Destruction
48.	Bassam Ahmad Makki	Gaza	19 Feb. 2003	Complete Destruction
49.	Hani Muhammad al-Kahlout	Gaza	19 Feb. 2003	Complete Destruction
50.	Sami Muhammad Hassuneh	Khan Younis	2 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
51.	Khalid Salman Abu Ihwishil	Deir Al Balah	3 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
52.	Hashim Ahmad at-Turri	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
53.	Iyad Harb an-Najar	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
54.	Dyab Talib Aziz	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
55.	Muhammad Abdul Jawwad Abu al-Aish	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction

56.	Muhammad Hasan Udeh	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
57.	Abid Idrees ad-Dufda'	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
58.	Yasir Jabir Mansour	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
59.	Abdul Nasir Fadil Hussain and partners	North Gaza	22 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction

Table 4: Shows owners of Commercial Establishments Destroyed by IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003

No.	Establishment's Owner	District	Date	Extent of Damage
1.	Muhammad Sulaiman al-Mishwakhi	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
2.	Muhammad Sulaiman al-Mishwakhi (a second store)	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
3.	Abdul Majeed Ismail Ikhrees	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
4.	Abdul Majeed Ismail Ikhrees(a second store)	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
5.	(Majid) Salih Ibrahim an-Nimir	Gaza	6 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
6.	Abdul Shakour Hasan al-Jbour	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
7.	Ghassan Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
8.	Rasheed Ajaj al-Aqqad	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
9.	Jamal Issa Ashour	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
10.	Salim Mhisin Kawari'	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
11.	Mahir Muhammad Abu Farhaneh	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
12.	Iman Khalid al-Agha	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
13.	Ismail Sami an-Naffar	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
14.	Faisal Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
15.	Faraj Issa Ashour	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
16.	Muhammad Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
17.	Muhammad Ismail an-Naffar (a second store)	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
18.	Ahmad Muhammad Tayih	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
19.	Mustafa l'laian al-Aqqad	Khan Younis	12 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
20.	Muhammad Ahmad Abu Libdeh	Rafah	24 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
21.	Muhammad Hasan Abu Libdeh	Gaza	25 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
22.	Jamal Ibrahim Foura	Gaza	25 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
23.	Shukri Muhammad Hijazi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
24.	Ghazi Hasan al-Ghuf	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
25.	Hani Yasin Abu Sha'ban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
26.	Kamal Ismail Abu Hussain	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
27.	Abdullah Muhyi ad-Din as-Sirhi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
28.	Abdul Fatah Abdullah Nijim	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
29.	Iyad l'laian Farahat	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction

30.	Nasir Sabir as-Simari	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
31.	Muhammad Sabir as-Simari	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
32.	Salama Abdul Rahman Ammar	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
33.	Ahmad Muhammad Hillis	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
34.	Yousif Ahmad Ayyad	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
35.	Nuhannad Ibrahim al-Hilu	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
36.	Ryad Hasan ad-Duhdar	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
37.	Nahidd Hamudeh ad-duhdar	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
38.	Wa'il Hamudeh ad-Duhdar	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
39.	Fu'ad Mahmoud al-Ajouz	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
40.	Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Assi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
41.	Mahmoud Ibrahim Abu assi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
42.	Hayat Adil Abu Assi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
43.	Muhammad Hasan Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
44.	Ahmad Salih Abu Marasa	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
45.	Rashida Umar Hajjaj	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
46.	Ayman Khalid as-Swirki	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
47.	Ashraf Khalid as-Swirki	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
48.	Suhail Talal Abu al-Qumbuz	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
49.	Zuheer Talal Abu al-Qumbuz	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
50.	Ryad Hajjaj	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
51.	Raja' Muhammad Salih	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
52.	Saleem Abdul Hamid Salih	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
53.	Kamla Muhammad Hajjaj	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
54.	Ala' Salim Hajjaj	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
55.	Tahseen Muhammad Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
56.	Sameer Nimir Saa'd	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
57.	Muhammad Salih Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
58.	Nimir Muhammad Salih Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
59.	Ra'id Muhammad Salih Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
60.	Sarari al-Abid Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
61.	Iyad Muhammad al-mansi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
62.	Fayiq Sameer Saa'd	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
63.	Muhammad Sameer Saa'd	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
64.	Anwar Hani Hallasa	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
65.	Salih Muhammad Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction

66.	Mazin Riziq Shamali	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
67.	Ala' Abid Qwidir	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
68.	Anwar Abid Qwidir	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
69.	Khalil Muhammad Nassar	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
70.	Ihab Khalil Nassar	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
71.	Hussam Mahmoud al-Gharabli	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
72.	Ibrahim Mustafa al-Ja'uni	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
73.	Muhammad Talab Saa'd	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
74.	Waleed Ahmad as-Sawwaf	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
75.	Muhammad Salah Daban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
76.	Harbyeh Ismail Ayyad	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
77.	Ribhi Ismail Ayyad	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
78.	Mahmoud Younis Tafish	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
79.	Kamil Younis Tafish	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
80.	Zyad Musa Imreesh	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
81.	Majid Ibrahim Hamdan	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
82.	Muhammad Salah Karira	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
83.	Abdoul Karim Ahmad Harara	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
84.	Zyad Salah Karira	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
85.	Marwan Ibrahim Salim	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
86.	Muhammad Musa Sha'ban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
87.	Muhammad Yousif Ahmad	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
88.	Muhammad Jameel Shihadeh	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
89.	Talal Sha'ban Abu al-Qumbuz	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
90.	Ibrahim Ahmad al-Ramli	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
91.	Abu Bakr Sifyan al-Rib'i	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
92.	Ahmad Ibrahim al-Hilu	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
93.	Ashraf Zuhdi Jnina	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
94.	Badr Ibrahim al-Hilu	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
95.	Jalal Jamal Daban	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
96.	Khalid Ahmad al-Bawab	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
97.	Khalil Ibrahim al-Hilu	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
98.	Rashida Umar Hajjaj	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
99.	Sameer Muhammad Abu al-Awf	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
100.	Adnan Awadd as-Sawalhi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
101.	Issam Yousif Ayyad	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction

102. Ala' Abid Qwidir	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
103. Muhammad Hasan an-Nouri	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
104. Mahmoud Ibrahim al-Hilu	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
105. Mahmoud Ibrahim al-Muhtadi	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
106. Nasir Hasan Sa'd	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
107. Nidal Ali Musa	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
108. Wa;eed Hasan Sa'd	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
109. Ahmad Muhammad al-Rib'i	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
110. Hamada Yasir Hajjaj	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
111. Arafat Ya'qub Hallasa	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
112. Imad Ahmad Bdeer	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
113. Fadil Abid Ayyad	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
114. Muhammad Ahmad Abu Jalala	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
115. Mahmoud Yousif Hussain	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
116. Nahidd Rajab Khudair	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
117. Nayif Hasan Faris	Gaza	26 Jan. 2003	Partial Destruction
118. Umar Ubaid Sheikh al-Eid	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
119. Iyad Muhammad Abu Koush	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
120. Arafat Hasan Udwan	Rafah	30 Jan. 2003	Complete Destruction
121. Mahir Mhajir al-Whidi	North Gaza	17 Feb . 2003	Partial Destruction
122. Nahidd Shaheer al-Hilu	Gaza	19 Feb . 2003	Partial Destruction
123. Sami Mahmoud al-Kahlout	Gaza	19 Feb . 2003	Partial Destruction
124. Salim Ahmad Abu Salman	Naorth Gaza	23 Feb . 2003	Partial Destruction
125. Antar Ayoub ash-Shinbari	North Gaza	23 Feb . 2003	Partial Destruction
126. Khalid Ali Abu Zarqa	Khan Younis	2 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
127. Muhammad Ali Udeh	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
128. Kayid Muhammad Hammad	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
129. Fathi Abdul Fatah Sa'd	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
130. Abdul Jalil Ibrahim Sha'lan	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
131. Majid Hasan Nimir	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
132. Dhieb Muhammad Abu Sultan	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
133. Ra'id Musa Rabee'	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
134. Muhammad Abdul Hadi Shihab	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
135. Ibrahim Ahmad al-Askari	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
136. Anwar Muhammad Radwan	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
137. Yousif Abdul Latif Radwan	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction

138. Ahmad Abdul Qadir Riziq	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
139. Tawfiq Muhammad at-Tarri	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction
140. Muhammad Hasan Udeh	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
141. Abdullah Nayif Salih	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Complete Destruction
142. Salah Salameh Atallah	North Gaza	6 Mar. 2003	Partial Destruction

2.5 Targeting Palestinian Infrastructure:

The IOF continued targeting the Palestinian infrastructure during the first three months of 2003. In numerous cases, Al Mezan documented the destruction of drinking water, sewage, electricity and phone lines. Also, cases of the deliberate destruction of paved streets has been common in the Gaza Strip, especially during Israeli incursions. The IOF shows no consideration of the impact such destruction has on the environmental and economic consequences of such acts. In some cases, drinking water was mixed with sewage and in border areas technicians were not allowed to sustain water lines.

In the early morning hours of Friday January 24, 2003, the IOF attacked the town of Beit Hanoun, in the north of the Gaza Strip. Three Israeli tanks and a bulldozer stationed near the main entrance of the town on Salah ad-Din Street. At approximately 7:30 pm on the same day, the IOF mined four bridges in the town and separated it from the rest of the Gaza Strip. According to eyewitnesses, the IOF ordered the people who live near the Main Bridge, Al-Sika Bridge, Al-Izba Bridge and Abu Safiyeh Bridge to evacuate their homes. They mined all of them and destroyed them. Tens of homes were also damaged from the explosions. Also during this incursion, the IOF destroyed parts of the water, electricity, phone and sewage lines in the town.

3. Targeting the Private Property and the Sources of Living:

The Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits targeting both private property and anything indispensable to the survival of the civilian population. Article 53 of the Convention states:

Any destruction by the Occupying Power of real or personal property belonging individually or collectively to private persons, or to the State, or to other public authorities is prohibited, except where such destruction is rendered absolutely necessary by military operations.

Moreover, Article 54 of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Convention, Protocol I, states:

- 1. Starvation of civilians as a method of warfare is prohibited.***
- 2. It is prohibited to attack, destroy, remove or render useless objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population, such as foodstuffs agricultural areas for the production of foodstuff, crops, livestock, drinking water installations and supplies and irrigation works, for the specific purpose of denying them for their sustenance value to the civilian population or to the adverse party, whatever the motive, whether in order to starve out civilians, to cause them to move away, or for any other motive.***

Although the texts are clear in prohibiting agricultural land and resources, as it is vital for the living of civilians and a major source of employment, the IOF have systematically targeted land, crops, water-wells and productive trees by bulldozing and uprooting them. Between September 28, 2000 and March 31, 2003 the IOF have bulldozed an area of 18,000 dunams of agricultural land in the Gaza Strip. Of this area, 1,130 dunams were bulldozed in the first three months of 2003.

Al Mezan reports the IOF's targeting of indispensable resources in the OPT such as cultivated land, the fishing industry and numerous small industries. A broader review should also consider the effects of "closures" on civilians including employment, health, education and the availability of public services in general.

In the following section, the report focuses on the damage to agricultural land, water-wells, the fishing industry and the transportation sector.

3.1 Targeting Agricultural Land:

As mentioned above, the IOF have targeted land, crops and water wells on a large scale since the outbreak of the current *Intifada*. Thousands of dunams of land have been bulldozed, tens of thousands of productive trees uprooted, and hundreds of wells destroyed.

The IOF started with the land near Jewish settlements and bypass roads. However, gradually they destroyed land inside Palestinian towns and villages. In both cases, such procedures constitute collective punishment.

