



State of Palestine
Ministry Of Health

Israeli Aggression

Against Peaceful Return March



Peaceful Return March

30 March 2018 - 7 September 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 312, of whom 96.2% (300) were male and 19.6% (61) were children.

The total number injured was 34,282 including 18,642 (54.4%) who attended hospital 71.7 % of the all hospitals injuries were in persons aged 18 to 39 years. 48.0% of injuries were to the lower limbs, with 10.0% to the head and neck. 40.7% of injures were from live bullets, 6.6% resulted from rubber-coated metal bullets and 13.4% were the result of tear gas inhalation. There were four martyrs and 773 wounded among medical staff, who were injured by gunfire and tear gas inhalation, while 133 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	300	96.2
Female	12	3.8
Total	312	100.0

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

Governorate	No.	%
North Gaza	57	18.3
Gaza	89	28.5
Mid Zone	53	17.0
Khan younis	77	24.7
Rafah	36	11.5
Total	312	100.0

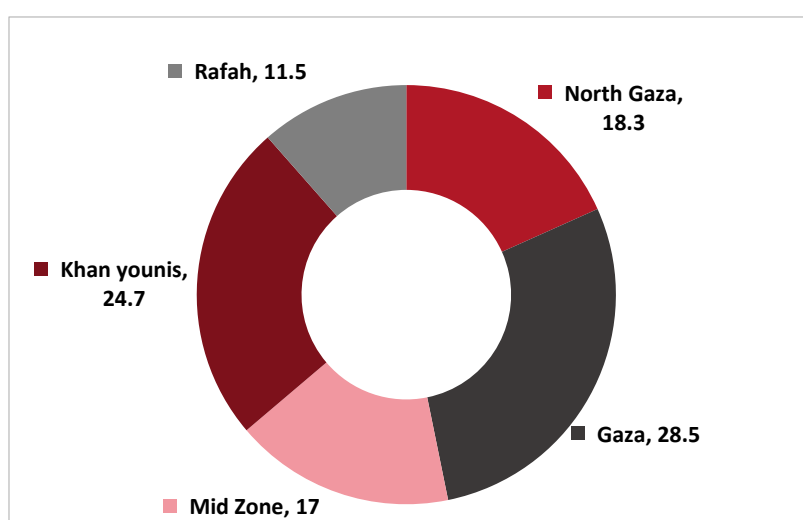


Chart no (1): The distribution of martyr's percentage by governorate

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

Age Group	Martyr	
	No.	%
Under 18	61	19.6
18-39	234	75.0
40-59	15	4.8
60 and above	2	0.6
Total	312	100.0

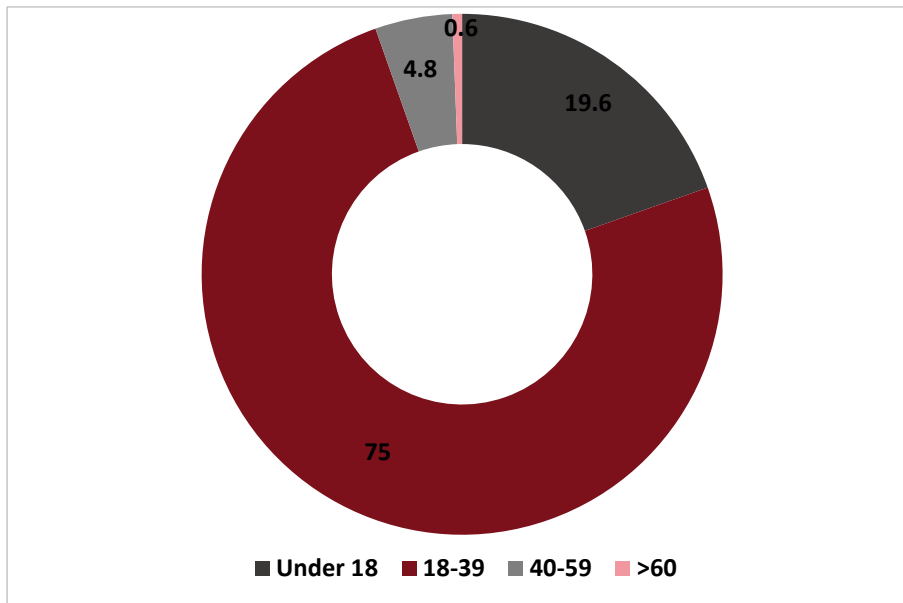


Chart no (2): The distribution of martyrs by age group

2. Injuries

The total number of injures was 34,282. (54.4 %) of those injured attended hospital, while 45.6% were treated at field medical points and primary health care centers. 2,537 women were injured, comprising 7.4% of total injures. 6,239 children were injured, comprising 18.2% of total injures.

