



PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD

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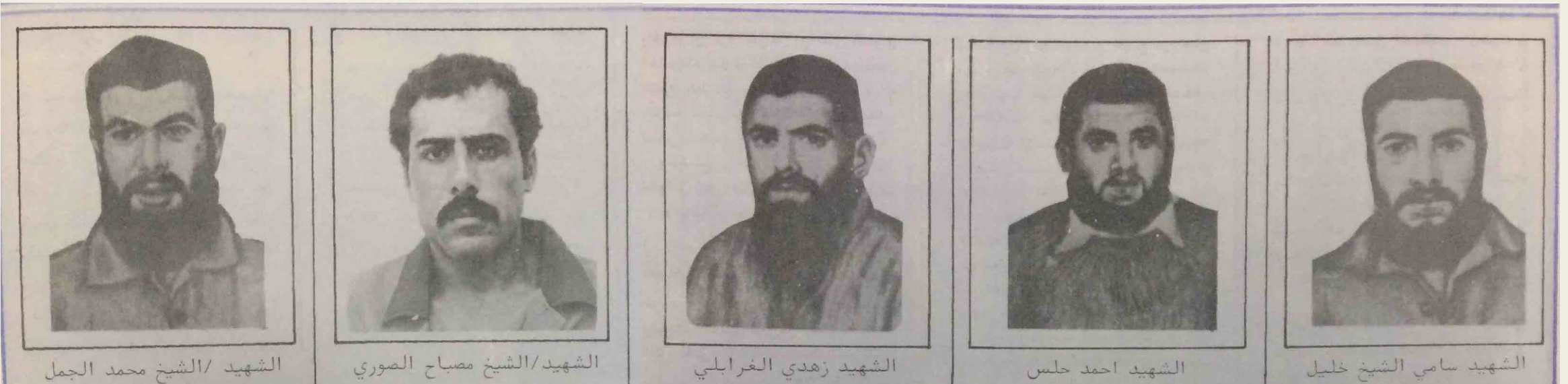
THE BACKGROUND



(From left: Fathi al-Shiqaqi, Ramadan Shallah, unk., Nafidh Azzam (Egypt late 1970s).)

A distinct form of Palestinian Islamist ideology

- The 'Second Fatah'? An anti-colonial and materialist Islamism
- Embracing modernity *and* religious tradition
- Carving out an intermediate position in the struggle



(The al-Shuja'iyya cell of Misbah al-Suri and other former secular-nationalist militants recruited by PIJ in the mid-1980s)

COMPETITOR OR PARTNER? PIJ AND HAMAS IN GAZA (2007-)

- Hamas: Securing law, order, and public welfare
- PIJ: The 'principled defender' of Palestinian rights
- PIJ's growth and its sidelining of Hamas post-2007



The fall, the comeback, the fall, and the comeback (?) of PIJ in the West Bank

- A boiling West Bank:
 - 2020: 48 shootings against Israeli targets
 - 2021: 50 shootings
 - January-August 2022: 60 shootings
- Not a new phenomenon or development

