

## **PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP**



### **MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS**

**01 September 2011 – 30 September 2011**

The following summary tables and overview of events survey hostile Israeli activities during the period 01 September 2011 to 30 September 2011. The report includes a summary table of events, classified by type, throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in addition to a comparative table surveying events over the past three months. The survey is compiled from the Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG) of the Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD) of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The PMG monitors ground conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Israeli and Palestinian violations. The PMG Daily Situation Reports are a survey of daily events collated from information provided by civil ministries and security agencies of the Palestinian National Authority. The information reported through the PMG process represents data available at the time of distribution only.

#### SAMPLE OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2011

- **06 September:** Israeli combat aircrafts fired missiles on the area located east of the town of Ak-Qarara in Khan Younis District and injured 1 civilian and his 2 children.
- **15 September:** The Israeli army opened fire at school pupils in Aroub refugee camp in Hebron District and injured a 17-year-old child.
- **19 September:** A 17-year-old child died of injuries sustained during an Israel air raid on Gaza City.
- **21 September:** The Israeli army opened fire at Palestinian civilians during confrontations near Qalandia military checkpoint in Jerusalem. Palestinian civilians gathered at Qalandia military checkpoint to show solidarity and support to the President's UN bid initiative for the recognition of the State of Palestine at the UN.
- **23 September:** The Israeli army opened fire at civilians in the village of Qasri in Nablus District during confrontations with Israeli settlers killing 1 civilian and injuring 8, including 2 children.
- **23 September:** An Israeli settler ran over an 8-year-old child on Road 60 near Kiryat Arba settlement. The child was killed instantly.
- **24 September:** One civilian and his child were killed when an UXO detonated while they were working on their land in Musasfer Bani Naim area in Hebron District.
- **29 September:** An Israeli settler's vehicle ran over a civilian near the junction of Qadumim settlement in Qalqilya District.

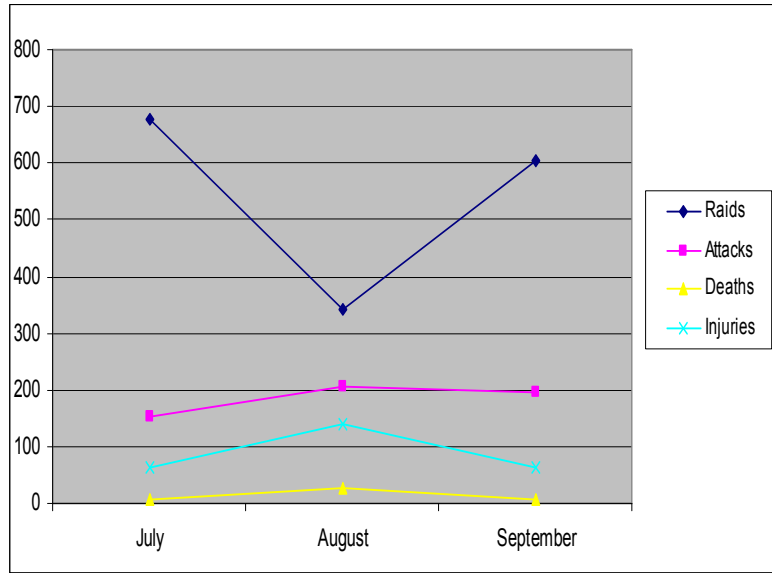
## SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – SEPTEMBER 2011

