



## Summary of Terrorist Events, December 2024

January 16, 2025

### Overview<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ During December 2024 fighting continued in the Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria, with continuous attacks from the Houthis in Yemen. The ceasefire in south Lebanon was maintained and the pro-Iranian militias in Iraq did not attack Israel.
- ▶ **The Gaza Strip:** Palestinian terrorists fired twenty rockets at Israeli territory, compared to eleven the previous month. A UAV was launched toward Israel and was intercepted. Targeted attacks on Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) leaders and terrorist operatives continued, including the elimination of Tharwat al-Beic, head of the Hamas security forces, and Diab Ali al-Jarou, mayor of Deir al-Balah. Terrorists who participated in the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre were also eliminated.
- ▶ **Israel, Judea and Samaria:** Palestinian terrorists carried out nine attacks (six of them in Israeli territory) which killed two Israeli civilians; four attacks were carried out in November 2024. Israeli security forces continued counterterrorism operations in Judea and Samaria, and eliminated terrorist operatives on the ground and from the air, including commanders of terrorist networks.
- ▶ **Lebanon:** The ceasefire which went into effect on November 27, 2024, was maintained. Hezbollah claimed responsibility for one attack on an IDF post. Groups allied with Hezbollah reported casualties from IDF strikes which targeted violations of the ceasefire.
- ▶ **The Shi'ite militias:** The Houthis claimed responsibility for twenty missiles and UAV attacks on Israeli targets, compared to five attacks in November 2024. They also claimed responsibility for six joint attacks with the Islamic Resistance in Iraq against Israel, the first such act of cooperation since July 2024. However, Islamic militias in Iraq have not claimed

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<sup>1</sup> This document complements and summarizes the data presented in the information Center's weekly reviews, including Spotlight on Terrorism: Hezbollah and Lebanon, Spotlight on Syria (Following the fall of the Assad regime), Spotlight on Terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Spotlight on Iran and the Shi'ite Axis. The monthly summary has been published every month since September 2024 and serves as a database of terrorist activity against the State of Israel.

responsibility for attacks on Israel since November 24, 2024, the result of pressure from the Iraqi government and concerns over potential Israeli retaliation.

## Palestinian Terrorism

### The Gaza Strip

#### Rocket fire

► During December 2024 Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip fired twenty rockets at Israeli territory, compared to 11 rockets in November. No casualties were reported:

- ◆ **December 2:** A rocket launched from Khan Yunis was intercepted (IDF spokesperson, December 2, 2024).
- ◆ **December 11:** Two rockets launched from central Gaza fell in open areas in the western Negev with no casualties. Shortly afterwards, two more rockets were fired from the central Gaza Strip and were intercepted (IDF spokesperson, December 11, 2024). The Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades, the military wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), claimed responsibility (Telegram channel of the Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades, December 11, 2024).
- ◆ **December 13:** Two rockets were fired at Ashqelon from the northern Gaza Strip (IDF spokesperson, December 13, 2024). The Jerusalem Brigades, the PIJ's military wing, claimed responsibility (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel December 13, 2024).
- ◆ **December 14:** A rocket fired from the central Gaza Strip fell in an open area in the western Negev. No casualties were reported (IDF spokesperson, December 14, 2024).
- ◆ **December 27:** A rocket fired from the northern Gaza Strip fell in an open area in the western Negev. No casualties were reported (IDF spokesperson, December 27, 2024).
- ◆ **December 28:** Two rockets fired from Beit Hanoun at Jerusalem were intercepted (IDF spokesperson and Israeli media, December 29, 2024).
- ◆ **December 29:** Five rockets were fired from the northern Gaza Strip at the western Negev. Two were intercepted and the others fell in open areas. No casualties were reported (IDF spokesperson, December 29, 2024). The PIJ's military wing claimed responsibility, stating they had fired rockets at Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Sderot and the western Negev "in response to the Zionist enemy's crimes against our people and the invasion of al-Aqsa Mosque" (Paltoday, December 30, 2024).
- ◆ **December 30:** A rocket fired at the western Negev fell in an open area. Two rockets fired shortly thereafter were intercepted (IDF spokesperson, December 30, 2024).

- ◆ **December 31:** A rocket fired from the southern Gaza Strip at the western Negev was intercepted (IDF spokesperson, December 31, 2024).



**Right:** A PIJ terrorist operative prepares a rocket for firing. **Left:** Firing rockets at the western Negev (Jerusalem Brigades' Telegram channel, December 24, 2024)

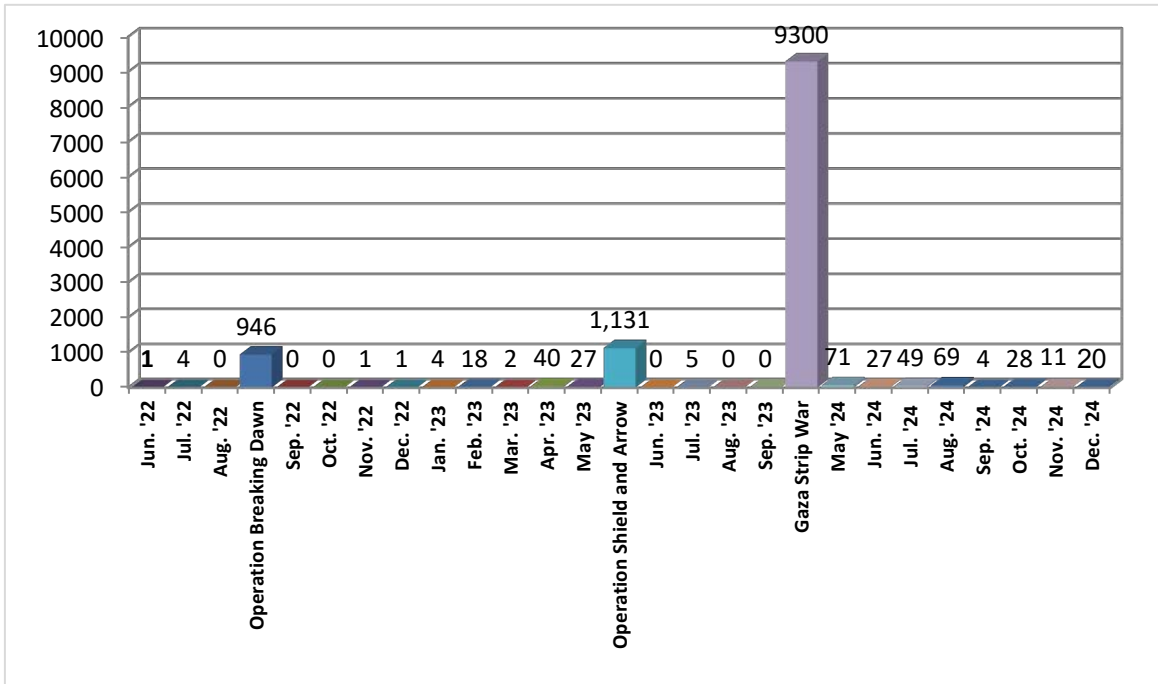
## UAVs

- On December 19, 2024, a UAV launched from the Gaza Strip at the western Negev was intercepted (IDF spokesperson, December 19, 2024). Hamas' military wing claimed responsibility for launching a Zouari suicide drone at an IDF post (Hamas Judea and Samaria Telegram channel in, December 19, 2024).

