

## **Monthly summary – August 2014**

Operation Protective Edge in the Gaza Strip entered its second month in August 2014. Throughout August, **1,576 rockets and mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel**, and 6 rockets were fired from Sinai. Most launchings were short to medium ranged (up to 50km), and few were long ranged (42 rockets). In comparison, July had a record of 2,622 high trajectory launchings.

**All in all, a decrease was seen in the number of terrorist attacks in all zones as opposed to July.**

**9 fatalities were recorded this month:** 8 during Protective Edge and one (a civilian) was killed in a run-over attack in Jerusalem (4 August).

**Half of the fatalities during Protective Edge were soldiers and the other half were civilians.** 3 soldiers were killed in an encounter with terrorists who emerged from a tunnel in the area of Rafah (1 August) and another soldier died of wounds (31 August) caused by an IED exploded in Khan Younes in July.

**As for civilian victims,** 3 civilians including a 4 year old boy, were killed by mortar shells which hit *Nirim* (26 August) and *Nahal Oz* (22 August). Another civilian died of wounds (29 August) after being severely injured by a rocket which hit *Gan Yavne*.

**57 Israelis were injured in August. 10 were soldiers, the rest – civilians.** The distribution of civilian casualties is such: 30 from rocket launchings (one moderately, the rest lightly injured); 10 were injured from mortar shells (2 severely, 2 moderately, and 6 lightly injured); 4 suffered moderate injuries due to a stabbing attack in *Ma'ale Adumim* near

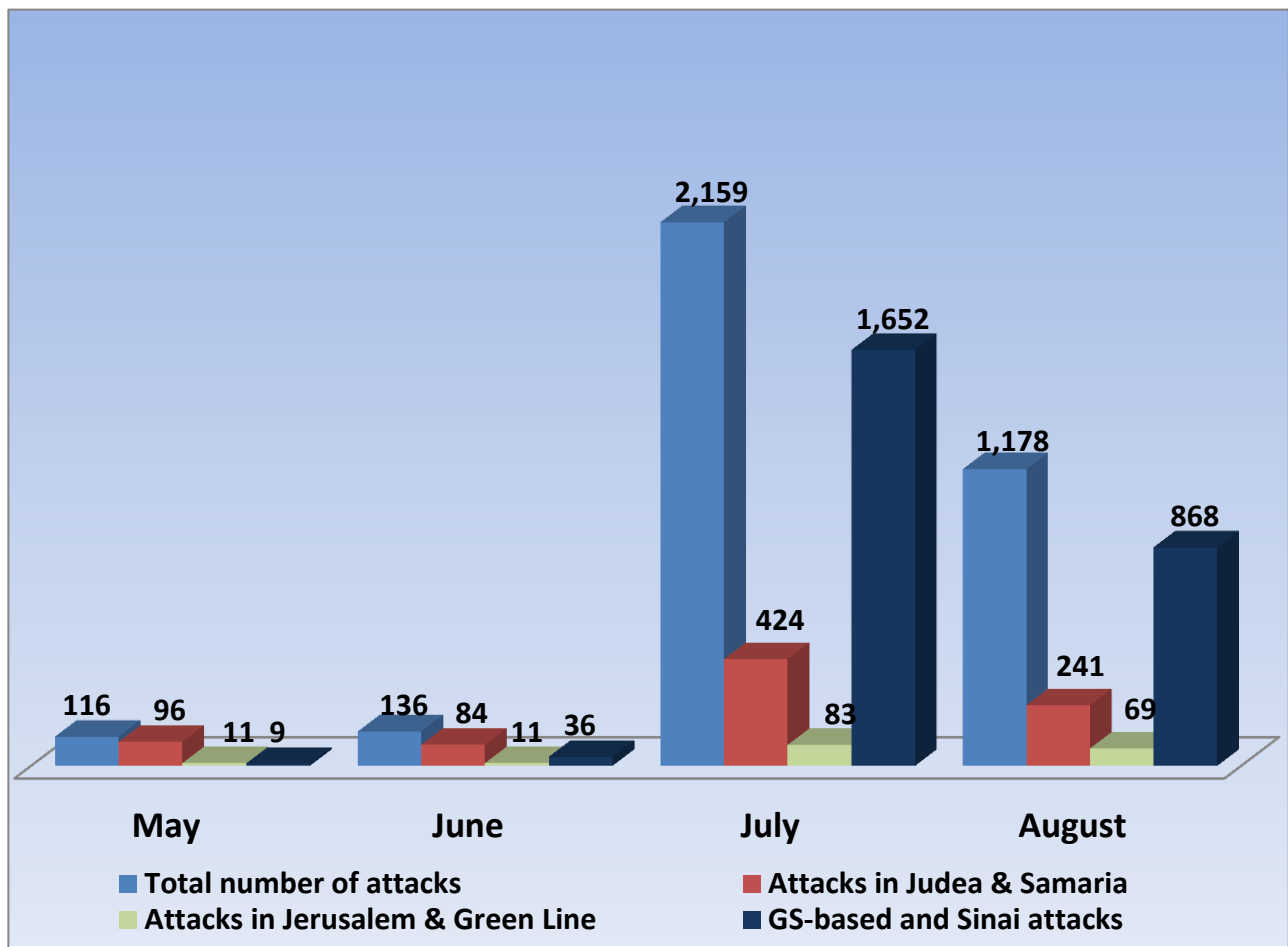
Jerusalem; one had light injuries due to a firebomb near Husan / Beth Lehem (Judea area); one had moderate injuries due to stone throwing near Beit Omar / Hebron (Judea).

