



Monthly Summary – May 2009

Throughout May there were 51 terror attacks, as compared with 69 attacks in April.

An Israeli civilian was killed and 4 Israelis were injured (as opposed to one fatality and 5 wounded last month).

Following are details of the prominent attacks:

- An assault attack within the Green Line (Ashdod, May 10) – **one fatality.**
- A stabbing attack within the Green Line (Ramat Gan, May 3) – **a wounded soldier.**
- A shooting attack in Samaria (May 21) – **2 security forces personnel wounded.**
- A Molotov cocktail throwing in Judea (May 1) – **one security forces personnel wounded.**

Data regarding casualties in terror attacks

During May one Israeli civilian, a taxi-driver, was killed in an attack in Ashdod (May 10).

In other attacks in May, 4 Israelis were wounded, all security forces personnel: one in a stabbing attack within the Green Line (Ramat Gan, May 3), 2 in a shooting attack in Samaria (May 21), and one in a Molotov cocktail throwing in Judea (May 1).

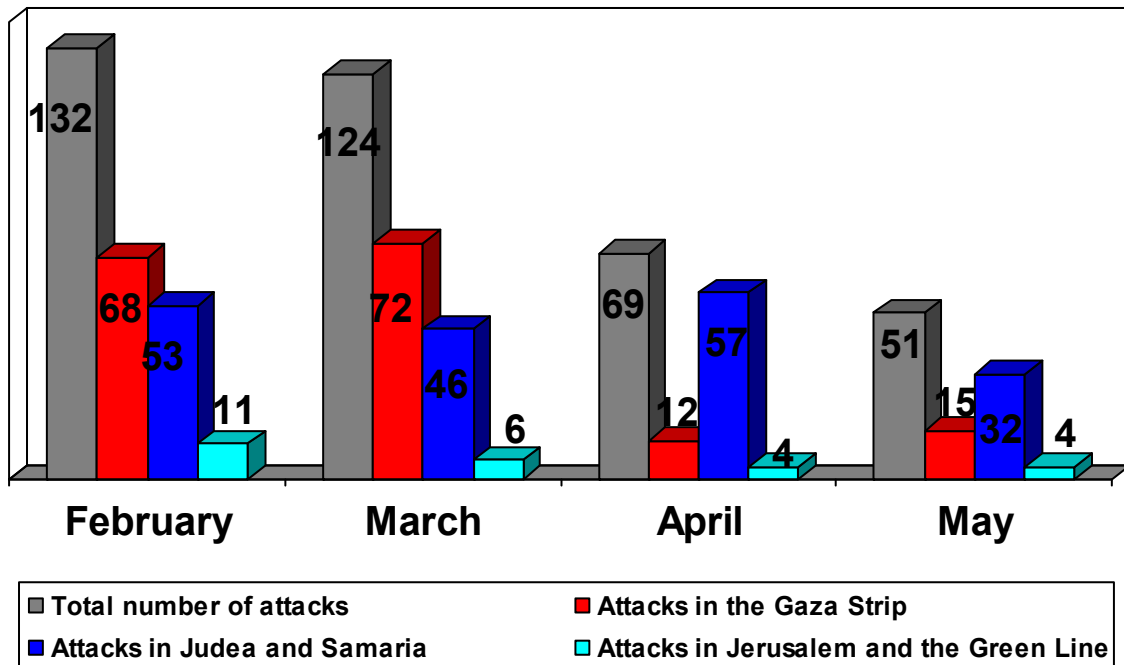
Details of attacks throughout May

This month is characterized by a decline in the number of attacks: **51 attacks**, compared with 69 in April. The attacks' distribution according to a regional profile: 32 attacks in Judea and Samaria; 15 attacks in the Gaza Strip; 2 attacks within the Green Line; 2 attacks in the Jerusalem area.

In the Gaza Strip area – an increase in the number of attacks compared with last month: 15 compared with 12 in April. Main increase in the mortar shells launching pattern: 8 attacks as opposed to 2 in April.

In Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem – a high number of attacks is maintained, in a pattern of Molotov cocktail throwing: 31 out of 34 attacks this month, compared with 49 out of 57 attacks in April.

Below is a diagram comparing distributions of attacks compared with previous months:



Monthly distribution of attacks by region and pattern profile

Following is a monthly distribution of attacks' patterns by a region profile:

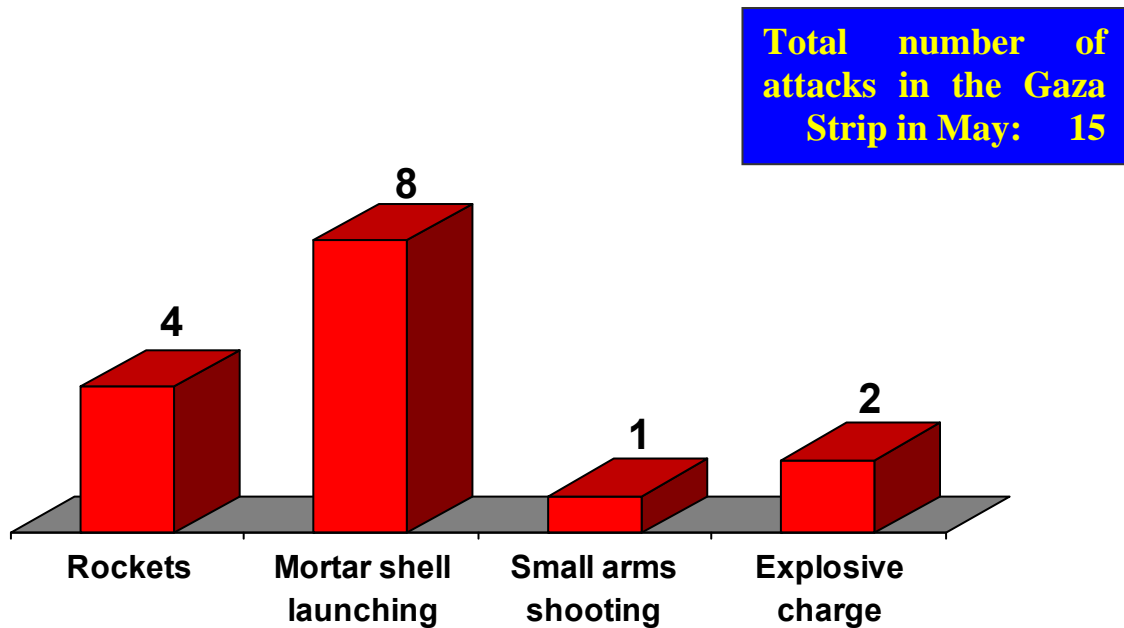
In Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem – 34 attacks (compared with 57 last month): 1 explosive charge; 2 small arms attacks; 31 Molotov cocktail throwing (two of which are in Jerusalem).

Within the Green line – 2 attacks: a stabbing attack (one wounded) and assault attack (one fatality).