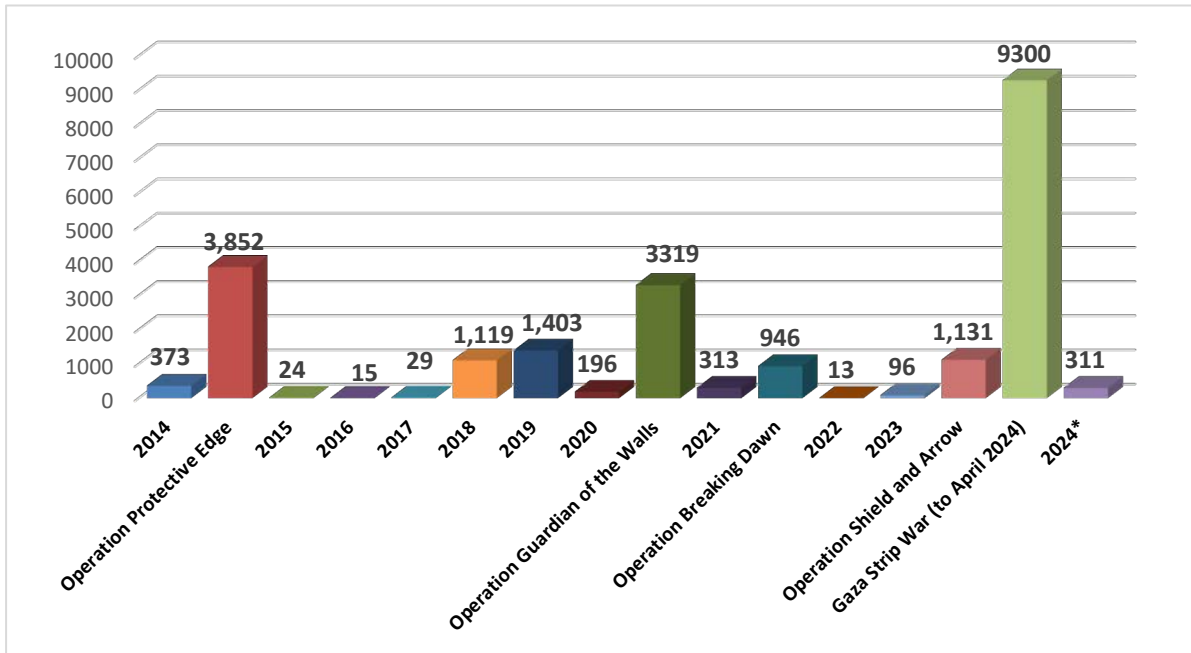


**Right:** Preparing a UAV for launching. **Left:** The UAV en route to attack (Hamas in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 20, 2024)

### Monthly Distribution of Rocket and Mortar Shell Fire since June 2022



### Annual Distribution of Rocket Hits



\* Distribution for 2024 begins in May

### Elimination of terrorist operatives

► During December 2024 Israeli security forces eliminated terrorist operatives in the Gaza Strip, some of whom had participated in the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre. Terrorists operating from protected civilian sites in Gaza who were planning and executing attacks on

IDF forces and the State of Israel were eliminated. In all instances, precautionary measures were taken to minimize harm to civilians.<sup>2</sup>

- ◆ According to reports, on December 3 IDF forces operating in the Netzarim Corridor eliminated seven Hamas terrorists who had participated in October 7, 2023 attack and massacre (IDF spokesperson, December 3, 2024).



**Hamas operatives eliminated in the central Gaza Strip  
(IDF spokesperson, December 3, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 3 Nidal al-Najjar, head of Hamas' aerial array in Gaza City and responsible for Hamas' air defense system in Gaza, was eliminated. He was one of the planners of the airborne raid into Israel during the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre and a leader in offensive operations against IDF forces and Israeli territory during the war. He was involved in planning to attack IDF forces with explosive drones and UAVs (IDF spokesperson, December 6, 2024).
- ◆ On December 4 several Hamas operatives were eliminated in an airstrike in the humanitarian zone of Khan Yunis. One of them was Osama Ghneim, a senior operative in Hamas internal security, involved in suppressing dissent, identifying threats to Hamas rule in the Strip and leading violent interrogations of Gazans. He played a key role in suppressing Hamas opposition and persecuting members of the LGBTQ+ community in Gaza (IDF spokesperson, December 5, 2024).
- ◆ On December 6 several Hamas terrorist operatives were eliminated in airstrikes, among them Majdi Aqilan, deputy commander of the al-Shati Battalion and a company commander who was involved in the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre; Mamdouh

<sup>2</sup> For detailed information about attacks on terrorist operatives and facilities inside civilian compounds, see the Information Center's weekly Spotlight on Terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Using civilian facilities such as schools and hospitals for terrorist purposes was common among the terrorist organizations operating in the Gaza Strip, especially Hamas. The organizations exploit the results of the IDF attacks for propaganda and incitement, exaggerating the number of casualties, making claims of significant harm to civilians, and, in most cases, concealing the identities of the operatives targeted.

Muhana, an operative in Hamas' tunnel network in the Gaza Brigade, who participated in the attack and massacre; Ahmed Swidan, a company commander in the al-Shati Battalion who participated in the kidnapping of Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023, and their transfer to Gaza (IDF spokesperson, December 6, 2024).

◆ On December 7 Taher Ahmed al-Ghandour, son of Ahmed al-Ghandour, the commander of the northern Gaza Brigade of the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades who was eliminated in November 2023, was killed in the Jebalya refugee camp. Taher al-Ghandour aided his father and participated in his terrorist activity. Another son of al-Ghandour was killed in the October 7, 2023 attack, and a third son was killed in the Jebalya refugee camp at the end of 2023 (Muhammad Najjar's X account, December 7, 2024).



**Taher al-Ghandour standing behind his father  
(Muhammad Najjar's X account, December 7, 2024)**

◆ On December 8 the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades announced the deaths of two operatives. Jihad Zakaria Shehada, responsible for the military intelligence portfolio and a member of the Brigades' military council, was killed in an IDF attack in the northern Gaza Strip; and Saleh Muhammad Rizq, a field commander in the Northern Gaza Brigade, was killed during a [so-called] "jihad mission" in northern Gaza (al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades Telegram channel, December 8, 2024).

◆ On December 11 IDF forces eliminated Fahmi Salami, commander of the Nukhba Company in Hamas' al-Zeitoun Battalion, responsible for an attack on a post on October 7 in which 14 IDF soldiers were massacred. He promoted terrorist attacks during the war and was eliminated in a building which was previously the al-Falah School. IDF forces in Jebalya also eliminated Salah Dahman, head of Hamas' paragliding division (IDF spokesperson, December 11, 2024).



- ◆ On December 12 the IDF attacked a Hamas command and control facility from the air, previously the al-Khayriya School in Gaza City. Eight Hamas terrorist operatives were eliminated, among them Amar Dalul, a department head in Hamas' production headquarters and a company commander in the al-Zeitoun Battalion; Muhammad Ashkar who participated October 7, 2023 attack and massacre; Jihad Yassin, a company commander in the al-Zeitoun Battalion; Ra'ed Kharazin, an operative in Hamas' internal security apparatus (IDF spokesperson and Israeli Security Agency spokesperson, December 12, 2024).



**Hamas operatives eliminated in the al-Khayriya School compound  
(IDF spokesperson, December 12, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 14 Diab Ali al-Jarou, mayor of Deir al-Balah, was eliminated in an airstrike. According to reports, in addition to his role as mayor and chairman of the governmental emergency committee in the central Gaza refugee camps, he was an operative in Hamas' military wing, supporting it in fighting IDF forces (IDF spokesperson, December 14, 2024). media reported that ten people besides al-Jarou were killed in the strike on the Deir al-Balah municipality building (Wafa, December 14, 2024). Hamas' media information office in Gaza condemned what it called the "cowardly assassination" of the mayor of Deir al-Balah, Dr. Diab Ali al-Jarou, aka Abu al-Walid, and other employees and civilians. Hamas said al-Jarou had fulfilled his national duty and provided uninterrupted services to the residents of Deir al-Balah throughout the days of the "genocide war" (Shehab Channel, December 14, 2024).