The loss from the Palestinian agricultural sector has increased dramatically since September 2000. The following table provides the necessary details:

Table 5: Shows owners of Cultivated Land Bulldozed by IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003 in the Gaza Strip

No.	Land Owner	District	Area of Land	Date
1.	Intisar Ayish an-Najar	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,500 sq.m.	6 Jan. 2003
2.	Subhiyeh (Muhammad) Ramadan Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	11 Jan. 2003
3.	Muhammad, Miqbil and Waleed Shurrah	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	25,000 sq.m.	13 Jan. 2003
4.	Khalid, Hani and Ameen ash-Shawa	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	10,000 sq.m.	13 Jan. 2003
5.	Ishaq ash-Shawa and Sa'dallah Sha'at	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	10,000 sq.m.	13 Jan. 2003
6.	Sulaiman Ali Abu Mneefeh	Deir Al Balah, Al Mizra'a	7,000 sq.m.	13 Jan. 2003
7.	Fayiq Khadir Khudair	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	14,000 sq.m.	23 Jan. 2003
8.	Inheritors of Mas'ud Hussain Ayyad	Gaza, Az-Zaytoun	200 sq.m.	24 Jan. 2003
9.	Yousif Sabri al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,300 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
10.	Muhammad Sabri al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	7,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
11.	Mahir Sabri al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,300 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
12.	Nu'man Abdullah al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	9,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
13.	Salih Abdullah al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,015 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
14.	Ibrahim Abdullah al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	19,273 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
15.	Ismail Abdullah al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,015 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
16.	Ahmad Abdullah al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,140 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
17.	Muhammad Abdullah al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,023 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
18.	Latifeh Dhyab Arafat al-Mtawwaq	North Gaza, Jabalia	747 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
19.	Aiysheh Mahmoud Khudair	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,250 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
20.	Saeed Taha Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,800 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
21.	Yihia Kamil Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	7,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
22.	Rabee' Ramadan Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003

23. Ibrahim Ramadan Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
24. Meryam Muhammad Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
25. Zaki Abdul Rahman Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
26. Ali Muhammad Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,200 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
27. Fatima Mahmoud Khadir	North Gaza, Jabalia	800 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
28. Muhammad Mahmoud al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
29. Najdi Mahmoud al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,669 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
30. Ahmad Abdullah al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	10,192 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
31. Meryam Mahmoud al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
32. Muhammad Abdul Hadi Sha'ban al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	8,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
33. Aiyshah Ismail al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
34. Sabri Rajab al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,680 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
35. Fareed Kan'an al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,600 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
36. Ahmad Abdullah al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	17,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
37. Aziza Kan'an al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
38. Nawal Kan'an al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
39. I'tidal Kan'an al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
40. Suhaila Kan'an al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
41. Khadija Abdul Hai al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
42. Nada Muhammad al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,200 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
43. Ali Muhammad al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
44. Saeed Mahmoud al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,700 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
45. Abid Mahmoud al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
46. Saeed al-Abid al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,750 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
47. Sa'di al-Abid al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,750 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
48. Mansour al-Abid al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
49. Su'ad Mahmoud al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
50. Zeinab Muhammad al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
51. Imad Saeed al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,600 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
52. Muhammad Abdul Mu'ti al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	7,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
53. Nadia Muhammad al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
54. Fu'ad Mousa al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	16,700 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
55. Salim Yousif Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	5,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
56. Mutee' Yousif Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	7,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
57. Rabee' Yousif Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
58. Wadee' Yousif Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003

59. Halimeh Yousif Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
60. Sha'ban Arafat Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,300 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
61. Sha'ban Saeed Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,200 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
62. Yasir Saeed Darduna	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,300 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
63. Hussam Ibrahim Ijneed and his brothers	North Gaza, Jabalia	4,175 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
64. Saeed Riziq Ijneed and his brothers	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
65. Akram Diyab Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
66. Ridda Rashad Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,280 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
67. Muhammad Diyab Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
68. Sabri Rasgad Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	6,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
69. Meryam Rashad Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,280 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
70. Muhammad Farah Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,300 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
71. Nadhmi Rashad Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,750 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
72. Ayish Eid Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	5,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
73. Karama Diyab Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,334 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
74. Ra'id Saeed Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,004 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
75. Muhammad Eid Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
76. The ijneed Family	North Gaza, Jabalia	20,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
77. Karima and Muharram Diyab Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
78. Muhammad Faraj az-Zeen	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
79. Riziq al-Abid Shihadeh	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
80. Ibrahim Musbah az-Zeen	North Gaza, Jabalia	5,280 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
81. Aziza Ayish an-Najar	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,357 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
82. Muhammad Ahmad Nassir	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
83. Muhammad Yihia Muhammad Allush	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
84. Talal Muhammad Allush	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
85. Zuheer Abdullah Allush and his brothers	North Gaza, Jabalia	6,151.5 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
86. Muhammad Muhammad Allush	North Gaza, Jabalia	6,151.5 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
87. Ali Muhammad al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
88. Abdul Hamid Ahmad al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	5,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
89. Ali Muhammad al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
90. Meryam Mahmoud al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
91. Abdul Latif Ahmad al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
92. Abdul Adhim Ahmad al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,500 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
93. Ali Muhammad al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	6,000 sq.m.	29 Jan. 2003
94. Abdul Aziz Mustafa Hamad	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	5,000 sq.m.	3 Feb. 2003

95. Abdul Rahman Tawfiq Hamad and his brothers	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	15,000 sq.m.	7 Feb. 2003
96. Shihdeh Mustafa Hamad and his brothers	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	30,000 sq.m.	7 Feb. 2003
97. Mousa Tawfiq Hamad	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	13,000 sq.m.	7 Feb. 2003
98. Ibrahim Tawfiq Hamad	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	80,000 sq.m.	7 Feb. 2003
99. Muhammad Udeh Shabat and his brothers	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	17,000 sq.m.	7 Feb. 2003
100. Shihdeh Mustafa Hamad and his brothers	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	30,000 sq.m.	7 Feb. 2003
101. Akram Muhammad Mansour	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
102. Muhammad Sulaiman al-Fallit	Dier Al Balah, Al-Jaafarwi	5,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
103. Sami Saleem Abu Dhawayeh	Dier Al Balah, Al-Jaafarwi	2,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
104. Hani Ibrahim al-Fallit	Dier Al Balah, Al-Jaafarwi	4,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
105. Salim Muhammad al-Fallit	Dier Al Balah, Al-Jaafarwi	2,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
106. Mahir as-Sayid al-Fallit	Dier Al Balah, Al-Jaafarwi	1,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
107. Yousif Mahmoud Shahin	Dier Al Balah, Al-Jaafarwi	1,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
108. Khalid Muhammad al-Fallit	Dier Al Balah, Al-Jaafarwi	5,000 sq.m.	8 Feb. 2003
109. Ali Muhammad al-Batsh	North Gaza, Jabalia	6,000 sq.m.	15 Feb. 2003
110. Saeed Muhammad ad-Da'ur	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	18,000 sq.m.	15 Feb. 2003
111. Umar Ibrahim Dawoud	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	10,000 sq.m.	15 Feb. 2003
112. Deib Ubaid and Ahmad Ubaid	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	30,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
113. Talal Ayish Ma'rouf	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	2,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
114. Muhammad Mahmoud al-Mghaiar	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	5,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
115. Hasan Ahmad Shaheen	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	6,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
116. Ibrahim al-Msallami	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	1,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
117. Hamad al-Bura'i	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	1,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
118. Azmi Salama Abu Halimeh	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	3,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
119. Nabil Sa'di al-Attar	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	30,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
120. Muhammad Ismail al-Mqaiad	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	10,000 sq.m.	16 Feb. 2003
121. Ali Sulaiman Subih	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	2,000 sq.m.	17 Feb. 2003
122. Mahmoud Darweesh Hamduneh	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	20,000 sq.m.	17 Feb. 2003
123. Inheritors of Khamis Darweesh Hamduneh	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	24,000 sq.m.	17 Feb. 2003
124. Maysara al-Bura'i and his brothers	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	4,000 sq.m.	17 Feb. 2003
125. Ahmad as-Sabi' Abu Halimeh	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	5,000 sq.m.	17 Feb. 2003
126. Nasir Ayyad al-Hashash	Western Rafah	4,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
127. Atwa Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	1,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
128. Mahmoud Ibrahim Abdul 'Al	Rafahm 'Iraybeh	4,500 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
129. Jabir Abdul Fatah al-Kafarneh	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	8,00 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
130. Abdul Shafi Sulaiman Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	1,500 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003

131.Awadd Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	1,500 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
132.Uditallah Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	1,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
133.Hamid Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	1,500 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
134.Kamil Fareed al-Malalha	Western Rafah	1,500 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
135.Tawfiq Mahmoud Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	1,500 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
136.Atiyeh Ahmad Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	1,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
137.Faris Ahmad Abdul 'Al and his mother	Western Rafah	4,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
138.Ahmad Ayyad al-Hashash	Western Rafah	3,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
139.Salim Ghanim al-Hashash	Western Rafah	3,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
140.Sa'ada Ghanim al-Hashash	Western Rafah	16,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
141.Atwa Muhammad al-Hashash	Western Rafah	1,500 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
142.Ahmad Ibrahim Abdul 'Al	Western Rafah	4,000 sq.m.	23 Feb. 2003
143.Andullah Rabee' Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,402 sq.m.	1 Mar. 2003
144.Sabri Fathi ash-Shair	Rafah, As-Salam Area	2,500 sq.m.	1 Mar. 2003
145.Yihia Andullah Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,330 sq.m.	1 Mar. 2003
146.Abdul Aziz Fadil Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,433 sq.m.	1 Mar. 2003
147.Fatima Sulaiman Ijneed	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,000 sq.m.	1 Mar. 2003
148.Laila Abdul Raziq Qlibu	North Gaza, Jabalia	108,000 sq.m.	6 Mar. 2003
149.Sulaiman Abdul Raziq Qlibu	North Gaza, Jabalia	60,000 sq.m.	8 Mar. 2003
150.Muhsin Abu Safiyeh	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
151.Muhammad Mousa az-Za'anin	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,500 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
152.Al-Aqqad Marketing Company	North Gaza, Jabalia	5,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
153.Zakariya Sisalim	North Gaza, Jabalia	15,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
154.Muhammad al-Khatib	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
155.Isamail al-Basyuni	North Gaza, Jabalia	1,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
156.Ahmad Mousa az-za'anin	North Gaza, Jabalia	2,500 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
157.Fathi al-'Afifi and his brothers	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
158.Palestinian Bait Al Mal Company	North Gaza, Jabalia	10,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
159.Hashim Atta ash-Shawa	North Gaza, Jabalia	3,000 sq.m.	10 Mar. 2003
160.Atiyeh Salim Jaradat	Rafah, Ash-Shuka	4,000 sq.m.	15 Mar. 2003
161.Abdul Karim Salim Jaradat	Rafah, Ash-Shuka	5,500 sq.m.	15 Mar. 2003
162.Mahmoud Salim Jaradat	Rafah, Ash-Shuka	4,000 sq.m.	15 Mar. 2003
163.Hashim Tamim al-Attar	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	5,000 sq.m.	17 Mar. 2003
164.Mahmoud Shakir Abu Taha	Deir Al Balah, Wadi As-Salqa	1,000 sq.m.	17 Mar. 2003
165.Fawzi Abu Nahia	Deir Al Balah, Wadi As-Salqa	2,000 sq.m.	17 Mar. 2003
166.Ahmad Ali Saeed	Deir Al Balah, Wadi As-Salqa	500 sq.m.	17 Mar. 2003