## Data regarding terror attacks in August 2014

Following is a regional distribution of attacks: 867 attack from the Gaza Strip, most of them high trajectory fire (1,643 in July); 241 attacks in the Judea and Samaria (424 in July); 69 attacks in Jerusalem (83 in July); 2 from Sinai (9 in July).

Jerusalem and the Judea and Samaria area: Most attacks executed in August 263 out of 310 **were in the form of firebombs** (July: 459 out of 507).

Below is a diagram showing the distribution of attacks compared to previous months:



## Distribution of attacks according to regions and pattern profile:

Following is a distribution of attacks in August 2014 according to regions:

The Gaza Strip – 867 attacks: 847 rockets and mortar shells launching; 11 sniper and small arms shooting; 8 AT; 1 IED.

Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem – 310 attacks: 35 IED (1 in Jerusalem); 8 small arms shootings (1 in Jerusalem); 2 run-over (1 in Jerusalem); 1 stabbing; 1 object/stone throwing; 263 firebombs (66 in Jerusalem).

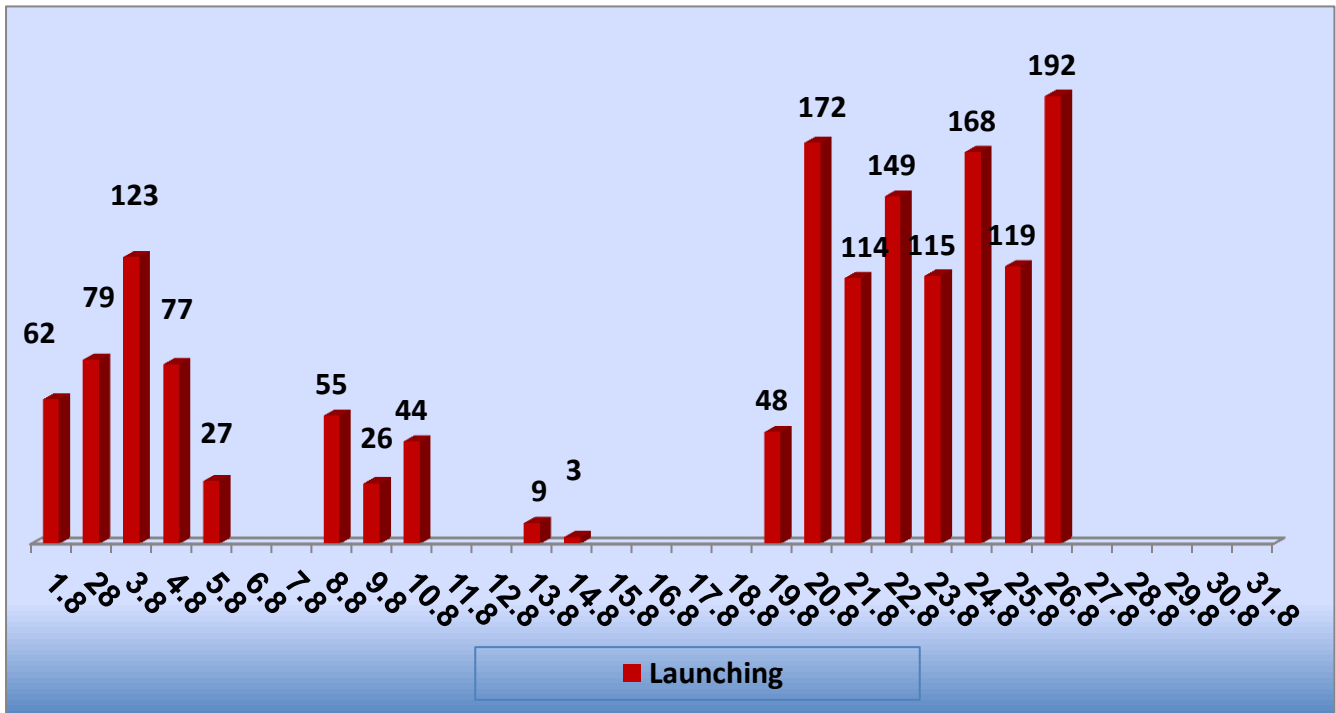
Sinai – 2 attacks: rockets launching

## High-trajectory launchings from Gaza Strip and Sinai

Throughout August 2014 1,576 rockets and mortar shells were launched\*\* from the Gaza Strip towards Israel, and 6 rockets were launched\*\* from Sinai (in 2 attacks). In July: 2,859 rockets and mortar shell from the Gaza Strip and 24 rockets from Sinai.

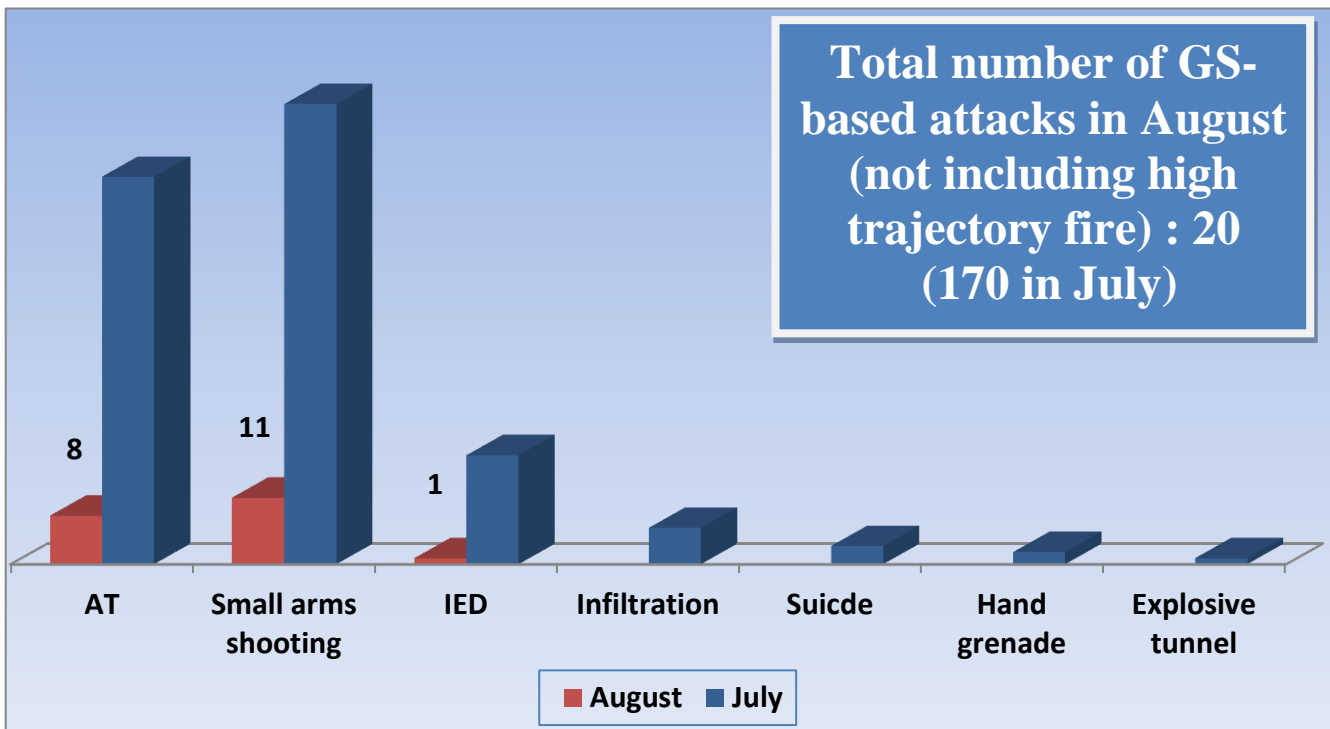
**\*\*Clarification:** The number of launchings is the number of rockets/mortar shells actually launched during one high-trajectory fire attack. For example: one attack may include a salvo of three launchings, that is, three rockets/ mortar shells, and so it will be counted as one attack and three launchings.

Rocket and mortar shell launchings\*\* throughout August 2014 in a daily profile



Distribution of attacks according to regions

Attacks from the Gaza Strip in August 2014 compared to July (not including high trajectory fire)



Attacks in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem in August 2014 compared to July

