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Jenin Overview



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City of Jenin and the Jenin Camp

There are approximately 3 million Palestinian residents in Judea and Samaria, living in 406 villages, 18 camps, and 8 cities. The central Palestinian cities are Nablus, Hebron, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Jenin, Tulkarem, Qalqilya, and Jericho.

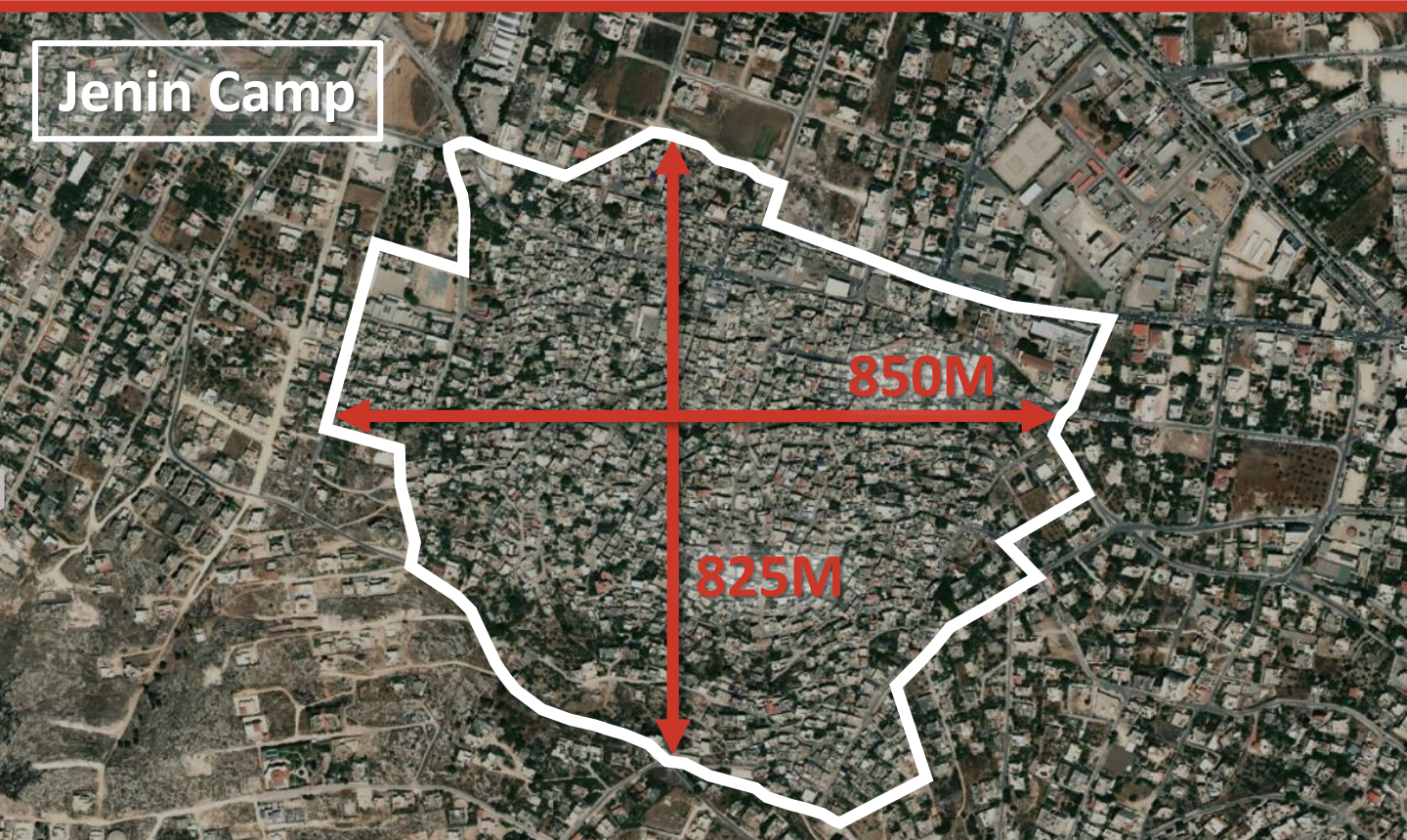
Located in northern Samaria, the city of Jenin has a population of 39,000 residents. Jenin Camp, which was established in 1953, is located within the city of Jenin. Jenin Camp is 473 dunams in size and houses 11,000 residents.