167. Muhammad Ihmeed Abu Qasim	Deir Al Balah	2,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
168. Anwar Abdul Qadir Abu Saleem	Deir Al Balah	1,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
169. Jamal Abdul Qadir Abu Saleem	Deir Al Balah	500 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
170. Ibrahim Yihia Abu Saleem	Deir Al Balah	6,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
171. Attyeh Sulaiman al-Attar	Deir Al Balah	6,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
172. Yihia Abdul Karim Abu Saleem	Deir Al Balah	4,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
173. Abdul Rahman Abdul Karim Abu Saleem	Deir Al Balah	2,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
174. Muhammad Hasan Abu Jabir	Deir Al Balah	6,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
175. Muhammad Abdul Salam al-Fallit	Deir Al Balah	1,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
176. Ibrahim Abdul Salam al-Fallit	Deir Al Balah	1,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
177. Hasan Abdul Salam al-Fallit	Deir Al Balah	1,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
178. Amna Yousif al-Fallit	Deir Al Balah	1,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
179. Atyeh Sulaiman Abu Jarir	Deir Al Balah	2,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
180. Sabir Atyeh al-Fallit	Deir Al Balah	3,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
181. Zayid Muhammad Shahin	Deir Al Balah	2,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
182. Mahasin Sha'ban an-Najar	Deir Al Balah	3,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
183. Taha Abu Mandeel	Deir Al Balah	2,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
184. Jum'a Abu Mizyid	Deir Al Balah	3,000 sq.m.	21 Mar. 2003
185. Muhammad Nassir Kishku	Gaza, Az-Zaytun	500 sq.m.	22 Mar. 2003
186. Sameer Waleed Kishku	Gaza, Az-Zaytun	500 sq.m.	22 Mar. 2003
187. Yousif Qadura Malaka and his brothers	Gaza, Az-Zaytun	500 sq.m.	22 Mar. 2003
188. Saleem Salama al-Malihi	Rafah, l'rayba	2,000 sq.m.	28 Mar. 2003
189. Subhi Saleem al-Malihi	Rafah, l'rayba	1,500 sq.m.	28 Mar. 2003
190. Muhammad Saleem al-Malihi	Rafah, l'rayba	2,000 sq.m.	28 Mar. 2003
191. Salah Saleem al-Malihi	Rafah, l'rayba	2,000 sq.m.	28 Mar. 2003
192. Salah Sulaiman al-Hashash	Rafah, l'rayba	5,000 sq.m.	28 Mar. 2003
193. Saeed Mas'oud al-Hashash	Rafah, l'rayba	7,000 sq.m.	28 Mar. 2003

3.2 Destroying Water Wells:

According to Al Mezan's documentation, the IOF destroyed 172 water wells between September 2000 and December 2003 in the Gaza Strip. In the first quarter of 2003, another 13 wells were rendered useless. Most of the water wells the IOF destroyed in the first two years of the *Intifada* were used for irrigation. However, more recently they have destroyed new, large fresh-water wells used for drinking. In Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip, the IOF destroyed two wells used to provide the town with 45% of its fresh water needs. The town, inhabited by about 120,000 people, now suffers from a dramatic shortage of water. The following table shows in detail the water wells that were destroyed by the IOF. It is feared that the targeting of water wells aims to give Israel more control over the water resources in the OPTs. It is well known, for

example, that the Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip are built where water resources are the most plentiful and that Israeli authorities often channel this water to areas inside Israel.

On Thursday January 30, 2003, the IOF invaded Tal As-Sultan neighborhood in Rafah. About 30 tanks and three bulldozers entered the neighborhood and destroyed two water wells, known as (well 144-Canada), which was built in 1990, and (well 103D), which was built in 1993. According to the Head of Water Department in Rafah Municipality, the two wells used to provide Rafah with 45% of the total amount of water, 6,000 cubic meters out of 13,000 cubic meters, and they produced the finest water in the town. In addition, the Government of Canada well funded the latter as the Municipality's resources do not allow for building new wells.

Table 6: Shows owners of the water-wells ruined by IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003

No.	Water-Well / Owner	District	Type of Damage	Date
1.	Al Iskan Well (153 D), owned by the Municipality of Rafah	Rafah, Tal as-Sultan	Bulldozing	3 Jan. 2003
2.	Kanada Well (144 P), owned by the Municipality of Rafah	Rafah, Tal as-Sultan	Bulldozing	3 Jan. 2003
3.	Raghib Abdul Hameed Mushtaha	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	Bulldozing	15 Jan. 2003
4.	Saqir ad-Da'our	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	Bulldozing	15 Jan. 2003
5.	Fayiq Khadir Khudair	North Gaza, as-Syafa	Bulldozing	23 Jan. 2003
6.	Ahmad Abdullah al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	Bulldozing	29 Jan. 2003
7.	Ahmad Muhammad al-Jamal	North Gaza, Jabalia	Bulldozing	29 Jan. 2003
8.	Shfeeq Kuhail	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	Bulldozing	16 Feb. 2003
9.	Deib Ubaid and Ahmad Ubaid	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	Bulldozing	16 Feb. 2003
10.	Ibrahim al-Msallami	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	Bulldozing	16 Feb. 2003
11.	Hamad al-Bura'i	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	Bulldozing	16 Feb. 2003
12.	Inheritors of Khamis Darweesh Hamduneh	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	Bulldozing	17 Feb. 2003
13.	Kamil Hirzallah	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	Bulldozing	17 Feb. 2003

3.3 Targeting Taxis and Private Motor Vehicles:

The destruction of taxis and private motor vehicles by IOF occurs frequently during the staged incursions into Palestinian towns, villages, and refugee camps. According to the information collected by Al Mezan, Israeli tanks destroyed private cars and taxis in their way during nighttime incursions. Numerous TV stations have filmed scenes of tanks destroying Palestinian-owned cars and taxis without any rational reason. The following table shows in greater details the taxis and private cars destroyed by the IOF in the first quarter of 2003.

Table 7: Shows owners of the motor vehicles destroyed by IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003 in the Gaza Strip

No.	Owner	District	Extent of Damage	Date
1.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi	Gaza	Partial destruction	11 Jan. 2003
2.	Rasheed Ajaj al-Aqqad	Khan Younis	Partial destruction	12 Jan. 2003
3.	Muhammad Nadhmi Shahwan	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
4.	Ghassan Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003

5.	Public Security Directorate, south Gaza	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
6.	Bassam Ahmad Shurab	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
7.	Ibrahim As'ad an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
8.	Muhammad Abdul Majeed al-Aqqad	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
9.	Khadir Mas'oud Ayyad	Gaza	Complete destruction	24 Jan. 2003
10.	Hassan Mas'oud Ayyad	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
11.	Saeed Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
12.	Saeed Hussain Ayyad (a second vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
13.	Naeem Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
14.	Sa'dallah Muhammad Ashour	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
15.	Mahmoud Abdul Karim Udeh	North Gaza	Complete destruction	25 Jan. 2003
16.	Hisham Qiziq as-Sawafiri	Gaza	Partial destruction	25 Jan. 2003
17.	Muhammad Saleem Allun	Gaza	Complete destruction	26 Jan. 2003
18.	Waleed Muhammad al-Ijleh	Gaza	Complete destruction	26 Jan. 2003
19.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 2 nd vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
20.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 3 rd vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
21.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 4 th vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
22.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 5 th vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
23.	Mahmoud Muhammad Doula	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
24.	Falah Ali Yasin	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
25.	Fadil Ali Yasin	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
26.	Muhammad l'laian Yasin	Gaza	Complete destruction	26 Jan. 2003
27.	Saeed Aqil Ashour	Rafah	Partial destruction	30 Jan. 2003
28.	Arafat Hasan Udwan	Rafah	Complete destruction	30 Jan. 2003
29.	Safwat Yousif Dyab	North Gaza	Partial destruction	17 Feb. 2003
30.	Umar Abdullah al-Ghirbawi	North Gaza	Partial destruction	17 Feb. 2003
31.	Abdullah Taha Abu Sharikh	North Gaza	Complete destruction	17 Feb. 2003
32.	Hani Muhamad al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
33.	Muhyi ad-Din Muhammad al-Qatta'	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
34.	Abdul Karim Ismail as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
35.	Kamal Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
36.	Ala' Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
37.	Azmi Saeed al-Madhoun	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
38.	Nahid Shaheer al-Hilu	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
39.	Nafith sha'ban ash-Shrafa	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
40.	Awni Matar	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003

41.	Fadil Hussain Nasrallah	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
42.	Barakat Ramadan al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial destruction	23 Feb. 2003
43.	Jameel Ramadan al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial destruction	23 Feb. 2003
44.	Nasir Abdullah al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Complete destruction	24 Feb. 2003
45.	Na'ii Khalid ash-Sheikh Ali	Rafah	Partial destruction	25 Feb. 2003
46.	Fayiz Udeh Abu 'Akar	Khan Younis	Partial destruction	2 Mar. 2003
47.	Fayiz Udeh Abu 'Akar (a 2 nd vehicle)	Khan Younis	Partial destruction	2 Mar. 2003
48.	Atta Muhammad al-Ammassi	Deir Al Balah	Complete destruction	3 Mar. 2003
49.	Khalid Salman Abu Hwishil	Deir Al Balah	Partial destruction	3 Mar. 2003
50.	Ramadan Hasan Abu Hasaneen	Deir Al Balah	Complete destruction	3 Mar. 2003
51.	Fu'ad Ibrahim al-Wirr	Deir Al Balah	Complete destruction	3 Mar. 2003
52.	Khadir Muhammad Abu Sultan	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
53.	Dieb Muhammad Abu Sultan	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
54.	Issam Muhammad ad-Da'our	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
55.	Rabah Ahmad Eid	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
56.	Zyad Abdul Majeed an-Nadi	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
57.	Kayid Muhammad Hammad	North Gaza	Complete destruction	6 Mar. 2003
58.	Abdul Rahman Abid Rabu Irbayi'	Gaza	Partial destruction	8 Mar. 2003

3.3 The Israeli Violations against Fishermen:

During the period covered by this report the IOF continued to violate the rights of Palestinian fishermen. The Israeli Marine Forces have attacked the Palestinian fishermen in a number of ways. This include:

- Opening fire on them.
- Sinking fishermen's boats.
- Damaging fishing nets.
- Arresting a number of fishermen.
- Searching fishing boats and ID at sea.

The Peace Accords agreed upon and signed by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Government of Israel allows the Palestinian fishermen to sail, for the purpose of fishing, for a distance up to 20 nautical miles out to sea. Israeli warships (locally known as the Dabbour-model) continuously sail opposite the shores of the Gaza Strip. In practice, these warships chase any fishing boat sailing further than 6 to 10 nautical miles from the seashore. In many cases they pursue fishing boats sailing within 3 nautical miles. The borders of the zone in which the fishing boats are allowed to sail is 7 nautical miles --far away from the Egypt-Gaza Strip nautical borderline opposite Rafah in the south, and 3 nautical miles away from the Israel-Gaza Strip nautical borderline opposite Beit Lahia in the north. The Israeli warships roaming the sea, as well as Israeli military forces positioned at a number of military posts along the coastline, prevent Palestinian fishing boats from fishing outside this zone.

On 17 January 2003, an IOF warship stopped two fishing boats out slightly farther than 6 nautical miles opposite the Gaza City coastline. The IOF arrested eight Palestinian fishermen in the boat and took them to Israel. One of the boats (serial number 1-062-6), was owned by Yousif Muhammad Abu Udeh, a resident of Ash-Shati refugee camp. The fishermen arrested were:

- Muhammad Jihad Abu Udeh, aged 26, married, 5 children;
- Mahdi Muhammad Abu Udeh, aged 32, married, 3 children;
- Ra'id Yousif Abu Udeh, aged 19, and married;
- Ayman Fathi Bakr, aged 26, married, 3 children.

Muhammad Muhammad Abu Udeh, also from Ash-Shati refugee camp, owned the second boat (number 1-023-6). The four fishermen arrested in this boat were:

- Sami Yousif Abu Udeh, aged 38, married, 7 children;
- Muhammad Yousif Udeh, aged 44, married, 12 children;
- Awni Yousif Abu Udeh, aged 17;
- Fayiz Ahmad Abu Ful aged 34 and married.

These fishermen were detained at the Erez detention center, north of the Gaza Strip. The IOF left the two fishing boats for two days in the sea opposite the Gaza seashore. They notified the Palestinian Marine Police that the boats were 6 nautical miles from the shore, where their owners could find them. One of the boats was found severely damaged with some of its equipment lost.

