TEAR GAS "Tear gas was occasionally used in houses and enclosed spaces in violation of instructions for its use, which can be potentially lethal." (USDS)

"On June 12 the Israeli elite unit employed in Gaza Strip threw gas grenades (eight according to reliable Palestinian eye-witnesses, one according to the Army spokesman) into the clinic for babies in Gaza. 66 babies, *of ages from one month to (a) year and a half*, were injured, five of them very seriously. The military commander of Gaza Strip ordered 'the commander of the section' to put the officer responsible for the unit which threw the grenades on trial and he was sentenced to *10 days* of imprisonment. The elite unit declared to the Hebrew press, that it will 'impose sanctions' and 'use other means', if the officer, *who in their opinion 'behaved as usual'* (which is true in my opinion), will not be freed, and, indeed, *on the same day the officer had his punishment changed by an amnesty to 10 days suspended imprisonment.* It should be added that the Israeli army employs by now *a whole range of 'elite units'* (including the notorious "death squads") to suppress the Intifada, *which became known for their special savagery and conscious imitation of the Nazi army.* On May 18, 1990, the well-known journalist Nahum Barnea reported in *Yediot Ahronot* (the Hebrew paper which sells more copies than all the other papers combined) *that one of those units, employed in Gaza Strip* (maybe the same as threw gas on babies), was observed by some of elder Israeli army officers to *display prominently the 'skull and bones' flag of the S.S. units of the Nazi army while patrolling the Palestinian areas.*" (ILHCR)

EDUCATION "Israel kept all Palestinian universities in the West Bank and Gaza closed throughout 1989, allegedly because they were contributing to violence. The vocational, secondary, and elementary schools in the West Bank, closed in January, reopened in July and August but were closed again in mid-November. Schools in Gaza and East Jerusalem were open for most of the year. Alternate off-campus classrooms organized by parents and teachers were banned on security grounds, although some continued to operate." (USDS)

VIGILANTISM "During the month of May (1990) the attacks of the settlers on the Palestinians in the whole of West Bank but specially in the district of Hebron, have enormously increased. Groups of armed settlers move freely around, smash property in the houses, stop and damage cars, and specially uproot trees and destroy crops. The number of incidents is so high that one *must* assume that the work of vandalism is being carried out with the cooperation and encouragement of the highest levels of the army. The settlers do not make, by now, any attempt to hide their activities but proclaim them in public. They have announced ('Yerushalaim' Jerusalem Friday paper, May 18) the formation of 'revenge committees' whose duty is to harm Palestinians as much as possible. In several cases, as reported by witnesses and investigated by the paper, the settlers made their attacks in the presence of Borderguards or soldiers who refuse to intervene, even when asked so by the victims." (ILHCR)

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS "The Gaza Strip is in crisis. Economic conditions inside the territory will soon reach their breaking point. Since the beginning of israeli occupation, the government of Israel has prohibited the economic development of the territory. Despite early improvements in standard of living and growth in individual prosperity, Gaza's economy has not developed but has stagnated. The reason is due to a series of restrictions imposed by the Israeli government which have prevented the development of an independent economic and social infrastructure inside the territory.