

Extra-Judicial Execution in East Jerusalem

1. In September 2015, the Israeli government passed amended the so called “rules of engagement”, the amendments led to a vital increase of the unjustifiable use of lethal force by police. This ‘shoot to kill’ phenomenon against Palestinian youth has become alarmingly widespread, particularly in East Jerusalem, as well as other parts of the West Bank.¹
2. Since October 2015, more than 150 Palestinian adult and child were fatally shot by Israeli occupation forces in the West Bank including East Jerusalem, those 150 were suspected of trying to stab, run over, or shoot Israelis.²
3. There are many limitations on the intentional lethal use of firearms or “shoot to kill”, International human rights law limits that to situations in which it is strictly necessary to protect life, and in which there is no other less extreme option is viable, the Israeli occupation open fire regulations do not note this limitation.
4. Most of Israel's' senior officials and Rabbis encouraged the violation of both intentional standards regarding the use of force and the Israeli open fire regulations. Moreover, there were cases where Israeli officials are directly responsible for the violation.
5. Statistics shows that the occupation forces have killed more than 270 Palestinian between 2015 and 2017, most of those victims were extrajudicially executed by the Israeli occupation forces.
6. Impunity and lack of accountability are the main titles of most of the extrajudicial executions in the occupied Palestinian territories. Only one case resulted to conviction Elor Azaria. He was sentenced the minimal period which is 18 months.³
7. Extrajudicial execution made it to be one of the elements of the coercive environment in East Jerusalem, those violations created an environment of fear making most of the parents to prevent their family members from being in the streets unless there is an important cause.

Moshi Edri, the occupation's Jerusalem district police commander stated that: “everyone who stabs Jews or harms innocent people - should be killed.

“ In an open call to shoot to kill any suspect even if they no longer pose a threat. “The restrictions and codes are clear, but we cannot let attackers remain alive, risking the lives of Jews.” said Yisrael Katz, Transportation Minister and Cabinet member.

Avigdor Liberman, Defense Minister said: “ no attacker, male or female, should make it out of any attack alive.”⁴

1 Extra-judicial executions of Palestinians by Israeli police and security forces September 2016, See: [https://www.adalah.org/uploads/uploads/EJEs_Advocacy_Paper_2_Brussels_2\)_26.9.2016\).pdf](https://www.adalah.org/uploads/uploads/EJEs_Advocacy_Paper_2_Brussels_2)_26.9.2016).pdf)

2 Israel/Palestine:Some Officials Backing “Shoot-to-Kill”, See: <https://www.hrw.org/news/02/01/2017/israel/palestine-some-officials-backing-shoot-kill>

3 Israeli soldier's minimal sentence for manslaughter emblematic of impunity enjoyed by Israeli security forces, See: <https://www.adalah.org/en/content/view/9045>

4 <https://www.hrw.org/news/02/01/2017/israel/palestine-some-officials-backing-shoot-kill>