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	COMMENTS
<b>Deaths</b>	2	3	5	Incl. 2 children of sustained injuries, and 1 child who was run over by a settler's vehicles.
<b>Injuries</b>	58	4	62	Incl. 21 children, and 1 child who died in an UXO explosion.
<b>Attacks</b>	153	42	195	The Israeli military carried out 29 attacks during raids on Palestinian residential areas; 115 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; and 20 attacks from Israeli military posts on civilian houses and property. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats and territory on 11 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 6 aerial attacks on Palestinian territory. Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints opened fire on civilians and property on 1 occasions and Israeli settlers opened fire on civilians on 13 occasions.
<b>Raids</b>	593	11	604	20 in Jerusalem; 43 in Ramallah; 61 in Jenin; 11 in Tubas; 39 in Tulkarem; 44 in Qalqiliya; 38 in Nablus; 32 in Salfit; 36 in Jericho; 67 in Bethlehem; 157 in Hebron; 3 in Northern Gaza; 2 in Gaza; Central Gaza 2; Khan Y9ounis 2; & 2 in Rafah.
<b>Arrests</b>	247	16	263	37 in Jerusalem; 32 in Ramallah; 9 in Jenin; 8 in Tulkarem; 35 in Qalqiliya; 26 in Nablus; 9 in Salfit; 23 in Jericho; Bethlehem 23; Hebron 46; Northern Gaza 8; Khan Younis 3; Rafah 5. Arrested persons included 24 children, 2 mentally challenged civilians; 5 university students, including 1 female student; 3 members on the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC); 13 fishermen; 1 physician; & 2 Palestinian security officers.
<b>Home Demolition</b>	3	0	3	The Israeli military demolished civilian homes Jerusalem, Toubas an Hebron Districts.
<b>Attacks on Public &amp; Private Property</b>	112	4	116	<b>Destruction of Property:</b> The Israeli military and settlers destroyed civilian vehicles; olive trees; sheep pens; barracks; support walls; blacksmiths' workshops; a ready-mix concrete factory; civilian homes; water tanks; commercial premises; beehives; artesian wells; and land. <b>Confiscation of Property:</b> The Israeli military confiscated computers; ID cards; a pistol; a hunting rifle; a truck; water pumps; a tractor; and irrigation networks.
<b>Home Occupations</b>	28	0	28	The Israeli military occupied and converted into military posts homes in the districts of Ramallah (3); Nablus (4); Qalailya (1); & Hebron (20).
<b>Closure of Crossing Points</b>	0	141	141	International crossing points were closed on 35 occasions (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and continuing closure of Yasser Arafat International Airport) and crossing points to territory under Israeli administration on 106 occasions.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	832	0	832	The Israeli military set up flying checkpoints and searched Palestinian civilians and vehicles in and around Palestinian residential areas in the districts of Jerusalem (73); Ramallah (74); Jenin (23); Tubas (7); Tulkarem (38); Qalqilya (93); Nablus (130); Salfit (76); Jericho (80); Bethlehem (87); & Hebron (151).
<b>School disruption</b>	1	0	1	The Israeli army confiscated two mobile homes used as classrooms from a basic school and delivered a notification ordering the demolition of a kindergarten on the Bedouin area of Al-Auja in Jericho District under th pretext that the kindergarten is locate in Area C which is under Israeli military control.
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	14	0	14	The Israeli military provoked or harassed Palestinian National Security forces on 4 occasions; Civilian Police on 9 occasions; & Customs Police on 1 occasion.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	11	0	11	Israeli settlers razed Palestinian land on the junction of the town of Edna and Tarqumia Crossing in Hebron District and land in the Jordan Valley near Maskiot settlement. On 26 September 2011, the Israeli army razed agricultural land in Al-Thahr area north of the town of Brouqin for the purpose of erecting electrical towers. Israeli settlers uprooted olive trees on land owned by Tamim Yousef Salameh, Ahmad Nimer Abdel Rahman, and Ahmad Mohammad Samara.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	209	0	209	Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles; injured and beat civilians; opened fire; attacked property; cut down and uprooted olive trees; and raided Palestinian towns and villages. Settler vehicles also ran over children.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	6	0	6	The Israeli military authorities closed passages leading to Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi in the ld city of Hebron.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2269</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>2490</b>	

