



State of Palestine
Ministry Of Health

Israeli Aggression

Against Peaceful Return March



Peaceful Return March
30 March 2018 - 15 June 2019

Introduction:

This report presents data collected on the number of martyrs and the number of injuries sustained during the Great March of Return that started on 30 March 2018. The report documents Israel's continued violation of human rights and disregard for International Humanitarian Law in the Gaza Strip through its killings, shootings and targeting of women, children, medical teams, journalists and citizens who claim their most basic rights, which are guaranteed under International Law.

The importance of this report is that it serves as an official document drawn up by the Palestinian MOH, benefiting from the input of multiple other stakeholders, human rights organizations and researchers. The total number of martyrs was 306, of whom 96.1% (294) were male and 19.0% (58) were children.

The total number injured was 32,529 including 17,581 (54.0%) who attended hospital. 72.6 % of the all hospitals injuries were in persons aged 18 to 39 years. 47.8% of injuries were to the lower limbs, with 9.9% to the head and neck. 40.6% of injures were from live bullets, 5.8% resulted from rubber-coated metal bullets and 14.6% were the result of tear gas inhalation. There were four martyrs and 735 wounded among medical staff, who were injured by gunfire and tear gas inhalation, while 119 ambulances were partially damaged as the result of attacks.

Sources of Data:

In the preparation of this report, the Palestinian Health Information Center relied on data from hospitals, primary health care centers of the Ministry of Health, NGO hospitals and medical points. Data was assessed to ensure quality control, eliminating duplication of names, and was analyzed statistically for publication in this report.

1. Martyrs

The total number of martyrs was 251, (97.6%) of martyrs were male.

Table No (1): The distribution of martyrs by sex

Sex	No.	%
Male	294	96.1
Female	12	3.9
Total	306	100

Table No (2): The distribution of martyrs by governorate

Governorate	No.	%
North Gaza	55	18.0
Gaza	88	28.8
Mid Zone	53	17.3
Khan younis	75	24.5
Rafah	35	11.4
Total	306	100.0

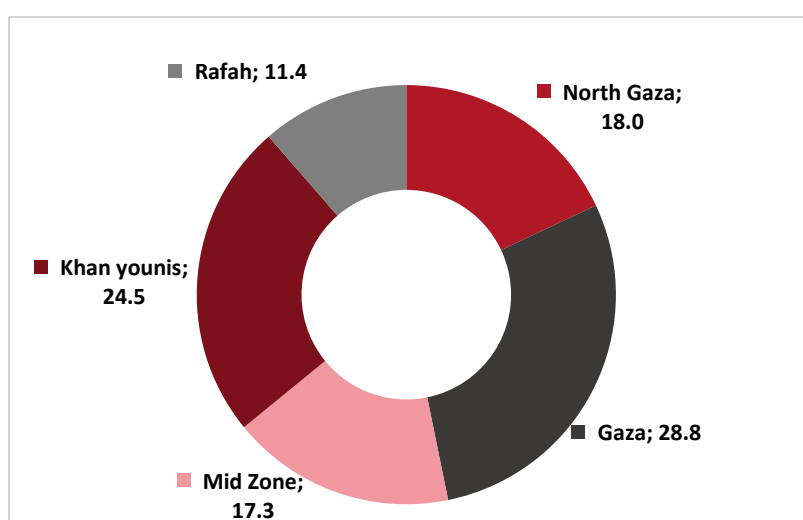


Chart no (1): The distribution of martyr's percentage by governorate

Table No (3): The distribution of martyrs by age group

Age Group	Martyr	
	No.	%
Under 18	58	19.0
18-39	231	75.5
40-59	15	4.9
60 and above	2	0.7
Total	306	100.0