Table 8: Shows IOF's violations against Palestinian fishermen between 1 January and 31 March 2003

No.	Owner	District	Extent of Damage	Date
1.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi	Gaza	Partial destruction	11 Jan. 2003
2.	Rasheed Ajaj al-Aqqad	Khan Younis	Partial destruction	12 Jan. 2003
3.	Muhammad Nadhmi Shahwan	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
4.	Ghassan Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
5.	Public Security Directorate, south Gaza	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
6.	Bassam Ahmad Shurab	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
7.	Ibrahim As'ad an-Naffar	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
8.	Muhammad Abdul Majeed al-Aqqad	Khan Younis	Complete destruction	12 Jan. 2003
9.	Khadir Mas'oud Ayyad	Gaza	Complete destruction	24 Jan. 2003
10.	Hassan Mas'oud Ayyad	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
11.	Saeed Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
12.	Saeed Hussain Ayyad (a second vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
13.	Naeem Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
14.	Sa'dallah Muhammad Ashour	Gaza	Partial destruction	24 Jan. 2003
15.	Mahmoud Abdul Karim Udeh	North Gaza	Complete destruction	25 Jan. 2003
16.	Hisham Qiziq as-Sawafiri	Gaza	Partial destruction	25 Jan. 2003
17.	Muhammad Saleem Allun	Gaza	Complete destruction	26 Jan. 2003

18.	Waleed Muhammad al-Ijleh	Gaza	Complete destruction	26 Jan. 2003
19.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 2 nd vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
20.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 3 rd vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
21.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 4 th vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
22.	Muhammad Ahmad Madi (a 5 th vehicle)	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
23.	Mahmoud Muhammad Doula	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
24.	Falah Ali Yasin	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
25.	Fadil Ali Yasin	Gaza	Partial destruction	26 Jan. 2003
26.	Muhammad I'laian Yasin	Gaza	Complete destruction	26 Jan. 2003
27.	Saeed Aqil Ashour	Rafah	Partial destruction	30 Jan. 2003
28.	Arafat Hasan Udwan	Rafah	Complete destruction	30 Jan. 2003
29.	Safwat Yousif Dyab	North Gaza	Partial destruction	17 Feb. 2003
30.	Umar Abdullah al-Ghirbawi	North Gaza	Partial destruction	17 Feb. 2003
31.	Abdullah Taha Abu Sharikh	North Gaza	Complete destruction	17 Feb. 2003
32.	Hani Muhamad al-Kahlout	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
33.	Muhyi ad-Din Muhammad al-Qatta'	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
34.	Abdul Karim Ismail as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
35.	Kamal Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
36.	Ala' Ibrahim as-Sabbagh	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
37.	Azmi Saeed al-Madhoun	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
38.	Nahid Shaheer al-Hilu	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
39.	Nafith sha'ban ash-Shrafa	Gaza	Complete destruction	19 Feb. 2003
40.	Awni Matar	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
41.	Fadil Hussain Nasrallah	Gaza	Partial destruction	19 Feb. 2003
42.	Barakat Ramadan al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial destruction	23 Feb. 2003
43.	Jameel Ramadan al-Bii'	North Gaza	Partial destruction	23 Feb. 2003
44.	Nasir Abdullah al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	Complete destruction	24 Feb. 2003
45.	Na'ii Khalid ash-Sheikh Ali	Rafah	Partial destruction	25 Feb. 2003
46.	Fayiz Udeh Abu 'Akar	Khan Younis	Partial destruction	2 Mar. 2003
47.	Fayiz Udeh Abu 'Akar (a 2 nd vehicle)	Khan Younis	Partial destruction	2 Mar. 2003
48.	Atta Muhammad al-Ammassi	Deir Al Balah	Complete destruction	3 Mar. 2003
49.	Khalid Salman Abu Hwishil	Deir Al Balah	Partial destruction	3 Mar. 2003
50.	Ramadan Hasan Abu Hasaneen	Deir Al Balah	Complete destruction	3 Mar. 2003
51.	Fu'ad Ibrahim al-Wirr	Deir Al Balah	Complete destruction	3 Mar. 2003
52.	Khadir Muhammad Abu Sultan	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
53.	Dieb Muhammad Abu Sultan	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003

54.	Issam Muhammad ad-Da'our	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
55.	Rabah Ahmad Eid	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
56.	Zyad Abdul Majeed an-Nadi	North Gaza	Partial destruction	6 Mar. 2003
57.	Kayid Muhammad Hammad	North Gaza	Complete destruction	6 Mar. 2003
58.	Abdul Rahman Abid Rabu Irbayi'	Gaza	Partial destruction	8 Mar. 2003

The IOF imposed a comprehensive nautical siege on the Gaza Strip on 17 January 2003. Israeli authorities gave no clear reason for the siege, believed simply to be part of the collective punishment procedures Israel employs routinely in the OPTs.

4. The IOF's Use of Excessive and Lethal Force in the OPT:

Israel uses excessive and lethal force against Palestinian resistance to the occupation of their land. The use of such force violates International Law and the internationally accepted standards of human rights. It also violates the principles of 'proportionality' and 'discrimination' set forth in Humanitarian Law. These standards of International and Humanitarian Law are meant to guarantee at least a minimum degree of protection for civilians, especially the right to life, considered as a nonderogable right. Articles 146 and 147 of the Fourth Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civil Persons in Time of War, of August 12, 1949 prohibit, among other things, killing of persons under foreign occupation considering it a crime of war and a grave breach of the Convention. The UN Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions emphasize that extra judicial executions are under no circumstances permitted, even in times of war. Principle 1 provides as follows:

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 [that] take into account the seriousness of such offences. Exceptional circumstances including a state of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency may not be invoked as a justification of such executions.

Israel, as an occupying power, is obliged to observe the provisions of the 1907 Hague Regulations, binding upon Israel as customary international law according to the Israeli Supreme Court. These regulations clearly prohibit the killing of civilians by the occupying power.

The 1996 report of the UN Special Rapporteur on extra judicial, summary or arbitrary executions points out that no abuses of human rights by armed groups can excuse the practice of extra-judicial execution. The report goes on to provide that ***"Governments must respect the right to life of all persons, including members of armed groups and even when they demonstrate a total disregard for the lives of others."***³

In the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights the right to life is considered a nonderogable right, even in ***'time of public emergency that threatens the life of the nation and the existence of which is proclaimed'***. Israel is also bound by the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

According to the information collected by Al Mezan, the IOF used excessive and lethal force against Palestinian civilians. On 1 January 2003 occupation forces killed three Palestinian children from the Jabalia refugee camp. Israeli soldiers who were stationed at the Ilai Sinai settlement in the northern Gaza Strip, opened fire on them and claiming they were trying to infiltrate the settlement. An IOF spokesman

³ UN doc. E/CN.4/1996/4.para 609.

reported to the media that the Israeli soldiers checked their bodies finding only a knife on one of the dead⁴. Medical sources in the Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that the three children died from multiple bullet wounds.

On March 3, 2003, the IOF attacked Al Bureij refugee camp, in the middle of the Gaza Strip killing 8 Palestinians. Nuha Sweedan, a 33-year-old woman who was nine months pregnant died after a wall of her house fell on her. The wall collapsed after Israeli Occupation forces blew up the adjacent home⁵. The IOF have escalated the destruction of Palestinian homes with explosives in towns and refugee camps in 2003. Numerous civilians have been crushed to death in the same manner as Nuha Sweedan.

The deliberate killing of Wa'il al-Ghribawi and Ayman Abu Sharar by the IOF on February 23, 2003, exemplifies their disregard of human life. Abu Sharar and al-Ghribawi were members of the Palestinian police and were at work when they were murdered. An eyewitness, Shadi Fu'ad Shihab, who works in the Palestinian security at the Industrial Zone near the town of Beit Hanoun described the killing of al-Ghribawi and Abu Sharar in an affidavit to Al Mezan. Following is part of his statement:

The Israeli tanks opened fire on them and I saw Ayman Abu Sharar falling down. Another person came out of the factory and walked towards him. When he bent to check him, I heard the sound of shooting and the other person fell down. I saw the tanks firing on intervals. I believe the distance between the two persons and the tanks was 50 meters. I saw three tanks approaching their bodies in a line. The tank in the back was moving its mortar circularly. Six or seven soldiers came out of the first tank and moved towards them. Two soldiers dragged the bodies from their clothes. They were in full war uniform. One of the soldiers grabbed Abu Sharar from his blouse, a green military blouse, and covered his face with it. They also took off his trousers and did the same with the second the second person.

One of the two soldiers pointed his rifle, an M 16, on the second person and I heard the sound of shooting. The same soldier bent and carried a military knife from Abu Sharar's uniform and turned towards the second person. I couldn't see what he did because the soldier's back was between us.

In another attack, an Israeli tank fired a shell into a crowd of civilians, including firemen and journalists, in Jabalia on March 6, 2003. They were trying to put out a fire caused by the IOF shelling of a home in the area. Eight people were killed and about 90 wounded in the mayhem that followed; the dead included one firemen and two Reuters photographers, Ahmad Jadallah and Sana' Shana'a⁶.

On Sunday March 16, 2003, an IOF bulldozer killed an American ISM peace activist, Rachel Corrie, engaged in non-violent protest against home demolitions in Rafah. According to eyewitnesses, Rachel was wearing a florescent orange jacket and carrying a megaphone as she talked to the bulldozer driver. Claiming not to have seen her, the driver rolled over Rachel's body crushing her to death.

4.1 Assassinations and Extra Judicial Killing:

Since the early beginning of the Al Aqsa *Intifada*, officials in the Israeli Government admitted that the policy of assassination and liquidation is intentional and that all such operations take place under direct orders from the Government. The Israeli Attorney General claimed that these killings are justified and that the IOF carry out assassination operations in a systematic manner⁷. The Israeli Supreme Court rejected several appeals by human rights organizations regarding these extra judicial executions. Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, the former Defense

⁴ According to the IOF spokesman to the Israeli Radio on January 2, 2003.

⁵ For greater details on this incident consult Press Release 11/2003 on www.mezan.org.

⁶ Consult Joint Press Release by Al Haq and Al Mezan on March 6, 2003, entitled 'The IOF Kill Eleven Palestinians and Destroy Tens of Homes in Jabalia and Bethlehem'.

⁷ For further details consult 'One of Our greatest Successes', a special report on the bombardment of the Ad-Daraj Neighborhood in Gaza, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights and the Arab Committee for Human Rights.

Minister, Benjamin Ben Eliezer, and Chief of Staff, Moshe Ya'alon were present at these appeals. The Supreme Court rejected the cases on the grounds that it has no jurisdiction over matters of security.⁸

During the first three months of 2003, Al Mezan documented three extra judicial assassinations in the Gaza Strip. In one of the cases, the IOF was unable to kill its target, instead killing three others who happened to be at present at the intended location. In another of the cases the IOF murdered Dr. Ibrahim Al-Maqadma, who is known as a Hamas political leader. This section draws more light on these operations.

On January 13 2003, Israeli Apache helicopters fired guided missiles on a car in Khan Younis. According to Israeli and Palestinian sources, the target was a group of Hamas activists. However, the activists had left the car and survived the attack. The helicopters chased them and fired more missiles killing two civilians; including a 16- year-old⁹. In another assassination operation on February 17, 2003 the IOF murdered Riad Abu Zaid, aged 33 and known as a Hamas activist. Abu Zaid was driving his car on the beach road south of Gaza City when occupation forces suddenly appeared. They made sure he was in the car before they opened fire and killed him. It should be noted that the IOF were clearly in a position to arrest this person. Such killings are the gratuitous and routine behavior of the occupation forces.

A third extra judicial killing, briefly mentioned above, was carried out in Gaza City on March 8, 2003. In the early morning of that day Israeli Apache helicopters fired four guided missiles on a car in Palestine Street killing Dr. Ibrahim Al-Maqadma and three other persons, Alaa' Udeh al-Shukri, aged 30 and from At-Tuffah neighborhood of Gaza City; Abdul Rahman Zuheer Al-Aamudi, aged 29 and from Ash-Shati refugee camp; and Khalid Hasan Jum'a, aged 32 from Jabalia. The four were immediately killed and their bodies disfigured in the explosions. Al Maqadma had previously worked as a dentist at the Islamic University-Gaza and was one of the political leaders of Hamas. Three other civilians were injured in the attack, one of whom was in critical condition. The IOF confirmed responsibility for this operation and that Dr. Al Maqadma had been their target.

