



Weekly Update

Current for October 29- November 6, 2008

Significant terror attacks:

This week there was a sharp increase in the number of high trajectory weapon attacks (rockets/mortars) from the Gaza Strip into Israel, including towards Ashkelon. This was preceded by an ISA-IDF operation on the evening between November 4th and 5th, which exposed a tunnel ready for use, which was intended for the purpose of a large terror attack within Israel. This Israeli activity was undertaken in order to deal with an impending and urgent threat, and thus was not a rupture of the "Lull."

Another significant attack this week was the stabbing of a member of the Border Police (November 5) in Bethlehem.

Individuals wounded in terror attacks:

7 Israelis were wounded this week in terror attacks:

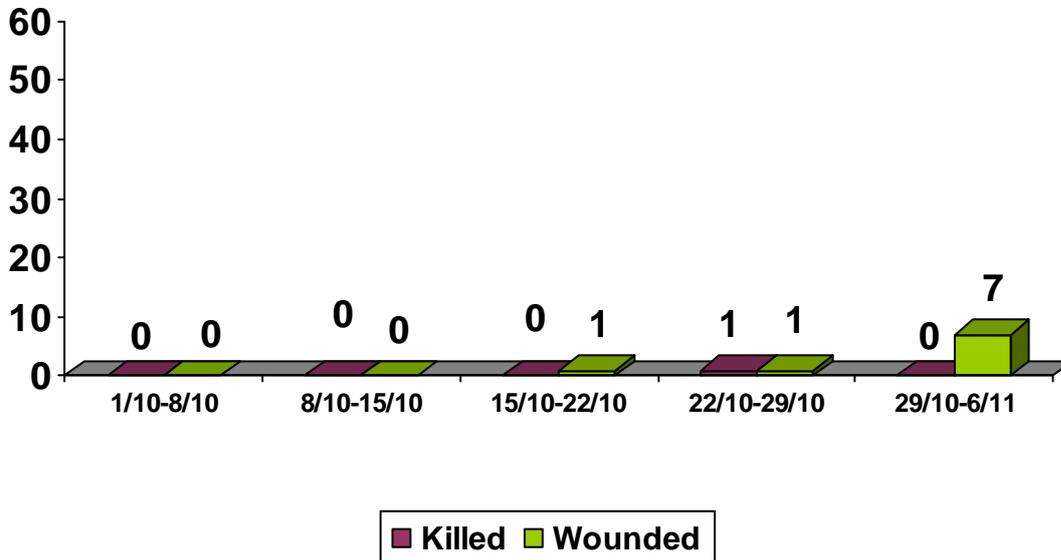
5 suffered from shock as a result of rocket fire towards Ashkelon (Nov 5)

1 member of the Border Police was moderately wounded in a stabbing attack in Bethlehem (see above)

1 policeman was lightly wounded by a Molotov cocktail in Jerusalem (Nov 6)

**4 IDF soldiers wounded during the conflict surrounding the destruction of the tunnel in Gaza are not included in these numbers.

Breakdown of killed and wounded (by week)



Major trends:

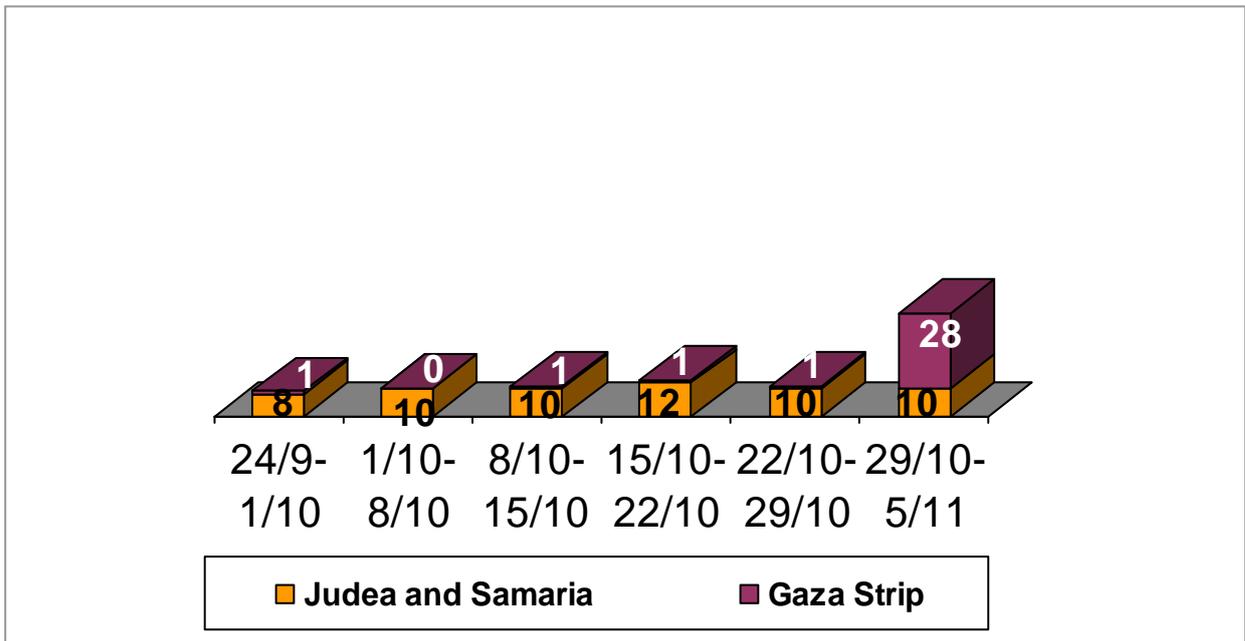
In the Gaza Strip – sharp increase this week in rocket and mortar firing toward Israel. Total: 28 attacks, in contrast to 1 attack (explosives) last week.