Hospitals

The total number of those injured who attended hospital was 18,642, of whom 93.4% were male and 6.6% were female.

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

Sex	No.	%
Male	17,420	93.4
Female	1222	6.6
Total	18,642	100.0

Distribution of hospital injuries by governorate:

Table (5): The distribution of injuries by governorate

Governorate	No.	%
North Gaza	4,086	21.9
Gaza	5,898	31.6
Mid Zone	3,027	16.2
Khan Younis	3,489	18.7
Rafah	2,142	11.5
Total	18,642	100.0

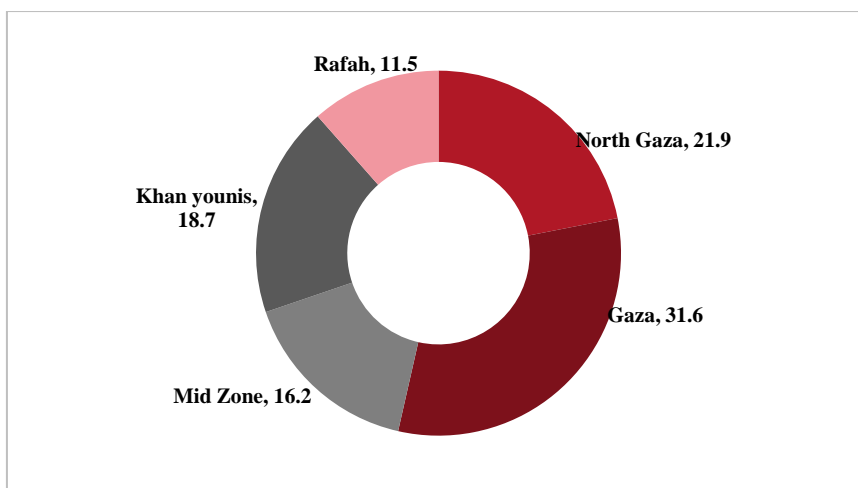


Chart No (3): The distribution of injuries by governorate

Distribution of injuries by age group

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

Age Group	Injures	
	No.	%
Under 18	4,067	21.8
18-39	13,364	71.7
40-59	1,097	5.9
60 and above	114	0.6
Total	18,642	100.0

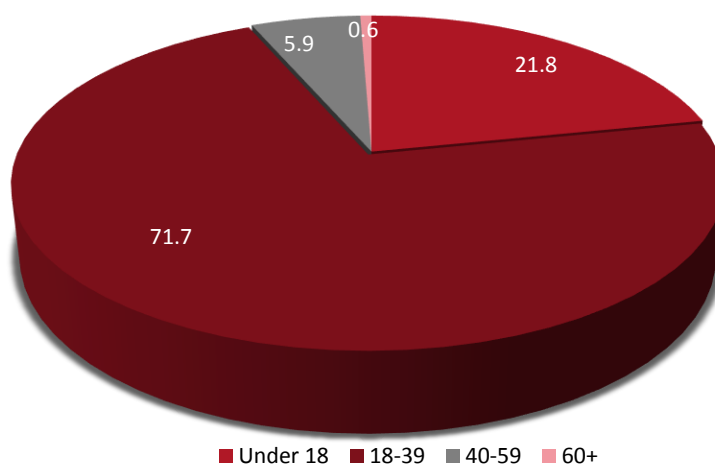


Chart no (4): The distribution of injuries by age group %

Distribution of injuries by body location:

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

Body location of injuries	No.	%
Throughout the body	462	2.5
Head and neck	1,865	10.0
Upper limbs	2,676	14.4
lower limbs	8,943	48.0
Chest and back	897	4.8
Abdomen and pelvis	762	4.1
Other *	3,037	16.3
Total	18,642	100.0