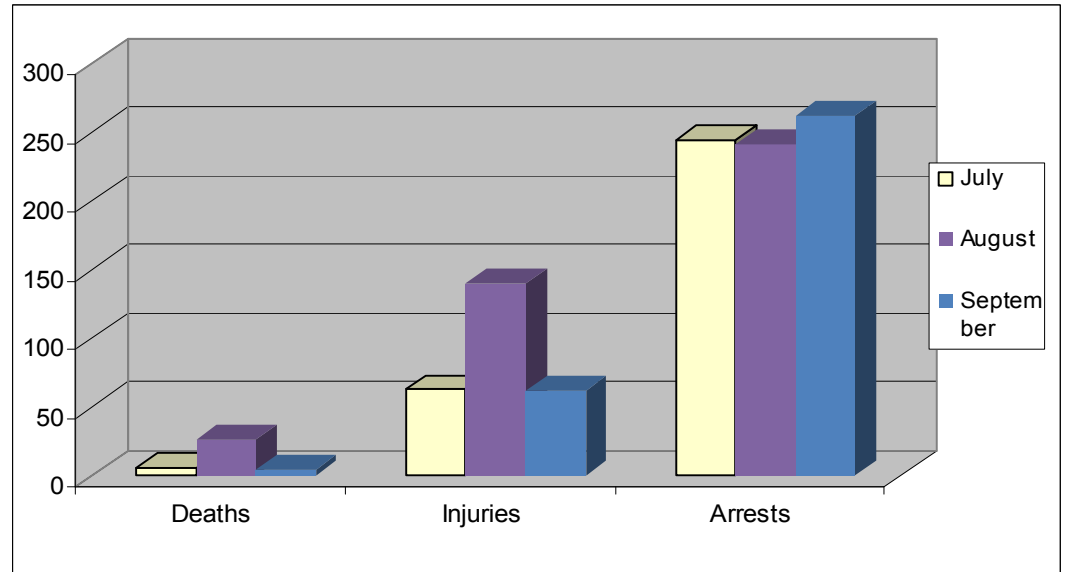
### COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	JULY 2011	AUG. 2011	SEPT. 2011	COMMENTS
<b>Assassinations</b>	0	6	0	No assassination incidents were reported for the month of September.
<b>Deaths</b>	6	27	5	Death toll dropped by 81.5% compared to last August.
<b>Injuries</b>	63	141	62	Drop by 56% compared to August. The number of wounded children was 48 compared to 23 last August and 36 last July.
<b>Attacks</b>	153	205	195	Drop in the number of attacks by 4.9% compared to August and a rise of 27.5% compared to July.
<b>Raids</b>	677	342	604	Rise by 76.6% compared to August and by 10.9% compared to July.
<b>Arrests</b>	245	242	263	Rise of 8.7% compared to August and of 6.8% compared to July. The number of arrested children was 48 compared to 23 last month and 36 in July.
<b>Home Demolitions</b>	1	2	3	A rise of 50% compared to August.
<b>Attacks on Property</b>	130	125	116	Drop by 7.2% compared to last month and by 10.8% compared to July.
<b>Home Occupations</b>	7	5	28	Increase of 460% compared to August and of 300% compared to July.
<b>Curfews</b>	0	0	0	No incidents of curfews were reported for this month.
<b>Flying Checkpoints</b>	615	729	832	Rise of 14.1% compared to August and of 35% compared to July.
<b>Complete Closure of Crossing Points</b>	145	143	141	Crossing points to Israeli administered territory were closed on 106 occasions in September, compared to 107 in August and 108 in July. Rafah Crossing was closed for six days. Yasser Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
<b>Medical Obstruction</b>	1	0	0	No incidents of medical obstruction were reported for this month.
<b>Attacks on Religious Sites</b>	0	6	6	6 attacks on religious sites were reported this month.
<b>School Disruption</b>	1	0	1	One incident of school disruptions was reported for this month.
<b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</b>	15	11	14	Rise of 27% compared to August and drop of 6.6% compared to July.
<b>Settlement Activity</b>	9	0	11	Including decision to build residential units in Israeli settlements and razing of land.
<b>Settler Violence</b>	54	63	209	Rise of 231.7% compared to August and of 287% compared to July.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2122</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>2490</b>	<b>During the month of September, total incidents rose by 21.6% compared to August due to the rise in the number of arrests, raids, flying checkpoints, and incidents of settlers violence and provocation of Palestinian security forces. Likewise, total events also rose by 17% compared to July as a result in the rise in the number of injuries, attacks, flying checkpoints, raids into Palestinian residential areas, arrests, attacks on property, and incidents of settler violence.</b>

**COMPARISON OF ISRAELI RAIDS, ATTACKS AND PALESTINIAN HUMAN CASUALTIES OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS**



**COMPARISON OF INCIDENTS OF DEATHS, INJURIES, AND ARRESTS OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS**



## ANALYSIS OF EVENTS

### 1. Deaths

In September, the Israeli military **killed 5 Palestinians**, including 2 in the West Bank and 3 in the Gaza Strip. Deaths included 2 children and 1 civilian who was run over by a settler vehicle in Hebron District.

