#GAZAUNDERATTACK

Twelve years ago—on 22 July 2002—Israel announced that it had carried out a "targeted killing" of Hamas leader Salah Shehadeh. An Israeli F-16 dropped a one-ton bomb on Shehadeh's apartment building in Gaza, levelling a surrounding area about the size of half a city block. Fourteen other Palestinians were killed—including nine children—and more than a hundred and fifty others were injured. Scores more were left homeless.

During Israel's three-week-long 2008-2009 assault on Gaza—which culminated in a UN investigation—over 1,400 Palestinians were killed and over 5,000 injured. The first month of the current Gaza assault (see chart on right) surpassed that figure. As of August 24, 2014—just over two weeks later—the death toll has reached 2,122 people (including 507 children), with over 16,021 injured (including over 3,224 children).

Israel's story remains the same. What has changed is that social media is empowering a new generation of young Palestinians, witnesses to war, to share their stories in real time to a networked world, dismantling Israel's lies with crowd-sourced on-the-ground reporting. Follow the #GazaUnderAttack hashtag on Twitter.com.