**Diab Ali al-Jarou (Shehab Channel, December 14, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 15 Hamas and PIJ operatives were attacked from the air at a command and control compound, purportedly the offices of the Civil Defense Organization in the al-Nuseirat refugee camp. According to reports, the operatives used the compound to plan and execute terrorist activities against IDF forces. Several operatives were eliminated, including Ahmed Bakr Mahmoud al-Louh, who previously served as a platoon commander in the PIJ Central Camps Brigade (IDF spokesperson, December 15, 2024). The Civil Defense Organization claimed five of its personnel were killed in the strike, including Nidal Abu Hujir, director of the Civil Defense Center in al-Nuseirat, and Ahmed al-Louh, called "a photographer accompanying the teams" (Civil Defense Organization in Gaza Telegram channel, December 15, 2024). Hamas' government media information office claimed al-Louh was a photographer for al-Jazeera in the Central Gaza District (government media information office Telegram channel, December 15, 2024).
- ◆ On December 22 an airstrike targeted a Hamas command and control compound operating at a site which was previously the Musa Ibn Nusayr School in the Daraj-Tuffah area of Gaza City. The strike eliminated Tharwat Muhammad Ahmed al-Beic, head of the Hamas security directorate. He was in charge of intelligence for decision-making, providing security for leaders and providing hideouts for commanders (IDF and Israeli Security Agency spokespersons' units, December 23, 2024). According to Gazan social media, two senior Hamas terrorists, Muhammad Abu Askar (Abu Khaled) and Tharwat al-Beic (Abu Muhammad), were eliminated in the strike on the Musa Ibn Nusayr School in Gaza City's al-Daraj neighborhood (Muhammad al-Najjar from Jebalya's X account, December 22, 2024; Baraa Nazar Rayan's X account, December 22, 2024). According to reports, the two were killed in the attack on the Musa Ibn Nusayr School in Gaza City's



al-Daraj neighborhood (Aram News, December 22, 2024). Tharwat al-Beic previously served as secretary general of the Legislative Council in Gaza City (the Council's X account, April 21, 2023). Muhammad Abu Askar was the chairman of Hamas' summer camp committee (Palestine Online, July 8, 2023).



**Muhammad Abu Askar (right) and Tharwat al-Beic  
(Muhammad al-Najjar's X account, December 22, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 26 an airstrike on al-Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip targeted a vehicle carrying several PIJ military operatives disguised as journalists. The strike eliminated Ibrahim Jamal Ibrahim al-Sheikh Ali, a military operative in operations and combat media; Faisal Abdullah Muhammad Abu Kumsan, head of security in al-Nuseirat; Muhammad Iyad Khamis Lad'ah, a combat media operative; Ayman Nihad Abdul Rahman Jadi, a combat media operative and a former terrorist operative in the PIJ's naval force; and Fadi Ihab Muhammad Ramadan Hassouna, an operative in combat media.
- ◆ The IDF spokesperson also issued a list of PIJ operatives captured by IDF forces during operations in the Gaza Strip, which confirmed the PIJ affiliation of four of those eliminated (IDF spokesperson and Israeli Security Agency, December 26, 2024). Palestinian media claimed that the deceased worked for al-Quds al-Youm, a PIJ-affiliated media outlet, and were in the channel's broadcast vehicle at the time of the attack. According to reports, the deceased included Fadi Hassouna and Muhammad al-Lad'ah, who were editors; correspondents Ibrahim al-Sheikh Ali and Faisal Abu Kumsan; and photographer Ayman al-Jadi (al-Kofiya Telegram channel; al-Quds al-Youm Telegram channel, December 26, 2024).



been killed in an Israeli attack on western Gaza City the previous day (Hamis ministry of the interior in Gaza Facebook page, December 29, 2024).



**Talat Ahmed Joudah (Hamza al-Masri's Telegram channel, December 28, 2024)**

◆ According to reports, on December 29 during IDF operations in the Jebalya and Beit Lahia refugee camps, several Hamas terrorist operatives who participated in the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre were eliminated, including Muhammad Hamouda, a company commander in Beit Lahia; Mahmoud Lutfi Abd al-Rahman Shalfouh, a company commander in the Eastern Jabalia Battalion; and Rasem Jadah, a company commander in the Jabalia Battalion. Other Hamas terrorist operatives eliminated in the northern Gaza Strip were Anas Muhammad Sa'adi, head of the rocket unit in northern Gaza; Ahmed Jihad Ahmed Hussni, head of the anti-tank unit in northern Gaza; and Bilal Yusuf Issa Salah, deputy commander of the Central Jebalya Battalion (IDF spokesperson, December 29, 2024).



**Hamas terrorist operatives eliminated in the northern Gaza Strip (IDF spokesperson, December 29, 2024)**

◆ According to reports on December 31, Anas Muhammad Sa'adi Masri, commander of the northern Gaza area in PIJ's rocket unit, was eliminated in an airstrike in early December 2024. During the October 7, 2023, attack and massacre, he commanded

rocket fire at western Negev communities from northern Gaza (IDF spokesperson, December 31, 2024).

## Judea, Samaria and Israel Terrorist attacks

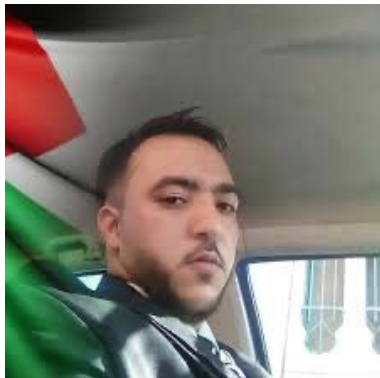
► During December 2024, there were nine terrorist attacks, compared to four in the previous month. Six occurred within Israeli territory, resulting in the deaths of two Israeli civilians:

- ◆ **Vehicle ramming at al-Fawwar Junction:** On December 7, a Palestinian driver rammed into an IDF soldier at al-Fawwar Junction near Hebron, critically injuring him. An Israeli civilian was injured by shrapnel; the terrorist fled the scene. Security forces initiated a manhunt and imposed a closure on Hebron (IDF spokesperson and Israeli media, December 7, 2024). A few hours later, the terrorist, who was from the village of Dura, was apprehended by the security forces (Israeli Police X account, December 7, 2024). Several other suspects accused of assisting him were also detained in Dura (IDF spokesperson, December 9, 2024). Hamas praised the attack, calling it a "natural response to genocide and brutal aggression," while emphasizing that the "resistance" continues to escalate (Hamas in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 7, 2024). The PIJ also welcomed the attack, describing it as an example of "the people's commitment to resistance"<sup>3</sup> (PIJ Telegram channel, December 7, 2024).
- ◆ **Stabbing in Karmiel:** On December 10 an Israeli Arab tried to enter the Karmiel police station. The security guard refused entry, leading to a physical altercation. A police officer arrived to assist, during which the attacker stabbed the guard, seriously wounding him in the abdomen, and superficially injured the other officer. The terrorist, from the nearby Arab village of Nahf, was detained. According to reports, a few days earlier he had been detained after a soldier accused him of trying to touch her and her weapon (Israeli media, December 10, 2024, and January 9, 2025).
- ◆ **Vehicle ramming in Bnei Brak:** On December 10 an Israeli Arab from the village of Zemer intentionally drove onto the sidewalk in Bnei Brak and rammed into a pedestrian. The terrorist fled but was detained after a brief chase (Israeli Police spokesperson, December 10, 2024).
- ◆ **Shooting in Gush Etzion:** On December 11 a Palestinian gunman fired more than twenty rounds at an Israeli bus near the al-Khader Junction. He killed a 12-year-old

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<sup>3</sup> Anti-Israeli terrorism and violence.