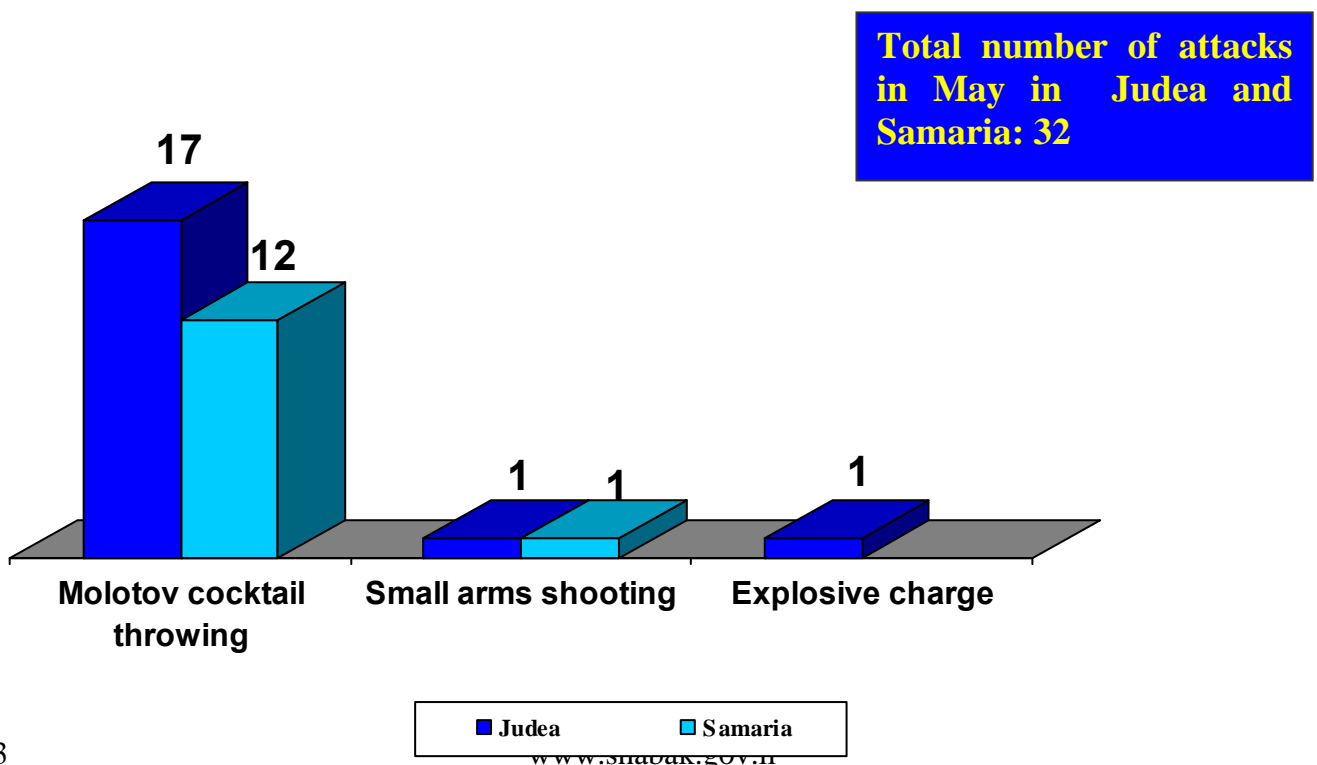
In the Gaza Strip – 15 attacks (compared with 12 last month): 4 rocket launchings; 8 mortar shell launchings; 2 explosive charges; 1 small arms shooting.

Below is a diagram showing distribution of attacks according to areas:

Attacks in the Gaza Strip in May 2009

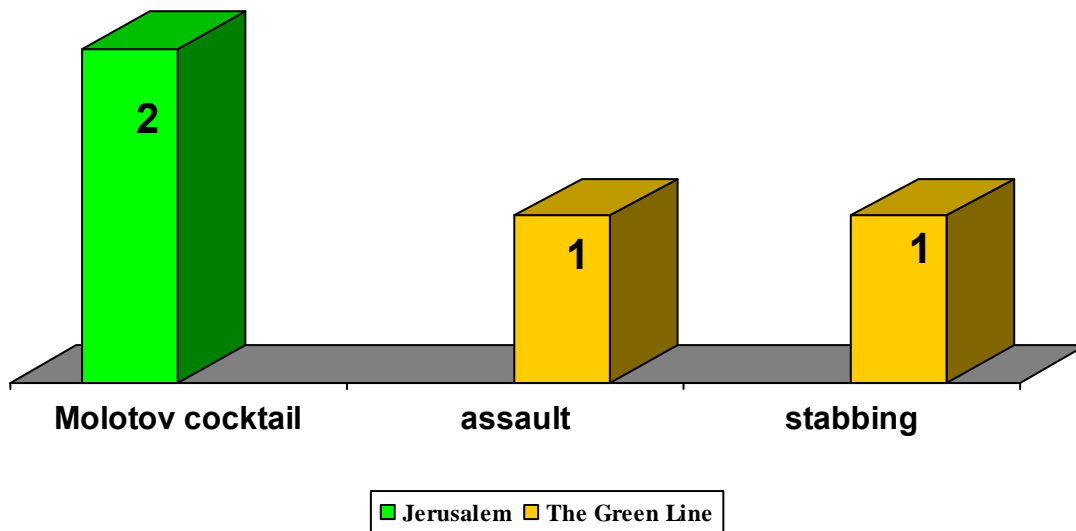


Attacks in Judea and Samaria throughout May 2009



Attacks in the Jerusalem area and the Green Line throughout May 2009

Total number of attacks in May in the Jerusalem area and the Green Line: 4



High-trajectory shooting from the Gaza Strip

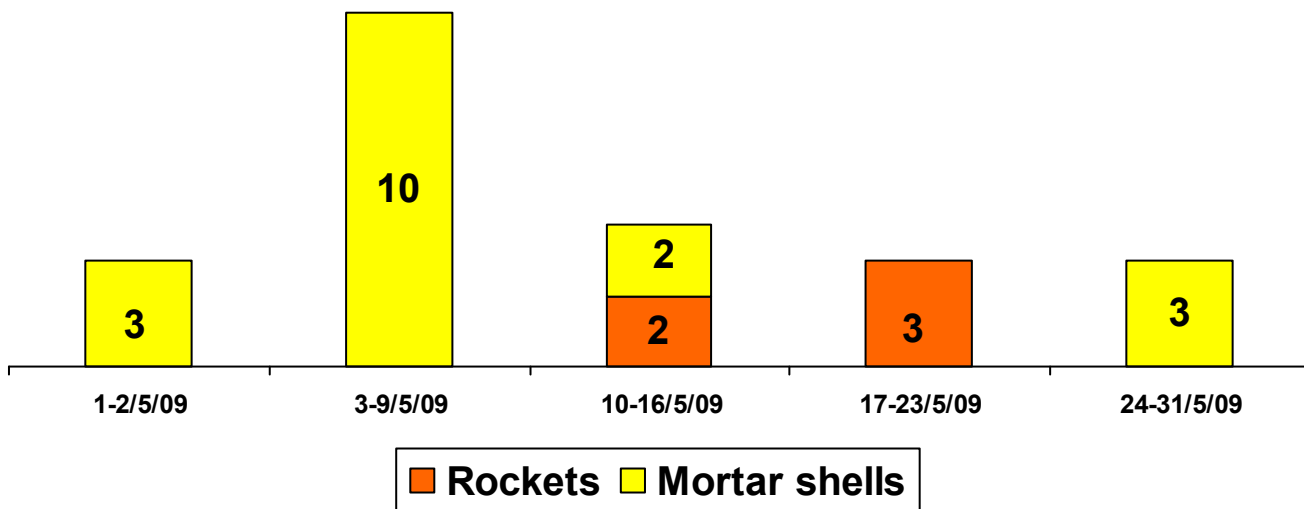
Throughout May 5 rockets were launched towards Israel (in 4 attacks) compared with 6 last month, as well as 18 mortar shells (in 8 attacks) compared to 2 in April.

***Clarification: The number of launchings is the number of rockets/mortar shells actually launched during one high-trajectory fire attack. For example: one attack may include a salvo of three launchings, that is, three rockets/mortar shells were launched, and so will be counted as one attack and three launchings*



Rocket and mortar shell launchings ** throughout May according to weeks

Total of 23 launchings



Rocket and mortar shell launchings ** in comparison to previous months