*Other: Gas inhalation, unclassified

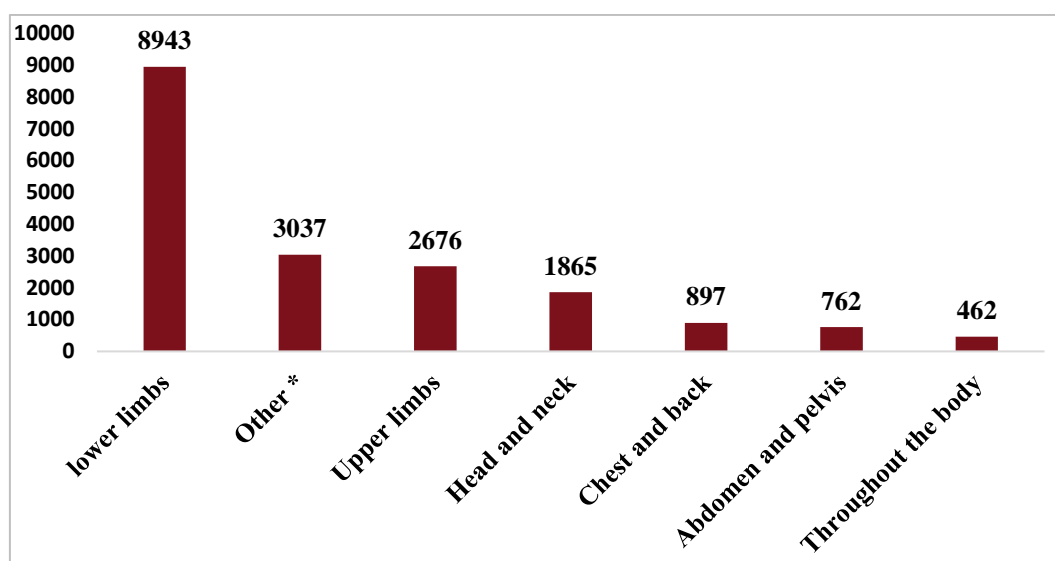


Chart No (5): The distribution of injuries by location

Distribution of hospital injuries according to weapon type

Live bullets: 7,594 injuries resulted from the use of live bullets, comprising 40.7% of all injuries, it not contain shrapnel.

Rubber-coated metal bullets: 1,239 injuries resulted from the use of rubber-coated metal bullets, comprising 6.6 % of all injuries.

Gas inhalation: 2,506 injuries resulted from the use of tear gas, comprising 13.4% of all injuries.

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

weapons type	No.	%
Live bullets	7,594	40.7
Gas inhalation	2,506	13.4
shrapnel	2,027	10.9
Other*	1,425	7.6
Gas bomb explosion	1,820	9.8
Trauma, fractures & bruises	1,711	9.2
Rubber-coated metal bullets	1,239	6.6
explosion	320	1.7
Total	18,642	100.0

* Other: Burns, falls

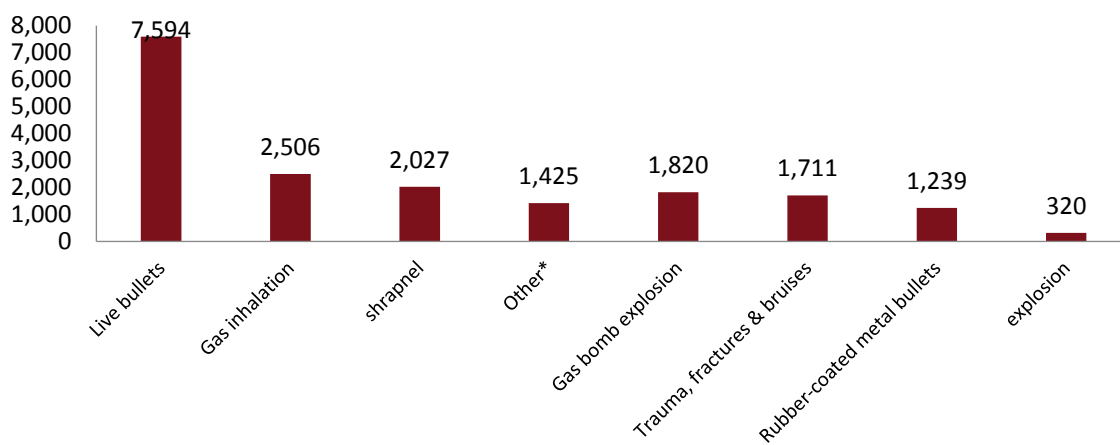


Chart No (5): The distribution of injures by weapon type

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

Organization	No.	%
M.O.H	13,973	75.0
Non M.O.H	4,669	25.0
Total	18,642	100

Primary health care and medical points

27,868 cases were treated at medical points and primary health care centers, with 15,640 treated in the field and 12,228 cases then transferred to hospital.