Israeli boy and wounded two other passengers. The terrorist tried to surrender to Palestinian Authority (PA) security forces, who merely confiscated his weapon. Israeli security forces imposed a closure on Bethlehem and the terrorist eventually surrendered (IDF spokesperson, December 12, 2024). He was identified as Izz al-Din Msalmeh, 28, from the town of Beit Awwa (al-Araby al-Jadeed, December 12, 2024).



**Izz al-Din Msalmeh (bethlehem\_story Instagram account, December 12, 2024)**

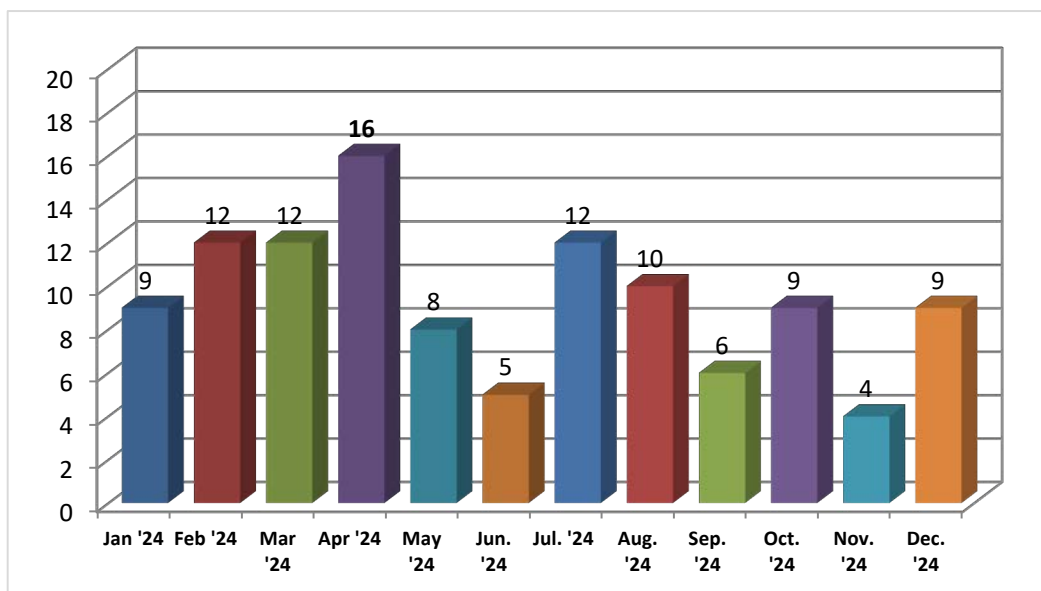
- ◆ **Shooting in Nablus:** On December 11 shots were fired at an Israeli vehicle that breached a checkpoint and entered Nablus (IDF spokesperson, December 11, 2024). Investigation revealed that three ultra-Orthodox Jews were shot at after entering Joseph's Tomb without coordinating with the IDF. The three were taken to Mount Scopus Hospital and subsequently detained for questioning (Israeli media, December 12, 2024). Senior Hamas figure Abd al-Rahman Shadid praised the attack on the three "settlers" and called for continued "revolutionary actions." He claimed Nablus was under attack because of its strategic location and claimed that "resistance" was the way to restore Palestinian rights and protect the land and holy sites (Hamas Telegram channel, December 11, 2024).
- ◆ **Shooting in Nablus:** On December 18 an Israeli bus with civilian passengers which entered Joseph's Tomb without IDF coordination was shot at; the bus driver was superficially wounded. IDF forces evacuated the Israelis, who were taken for questioning (IDF spokesperson, December 18, 2024). The al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility, stating they prevented an Israeli bus from entering Joseph's Tomb (al-Aqsa Flood October 7 Telegram channel, December 18, 2024).
- ◆ **Stabbing in Jerusalem:** On December 19, Nabil Sha'abani, 60 years old from east Jerusalem, stabbed a 70-year-old Israeli woman in a residential building in central Jerusalem. Sha'abani, who worked as a cleaner in the building, decided to carry out an attack in retaliation for IDF activity in Gaza. He strangled the woman, believing she was

dead, stole her jewelry and money, and fled. Moments later, he returned to retrieve his cane and seeing the woman still alive, stabbed her in the neck and chest, leaving her seriously injured. Israeli security forces detained him following an investigation (Israeli media, January 5 and 9, 2025).

◆ **Stabbing in Jerusalem:** On December 23, Adnan Karia, 38 years old from east Jerusalem, emerged from his vehicle armed with a knife in the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood and attempted to stab a soldier who was passing by. He was shot and wounded by the soldier and civilians, and detained. According to the indictment, Karia decided to commit a "sacrificial" attack by stabbing a Jew or soldier to death, preparing a knife the day before the attack (Israeli media, December 23, 2024; Ministry of Justice spokesperson, January 13, 2025).

◆ **Stabbing in Herzliya:** On December 27, Ibrahim Shalhoub, a 28 year-old Palestinian terrorist from Tulkarm, stabbed an 83-year-old Israeli woman to death in a shopping mall in the central Israeli city of Herzliya. Security personnel at the scene detained him. According to the indictment, he had served as an informant for Israeli security, was rehabilitated and relocated to Israel. He decided to carry out the attack after losing contact with his family (Israeli media, December 27, 2024, and January 13, 2025).

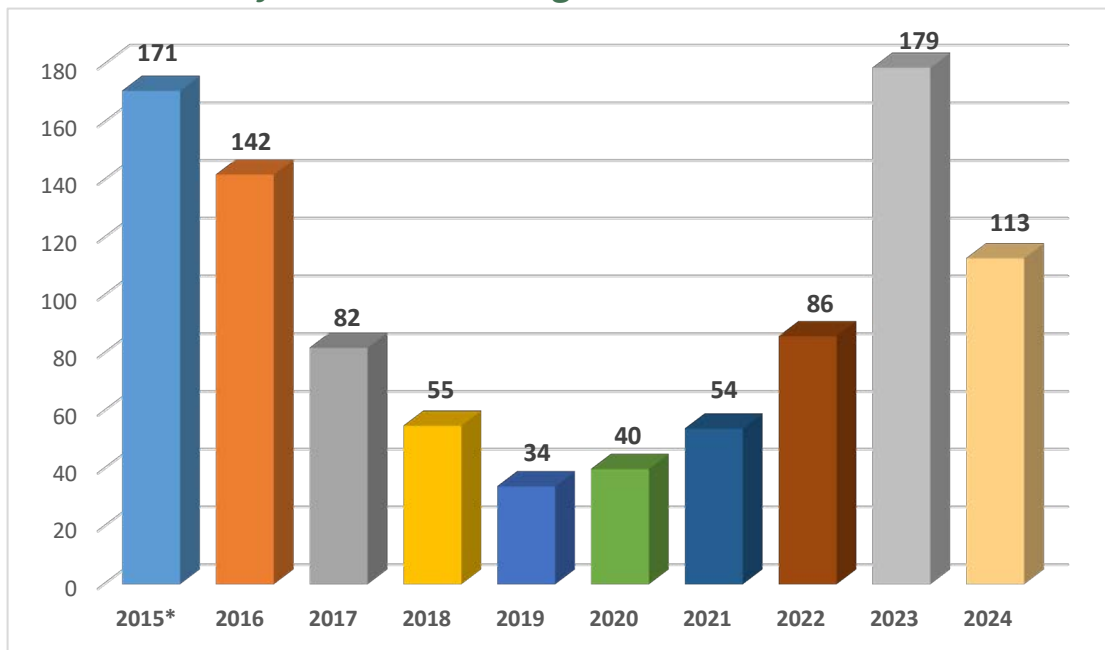
### Significant terrorist attacks, 2024<sup>4</sup>



<sup>4</sup> Significant attacks were defined by the Information Center as shooting, stabbing, ramming and explosive device attacks, or combined attacks. They do not include stone-throwing or Molotov cocktail incidents. The data also do not include shooting incidents targeting IDF forces during counterterrorism operations in Judea and Samaria.