Prior to the developments following the destruction of the tunnel in the Gaza Strip, 2 incidents of breaking the “Lull” were recorded (rocket and mortar fire), in contrast to one such incident last week.

Since the beginning of the “Lull” (June 19), there have been 50 disruptions, most of the type of high-trajectory weapon fire (rockets/mortars), along with a number of incidents of setting explosives.

In Judea and Samaria – a similar number of attacks characterized by violent “popular resistance”: this week, 9 Molotov cocktails were thrown, which is equal to last week. One stabbing attack in Bethlehem.

Breakdown of terror attacks (by week)



Characteristics of the terror attacks:

This week there were 38 terror attacks documented: 10 attacks in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem; and 28 in the Gaza Strip. This, in contrast to 11 terror attacks last week (only 1 in the Gaza Strip).

Breakdown of terror attacks:

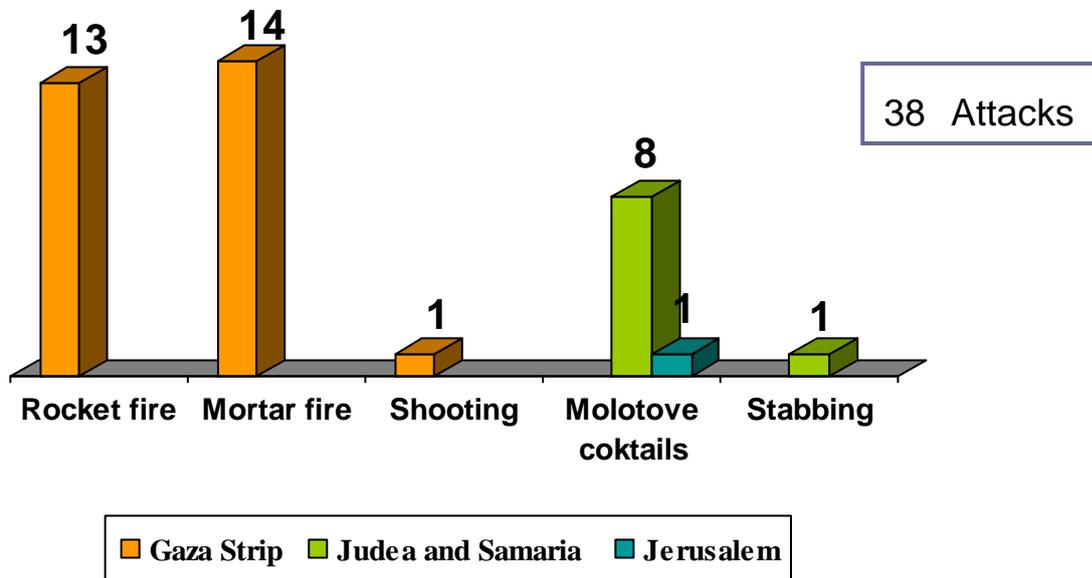
Gaza Strip – 14 mortar firings; 13 rocket firings; 1 anti-tank missile fired

Judea and Samaria - 8 incidents of throwing Molotov cocktails; stabbing attack in Bethlehem

Jerusalem – 1 Molotov cocktail attack which caused the light wounding of a policeman.

Graph demonstrating the breakdown of attacks by type:

Breakdown of attacks in Gaza Strip, Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem



Breakdown of rocket and mortar firing

****Clarification:** Rocket or mortar attacks are considered a single attack, regardless of whether a single mortar or rocket was fired during the attack, or whether numerous mortars or rockets were fired. (For example, a barrage in which 7 rockets are fired is considered as 7 launchings, but 1 terror attack)

This week (October 29 – November 6), 27 high-trajectory weapon fire attacks were carried out:

13 rocket attacks, in which 48 rockets were fired.

14 mortar attacks, in which 21 mortars were fired.

Total: 69 launchings.

This, in contrast to last week, when no high-trajectory weapons were fired.