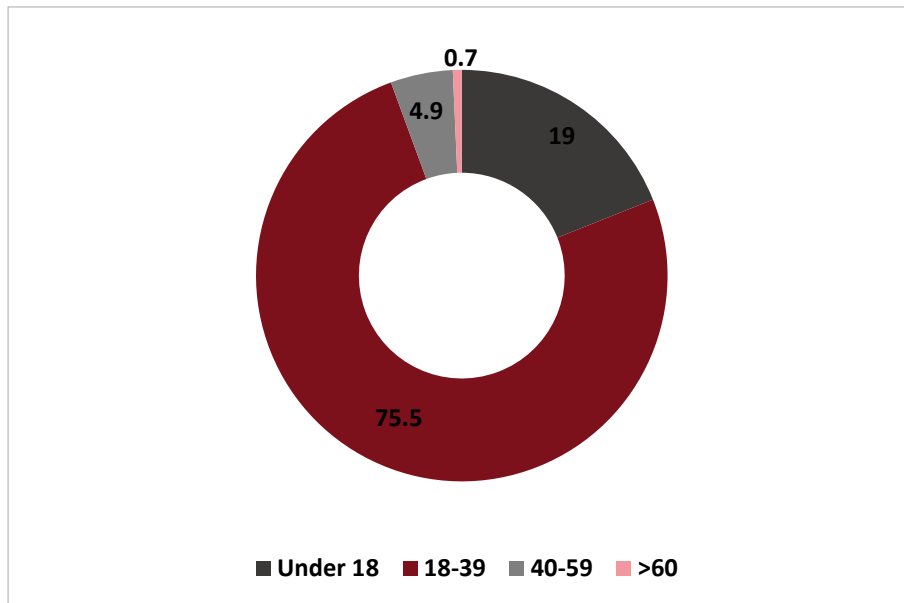


Chart no (2): The distribution of martyrs by age group

2. Injuries

The total number of injures was 32,529. (54.0 %) of those injured attended hospital, while 46.0% were treated at field medical points and primary health care centers. 2,440 women were injured, comprising 7.5% of total injures. 5,823 children were injured, comprising 17.9% of total injures.

Hospitals

The total number of those injured who attended hospital was 17,581, of whom 93.5% were male and 6.5% were female.

Table No (4): The distribution of injuries by sex

Sex	No.	%
Male	16,407	93.5
Female	1174	6.5
Total	17,581	100.0

Distribution of hospital injuries by governorate:

Table (5): The distribution of injuries by governorate

Governorate	No.	%
North Gaza	3,817	21.7
Gaza	5,718	32.5
Mid Zone	2,775	15.8
Khan Younis	3,306	18.8
Rafah	1,965	11.2
Total	17,581	100.0

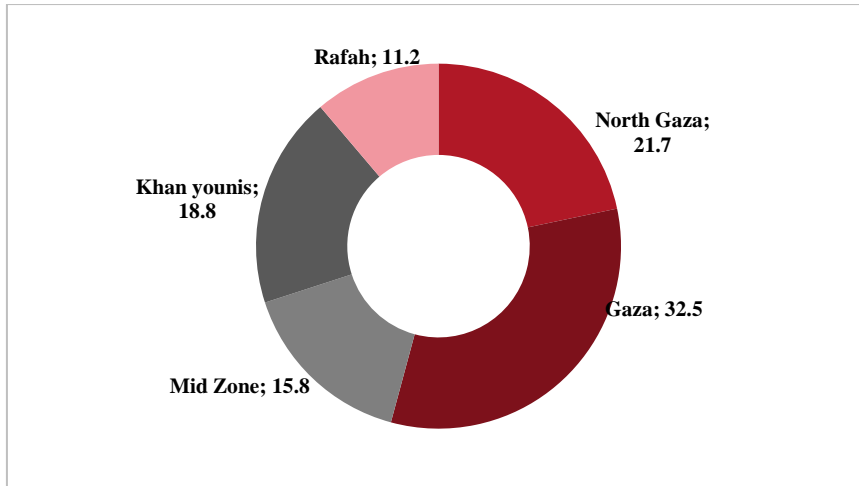


Chart No (3): The distribution of injuries by governorate

Distribution of injuries by age group

Table (6): The distribution of injuries by age group

Age Group	Injures	
	No.	%
Under 18	3,646	20.7
18-39	12,762	72.6
40-59	1,061	6.0
60 and above	112	0.6
Total	17,581	100.0

