Police: 53.2% rise in migrant crime in Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv District experiences significant rise in migrant crime and robberies; car accident fatalities, vehicle break-ins, and possession and use of controlled substances go down

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2012 brought a dramatic rise in the number of criminal cases opened against foreign citizens in Tel Aviv and its surroundings. Final numbers from Tel Aviv District Police show a 53.2% climb in crimes committed by Ethiopian and Sudanese migrants during the year, as opposed to 2011.

Crime statistics were presented Wednesday afternoon in the presence of Interior Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch and Police Commissioner Yohanan Danino.

Tel Aviv District Police are responsible for what is considered the largest metropolis in Israel, with over a million residents and the highest number of reported crimes in the country. Besides Tel Aviv, the district includes Ramat Gan, Givatayim, Netanya, Holon, Bat Yam, and other cities.

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In 2012, 76,371 criminal cases were opened throughout the district (a decrease of 1.6% versus 2011). Within the district, there was also a decrease in the number of accidents, vehicular break-ins, and cases for possession and use of controlled substances.

At the same time, there was a significant rise in migrant crimes. Statistics show 1,046 cases were opened for Ethiopians and Sudanese citizens in 2012, in comparison to 684 cases opened in 2011.

The past year also brought a decrease in car accidents and the number of related fatalities in the district. In 2012, 23 people were killed in 25 accidents, in comparison to 37 fatalities in 36 accidents in 2011.

In the past year, around 1,500 files were opened for driving under the influence. 3,000 licenses were revoked and 2,000 vehicles were impounded.

Crime statistics for 2012 show that during the year, there were 26 murders within the district, as opposed to 26 cases in 2011. In 2012, 16 cases were solved.

Cases for possession and use of a controlled substance decreased 16% in 2012 and the number of break-ins into cars went down by 10%.

Instances of robbery rose significantly, from 1,169 instances in 2011, as opposed to 787 cases in 2011.

“This year we knew how to handle terrorist incidents, missile strikes during Operation Cloud Pillar and serious crime unique to the area,” Tel Aviv District Commander Aharon Azouli said. “Our main goal was to increase public trust.”
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