

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY: WEST BANK CONCERN OVER EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE

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## Occupied Palestinian territory: West Bank, June-August 2014 Concern over excessive use of force



The period between June and August 2014 was marked by heightened tensions and clashes across the West Bank, alongside concerns over excessive use of force by Israeli forces in crowd control situations. The resulting rise in casualties started amid Israeli military operations triggered by the abduction and killing of three Israeli youths near Bethlehem, on 12 June, and continued in the context of protests against the abduction and killing of a Palestinian boy in East Jerusalem, on 2 July, and against the Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip between 7 July and 26 August. These events exacerbated pre-existing tensions, including as a result of the continuous settlement expansion and the collapse of the peace negotiations.