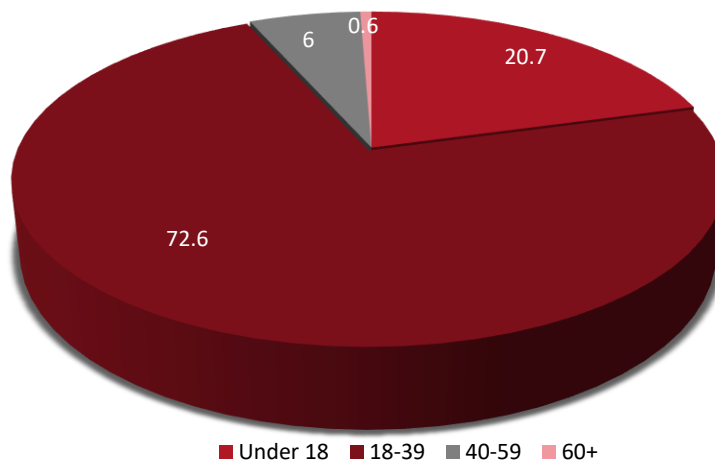


Chart no (4): The distribution of injuries by age group %

Distribution of injuries by body location:

Table (7): The distribution of injuries by body location

Body location of injuries	No.	%
Throughout the body	443	2.5
Head and neck	1,736	9.9
Upper limbs	2,492	14.2
lower limbs	8,396	47.8
Chest and back	823	4.7
Abdomen and pelvis	693	3.9
Other *	2,998	17.1
Total	17,581	100.0

*Other: Gas inhalation, unclassified

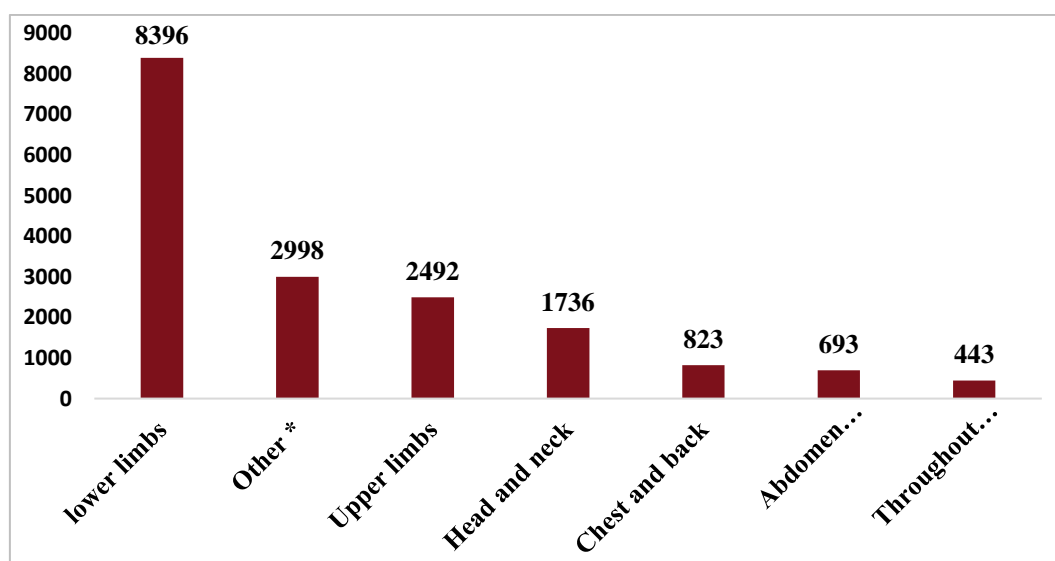


Chart No (5): The distribution of injuries by location

Distribution of hospital injuries according to weapon type

Live bullets: 7,132 injuries resulted from the use of live bullets, comprising 40.6% of all injuries, it not contain shrapnel.