### Yearly distribution of significant terrorist attacks

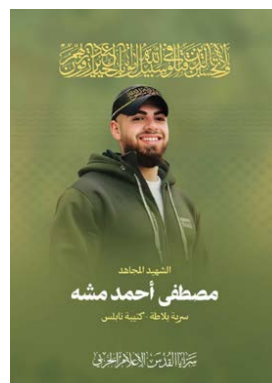


### Counterterrorism activities

► During December 2024, Israeli security forces continued counterterrorism activities throughout Judea and Samaria, focusing primarily on northern Samaria and the northern Jordan Valley. The soldiers entered Palestinian towns and refugee camps to locate individuals wanted for terrorist activities and dismantle terror infrastructure. Explosive devices, laboratories, tools for manufacturing weapons, and funds for financing terrorist activities were discovered and dealt with, and terrorist operatives were attacked from the air.

- ◆ On December 1 an Israeli Air Force aircraft targeted a terrorist squad in Qabatyah which had carried out several shootings in the Gilboa area. The attack killed four terrorist operatives, including Wa'el Lahlouh, the squad leader, 31 years old from Qabatyah. He was involved in the August 11, 2024 shooting at the Mehola Junction, where one Israeli civilian was killed and another injured. Three weapons were recovered from the bodies, along with materials for preparing explosives (IDF spokesperson, December 1, 2024). The Qabatyah Brigade of the PIJ's military wing stated that the four killed in the airstrike were its operatives, including Wa'el Abu Idris, a founding member of the brigade (Qabatyah around the Clock Telegram channel, December 1, 2024). Hamas said Wa'el Hassan Lahlouh was one of its operatives and responsible for the Mehola attack (Hamas in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 2, 2024).

- ◆ On December 3, an Israeli Air Force aircraft attacked a terrorist squad in Aqaba in the northern Jordan Valley, killing two operatives. Ayman Ghanam, a terrorist who had been involved in the Mehola Junction shooting, was injured and evacuated to a hospital in Nablus, where he was detained by Israeli security forces. (IDF spokesperson, December 3-4, 2024). Palestinian media reported two fatalities in the strike on a vehicle in Aqaba, adding that security forces later raided the Turkish Hospital in Tubas, where the bodies and another injured Palestinian had been taken, and detained two doctors. The Hamas military wing claimed that its operatives exchanged fire with the security forces (al-Aqsa TV and Quds News Agency, December 3, 2024).
- ◆ On December 6, the PIJ military wing announced the death of Mustafa Ahmed Musa, 22 years old, a terrorist operative in the Balata Platoon of the Nablus Battalion, killed during a clash with IDF forces in the Balata refugee camp in Nablus (Jerusalem Brigades in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 6, 2024). His funeral at Rafidia Hospital was attended by Ghassan Daghlas, the Nablus governor, who, accompanied by security apparatus commanders and the Fatah district branch secretary, paid a condolence call at the home of Musa's family (Nablus governor's Facebook page, December 6 and 8, 2024).



**Right: Mustafa Musa (Jerusalem Brigades in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 6, 2024). Left: The Nablus governor participating in his funeral (Nablus governor's Facebook page, December 6, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 9, during an operation by Israeli security forces to detain a wanted Palestinian in Tubas, an Air Force aircraft targeted several armed operatives. An M-16 rifle, two pistols and a fragmentation grenade were found at the scene. During a security force operation on October 9, 2024, Abd al-Raouf Masri, who also participated in the Mehola attack, was eliminated (IDF spokesperson, December 9, 2024). The PIJ's military wing announced the deaths of two operatives from the Tubas Battalion. They were

"founding commander" Khalil Majdi Hikmat al-Masri, 26 years old, and Adi Radwan Mustafa Daraghmeh, 32 years old. According to reports, they were killed while confronting "enemy" forces which stormed Tubas (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, December 9, 2024).



**Right: Khalil Majdi al-Masri. Left: Adi Radwan Daraghmeh (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, December 9, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 17 "Palestinian sources" reported the deaths of two Palestinians who were shot while attempting to cross the security fence near Qalqilya. They were identified as Muhammad Zaki Daoud Ashkar and Diyaa Sharif Hassan Salami (Qalqilya Gate Telegram channel, December 17, 2024).
- ◆ On December 19, an Israeli Air Force aircraft eliminated Tareq al-Doush, a terrorist leader in Tulkarm, along with three other terrorist operatives. According to reports, he recruited operatives who whose weapons were paid for with money from Iran by operatives in Lebanon and individuals linked to the al-Maqdah family in Lebanon; their objective was to promote attacks on Israeli targets. The operatives led by al-Doush were responsible for a series of shootings and were planning attacks in Israeli territory (IDF spokesperson, December 19, 2024). Palestinian media reported that four people were killed and three severely injured in an Israeli strike on a vehicle in Tulkarm (Wafa, December 19, 2024). The al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades announced that Tareq Mahmoud al-Doush was one of its senior commanders in Tulkarm, and that Muhammad Rahima, Muhammad al-'Oufi, and Dawsam al-'Oufi were operatives in the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades (Quds News Agency, December 19, 2024). Hamas's military wing confirmed that Dawsam Sufyan al-'Oufi, Muhammad Nafedh Rahimah and Muhammad Issa al-'Oufi, were its operatives (Hamas Telegram channel, Judea and Samaria, December 20, 2024).



**Pictures of the deceased; al-Doush at the top left  
(Quds News Agency X account, December 19, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 23, Israeli security forces initiated a counterterrorism operation in Tulkarm. In nearly two days the forces eliminated seven terrorist operatives from the air and on the ground, detained 21 wanted terrorists and suspects, dealt with 13 explosive devices, destroyed a weapons laboratory and seized weapons. During the operation an IDF commander was injured by an explosive device which targeted a military vehicle (IDF spokesperson, December 25 and 30, 2024).
- ◆ Hamas' military wing announced the deaths of two operatives: Jumaa Mahmoud Salem and Mahmoud Muhammad I'mar (Hamas in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 25, 2024). The PIJ's military wing announced the deaths Muhaymen Ayman al-Akhras and Fathi Sa'eed Odeh Obeid (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, December 25-27, 2024). The al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades announced the death of Qusay Akasha, a commander in the Rapid Response Battalion in Tulkarm, as well as operatives Umran Haroun, Jum'ah Salem, Fathi Salem and Muhaymen al-Akhras. It reported the deaths of Tulkarm residents Baraah Attar and Khawla Abdo (Tulkarm Rapid Response Battalion Telegram channel, December 26, 2024).



