



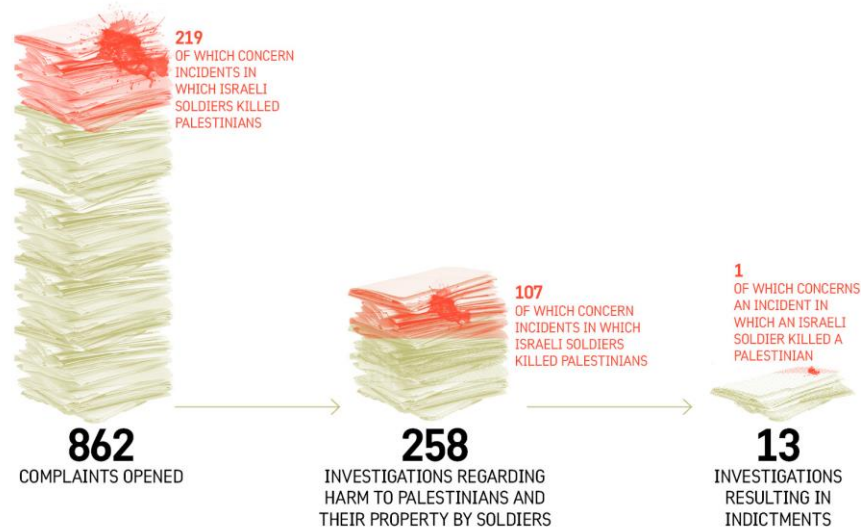
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Yesh Din Releases New Data Sheet on Law Enforcement on Israeli Soldiers Between the Years 2018-2022

Yesh Din's new data sheet focuses on the Israeli military law enforcement system's response to soldiers' offenses against Palestinians committed in the West Bank between the years 2018 and 2022, the five years preceding the current war in Gaza. The findings demonstrate that military law enforcement authorities consistently avoid investigating and prosecuting soldiers who commit offenses against Palestinians in the West Bank. In this way, the military is failing to uphold its duty to protect Palestinian residents from offenses committed by Israeli soldiers and commanders which are endemic to and inherent in Israel's ongoing occupation. This systemic failure paves the way for intervention by international tribunals.

RESPONSE TO ISRAELI SOLDIERS' OFFENSES AGAINST PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK 2018-2022



Key data points

- The probability of a complaint regarding harm caused to Palestinians by soldiers in the West Bank culminating in an indictment filed against the soldiers is just 1.5%
- The probability of an Israeli soldier being indicted for killing Palestinians is just 0.4%
- Only 30% of all complaints into incidents of suspected soldier offenses against Palestinians in the West Bank resulted in an investigation
- As of October 2024, only 13 cases (5%) out of the total 258 investigations opened in 2018-2022 resulted in indictments
- The military does not investigate all cases in which Palestinian civilians are killed
- In the rare cases in which soldiers are convicted, they receive lenient sentences

The military's data shows that despite the large number of complaints of harm to Palestinians by soldiers each year, investigations are opened only in a minority of the cases, and the number of indictments filed against the implicated soldiers is minuscule. Finally, even in the rare instances in which soldiers are convicted of offenses against Palestinians, the military courts hand down lenient sentences.

Yesh Din has been monitoring the military's law enforcement response to offenses committed by soldiers against Palestinians or their property in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (oPt) since 2005. Every year, we publish current data based on information provided by the Israeli military in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act, as well as multi-year monitoring of military law enforcement.

Between 2018 and 2022, a total of **862 complaints** concerning suspected soldier offenses against Palestinians in the West Bank were brought to the attention of the military law enforcement system. Of these, **258** criminal investigations were opened, accounting for 30% of all complaints. Only **13 investigations** concerning offenses against Palestinians in the West Bank culminated in indictments against **29** soldiers, only one in an incident involving the killing of a Palestinian. This means soldiers were prosecuted in only 1.5% of the total number of complaints against them, which already represents only a fraction of the actual incidents. The probability of an Israeli soldier facing prosecution for killing Palestinians is just 0.4% - one prosecution in **219 fatalities** brought to the military's attention.

[Read the full data sheet](#)

The data for 2018-2022 indicate the military law enforcement system is reluctant to take appropriate action regarding soldier offenses against Palestinians which are endemic to and inherent in Israel's ongoing occupation. The data shows that Israel is unwilling to conduct genuine investigation and prosecution procedures in cases of offenses committed by soldiers.

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