Jenin

In recent years, Jenin Camp has become a focal point for significant hostile activity. Jenin camp has become a hotbed for terrorism and a key location in planning hostile activities against Israeli civilians. Terror organizations have imbedded themselves in the heart of the crowded civilian population in Jenin Camp, operating command and observation centers as well as placing weapons and missile storage facilities directly next to or beneath civilian infrastructure; for example, an attempted rocket launch towards Israeli territory was reported on May 24th, located in an olive grove adjacent to the village of Hurbat A-Turam in the Jenin area.

The city of Jenin, but primarily Jenin Camp, has become a haven for illicit activities, such as weapon smuggling, as well as a safe haven for a wide variety of wanted criminals that are hiding from Israeli or Palestinian security forces. Out of all the cities in Judea and Samaria, Jenin is leading in the number of terror attacks stemming from a specific city. These terror attacks include shooting, stabbing, vehicle ramming, and bombing attacks. In total since 2022, 15 Israelis have been killed from terror attacks in which the terrorist originated from Jenin, in addition to those who were murdered, terrorists from Jenin have also committed attacks which have resulted in dozens of injuries.



Terror in Jenin

There is an increasing number of armed groups, some of which are associated with larger terror organizations, present in Jenin Camp. The primary terror organizations operating in Jenin Camp are Hamas, IJ, PFLP and Fatah. In addition, many local terror groups have also become present in Jenin.

Terror organizations take advantage of the security vacuum created by the PA's lack of will and ability to operate in the Jenin area. For example, Hamas and IJ have taken advantage of the PA's absence in order to entrench themselves within Jenin Camp. These groups transfer funds and arms to the camp and recruit local unemployed youth to join their operations in exchange for cash payments. In addition, there are individuals in Fatah, some with connections to the PA, who have been found to be significantly involved in terrorism and incitement.

The IJ's branch in Jenin is the largest in the city in terms of members and hostilities conducted. The IJ Jenin Brigade is operating a Telegram Channel by the name "Jenin Brigades Combat Propaganda." The channel has 57,000 users and includes operational reports of the brigades operational activities.

Terror Infrastructure in the Jenin Camp

Terror elements in the Jenin Camp are developing and using advanced weaponry and terror infrastructure such as:



Projectile
Manufacturing Site



Weapon Storage



Observation Post



Command & Control
Center



Explosives
Manufacturing Site



Underground
Infrastructure

Terror organizations utilize Jenin Camp to promote terror activities. By entrenching themselves in the highly populated area that is Jenin Camp, terror organizations exploit the nearby civilians as human shields. There are approximately 11,000 individuals living in the highly dense Jenin Camp. By choosing Jenin Camp as their operational ground, the terror organizations present in Jenin Camp are putting countless non-combatants at risk. Terror organizations operate in a manner that harms Palestinian civilians in Jenin Camp and its surroundings.

Implications of Terror from Jenin within Israel

The city of Jenin has become a hotbed for terrorism from which terror elements and organizations commit acts of violence against Israeli civilians throughout Israel.

