

From a report by the Palestinian Ministry of Education 17th January 2012:

(main points from the Arabic original)

The Palestinian Ministry of Education has issued some shocking figures about violations against schools and their students in the past year. This is JUST IN THE WEST BANK and does not include what is happening in Gaza.

During the year 2011,

2 school students were killed by the Israeli army,

41 students were wounded,

30 students were held by the army for several hours

121 students were arrested,

4 teachers were arrested.

Because of the curfew, 11 schools each lost 29 school days which stopped 5040 students and 227 teachers from working in their schools.

21 schools were attacked by the Israeli army using tear gas, sound bombs and bullets (*Note from Abu Dis, this has happened in previous years in Abu Dis*)

4 schools suffered structural damage because of attacks by settlers (*Note from CADFA, this includes Assawiya School – we wrote to you about this during the year*)

In the school semester Sept 11 to mid-Jan 12, 171 teachers each on average lost the equivalent of four classes due to being held up by checkpoints around the school,

While 2350 students lost about 36.6% of the time of their first school class across the whole semester for reasons that related to checkpoints

While schools lost 203 classes owing to curfew.

Several students from Assawia School were hit by settlers' cars when on their way to school.

The Israelis are refusing licences to the Palestinian Authority to build new classrooms or new school in area (C)

The Israelis issued demolition orders for several schools across the West Bank.

They gave orders to five schools to stop working (*Note from CADFA: this looks like an underestimate, as one of the ones they list is the Bedouin school at Khan al-Ahmar which we have told you about recently, while they haven't listed the school at Wadi Abu Hindi, which we know had such an order*).