**Right: Mahmoud Muhammad Amer. Center: Jumaa Mahmoud Salem (Hamas in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 25, 2024). Left: Muhaymen Ayman al-Akhras (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, December 25, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 25, 2024, Ahmed Khaled al-Amarna, an operative in the Qaffin Platoon of the Jerusalem Brigades' Tulkarm Battalion, was eliminated following a long firefight with Israeli forces which surrounded the house where he was barricaded in the town of Qaffin in in the Tulkarm district (Jerusalem Brigades in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 25, 2024).

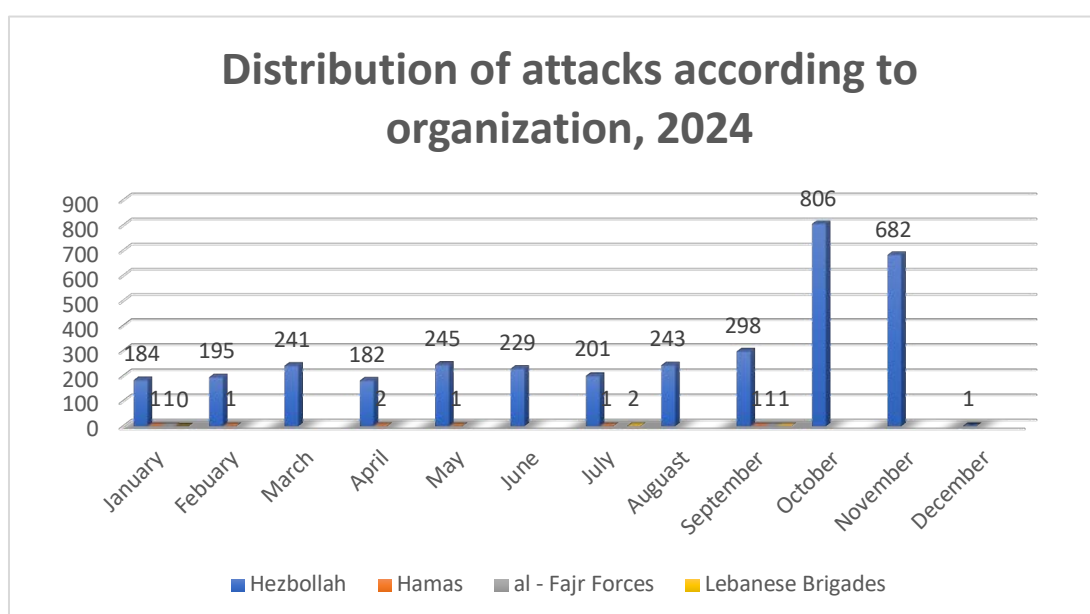


**Ahmed al-Amarna (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, Judea and Samaria, December 25, 2024)**

- ◆ On December 26, "Palestinian sources" reported the death of Zein Ali Tawfiq Atatra, 18, during an IDF operation in the town of Ya'bad (Wafa, December 26, 2024). Hamas claimed him as was one of its operatives (Hamas in Judea and Samaria Telegram channel, December 27, 2024).
- ◆ On December 27, 2024, during a joint Israeli security forces operation, Ali Dandis was detained in Bethlehem. He was suspected of involvement in the 2007 shooting in Nahal Telem, in which two IDF soldiers were killed, and in another shooting in 2012. Over the years, he had been arrested by Palestinian security forces, and Israeli security forces detained him outside his place of detention (joint statement by spokespersons' units of the Israeli Security Agency, the Israel Police Force and the IDF, December 27, 2024).

## Terrorism from Lebanon

► On December 2, 2024, Hezbollah launched two projectiles toward an IDF post on Mount Dov; they landed in open areas. It was Hezbollah's first attack since the ceasefire went into effect on November 27, 2024, and its only attack in December 2024. Hezbollah claimed the attack was a "preliminary defensive warning response" to "repeated violations of the ceasefire" by the "Israeli enemy," which included "shooting at civilians," airstrikes which caused civilian casualties and breaches of Beirut's airspace (Hezbollah combat information Telegram channel, December 2, 2024). In response, the IDF attacked terrorist operatives, dozens of launchers and Hezbollah facilities throughout Lebanon, including the launcher used in the attack on Mount Dov (IDF spokesperson, December 2, 2024).



## Casualties from other organizations

### The PIJ (in Lebanon and Syria)

► During December 2024, the Jerusalem Brigades, the PIJ's military wing, announced the deaths of ten of its operatives in strikes in Lebanon (Jerusalem Brigades' Telegram channel, December 31 - January 1, 2025):

- ◆ December 2: Khaled Ahmed al-Abbas, aka Abu Ahmed, 28 years old, and Muhammad Mahdi Khaled Saleh, aka Abu Khaled, 19 years old, both from the organization's Syria branch; Abdullah Muhammad Zeir, Omar Kamal Ghoutani, known as Abu Muhammad, 20 years old, and Omar Kamal Ghoutani, aka Alaa, 19 years old, both from the



organization's Lebanon branch. According to reports, they were killed while "resisting aggression against Lebanon."

- ◆ December 5: Ahmed Muhammad al-Ahmed, 35 years old; Walid Khaled Ahmed, 20 years old; Munir Khaled Fares, 22 years old. The three belonged to the organization's Syrian branch. According to reports, they were killed "on the borders of occupied Palestine while resisting aggression against Lebanon."
- ◆ December 29: Walid Ahmed Taha, 42 years old; Khaled Abu al-Hijaa, 19 years old; Taha Lutfi Mufлах, 19 years old. The three were members of the organization's Syrian branch. According to reports, they were killed "on the borders of occupied Palestine while supporting the Gaza Strip and defending Lebanon."



**Right: Abdullah Muhammad Zeir (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, December 2, 2024).  
Center: Munir Khaled Fares (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, December 5, 2024). Left:  
Walid Ahmed Taha (Jerusalem Brigades Telegram channel, December 29, 2024)**

## Amal

► On December 2, 2024, the Amal Scouts Movement announced the death of "medic" Hassan Muhammad Alaa al-Din, born in 2002 in Majdal Selm, south Lebanon, in an "Israeli strike on southern villages" (Amal Movement Telegram channel, December 2, 2024).



**Hassan Muhammad Alaa al-Din (Right: Amal Movement Telegram channel, December 2, 2024;  
Left: Arif Qaisi Abu Amal's X account, December 2, 2024)**

## The Social Nationalist Syrian Party

- ▶ During December 2024 Nusour al-Zawba'ah, the military wing of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party, announced the deaths of five operatives while performing their "national duty in south Lebanon, confronting the Jewish enemy on the way to Palestine":<sup>5</sup>
- ▶ On December 7, the deaths were reported of Anwar Ahmed al-Hussein, born in 2000, who joined Nusour al-Zawba'ah in 2018; Ahmed Mahmoud Darwish, born in 1996, who joined in 2022; and Ali Muhammad Amin, born in 2005, who joined in 2021 (Syrian Social Nationalist Party Telegram channel, December 7, 2024).
- ▶ On December 12, the deaths were reported of Ahmed Qassem al-Amar, born in 1979, who joined Nusour al-Zawba'ah in 2020; and Muhammad Ahmed Zankih, born in 1986, who also joined in 2020 (Syrian Social Nationalist Party Telegram channel, December 12, 2024).