As a result of the use of excessive and lethal force by the IOF, 147 Palestinians were killed in the Gaza Strip in the first quarter of 2003. Following is a list of their names, ages and addresses.

Table 9: Shows names of Palestinians killed by the IOF between 1 January and 31 March 2003

No.	Name	Address	Age	Date
1.	Jihad Jum'a Abid	North Gaza, Jabalia	15	1 Jan. 2003
2.	Tariq Zyad Dawwas	North Gaza, Jabalia	16	1 Jan. 2003
3.	Muhammad Atyeh Dawwas	North Gaza, Jabalia	15	1 Jan. 2003
4.	Iyad Muhammad Abu Zayid	Mid Gaza, al-Zawayda	25	7 Jan. 2003
5.	Naseem Hassan abu Maleeh	Mid Gaza, al-Zawayda	25	7 Jan. 2003
6.	Bakr Muhammad Khadura	Mid Gaza, al-Maghazi	22	7 Jan. 2003
7.	Ayman Muhammad Hnidiq	Khan Younis rafugee camp	32	8 Jan. 2003
8.	Zaid Khalil ad-Da'ifi	Gaza, Ash-Shati refugee camp	17	11 Jan. 2003
9.	Abdul Latif Sulaiman Wadi	Khan Younis	30	12 Jan. 2003
10.	Ali Dhahir Nassar	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	56	12 Jan. 2003

⁸ See previous reference.

⁹ The two persons who were killed are Muhammad Kawari' and Abdul Rahman an-Najar.

11.	Muhammad Hammad Kawari'	Khan Younis, Jurt al-Lout	25	12 Jan. 2003
12.	Abdul Rahman Muhammad an-Najar	Khan Younis, Qaa' al-Qreen	16	12 Jan. 2003
13.	Jamal Mahmoud Abu al-Qumbuz	Gaza, ash-Shaja'ya	21	13 Jan. 2003
14.	Karam Taysir al-Mghanni	Gaza, ash-Shaja'ya	20	13 Jan. 2003
15.	Iyad Salim Abui Sha'ar	Mid Gaza, Dier Al Balah	13	14 Jan. 2003
16.	Mahmoud Yasin aj-Jmassi	Gaza, As-Sabra	21	17 Jan. 2003
17.	Abdul Fatah Urabi Mansour	Rafah, Block O	35	18 Jan. 2003
18.	Ammar Muhammad l'laian	Khan Younis, Block J	27	19 Jan. 2003
19.	Hasan Yousif Fayyad	North Gaza, Jabalia	21	24 Jan. 2003
20.	Muhammad Saleem al-Msaddar	Mid Gaza, al-Maghazi	24	25 Jan. 2003
21.	Sami Mahmoud Zu'rub	Rafah, Zu'rub Hill	48	25 Jan. 2003
22.	Khalid Hasan Shalouf	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	17	26 Jan. 2003
23.	Ashraf Sameeh Kuhail	Gaza, az-Zaytun	22	26 Jan. 2003
24.	Muhammad Rashad Ubaid	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	20	26 Jan. 2003
25.	Ahmad Hasan al-Fayumi	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	23	26 Jan. 2003
26.	Ahmad Shihada Aabid	Gaza, At-Tuffah	25	26 Jan. 2003
27.	Wisam Fayiz Hasan	Gaza, At-Tuffah	21	26 Jan. 2003
28.	Muhammad Akram an-Nakhala	Gaza, al-Yarmouk	21	26 Jan. 2003
29.	Alaa' Zuheer Khalifeh	Gaza, az-Zaytun	23	26 Jan. 2003
30.	Rami Fathi Issa	Gaza, an-Nassr	27	26 Jan. 2003
31.	Mustafa Zuheer Rahmi	Gaza, az-Zaytun	34	26 Jan. 2003
32.	Amjad Yousif al Hattab	Gaza, At-Tuffah	16	26 Jan. 2003
33.	Iyad Badr Jibril	Gaza, az-Zaytun	20	26 Jan. 2003
34.	Ali talab al-Ghreez	Rafal, Al Brazil	8	26 Jan. 2003
35.	Muhammad Muhammad Salama	North Gaza, Ibad al-Rahman	15	26 Jan. 2003
36.	Sabreen Muhammad Salama	North Gaza, Ibad al-Rahman	13	26 Jan. 2003
37.	Muhammad Muhammad al-Attal	Gaza, ash-Sheikh Radwan	28	26 Jan. 2003
38.	Saeed Muhammad Madi	Eastern Rafah	16	27 Jan. 2003
39.	Muneer Abdul Hai Mursi	North Gaza, Beit Lahia	26	29 Jan. 2003
40.	Nahidd Mubarak Abu Dahrouj	North Gaza, Jabalia	19	29 Jan. 2003
41.	Tamir Majdi Khudair	Gaza, ad-Daraj	19	1 Feb. 2003
42.	Salim Abdullah Iqdeeh	Khan Younis, Khiza'a	72	3 Feb. 2003
43.	Rami Atta Abu Shab	Khan Younis, Khiza'a	23	3 Feb. 2003
44.	Kamleh Sulaiman Saeed	Mid Gaza, al-Maghazi	65	4 Feb. 2003
45.	Umar Sa'd ad-din Hassan	Gaza, az-Zaytun	21	6 Feb. 2003
46.	Abdul Karim Hamid Libbad	North Gaza, Jabalia	21	6 Feb. 2003

47.	Majid Muhammad as-Salibi	Khan Younis refugee camp	34	7 Feb. 2003
48.	Mustafa Muhammad Udwan	Khan Younis, Bani Suhila	10	7 Feb. 2003
49.	Sami Muhammad Abdul Salam	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	17	9 Feb. 2003
50.	Sulaiman Ali Miqdad	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	20	9 Feb. 2003
51.	Muhammad Izzat Ammoum	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	18	9 Feb. 2003
52.	Ahmad Muhammad Isleem	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	24	11 Feb. 2003
53.	Wajdi Muhammad Salman	North Gaza, Jabalia	18	12 Feb. 2003
54.	Abdul Rahman Muhammad Hamdiyah	North Gaza, Jabalia	21	12 Feb. 2003
55.	Muhammad Hamad Qishta	Rafah, Salah ad-Din Gate	21	14 Feb. 2003
56.	Zyad Abid Sallam ash-Shair	Rafah, Salah ad-Din Gate	33	14 Feb. 2003
57.	Akram Fahmi Nassar	Gaza, az-Zaytun	25	16 Feb. 2003
58.	Muhammad Ismail Silmi	Gaza, az-Zaytun	23	16 Feb. 2003
59.	Mufeed Awadd al-Bill	Gaza, az-Zaytun	21	16 Feb. 2003
60.	Iyad Faraj Shaldan	Gaza, az-Zaytun	23	16 Feb. 2003
61.	Nidal Fathi Farahat	Gaza, az-Zaytun	25	16 Feb. 2003
62.	Ayman Ibrahim Mhanna	Gaza, az-Zaytun	28	16 Feb. 2003
63.	Khalil Abdul Wahid al-Bakri	North Gaza, Ibad al-Rahman	25	16 Feb. 2003
64.	Muhammad Saeed Khadir	North Gaza, Ibad al-Rahman	27	16 Feb. 2003
65.	Ryad Hussain Abu Zaid	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	32	17 Feb. 2003
66.	Abdul Karim Sha'ban Bakroun	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	25	18 Feb. 2003
67.	Iyad Madih Aabid	North Gaza, Ibad al-Rahman	27	18 Feb. 2003
68.	Ali Dieb Abu al-Khair	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	47	18 Feb. 2003
69.	Abdul Rahim Ahmad Abu an-Najja	Rafah	34	18 Feb. 2003
70.	Amir Ihmoud ad-Daya	Gaza, As-Sabra	19	18 Feb. 2003
71.	Abdul Rahman Fawzi al-Qassas	Gaza, At-Tuffah	27	19 Feb. 2003
72.	Munthir Muhammad Marwan As-Safadi	Gaza, At-Tuffah	26	19 Feb. 2003
73.	Tamir Darweesh al-Qattaa'	Gaza, At-Tuffah	23	19 Feb. 2003
74.	Alaa' Nahidd al-Hilu	Gaza, At-Tuffah	22	19 Feb. 2003
75.	Saeed Nahidd al-Hilu	Gaza, At-Tuffah	26	19 Feb. 2003
76.	Muhammad Saleem as-Sahlub	Gaza, At-Tuffah	22	19 Feb. 2003
77.	Mus'ab Abdullah as-Sabi' (al-Kafarneh)	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	20	21 Feb. 2003
78.	Tariq Muhammad Abu Rahma	North Gaza, al-Karama	28	21 Feb. 2003
79.	Ahmad Eid Afana	North Gaza, Jabalia	18	23 Feb. 2003
80.	Mahmoud Muhammad Hwila	North Gaza, Jabalia	28	23 Feb. 2003
81.	Muhammad Ramadan al-Kahlout	North Gaza, Jabalia	16	23 Feb. 2003
82.	Wa'il Muhammad al-Ghribawi	North Gaza, Jabalia	31	23 Feb. 2003

83.	Ayman Abu Sharar	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	22	23 Feb. 2003
84.	Yousif Attiyeh Abu Shari'a	Gaza, As-Sabra	18	23 Feb. 2003
85.	Baraa' Fayiz al-Afifi	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	17	23 Feb. 2003
86.	Mahmoud Muhammad Abu Zahir	Khan Younis, Block H	13	23 Feb. 2003
87.	Abdullah Muhammad as-Sabi' (al-Kafarneh)	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	47	23 Feb. 2003
88.	Ahmad Khalil Abu Ilwan	Rafah, Tal as-Sultan	13	25 Feb. 2003
89.	Muhammad Yousif al-Aaloul	Gaza, al-Fayrouz	25	28 Feb. 2003
90.	Aziza Dieb al-Qasseer	Rafah, as-Salam area	50	2 Mar. 2003
91.	Abdul Rahman Mustafa Jadallah	Khan Younis, Block N	9	2 Mar. 2003
92.	Mahmoud Mar'i Abdul Hadi	Khan Younis, al-Amal area	25	2 Mar. 2003
93.	Abid Rabu Dieb al-Assar	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	55	2 Mar. 2003
94.	Tariq Sami Abu Matar (Aqil)	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	15	3 Mar. 2003
95.	Muhammad Ali al-Babli	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	22	3 Mar. 2003
96.	Nuha Sabri Abdul Hamid Swidan (9-month pregnant)	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	39	3 Mar. 2003
97.	Fadi Fayiz al-Hawajri	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	19	3 Mar. 2003
98.	Mahir Muhammad al-Rifa'i	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	26	3 Mar. 2003
99.	Waleed Abdullah al-Khateeb	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	27	3 Mar. 2003
100.	Mu'tasim Hamid Aqil (al-Khalili)	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	24	3 Mar. 2003
101.	Rami Muhammad Awadd	Mid Gaza, al-Bureij	22	3 Mar. 2003
102.	Abdullah Shihadeh al-Ashhab	Mid Gaza, al-Mughraqa	75	5 Mar. 2003
103.	Muhammad Shihdeh al-Bayyari	North Gaza, Jabalia	54	6 Mar. 2003
104.	Na'il Mahmoud Abu Seedu	North Gaza, Jabalia	23	6 Mar. 2003
105.	Baha' Muhammad Abu Wardeh	North Gaza, Jabalia	19	6 Mar. 2003
106.	Ihab Muhammad Nabhan	North Gaza, Jabalia	23	6 Mar. 2003
107.	Muhsin Awadd Abu Udeh	North Gaza, Jabalia	34	6 Mar. 2003
108.	Naji Ismail Abu Jalila	North Gaza, Jabalia	35	6 Mar. 2003
109.	Hamdi Uthman Aabid	North Gaza, Jabalia	20	6 Mar. 2003
110.	Tha'ir Jabir Raihan	North Gaza, Jabalia	14	6 Mar. 2003
111.	Hamza Jibril Qarmout	North Gaza, Jabalia	17	6 Mar. 2003
112.	Abdul Rahman Mahmoud Miqdad	North Gaza, Jabalia	21	6 Mar. 2003
113.	Tariq Mahir an-Najjar	North Gaza, Jabalia	14	6 Mar. 2003
114.	Al Mansi abid Rabu al-Mabhough	North Gaza, Jabalia	84	6 Mar. 2003
115.	Yousif Shihdeh Mansour (al-Manasra)	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	22	7 Mar. 2003
116.	Alaa' Karam	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	20	7 Mar. 2003
117.	Imad Ameen Fanuneh	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	20	7 Mar. 2003
118.	Mahmoud Muhammad az-Zayani	North Gaza, Jabalia	35	8 Mar. 2003