Rubber-coated metal bullets: 1,014 injuries resulted from the use of rubber-coated metal bullets, comprising 5.8 % of all injuries.

Gas inhalation: 2,472 injuries resulted from the use of tear gas, comprising 14.1% of all injuries.

Table (8): The distribution of injuries by weapons type

weapons type	No.	%
Live bullets	7,132	40.6
Gas inhalation	2,472	14.1
shrapnel	1,928	11.0
Other*	1,396	7.9
explosion	1,714	9.7
Gas bomb explosion	1,607	9.1
Trauma, fractures & bruises	1,014	5.8
Rubber-coated metal bullets	318	1.8
Total	17,581	100.0

* Other: Burns, falls

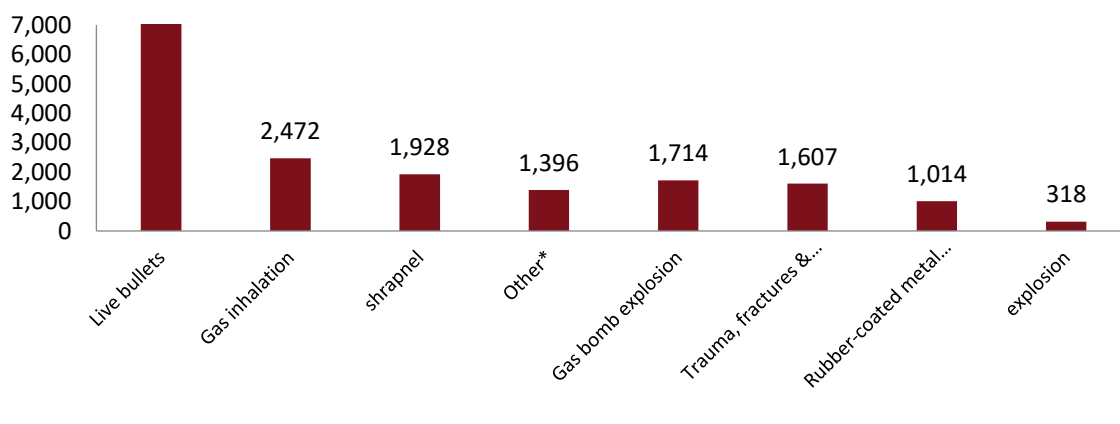


Chart No (5): The distribution of injuries by weapon type

Table (9): The distribution of injuries in hospitals by service providers:

Organization	No.	%
M.O.H	13,056	74.3
Non M.O.H	4,525	25.7
Total	17,581	100

Primary health care and medical points

26,343 cases were treated at medical points and primary health care centers, with 14,948 treated in the field and 11,395 cases then transferred to hospital.

Table (10): The distribution of injures that treated in the field by sex

Sex	No.	%
Male	13,648	91.3
Female	1,300	8.7
Total	14,948	100.0

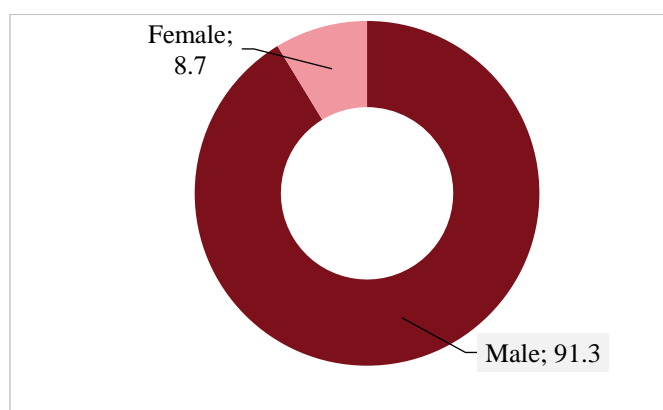


Chart No. (7): The distribution of injures by sex

❖ The total number of injuries treated at medical points, by health care provider