**Notice of the funeral for four Nusour al-Zawba'ah operatives  
(Syrian Social Nationalist Party Telegram channel, December 13, 2024)**

## The Shiite militias

### Anti-Israel activities

#### The Houthis

- ▶ In December 2024, the Houthis' military spokesman, Yahya Saria, claimed responsibility for **20 attacks** against targets in Israel using drones and ballistic missiles, compared to five in the previous month (Yahya Saria's Telegram channel, December 1-31, 2024). The IDF Spokesperson reported the interception of some of the missiles and drones. One drone and two missiles hit Israeli territory, causing injuries and damage. The Israeli Air Force carried out airstrikes against Houthi targets in Yemen on December 19 and 26, 2024 (IDF Spokesperson and Israeli media, December 1-31, 2024). The details are as follows:

<sup>5</sup> For further information, see the August 2024 ITIC report, "[The Organizations Assisting Hezbollah in Combat Against Israel](#)."

- ◆ **December 1:** An attack on a “vital target” in the Jaffa region using a Palestine-2 ballistic missile. Saria claimed that the attack achieved its objective. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a missile fired at the central region had been intercepted before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 1, 2024).
- ◆ **December 7:** The IDF Spokesperson stated that the Israeli Air Force had intercepted a missile launched from Yemen before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 7, 2024). The Houthis did not claim responsibility for any attack against Israel that day.
- ◆ **December 9:** An attack on a “sensitive target in the Yavne area of Ashdod, south of the Jaffa area” using a drone. According to Saria, the attack achieved its objective. The drone hit the upper floors of a 15-story building in Yavne, causing extensive damage, but there were no casualties (Israeli media, December 9, 2024). The IDF Spokesperson confirmed that a drone launched from Yemen hit a building in Yavne. It was noted that the drone was not intercepted because it was not classified as a hostile aircraft (IDF Spokesperson, December 9-10, 2024).
- ◆ **December 13:** A drone attack on a “military target” in Ashkelon and a drone attack on a target in “occupied Jaffa.” It was claimed that the drones evaded the interception systems and successfully hit the targets. The claims have not been confirmed.
- ◆ **December 16:** An attack on a “military target in occupied Jaffa” using a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile. It was claimed that the attack successfully achieved its objectives. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a missile launched from Yemen had been intercepted before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 16, 2024).
- ◆ **December 16:** The IDF Spokesperson stated that an IDF naval missile ship in the Mediterranean had intercepted a drone launched from Yemen before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 16, 2024). The Houthis did not issue a claim of responsibility.
- ◆ **December 19 (early morning):** An attack on two “specific, sensitive” sites in the “occupied Jaffa area” using two Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missiles. It was claimed that the operation was carried out concurrently with the Israeli “aggression” against “civilian facilities” in Yemen and that it was a “natural and legitimate” response. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a ballistic missile launched from Yemen had been intercepted by the Arrow defense system before it penetrated Israeli territory. However, the missile’s

warhead hit a school building in Ramat Gan, causing heavy damage. There were no casualties (IDF Spokesperson, December 19, 2024; Israeli media, December 19, 2024).

◆ **December 19 (noon):** A drone attack against a “military target in the occupied Jaffa area.” It was claimed that the operation successfully achieved its objective. The IDF Spokesperson stated that the Israeli Air Force had intercepted a suspicious aerial target in the Mediterranean before it crossed into Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 19, 2024).

◆ **December 20:** A drone attack on a “military target in occupied Jaffa.” The operation is claimed to have successfully achieved its objective. The claim has not been verified.

◆ **December 21 (early morning):** An attack on a “military target in the occupied Jaffa area” using a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile. It was claimed that the target was hit accurately and that the defense systems had failed in the interception attempts. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a missile impact was detected in central Israel after failed interception attempts. The ballistic missile reportedly hit a populated area in Jaffa, lightly injuring 16 people and causing extensive damage (IDF Spokesperson, December 21, 2024; Israeli media, December 21, 2024).

◆ **December 21 (afternoon):** The IDF Spokesperson stated that a drone that infiltrated from the east was intercepted near the Gaza Strip (IDF Spokesperson, December 21, 2024). There has been no Houthi announcement on the attack.

◆ **December 23:** An attack on a “military target in occupied Ashkelon” using a Jaffa drone and an attack on a “military target in the occupied Jaffa area” using a Jaffa drone. It was claimed that the two attacks successfully achieved their objectives. The IDF Spokesperson stated that the Israeli Air Force had intercepted a drone launched from Yemen before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 23, 2024).

◆ **December 24 (early morning):** An attack on a “military target in the occupied Jaffa area” using a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile. It was claimed that the operation successfully achieved its objectives. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a missile launched from Yemen had been intercepted before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 24, 2024).

◆ **December 25 (early morning):** An attack on a “military target in the occupied Jaffa area” using a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile. It was claimed that the operation successfully achieved its objectives. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a missile

launched from Yemen had been intercepted before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 25, 2024).

◆ **December 25 (afternoon):** A drone attack on a “vital and sensitive target in the occupied Jaffa area” and a drone attack on the industrial zone “in the occupied Ashkelon area.” The attacks were claimed to have successfully achieved their objectives. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a drone that had infiltrated from Yemen fell in an open area near the Gaza Strip. There were no casualties (IDF Spokesperson, December 25, 2024).

◆ **December 27 (early morning):** An attack on Ben Gurion Airport “in the occupied Jaffa area” using a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile. It was claimed that the missile reached its target successfully despite the “enemy” claims and that it caused casualties and a halt to traffic at the airport. A drone attack on a “vital target in the occupied Jaffa area,” claimed to have hit the target accurately. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a ballistic missile launched from Yemen had been intercepted before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 27, 2024).

◆ **December 28 (early morning):** An attack on the Nevatim Air Force Base using a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile. It was claimed to have hit the target accurately. The IDF Spokesperson confirmed that a missile launched from Yemen had been intercepted before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 28, 2024).

◆ **December 30:** An attack on Ben Gurion Airport using a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile, and an attack on a power plant south of “occupied” Jerusalem with a Dhu al-Fiqar ballistic missile. It was claimed that both attacks successfully hit their targets. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a missile launched from Yemen had been intercepted before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 30, 2024).

## Joint attacks by the Houthis and the Islamic Resistance in Iraq

► In December 2024, the Houthis’ military spokesman, Yahya Saria, claimed responsibility for **six joint attacks** with the Islamic Resistance in Iraq, for the first time since July 15, 2024. In all cases, no parallel statement was issued by the pro-Iranian militias in Iraq, as opposed to the

attacks during June-July 2024.<sup>6</sup> The following is the breakdown (Yahya Saria's Telegram channel, December 1-31, 2024):