119.	Mufeed Saeed ad-Da'ifi	North Gaza, Jabalia	23	8 Mar. 2003
120.	Ibrahim Ahmad al-Maqadma	Gaza, al Yarmouk	52	8 Mar. 2003
121.	Alaa' Muhammad Shukri	Gaza, at Tuffah	30	8 Mar. 2003
122.	Abdul Rahman Zuheer al-Aamudi	Gaza, ash-Shati refugee camp	29	8 Mar. 2003
123.	Khalid Hasan Jum'a	North Gaza, Anan	30	8 Mar. 2003
124.	Muhammad Ismail Ayish	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	22	12 Mar. 2003
125.	Imad Hussain Abu Gharqoud	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	21	12 Mar. 2003
126.	Sameer Salih Muhra	North Gaza, Jabalia	27	13 Mar. 2003
127.	Salih Dyab Abu l'tiwi	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	46	14 Mar. 2003
128.	Rachel Ailene Corrie	Washington, Olympia	24	16 Mar. 2003
129.	Muhammad Issa Abdul Hadi	Khan Younis, Al Amal area	18	16 Mar. 2003
130.	Ahmad Ahmad an-Najjar	Rafah, Tel as-Sultan	43	16 Mar. 2003
131.	Hanan Zyad al-Assar	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	25	17 Mar. 2003
132.	Umar Tawfiq Abu Yousif	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	16	17 Mar. 2003
133.	Umar Hasan Darweesh	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	13	17 Mar. 2003
134.	Ibrahim Yousif al-Uthmani	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	27	17 Mar. 2003
135.	Saeed Husni at-Taweel	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	27	17 Mar. 2003
136.	Muhammad Rajab as-Sa'afeen	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	23	17 Mar. 2003
137.	Iyad Basheer Abu Izreeq	Mid Gaza, al-Nuseirat	18	17 Mar. 2003
138.	Alaa' Muhammad al-Kahlout	North Gaza, Ibad Al-Rahman	23	17 Mar. 2003
139.	Rami Mansour as-Sdudi	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	22	17 Mar. 2003
140.	Shadi Muhammad Ikhrees	Khan Younis refugee camp	23	17 Mar. 2003
141.	Wa'il Jum'a Barhoum	Khan Younis	26	17 Mar. 2003
142.	Ibrahim Muhammad al-Fallit	Mid Gaza, Deir Al Balah	71	22 Mar. 2003
143.	Iyad Khalil Fayyad	North Gaza, Beit Hanoun	30	27 Mar. 2003
144.	Ihab Sa'di Jaras	Gaza City	21	27 Mar. 2003
145.	Mahmoud Ali an-Najjar	North Gaza, Jabalia	20	30 Mar. 2003
146.	Mahmoud Muhammad al-Mashharawi	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	16	30 Mar. 2003
147.	Mahmoud Farouq Tafish	Gaza, Ash-Shija'ya	16	30 Mar. 2003

4.2 Targeting Medical Teams

The Fourth Geneva Convention is clear in providing protection for hospitals, health workers, and emergency medical personnel in the occupied territories. It also provides for the protection of the wounded and the transport of medical staff and the wounded even in war zones. In the Articles 15 to 19, the Convention provides a framework for the organization of health conditions, while Articles 20 and 21 assert the respect and protection of ***persons who regularly and solely engaged in the operation of civilian hospitals, including those the personnel engaged in the search for, removal and transporting of and caring of the wounded and sick civilians, the infirm and***

maternity cases. Additionally, Article 63 of the Convention designates national societies like the Red Crescent as entities able to pursue their activities in accordance with the Red Cross principles.

However, the IOF wantonly targets health institutions and members of medical teams in the OPT. Medical teams, ambulances and hospitals are subjected to Israeli shooting, and ambulances have been prevented from movement on numerous occasions during the period covered by this report, and indeed since the beginning of the *Intifada*. In spite of the fact that Palestinian medical staff make sure to wear distinguishing articles of clothing, the IOF frequently restricts and targets them. According to human rights precepts, targeting medical teams is considered a form of lethal force as restricting their activities threatens the lives of other people.

According to Al-Mezan, the two nurses were Abdul Karim Hamid Libad, aged 21, and Umar Sa'd ad-Din Hassan. The latter died in an ambulance on the way to ash-Shifa Hospital, while the former died instantly. It should be mentioned that the Al Wafa Hospital is a Palestinian non-governmental institution specializing in the medical rehabilitation. There are bold signs in both English and Arabic around and above it, along with the sign of the Red Crescent.

On February 5, 2003, the IOF attacked the Al Wafa Hospital for Medical Rehabilitation in Gaza City. Two people were killed inside the hospital from Israeli fire. According to eyewitnesses in the hospital, the staff members were aware of an Israeli incursion in the hospital area, especially after hearing the sounds of shooting and explosions and helicopter gunships flying over the area. Two nurses and one cleaning employee went to one of the hospital's rooms, number 214. They wanted to make sure the patients were fine in the first floor. The room is located in the part of the hospital near a building was occupied by the IOF, only 60 meters from the hospital. The nurses, both are male, were checking one of the patients when a bullet penetrated the room's window and wounded both of them. The bullet penetrated the first nurse's chest, came out from his back and hit the other nurse in the chest. They fell on the ground immediately.

In a separate attack, 30-year-old Majid Umar al-Majdalwi, who works in the ambulance services in the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, was wounded on February 17, 2003. Al Majdalawi was injured while he was trying to reach a person shot by the IOF. Following is a sworn affidavit give to Al Mezan By al-Majdalawi.

I was with my two colleagues, a nurse and the ambulance driver, in the ambulance in the main street of At-Twam area. It was about 2:30 am on February 17, 2003 when we heard the sound of a huge explosion followed by sounds of shooting. In a few minutes, we heard people crying for help in a house in the neighborhood. We immediately moved towards the house, which is located opposite to Minister Al-Falugi house, in order to help the wounded people. We found a person with wounds, so I came out of the ambulance to provide first aid to him. suddenly there was intensive shooting and I felt of bullets in different parts in my body. I fell down and an ambulance came and stopped between me and the source of the fire. They took me to hospital where they took care of my wounds. I was wounded in my chest, two legs and arm. I was dressed in the Red Crescent uniform, which has florescent signs and lines. We were well distinguished when they opened fire on us.

Doctor Ra'id Muhammad as-Safadi and his brother, physiotherapist Marwan Muhammad as-Safadi work at the Save the Wounded Institute. They live in one house in At-Tuffah neighborhood in Gaza City. When the IOF attacked their neighborhood at around 2am on Wednesday 19 February 2003, the two of them left their house intending to provide medical assistance for people in need in the neighborhood. The two brothers had already assigned part of their house as a field clinic to be used at such times. They had walked a few meters out of their house when Israeli snipers, stationed atop an apartment building in the area, shot them. Dr. Ra'id was shot in the abdomen and could reach his house while Marwan was shot in the chest and could not move. Marwan was left bleeding in the street until he died. The IOF prohibited

ambulance movement in the area. Dr. Ra'id stayed in his house until the incursion ended and was taken to hospital. Marwan's body was left in the street until the incursion ended.

It should be stressed here that the restriction of ambulance movement during IOF's incursions has significantly raised the number of casualties among civilians. In many cases the IOF deliberately targeted ambulances and medical teams when civilians in the surrounding areas badly needed their help.

5. Arrests and Detainment of Palestinians:

Arresting Palestinians for a variety of reasons, many of them entirely bogus, has been a constant policy of the IOF since the occupation of the OPTS in 1967. Arrests have escalated since beginning of the current *Intifada* on September 28, 2000. The arrests have been carried out against the international standards and procedures applicable. Large numbers of Palestinians have been arrested and detained without formal charges being brought against them. Increasing numbers of Palestinians have asked Al Mezan for legal assistance. Following is a general description of the way the IOF handle detainments and arrests.

5.1 Arrests at Border Crossing Points:

The Rafah Crossing Point is the only available exit for Palestinians wishing to travel from the Gaza Strip. This crossing, like other crossing points in the OPTs, is under complete Israeli control and numerous Palestinians have been arrested while attempting to leave or return to Gaza. Al Mezan is following five cases of individuals detained during the period covered by this report.

5.2 Arresting Palestinians at Military Checkpoints within the OPTS:

The Israeli military checkpoints stationed throughout the OPTS operate along critical transit roads and at the entrances of villages and towns. Palestinians wishing to travel within the OPTs have no choice but to pass through one or more of these, where they are subject to arrest or detainment.

Al-Matahin checkpoint is located just south of Deir Al-Balah, dividing the Gaza Strip in half. At this checkpoint Palestinians are stopped and asked to present identification. The IOF claim they only arrest "wanted" individuals. However, on more than a few occasions, persons not wanted by the Israeli forces were nonetheless subject to detainment, humiliation and harassment, including strip searches. According to the findings of the fieldwork unit at Al Mezan, most of those were arrested for a few days, interrogated and released without any charges. The Center is providing legal assistance for five people arrested at this checkpoint and then detained during the first three months of 2003.

5.3 Arrests during IOF incursions:

There are frequent arrests of Palestinians during IOF incursions inside the OPTS. The procedures followed by the IOF are arbitrary, cruel and degrading. Al Mezan documented 47 cases of Palestinians arrested by the IOF during such incursions in the Gaza Strip. The following is a part of an affidavit given by a Palestinian who was arrested by the IOF to Al Mezan.

My name is (F.N.) and I work as a psychological worker. I am 32-years-old, married and have two children.

On Saturday January 11, 2003, one hour before midnight, I was at home with my family when I heard the sound of tanks approaching the neighborhood where I live in Khan Yunis. The tanks were shooting heavily on the area. I heard a high sound of knocking at our house's door and when I opened, Israeli soldiers broke into the house. They detained my brother and me under the stairs. After tying our hands and

blindfolding our eyes, they took us out and ordered us to sit inside a tank. There were huge sounds of explosions. They kept us in the tank for two hours and during this time the tank stopped several times and opened fire.

They took us to a place that we couldn't recognize. We were told to walk for almost half a kilometer and the soldiers untied us and we could see the area. They ordered us to run towards a forested place and we heard the sound of rifles getting ready for shooting and we thought they were going to shoot us. They, then, tied us again and made us walk about 50 meters where they seated us on wooden chairs. It was so cold and we spent the night on the chairs. At around 10 am the next day, a person came and asked about our ID details and in an hour they took us in a military jeep. When they unfolded our eyes, we new we reached the Al-Matahin checkpoint. They gave us back out ID cards and asked us to go. Our hands were still tied. We walked towards Palestinian civilians who were waiting at the checkpoint and they untied us.