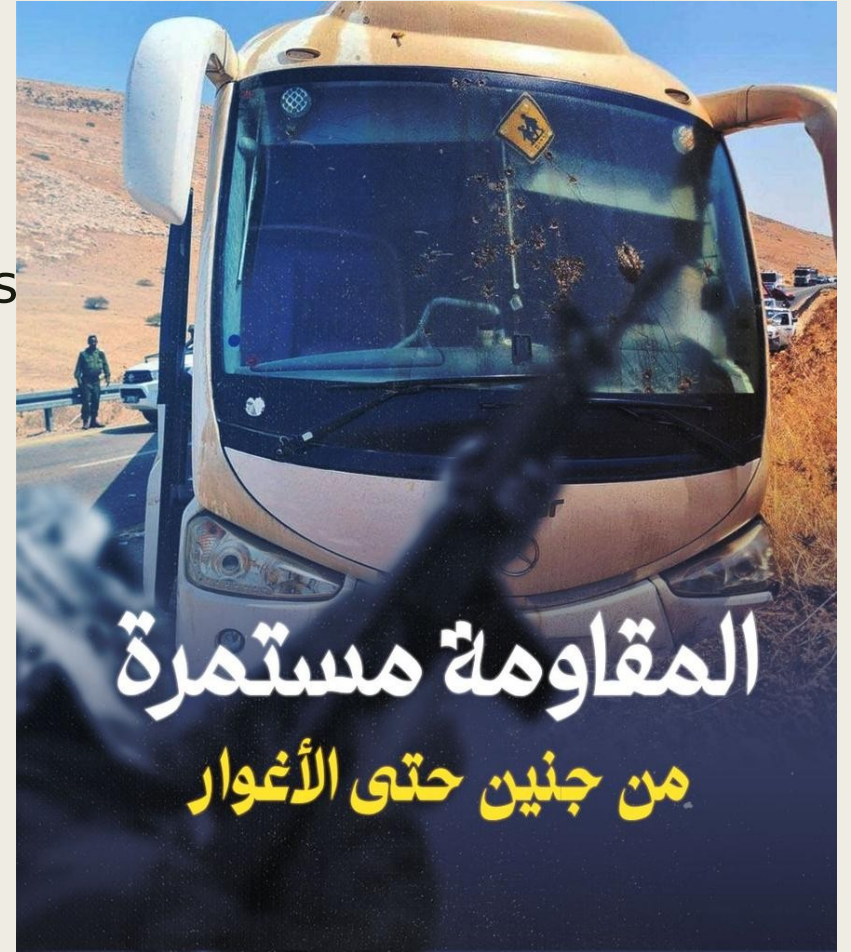


Figure 5.3: PIJ attacks 1986-2000 with moving average

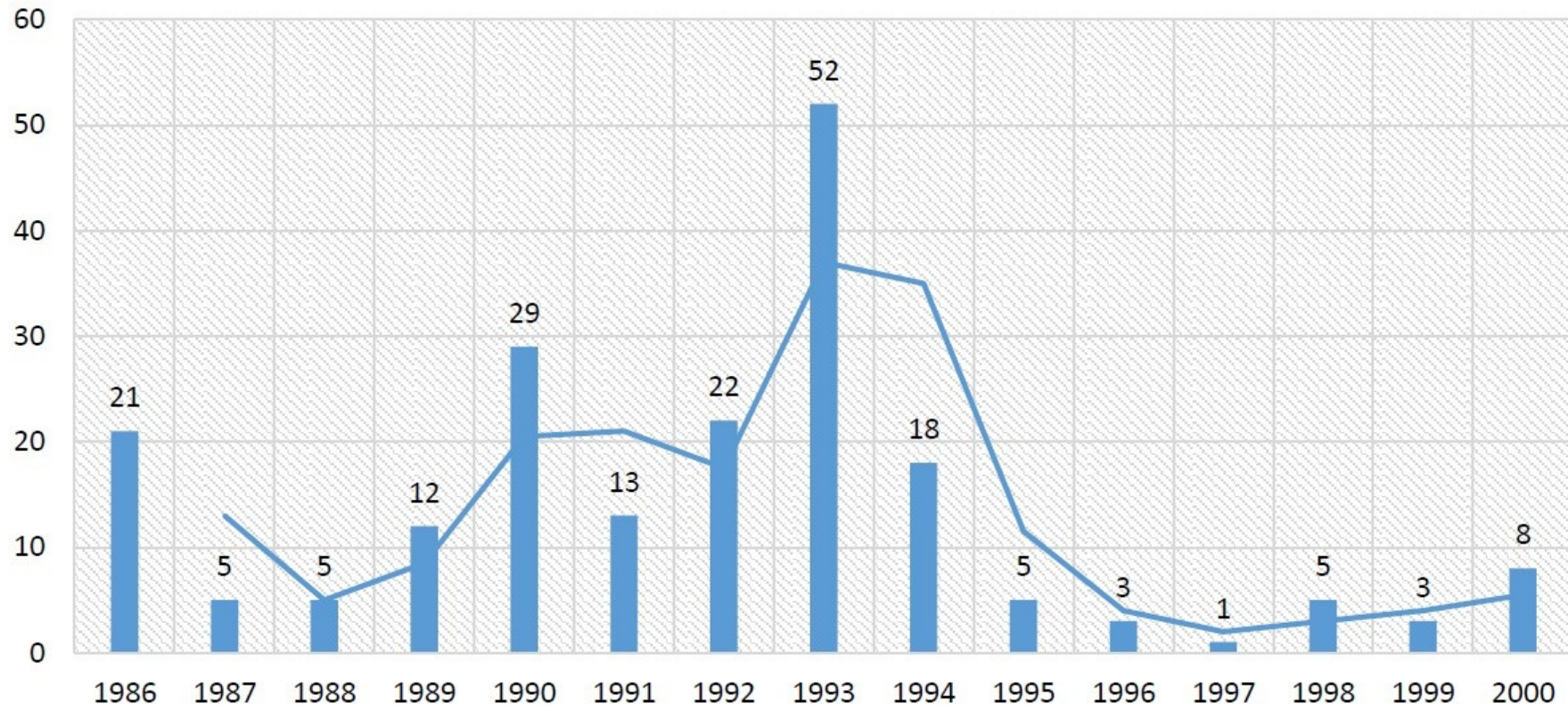
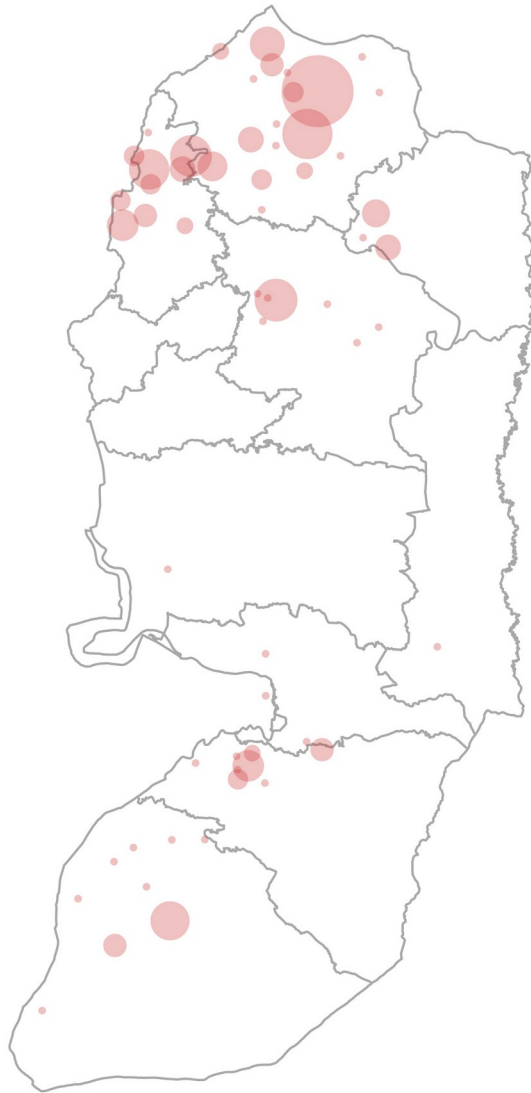


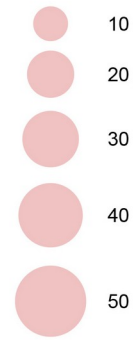
Figure IX. Regional Distribution of Fallen Militants before and after 2007

Region	Hamas		PIJ	
	1992–2006	2007–12	1992–2006	2007–12
Gaza Strip	501 (69.2%)	800 (98.0%)	422 (63.5%)	226 (92.6%)
West Bank*	221 (30.5%)	16 (1.96%)	243 (36.5%)	18 (7.38%)
Galilee	2 (0.28%)	–	–	–

* including East Jerusalem



P.I.J. martyrs (1992-2012)



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- A more confrontational Islamic Jihad
- A bruised Islamic Jihad?
- An Iranian proxy?
- The balancing act of Islamic Jihad