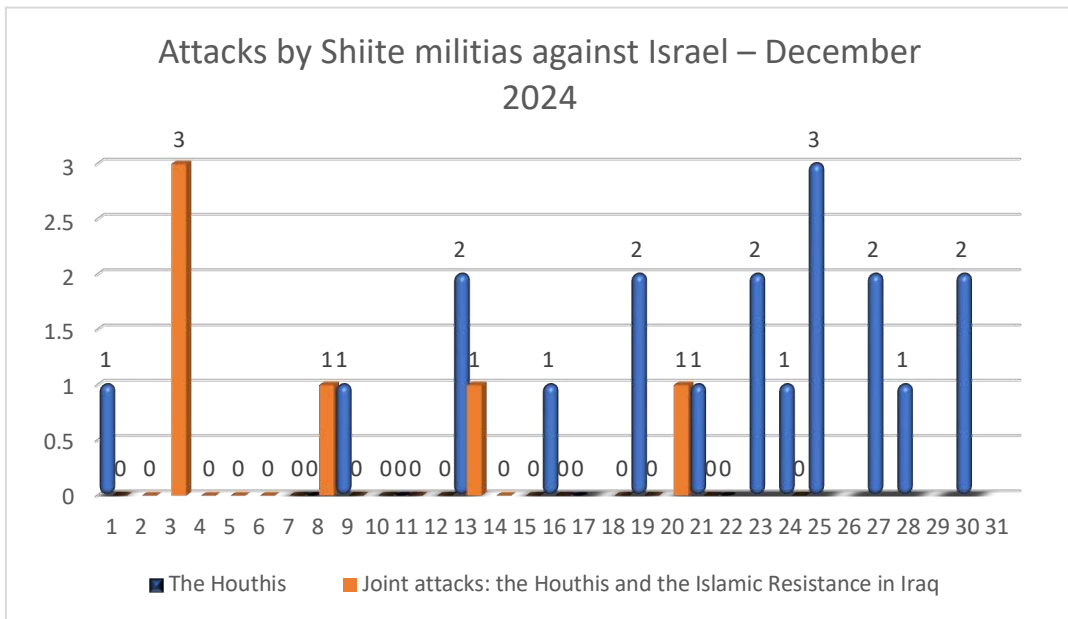
- ◆ **December 3:** Three joint attacks using swarms of drones within 48 hours. According to Saria, two of the attacks were directed at targets in northern Israel, whereas the third was directed at a “vital target” in Eilat. The IDF Spokesperson reported two interceptions of drones, one of them in the Mediterranean Sea, on November 30, 2024, and another in the Red Sea, on December 2, 2024. In all cases, the drones did not penetrate Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, November 30-December 2, 2024).
- ◆ **December 8:** A joint attack on a “vital target” in southern Israel using several drones. It was claimed that the attack successfully achieved its objectives. The IDF Spokesperson stated that the Israeli Air Force had intercepted a missile launched from Yemen before it crossed into Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 8, 2024).
- ◆ **December 13:** A joint attack on “vital targets” in southern Israel using several drones. The attack is claimed to have successfully achieved its objectives. The IDF Spokesperson stated that a drone launched from Yemen had been intercepted in the Eilat area before it penetrated Israeli territory (IDF Spokesperson, December 12, 2024).

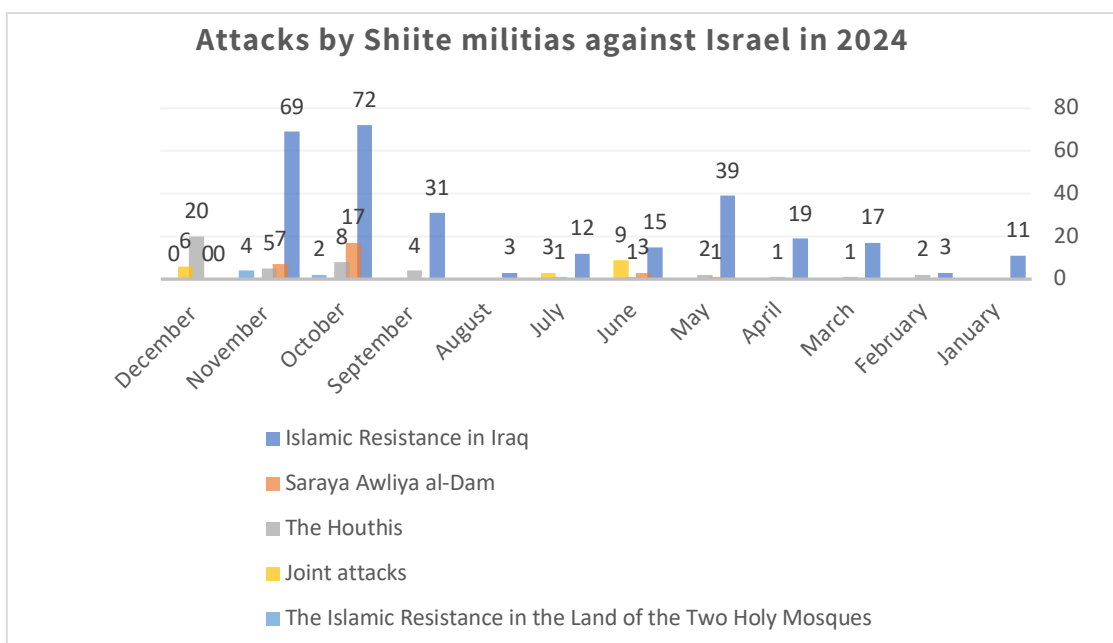
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<sup>6</sup> As of November 24, 2024, the pro-Iranian militias of the Islamic Resistance in Iraq stopped issuing statements claiming responsibility for attacks against Israel, amid pressure from the Iraqi government due to threats of an Israeli attack on Iraqi territory.



◆ **December 20:** A joint attack on “vital targets” in southern Israel using several drones. It was claimed that the operation successfully achieved its objectives. The claim has not been verified.





\* The data on the attacks is based on militia announcements.

## Houthi attacks in the maritime area

► In December 2024, the Houthi military spokesman, Yahya Saria, claimed responsibility for five attacks on military and civilian vessels, compared to three in the previous month. Two of the attacks were directed against the US aircraft carrier in the Red Sea. The following is the breakdown (Yahya Saria’s Telegram channel, 1-31 December 2024):

- ◆ **December 1:** An attack on a US destroyer and three “US military-related” supply ships—the Stena Impeccable, Maersk Saratoga, and Liberty Grace. According to Saria, the attacks were carried out using 16 ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and one drone in the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden. The attacks were claimed to have been accurate. US Central Command (CENTCOM) stated that the destroyers USS Stockdale and USS O’Kane had successfully intercepted three ballistic missiles, three drones, and a cruise missile while securing three US-flagged cargo ships in the Gulf of Aden between November 30 and December 1, 2024. According to the report, there were no casualties, and no damage was caused (CENTCOM X account, December 2, 2024).
- ◆ **December 10:** An attack on three supply ships leaving the port of Djibouti, which Saria claimed had previously participated in “aggression against Yemen,” and an attack on two American destroyers in the Gulf of Aden escorting supply ships. According to Saria, the attacks were carried out using several missiles and drones, and the operation “successfully achieved its objectives.” CENTCOM stated that the destroyers USS

Stockdale and USS O’Kane repelled an attack using “a variety of weapons launched by the Houthis” while escorting three US-owned merchant ships flying the US flag in the Gulf of Aden on December 9-10, 2024. According to the statement, the destroyers “defeated” a large number of drones and an anti-ship cruise missile, and there were no casualties or damage among the civilian or military vessels and crew members (CENTCOM X account, December 10, 2024). The statement did not specify the names of the supply ships and whether they were the same ships attacked at the end of November-early December 2024.

◆ **December 21:** An attack on the aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman and several destroyers using eight cruise missiles and 17 drones. It was claimed that the attack thwarted an attempted attack on Yemeni territory and that an American F-18 was shot down and the aircraft carrier retreated to the northern Red Sea. CENTCOM stated that several drones and an anti-ship cruise missile were shot down over the Red Sea. According to the statement, an F-18 was accidentally shot down by an American warship, and the two pilots were safely rescued (CENTCOM X account, December 21, 2024; USNI News, December 21, 2024).

◆ **December 27:** A drone attack on the Santa Ursula in the Arabian Sea, east of the island of Socotra. According to Saria, the ship’s owners violated the prohibition on entering the ports of “occupied Palestine.” There has been no verification of the claim of the attack.

◆ **December 31:** An attack on the US aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman using a “large number” of drones and cruise missiles. According to Saria, the attack was carried out while the Americans were preparing for a large-scale airstrike against Yemen, and the Houthi attack achieved its objectives and thwarted the US attack. CENTCOM has not confirmed the claims.