

The Harvest Battle 2023

Israel's Undeclared War to Displace
Palestinians in the West Bank



The occupation, along with its military and settlers, capitalized on the global focus on Gaza, escalating the rate of assaults on the West Bank. The primary focus of these attacks was on the agricultural sector, given its direct link to the land that the colonisers aim to steal. The settlers effectively function as a supplementary military branch of the occupation, and their extensive armament hit record high this year.



The attacks took diverse forms

- ⊙ Burning orchards and buildings and uprooting trees
- ⊙ Stealing and destroying harvest, equipment, and fodder
- ⊙ Bulldozing land to build colonial infrastructure including 13,000 planned settler housing units
- ⊙ Blocking water sources and isolating water springs from Palestinian villages
- ⊙ Demolishing water infrastructure and solar panels

They even stole livestock, like the 70 cows that were kidnapped in Tubas!



Losses in the Palestinian agricultural sector in the West Bank due to Israeli violations from 7/10/2023 - 1/12/2023



Animal Production \$340,721.33



Infrastructure \$366,243.33



Destruction of
Agricultural Facilities \$338,268.67



Water Sources \$183,676.67



Agricultural
Equipment \$57,846.67



Plant Production \$21,298,653.33

Total \$22,585,410

Plant production ranked at the forefront,
representing **94% of overall losses.**

The settlers regard the **harvest season as an opportune time** to terrorize and deliberately obstruct farmers' access to their lands. This includes the shooting, kidnapping, and arrest of numerous farmers, contributing to the total of 4575 Palestinians who were taken hostage during the last two months. Despite settlers placing **threatening messages on trees vowing harm**, the local community persevered through the harvest season to prevent further land confiscation by the occupation.





**In a period of 53 days,
6,809 farmers were
subject to various
violations!**

Farmer Bilal Saleh from the town of As-Sawiya in Nablus was among the over 300 people martyred in the West Bank in the last two months. He was targeted by settlers while harvesting his olives.

A total of 82,000 dunums (11%) of olive groves remained unharvested,

the occupation, along with its military and settlers obstructed the harvesting of 1,977,615 trees in those areas. Consequently, the Palestinian economy in the West Bank incurred a loss of \$11,541,740.



"They're handing out guns like candy"

Statement by a Zionist Official to Haaretz

Since mid-2023, the Israeli National Security Minister, Itamar Ben Gvir, initiated a plan to arm 400 thousand settlers in the West Bank. In the two months since October 2023, over 250,000 firearm applications have been submitted, and 86,000 license approvals have been issued!



Despite the Zionist agenda to intimidate and displace Palestinians, families joined forces to harvest the majority of the trees, and plant plenty more during the 2023 – 2024 agricultural season.

We refuse to be intimidated

Our Million Tree Campaign persisted and will carry on until liberation.