Table (11): The distribution of injuries treated at medical points by health care provider

Destination	Field treated	Transferred	Total
MOH	8,134	5,007	13,141
PRCS	6,814	6,388	13,202
Total	14,948	11,395	26,343

3. The number of wounded each week from 30 March to 2 Feb. 2019

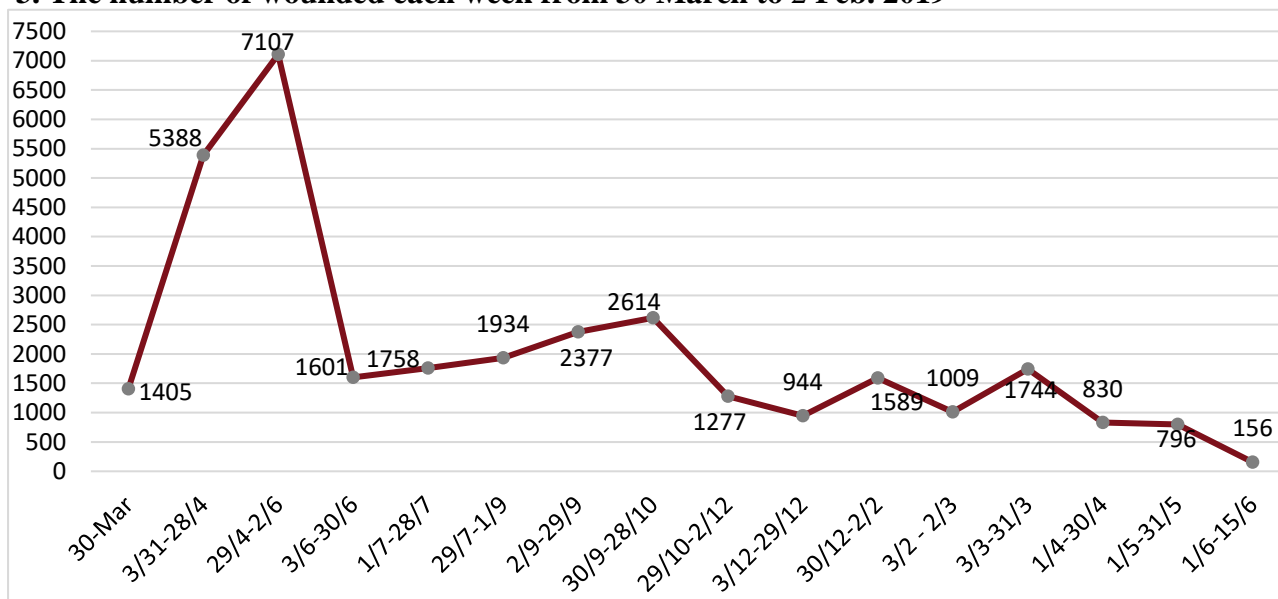


Chart No. (8): The distribution of injuries by week from 30 March to 15 Jun. 2019

❖ Total violations against medical personnel

Table (12): The distribution of paramedic injuries and damages to ambulances by health care provider

Care provider	Paramedic Injuries				Total
	Live bullets		Gas	Others	No.
	Martyrs	Injured			
MOH	1	69	95	5	170
PRCS	1	8	170	15	194
Police medical services	0	8	135	15	158
Civil Defense	1	15	42	25	83
NGO,s	0	5	46	12	63
Medical Relief	1	3	41	22	67
Total	4	108	529	94	735

4. Disabilities

Table (13): The distribution of disabilities

Type	No.
Lower limb amputation	124
Upper limb amputation	4
Hand fingers amputation	30
Total	158

Table (13): The distribution of disabilities by age

Age	No.
Under 18	29
19–55	125
Above 55	4
Total	158

– Paralysis

26 cases of paralysis were registered in the Great March of Return, 42.3% of them lower limb paralysis.