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Update on the violent escalation in the West Bank

Amidst the horrific events in the Gaza strip, the situation across the West Bank is escalating, and we cannot afford to ignore it. The severity and frequency of settler violence is intensifying with every passing day, and our staff is doing its best to document the incidents and report them to the international community. Since October 7, **a total of 32 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank** - whether by settlers or by soldiers.

[This is a summary of settler violence incidents since Saturday, October 7. We will be updating this summary daily.](#)

Two events of particular severity occurred during the last couple of days -

Qusrah: Yesh Din field researchers report a severe incident that began on October 11, and continued during October 12; Armed settlers raided the village and were [documented shooting](#) and throwing stones at homes. The military joined shortly, and as a

result of the attack, **four Palestinians were killed** - seemingly by settlers. Today, the settlers proceeded to attack the funeral of the deceased, shooting live ammunition while the military and police were present. **Two more Palestinians were killed during this attack** – both a father and his son. It has not been determined yet whether they were killed by the settlers or the military.

The Wadi al-Seeq shepherding community is currently evacuating their women & children due to settler attacks. The threat to these already vulnerable communities in the area east of Ramallah has increased significantly since the beginning of the war on Saturday, October 7. The settlers are exploiting the diversion of attention to Gaza to deepen the violence in the areas in which the remaining of these Palestinian shepherding communities still reside, in order to displace these communities through violence. The Wadi al-Seeq community has lived in this area for more than 30 years, and they are one of the last ones left in that area since the establishment of illegal Israeli shepherding outposts 3-4 years ago, that are supported by the Israeli government. This is yet another community uprooted from their homes due to the coercive environment and terrorizing reality created by these outposts.

Yesh Din calls upon the international community to demand protection for Palestinians, who are currently paying the price for the war in Gaza with homes and lives.



The belongings of the Wadi A-Seeq community, packed up and ready to leave their home after months of brutal violence have just escalated to an unbearable intensity.

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