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### Two Nights of Settler Violence Follow Killing of Israeli Soldier

*Following the killing of an Israeli soldier who was securing a settler march on Tuesday, the West Bank erupted with numerous violent attacks carried out by Israeli civilians against Palestinian which are ongoing. These violent developments are taking place against the backdrop of a month-long military operation, weeks of intense military repression and at least 6 days of closure in Nablus, the official and precarious start of the olive harvest, and rising tensions in the illegal outpost Homesh. Yesh Din field researchers report that many Palestinian farmers are too afraid even to attempt to harvest their crops due to the dangerous situation. In recent days, the rising tensions and deteriorating security situation across the West Bank have resulted in the deaths of several Palestinians, including children, and two Israeli soldiers.*

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On the night of Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Israeli settlers across the West Bank blocked central junctions and launched violent attacks on Palestinians. This violence was reportedly in 'revenge' for the [killing of an Israeli soldier](#) who was guarding a settler march in the Nablus district on Tuesday.

Yesh Din documented five incidents of settler attacks on Palestinians and in Palestinians villages throughout the West Bank on Tuesday:

1. Dozens of settlers attacked homes in **Sinjil**, throwing stones and [causing broken windows and other damage](#).
2. Settlers attacked a vehicle which contained a Palestinian family at the **Shiloh intersection**; the [driver was injured and hospitalized](#).
3. Settlers attacked a Palestinian vehicle at **Kedumim intersection**.
4. A resident of Jama'in was attacked at the **Yitzhar intersection** and was injured in the head and evacuated to the hospital.
5. Settlers [invaded the village Huwwara](#) and attacked houses with stones. Settler attacks in **Huwwara** continued into the following day.

**The next day**, October 12<sup>th</sup>, tens of settlers attacked the village **Qusra**. They set fire to electric poles between the villages Jalud and Qusra, causing severe power outages, damaged more than 20 olive trees, and, according to eyewitnesses, fired live bullets as well as tear gas. Several Palestinians were injured and hospitalized. Additionally, settlers set fire to chicken coops in the villages, burning thousands of chickens to death and causing great economic loss.

Attacks in Huwwara also continued on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Tens of settlers invaded the village, accompanied and protected by Israeli soldiers, and [began wreaking havoc](#): attacking shop-owners, cars, and homes and setting fire to storage units and other structures. Yesh Din also received reports that settlers shot live fire which injured a taxi driver.

**Rather than working to prevent violent attacks by Israelis or apprehending the Israeli offenders, as usual, the military has been responding by intensifying restrictions on Palestinian civilians, including blocking off all access roads to Nablus. By protecting settlers and refraining from enforcing the law, the military is enabling settlers to embark on this 'revenge' campaign, subjecting Palestinians to collective punishment.**



Burned chickens in Qusra following settler attacks on October 12. Photo: Qusra Village Council.



Results of the settler attacks in Huwwara on October 13. Photo: Huwwara Village Council.

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