The following table shows the Palestinians arrested in the Gaza Strip and documented by the Center in May 2002:

Table 10: Palestinians Arrested by the IOF: Documented Cases -- 1 January and 31 March 2003

No.	Name	Address	Date
1.	Abdul Wahab Fayiz ash-Shirafi	Gaza	2 Jan. 2003
2.	Khalil Muhammad Abu Armaneh	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003
3.	Akram Khalil Abu Armaneh	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003
4.	Muhammad Khalil Abu Armaneh	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003
5.	Ibrahim Khalil Abu Armaneh	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003
6.	Hasan Khalil Abu Armaneh	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003
7.	Jameel Khalil Abu Armaneh	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003
8.	Samih Khalil Abu Armaneh	Rafah	5 Jan. 2003
9.	Ghasan Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	11 Jan. 2003
10.	Faraj Ismail an-Naffar	Khan Younis	11 Jan. 2003
11.	Alaa' Shihadeh Abu Jazar	Rafah	15 Jan. 2003
12.	Muhammad Jihad Abu Udeh	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
13.	Mahdi Muhammad Abu Udeh	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
14.	Ra'id Yousif Abu Udeh	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
15.	Ayman Fathi Bakr	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
16.	Sami Yousif Abu Udeh	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
17.	Muhammad Yousif Abu Udeh	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
18.	Usama Awni Abu Udeh	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
19.	Fayiz Ahmad Abu Fool	Gaza	17 Jan. 2003
20.	Firas Ahmad Abu Zaid	Rafah	20 Jan. 2003
21.	Uwaid Saleem Abu Khusa	North Gaza	23 Jan. 2003
22.	Mustafa Azmi Matar	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003
23.	Khadir Mas'oud Ayyad	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003

24.	Hassan Mas'oud Ayyad	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003
25.	Mas'oud Khadir Ayyad	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003
26.	Saeed Hussain Ayyad	Gaza	24 Jan. 2003
27.	Muhammad Jihad Muhammad	North Gaza	5 Feb. 2003
28.	Fareed Fathi Abu Sultan	North Gaza	16 Feb. 2003
29.	Ammar Ahmad ash-Shamali	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
30.	Raja' Ibrahim ash-Shamali	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
31.	Muhammad Ahmad Sheikh al-Eid	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
32.	Yousif Ahmad Sheikh al-Eid	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
33.	Muhammad Abdul Latif Abu Khudair	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
34.	Badir Abdul Latif Abu Khudair	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
35.	Khalid Ahmad Sheikh al-Eid	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
36.	Mustafa Ahmad ash-Shamali	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
37.	Hasan Abdul Latif Abu Khudair	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
38.	Ali Ahmad Sheikh al-Eid	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
39.	Jihad Ahmad Sheikh al-Eid	Rafah	18 Feb. 2003
40.	Muwafaq Muhammad Abu Harbeed	North Gaza	23 Feb. 2003
41.	Imad Muhammad Hussain	North Gaza	23 Feb. 2003
42.	Ahmad Muhammad al-Khateeb	Gaza	23 Feb. 2003
43.	Akram Hamad Hijazi	Rafah	27 Feb. 2003
44.	Yousif Muhammad al-Habil	North Gaza	2 Mar. 2003
45.	Atif Khalil al-Habil	North Gaza	2 Mar. 2003
46.	Ayman Salih Taha	Dier Al-Balah	3 Mar. 2003
47.	Sami Abdullah Abu Hmeeseh	Dier Al-Balah	3 Mar. 2003
48.	Ibrahim Abdul Qadir al-'Abeed	Dier Al-Balah	3 Mar. 2003
49.	Abdullah Muhammad Taha	Dier Al-Balah	3 Mar. 2003
50.	Muhammad Salih Taha	Dier Al-Balah	3 Mar. 2003
51.	Abdul Rahman Muhammad Taha	Dier Al-Balah	3 Mar. 2003
52.	Awadd Hussain al-Kafarneh	North Gaza	11 Mar. 2003
53.	Atta Yousif Qasim	North Gaza	11 Mar. 2003
54.	Tamir Mahmoud az-Zwidi	North Gaza	11 Mar. 2003
55.	Ibrahim Issam Abu Mustafa	Khan Younis	14 Mar. 2003
56.	Ibrahim Abdul Mun'im Abu Arram	Khan Younis	14 Mar. 2003
57.	Hamid Hasan Nussair	North Gaza	27 Mar. 2003
58.	Muhammad Yousif al-Basyuni	North Gaza	27 Mar. 2003
59.	Hussam Muhammad Hussain	Gaza	30 Mar. 2003

60.	Ibrahim Muhammad al-Umari (Umarin)	Gaza	30 Mar. 2003
61.	Ali Waleed Abu Dayya	Gaza	30 Mar. 2003
62.	Nadir al-Qanou'	Gaza	30 Mar. 2003

6. Blockade and Siege of the OPTS:

Under the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention the civilian population of occupied territories enjoys the status of **'protected persons'**, and the occupying power is bound by the Convention in its treatment of these persons. Article 3(1) in the Convention states that such persons shall in all circumstances **'be treated humanely, without any adverse discrimination founded on race, color, religion or faith, sex, birth or wealth, or any other similar criteria'**. Sub-article (c) in the same Article prohibits **'outrages upon human dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment'** of protected persons. In addition, Article 21 of the Convention emphasizes the respect that the sick should be entitled respect and protection. In Article 33, the Convention provides that **'no protected person may be punished for an offence he or she has not personally committed'** and that **'collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation or of terrorism are prohibited'**.

Moreover, human rights standards are applicable to the case of the OPTs. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) of 1976 bases the right to travel and freedom of movement on Article 12. Also important are the Articles that provide for the right of every person to work (Article 6 of the ICESCR) and the right of every person to practice their religion (Article 18 of the ICESCR). The IOF's closure and comprehensive siege, imposed on the OPTs since October 10, 2000, clearly violates the above-mentioned texts of International and Humanitarian Law.

Since the beginning of the Al Aqsa *Intifada* in September 2000, Israeli forces have been imposing a tight siege on the Palestinian territories. Although this procedure constitutes collective punishment and a grave breach of international humanitarian law, it has continued during the period covered by this report. The Israeli siege on the OPTs takes two forms:

6.1 Internal Siege

The IOF continue to take advantage of the geographic separation between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank in order to separate Palestinian cities, towns, villages, and refugee camps. The by-pass roads that connect Jewish settlements to each other or that connect settlements to highways inside the Green Line solidify this separation. These roads serve to separate the Palestinian territories into small islands each geographically disconnected to the other; especially as the IOF have permanent and temporary roadblocks on them.

The IOF have seized Salah ad-Din Street along the stretch from north of Kfar Darom settlement, near Deir Al-Balah crossing, to al-Matahin Crossing north of Khan Yunis. Salah ad-Din is the main Street connecting the different parts of the Gaza Strip. Not only are cars forbidden to pass on this road, walking is also prohibited. The occupation forces have established permanent military sites at the entrance on al-Hikir and al-Matahin roads and ash-Shuhada Junction. On December 15, 2000, the IOF seized the main street between Rafah and Khan Yunis. It is still prohibited for Palestinian citizens to use it until this day.

Additionally, the same Salah ad-Din street has been completely closed and is being used only by Israeli army and soldiers. The only alternative road, the beach road, is subject to frequent closure and when this happens, the Gaza Strip becomes divided into three parts.

Furthermore, the IOF frequently detain Palestinian vehicles between the two watchtowers at the Matahin checkpoint for hours at a time. On Wednesday 26 March 2003, hundreds of civilians were detained while Israeli soldiers searched them.¹⁰

6.1.1 Isolation of Palestinian Areas

In the course of the collective punishment procedures employed by the IOF, they isolated Al-Mawasi and As-Syafa areas, both are under full Israeli control according to the Oslo Accords, from the rest of the Gaza Strip.

- Al Mawasi Area

Al-Mawasi extends along the coastline in Rafah and Khan Yunis, south of the Gaza Strip. The area is under complete Israeli control according to the agreements signed by the PLO and Israeli Government. Al Mawasi is important for its location at the sea. Since 9 October 2000, the Israeli forces imposed a tight siege around Al Mawasi. The movement of Palestinians is controlled by two permanent checkpoints at the entrance of the area in Rafah and Khan Yunis. Only the residents of the area are allowed to move. Even medical teams of the ICRC and the Palestinian Red Crescent are required to coordinate their movement with the IOF before they can move. On February 5, 2003, the IOF attacked a medical team from Doctors without Borders and prevented them from entering the area although they had permission from the IOF. Vehicles are not allowed to go through the checkpoints, so people have to walk in and out of the area.

Since 22 May 2002, the IOF handed new magnetic permission slips to the residents of al-Mawasi. Every person aged between 16 and 50 has to show this permission slip each time he wants to leave or enter the area. When movement is allowed through checkpoints, the IOF humiliate the residents of Al Mawasi. In addition to searching them and everything they have, they keep them waiting for long times often using derogatory language when talking to them. Schoolchildren's bags are also searched when the children leave or enter Al Mawasi. Additionally, the residents of Al Mawasi in Rafah are permitted to leave through the Rafah checkpoint, but they are not allowed to return the same way. Instead they must travel to Khan Yunis and return through the checkpoint there. For four days (during the period covered by this report) the IOF closed the At-Tuffah checkpoint, at the entrance of Al Mawasi in Khan Yunis refusing to allow people to return to their homes. Even when the checkpoints are open, the residents of Al Mawasi are allowed to move at limited times only. The sick are often restricted for long periods at the checkpoints and workers who work inside the area are not allowed to move.

- As-Syafa Area

This area is located along the seacoast in the north of the Gaza Strip. Two Israeli settlements were created on confiscated land in as-Syafa, Dugit and Ilai Sinai. The Israeli forces have been violating the human rights of the Syafa population since before the current *Intifada* / uprising. Al Mezan has documented many of these violations including the demolition of hundreds of dunams¹¹ of agricultural land, seizure of hundreds of dunams for settlement use, demolition of ten water-wells and tens of homes. Moreover, many Palestinians living in the area have been shot and killed by arbitrary firing at their homes and farms.

As-Syafa has been a closed area since three weeks after the beginning of the *Intifada*, and, worse, the Israeli forces have isolated the area from the outside world through a series of barbed wire fences. People living permanently in as-Syafa can move only at limited times through one gate these forces have created for this purpose. Their ID cards have numbers on them and people who do not possess these ID numbers are denied travel. All kinds of vehicles are restricted from going through this gate and as-Syafa has been under a continual night

¹⁰ For further details on the IOF's treatment of Palestinian civilians at checkpoint in the Gaza Strip, please consult Al Mezan's special report on 'The Outrages Upon Human Dignity at Israeli Checkpoints in the Gaza Strip', www.mezan.org.

¹¹ One dunam corresponds to 1,000 square meters.

curfew allowing emergency cases to move only with special permission from the Israeli commander in the area. It is worth noting that 34 Palestinian families live permanently in this area—a total of about 150 people. The night curfew lasts from 5pm to 6am every day.

The restrictions in the Syafa area have caused property loss and low investment in the area. For instance, farmers who own land but do not live in the area cannot reach their farms. They have now lost two harvest seasons and the problem will continue if the situation does not change in the future.

6.2 External Siege Separating Palestine from the Outside World

The IOF also continue their siege on the Palestinian territories by closing the border passages to both trade and travel. These passages enjoyed activity before the imposition of this siege on October 9, 2000 when the IOF closed the occupied Palestinian territories and, hence, the passages connecting the Palestinian territories to each other or with the outside world. Commercial crossings were also closed. The blockade has continued ever since that time and none of these crossings have operated at full capacity. The siege was continuous during the first three months of 2003.

- Rafah/al-Awda Crossing:

The Rafah passage connects the Palestinian territories to Egypt. It has two parts: one is for passengers and the other is for commercial traffic. The latter part has been completely closed since the first month of the Intifada while the passengers' part has been partially opened.

- Sofa Passage

This passage is located east of Rafah and is assigned for the movement of workers and merchandise. Sofa has been partially closed since 9 October 2000.

- Al-Muntar/Karni Passage

Al-Muntar, located in the east of Gaza City, is the main commercial crossing into the Gaza Strip. It has been partially closed since 9 October 2000.