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

Sex	No.	%
Male	14,358	91.8
Female	1,282	8.2
Total	15,640	100.0

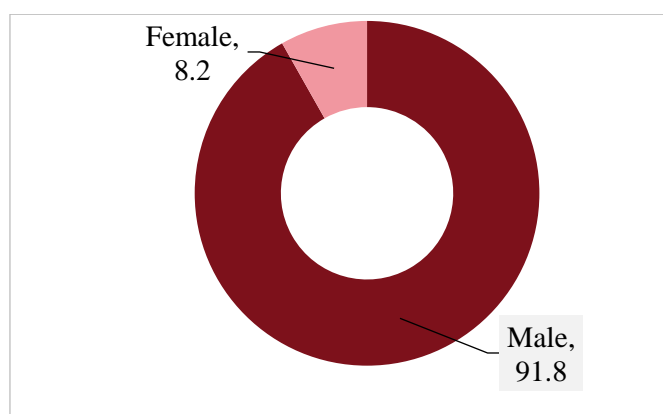


Chart No. (7): The distribution of injures by sex

❖ 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	8,803	5,801	14,604
PRCS	6,837	6,427	13,264
Total	15,640	12,228	27,868

3. The number of wounded each week from 30 March to 7 Sep. 2019

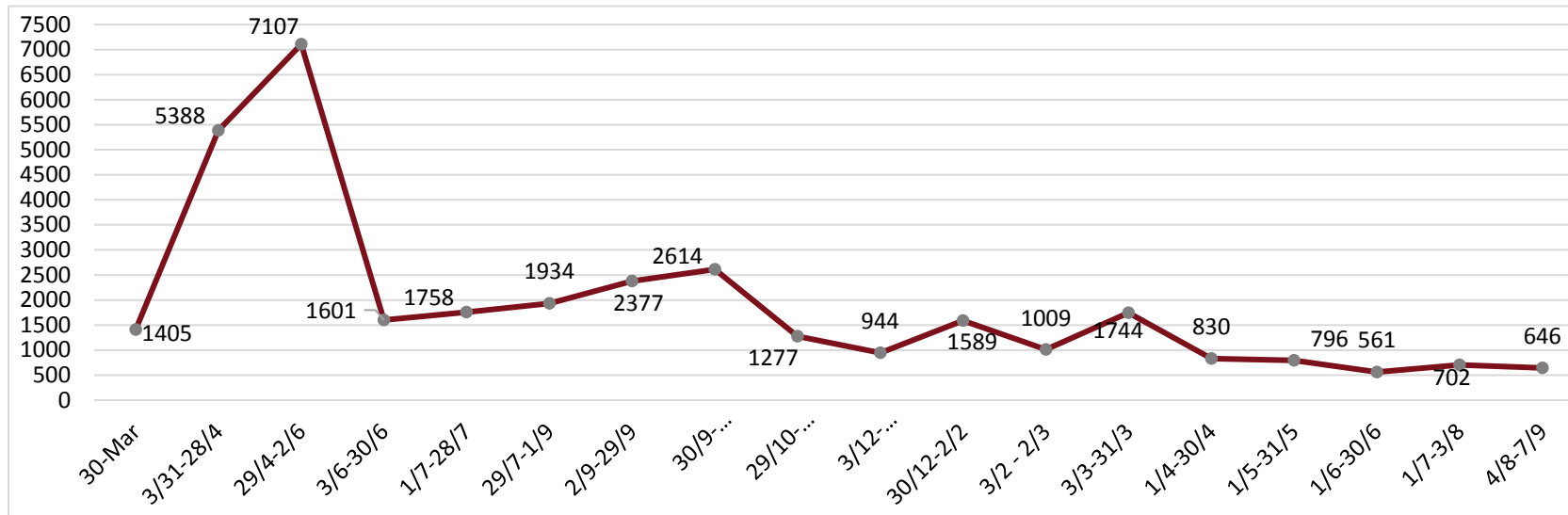


Chart No. (8): The distribution of injuries by week from 30 March to 7 Sep. 2019

❖ **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	6	170
PRCS	1	8	172	23	203
Police medical services	0	8	136	16	160
Civil Defense	1	15	43	27	85
NGOs	0	5	65	15	85
Medical Relief	1	3	45	22	70
Total	4	108	556	109	773

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.