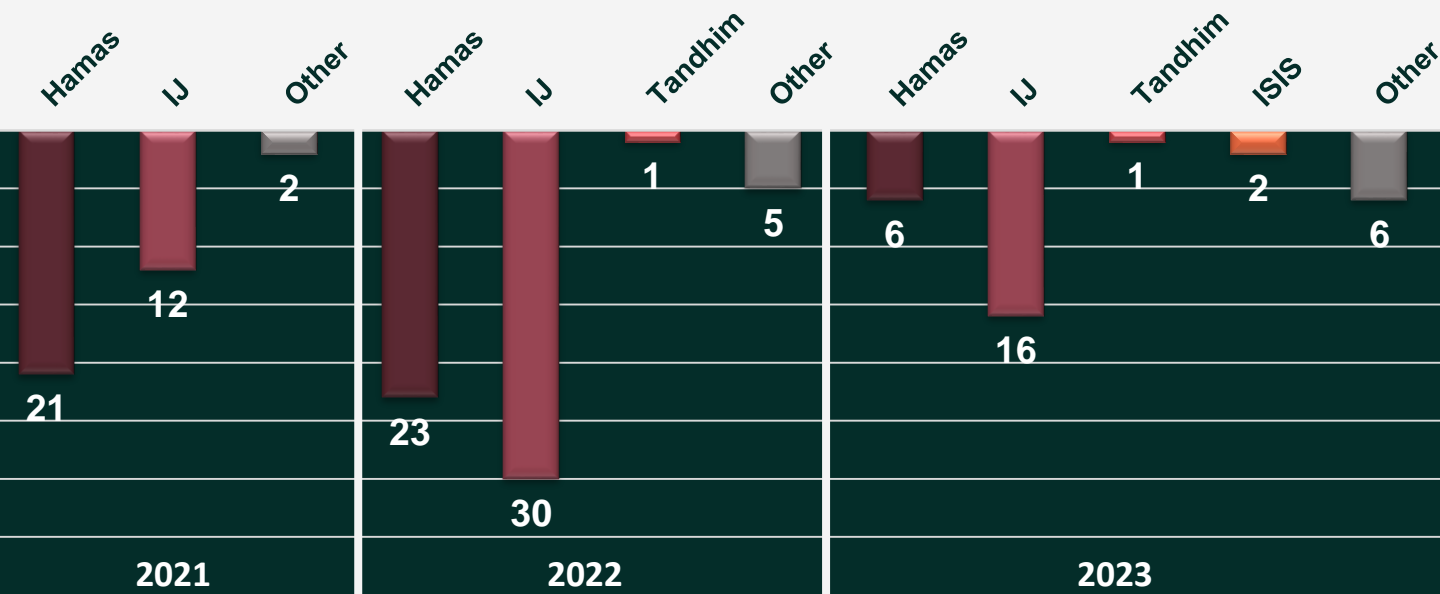
In recent years there has been a consistent and significant rise in the number of terror attacks originating from the Jenin region, which has now become the origin for the greatest amount of terror attacks. These terror attacks have resulted in the serious injuring and murder of countless innocent civilians.

Effects of Terror Organizations on the Terror Exported from the Jenin Camp

There has been a shift in the scope and severity of the terror attacks, due to the accessibility of arms and weapons, and increasing incitement of terrorism. This is due to the involvement of Hamas, IJ, and Iran in financing terror, inciting violence, and planning and conducting complex attacks. This can be seen through the increase in complex attacks using advanced weaponry such as underground missile launchers, SSM arrays, and explosive attack UAVs.

The lone wolf attacks, terrorist entrenchment in a crowded civilian environment, research and development of advanced weaponry, distribution and storage of arms, foreign guidance and financing of terror attacks (Hamas, IJ, Iran), and incitement on social media present a real and immediate threat to Israel and its civilians as well as the Palestinian population.

Operatives from organizations responsible for planning terror attacks originating from Judea and Samaria



Terror Attacks Carried Out From Jenin

Shooting Terror Attack in Bnei Brak (09.03.22)



Site of Attack

Around 20:00, a terrorist began firing at apartment balconies in Bnei Brak. The terrorist then targeted passersby on the street, murdering a police officer and 4 civilians, 2 of which were Ukrainian – Amir houri (32) Victor Sorokopot (33), Dimitry Meitrik (32), Yaakov Israel Shalom (36) and Avishay Yehezkel (29).

The terrorist is Deya Hamarsha, a resident of the Yaabed village in the Jenin district.

Shooting Terror Attack in Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv (07.04.22)



Site of Attack

Around 21:00, A terrorist fired towards a pub on Dizengoff street in Tel Aviv, causing the death of 3 civilians – Eitan Magini (27), tomer Morad (27) and Barak Lupin (35).

The terrorist, Ra'ed Fathi Hazem, was from the Jenin Camp.

Stabbing Terror Attack in Elad (05.05.22)



Site of Attack

On the evening of May 5th 2022, Israel's Independence Day, two Terrorists carried out a attack in Elad, armed with an axe and a knife, murdering 4 civilians – Oren Ben Yiftah (35), Yonatan Habakuk (40), Boaz Gol (40) and Shimon Matouf (75).

The two terrorists, Assad alrafai and Subhi abu Shakir, were residents of the Romana Village in the Jenin District.

Shooting Terror Attack in Hamra Junction (30.05.23)



Site of Attack

While driving, 2 terrorists originating in Jenin started firing at a civilian car, killing Meir Tamari (32), the terrorists then fled the scene, and haven't been captured yet.



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