- Beit Hanoun/Erez Passage

This is the major passage in the Gaza Strip, for it allows passage for travelers, workers, goods, trucks and emergency vehicles. It is located northwest of Beit Hanoun, in the northern Gaza Strip. Erez has been completely closed to movement of non-worker Gaza residents since October 9, 2000. Only those Palestinian workers with special permits are allowed to go through the crossing.

- Gaza International Airport (GIA)

GIA is the only airport in the occupied Palestinian territories. It is located in the southeast of Rafah. The GIA was frequently shut down by the Israeli forces beginning on 9 October 2000. Then, on 14 February 2001, the GIA was completely closed, and has remained closed during the period covered by this report.

In addition to restricting flights, Israeli tanks and bulldozers entered the airport on at 9 P.M. Friday, 11 January 2002, and tore apart the runway. They dug 34 holes in it and destroyed the eastern and northern parts of the airport. It was the third time the Israeli forces entered GIA since the beginning of the current *Intifada*.

Among these five crossing points, three points are assigned for passengers' movement; all were closed except the Rafah Crossing, currently the only outlet for Palestinians wishing to travel abroad from the Gaza Strip.

However, in the aftermath of the outbreak of the Intifada on 28 September 2000, Israel closed all the crossing points and imposed restrictions on Palestinian movement as collective punishment. The Rafah Crossing was not exempted. It has been partially closed or, less frequently,

completely closed to Palestinian travelers. When the crossing is open, travelers are allowed to move between 9am and 4pm on two shifts; the first is for those who are departing Gaza while the second is for those returning to Gaza.

To make matters worse, Israel announced on 6 January 2003 that Palestinians between the ages of 16 and 35 years would not be allowed to exit through the Rafah Crossing (and all the other crossing points in the OPTs), whatever the purpose of their travel was. Both men and women were included. On 9 January 2003, women were allowed to travel. It is not clear when Israel will lift the ban on men's travel. On March 3, 2003, the restriction once again included both men and women and it was still imposed at the time this report was written.¹²

The closure of crossing points in the Gaza Strip led to numerous human rights violations, especially the right to work and freedom of religious worship. The following section provides greater details on the impact of closure on both work and worship.

6.2.1 Impact on the Right to Worship:

Israel's sieges on the OPTs comprise violations of Palestinians' rights to worship. For example, Palestinians who live in the Gaza Strip have not been allowed to visit the Al Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem since the outbreak of the current *Intifada*. Israel's most recent travel restrictions at the Rafah Crossing prevented thousands of Palestinians from making the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

The Rafah Crossing is the only outlet for Palestinian pilgrims since the closure of the Gaza International Airport on 6 February 2001. Pilgrims had to travel to Egypt first and then to Mecca. About 6,000 Palestinians were due to travel to Mecca this year but many of them were banned by the IOF either for 'security' reasons, or because they fell between the ages of 16 and 35 (see travel restrictions mentioned above). The Mezan Center for Human Rights monitored pilgrim movement at the Rafah Crossing. The following table shows the number of Palestinian pilgrims prevented from leaving through the Rafah Crossing:

Table 11: Shows the Numbers of Palestinian Pilgrims Who reached Rafah Crossing and were Sent Back to Gaza 13

Date	No. of pilgrims who reached Rafah Crossing	No. of pilgrims banned for security claims	No. of pilgrims banned for age	No. of pilgrims who passed Rafah Crossing
24 Jan. 2003	363	19	44	300
25 Jan. 2003	370	34	12	324
26 Jan. 2003	505	46	9	450
27 Jan. 2003	1,022	72	0	950
28 Jan. 2003	1,152	77	20	1,055
29 Jan. 2003	996	52	11	933
4 Feb. 2003	352	0	26	326
6 & 7 Feb. 2003	396	290	0	106
Total	5,144	590	122	4,444

6.2.2 Impact on the Right to Work:

¹² For more details please consult Al Mezan's special report on the IOF's Restriction of Palestinians Movement at Rafah Crossing, on www.mezan.org.

¹³ The IOF handed lists of the pilgrims who were not allowed to travel and many of them did not reach Rafah Crossing.

The IOF's closure of the OPTs caused loss of jobs for tens of thousands of Palestinians. Only a few thousand Palestinians were permitted to enter Israel for work while the majority of people who used to work in Israel or in the OPTs lost their jobs. The unemployment rate in the Gaza Strip has now reached over 65%. According to the Fieldwork Unit at Al Mezan, Israel banned workers' entrance to Israel for 22 months. In July 2002, a few thousand were allowed to enter Israel for work. Before the IOF imposed the siege on the OPTs, the IOF issued an average of about 38,850 for Palestinians monthly. The following table gives more details¹⁴:

Table 12: Shows the Number and Types of Permits Issued by the IOF before September 2000

No.	Number of Permits Issued	Type of Permit
1.	24,650	Work Permit
2.	800	Permits for the PA's Employees
3.	500	Permits for Prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque
4.	1,000	Permits for Visits to the West Bank
5.	10,000	Permits for Trade, Industry and Agriculture
6.	1,000	Other Needs
7.	900	Permits for Motor Vehicles

It should be noted that numerous Palestinians were issued permits for the purpose of trade after the IOF refused to provide them with work permits. In addition, thousands of Palestinian workers used to work in Israel without having permits. Al Mezan Center monitors the movement of workers at the crossing points and the industrial zone near Beit Hanoun. Following is a table showing the days of closure and opening of these points and the number of workers who entered Israel and the industrial zone during the first three months of 2003:

Table 13: Shows the Palestinian Workers between 1 January and 31 March 2003

Crossing / Zone	Days of Closure	Days of Opening	Average Number Per Day
Beit Hanoun / Erez	17	72	7,273
Sofa	29	46	374
Erez Industrial Zone	3	87	2,819

The two previous tables show that the number of Palestinians working in Israel with special permits has dropped by more than 50%. Approximately 70% of the Palestinian workers who used to work within the OPTs lost their jobs owing to the closures and the IOF's destruction of industrial and commercial facilities, and demolition of cultivated land.

7. Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law

In light of Israel's 35-year occupation of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, Israel, as an occupying power, is obliged to observe the provisions the 1907 Hague Regulations and the Fourth Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian

¹⁴ The information included in this table is based on the records of the Palestinian Ministry of Civil Affairs in the first 8 months of 2000.

Persons in Time of War (1949). Regarding the former, despite the fact that Israel has not ratified the Regulations, Israeli High Court jurisprudence affirms that they are binding upon Israel as customary international law. 15

As far as the Fourth Geneva Convention is concerned, Israel has advanced many legal arguments to the effect that this is not binding upon it. Such arguments have been discussed at length elsewhere¹⁶. The international community, the UN Security Council, and the International Committee of the Red Cross, maintain that the Fourth Geneva Convention is applicable to Israel's occupation. Furthermore, a conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention, which took place in Geneva in July 1999 (boycotted by Israel), reaffirmed the applicability of the Convention to Israel. 17 The statement of common understanding that was adopted by the High Contracting Parties "reaffirmed the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem," and "the need for full respect for the provisions of the said Convention in that Territory." Common Article 1 of the Geneva Conventions requires High Contracting Parties, "to respect and to ensure respect for the present Convention in all circumstances," a requirement that includes the duty to endeavor to bring another High Contracting party to respect the Geneva Conventions when it is responsible for breaches.

The Occupying Power must refrain from attacking non-military targets, including individuals, buildings and property (both private and personal). The Occupying Power is not only absolutely prohibited from targeting them, but also obliged to provide means of complete protection for them. The use of certain weaponry during military operations, especially in the Occupied Territories, is strictly limited and/or absolutely prohibited. The use of force by the Occupying Power should respect two highly essential and basic principles:

- **Military Necessity:** International law permits warring armies to neglect some of the obligations imposed by law, yet not absolutely. It is restricted to a group of conditions. Experts who explained the texts of the Fourth Geneva Convention agree that military necessity means all the imperative procedures needed to achieve a military purpose necessary for military operations. The word 'necessary' means that the aim of war will not be achieved without these procedures. It may also at times mean that some restrictions may be neglected except when carrying out procedures that aim purely at punishment or deterrence.

- **Proportionality and Discrimination:** Proportionality restricts Military Necessity. It refers to the fact that Military Necessity must not ignore that military operations and the strategies used should be appropriate to the military targets. According to this principle, all actions that may cause losses to souls or/and property which have nothing to do with the operations or the expected results are prohibited. Warring parties must also, in the course of military operations, discriminate between civil and military targets, and in the use of force in regard to methods and weaponry with the aim of minimizing damage and suffering to the least possible.

Notwithstanding the application of humanitarian law to the OPTs, human rights standards also apply. Human rights law and humanitarian law are distinct, but nevertheless, interrelated bodies of law.¹⁸ Israel has ratified most of the human rights conventions, and, hence, undertook the responsibility to respect Human Rights Law. As such Israel must respect human rights standards in all the areas of its jurisdiction, which includes all of the West Bank and Gaza because Israeli occupation and control remain to this day, in spite of the existence of the Palestinian Authority inside Area "A". All of the occupied territories are under Israeli jurisdiction and human rights standards are applicable to them.¹⁹

¹⁵ See Suleiman Tawfiq Ayyub et al. v Minister of Defense et al, Israeli High Court Judgment 606/78 at 6.

¹⁶ See Roberts, "Prolonged Military Occupation," in Playfair (ed) *Administration of Occupied Territories* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1999).

¹⁷ The UN General Assembly resolution calling for the meeting of the High Contracting Parties was adopted by a vote of 115 in favor with two (Israel and the USA) against and five abstentions.

¹⁸ Al Mezan Center for Human Rights and the Arab Committee for Human Rights Report, "One of Our Greatest Successes," by Angela Gaff.

¹⁹ "Human Rights Culture- Universality of Principles and Means of Inheriting," a group of lectures and workshops organized by the Middle East Council of Churches, given by Issam Yunis.

Final Comments

The impact of 30 months of the IOF's continued targeting of Palestinian civilians and the infrastructure of the Palestinians community has been disastrous. The loss in the different Palestinian economic sectors produced high levels of poverty and unemployment, 70% and over 60% respectively. A survey carried out by the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics points out that over 50% of Palestinian children between the ages of 6 and 59 months suffer from Anemia. The percentage in the refugee camps reaches 54.6%.

The living standards in the OPTs in general, and the Gaza Strip in particular, have reached alarming levels as many of the vital services are collapsing. Sources in the Gaza Strip's municipalities have said that increasing numbers of Palestinians are not able to pay the drinking water and electricity fees. In the poorest community 85% of the population cannot pay for such services.

Al Mezan believes that a national strategy for combating poverty and unemployment is urgent. In addition, more coordination in recruiting relief and distributing it is essential for those in need. This calls for more cooperation between the Palestinian National Authority, the Palestinian and international NGOs and the international community.

The facts regarding the impact of Israel's violations of Palestinians' human rights as delineated in this report indicates that Israel has been systematically perpetrating war crimes and crimes against humanity, as defined by the Fourth Geneva Convention. Israel continues to oppress Palestinians in order to further its own political agenda, which does not meet even the minimum level of securing the legitimate rights of freedom, self-determination and sovereign statehood for the Palestinian people.

As such, and in light of the facts this report puts forth, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights undertakes an urgent appeal to the international community to intervene immediately in order to protect the civilian population and ensure Israel's respect for its obligations under human rights law and the Fourth Geneva Convention. Al Mezan calls upon the international community to:

- Provide effective protection for Palestinian civilians and their property. Israel's continued violation of its obligations should prompt the international community to fulfill its legal and moral responsibilities towards the Palestinian civilian population in the occupied territories.
- Stop dealing with the Palestinian cause from a political perspective. After years of sacrificing human rights to give "peace" efforts a chance, no stable peace has been fulfilled that also respects basic human rights.
- Bring Israeli war criminals to justice.
- Provide urgent relief assistance to Palestinian civilians.
- Pressure Israel to compensate Palestinian civilians for the damage it has caused to their lives, property and infrastructure. Overlooking such pressure will only allow Israel to continue its criminal policies.

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