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## Violent Escalation in the West Bank

Alongside these painful and difficult days in Israel and the Gaza Strip - including harm to family members of Yesh Din staff members - we are committed to continuing and delivering the reality unfolding in the West Bank, where settlers and soldiers are carrying out acts of violence and revenge against Palestinians an especially sensitive time.

According to Yesh Din's data, in the last three days, at least 14 Palestinians have been killed by live ammunition in the West Bank. In addition, the army has blocked the entrance and exit of many villages in different areas, including Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Hebron. In most major routes in the West Bank, Israel allows travel only for settlers. In most areas of Hebron, the military has restricted Palestinians from leaving their homes.

Since Saturday, October 7, Israeli settlers have carried out numerous attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank. The attacks are taking place within the villages themselves, on the roads, and in agricultural

lands. The settlers are shooting, injuring, setting fires, and damaging property and trees. Additionally, there is evidence that soldiers are allowing the violence to continue, sometimes joining in.

Below is a summary of events from the last three days that have been reported to Yesh Din:

#### Saturday, October 7th

- Six Palestinians were killed, including a chil, in various incidents in the West Bank.
- Yasuf: around ten settlers who came from Tapuah and Tapuah Ma'arav attacked homes and farm houses in the village. They injured one of the farmers, and caused damage to property.
- Qusrah: settlers who came from the direction of Esh Kodesh attacked homes in the village and set fire to property, causing significant damage. At least two residents were injured.
- Yanun: dozens of settlers attacked the village, causing damage to property.
- Iskaka: settlers fired live ammunition at farmers and Palestinian vehicles. Two cars were damaged.
- Qaryut: settlers attacked the village with live ammunition. The incident resulted in no injuries.
- Mu'arrajat: settlers fired live ammunition at Palestinian vehicles on the road to Jericho.
- Hebron :settlers attacked many houses, causing significant damage.

#### Sunday, October 8th

- Five Palestinians were shot and killed by soldiers in Qalandiya and Hebron.
- Qusrah, Jalud and Sinjil :widespread attack by settlers who used live ammunition.
- Settlers damaged the electricity network between Jalud and Ousrah
- a-Taybah junction: settlers fired live ammunition at a petrol truck.
- Sabastiya: settlers attack with live ammunition.

### Monday, October 9th

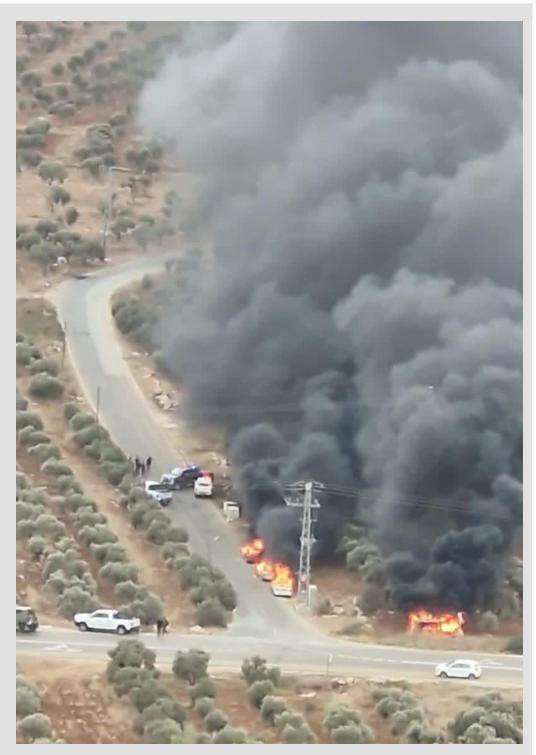
- Three Palestinians shot and killed by soldiers.
- Qaryut and Bani Hassan :settlers armed with firearms attacked the villages and fired live ammunition.
- Hebron: soldiers shot at Palestinian journalists and their vehicles.
- Armed settlers fired live ammunition at a Palestinian truck shortly before reaching Ni'lin. Additionally, settlers fired at the car of a Palestinian near Salfit.
- Einabus: settlers descended from the direction of Yitzhar, set a house on fire and attacked homes with live ammunition. Two Palestinians were injured.
- Duma: settlers set fire to vehicles and olive trees.

The situation across the West Bank is escalating.

Yesh Din calls upon the international community to

apply pressure on the Israeli government to ensure it

fulfills its duty and guarantees the safety of
Palestinians in the West Bank. The military must
uphold its obligation according to international law to
protect the lives of the local residents, including from
attacks by Israeli settlers.



Settlers setting Palestinians' vehicles and trees outside the village of Duma.

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