### 2. Injuries

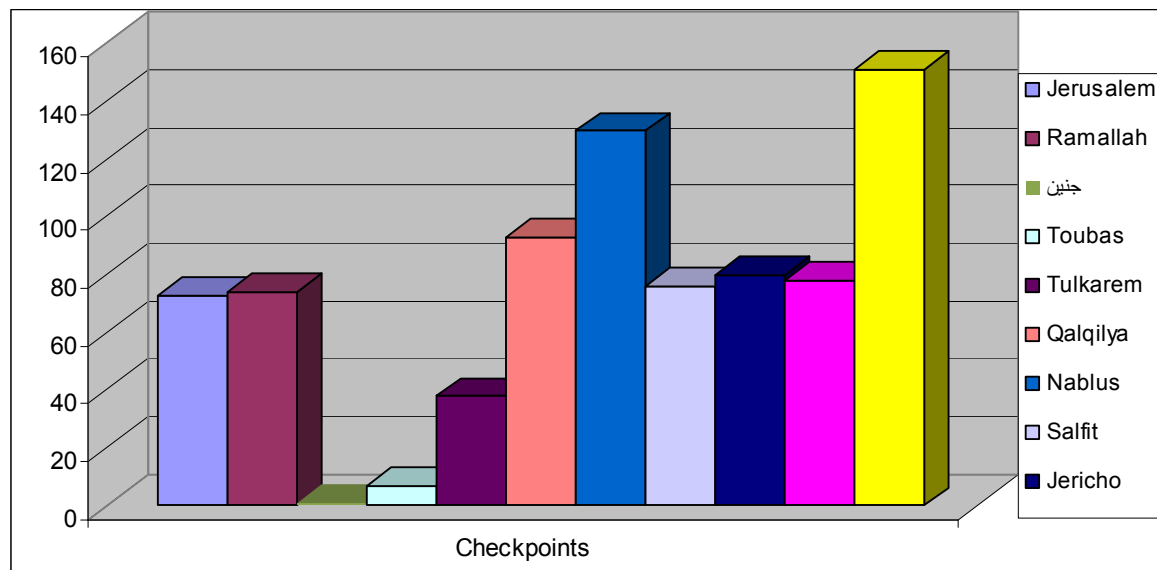
A total of **62 injuries** were reported in the month of September (58 Palestinians in the West Bank and 4 in the Gaza Strip). Injuries included 21 children and 8 civilians who were attacked by settlers.

### 3. Arrests

During the month of September, the Israeli military **arrested 263 Palestinians** in the West Bank. The majority of arrests took place in the districts of Hebron (46), Jerusalem (36), Bethlehem (23), Nablus (26), & Jenin (9). Among those arrested by the Israeli military were: 48 children; 5 university students; 3 PLC member; 1 physician; & 13 fishermen.

### 4. Closure

Especially on Fridays, the Israeli military continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances of Jerusalem, and to restrict entrance to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, preventing worshippers from accessing the Mosque. At the ***Qalandiya checkpoint north of Jerusalem***, the Israeli military continues to prevent PNA registered civilian vehicles from crossing the checkpoint towards Ar Ram and Qalandiya as well as Dahiyat al Bareed. The checkpoint is overcrowded daily, particularly during rush hours, due to intensified restrictions and search measures applied by Israeli troops. During the month of August, the Israeli military also continued to intensify restrictions at the ***Tayasir checkpoint*** and ***Al Hamra junction checkpoint*** leading to the Jordan Valley area, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate District of Jericho residence or others holding special access permits. In addition, restrictions were intensified and civilian access was obstructed at the ***Za'tara junction checkpoint*** (separating the northern and central West Bank districts) as well as at the ***As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint*** (separating the central and southern West Bank districts).



### Distribution of flying checkpoints in the West Bank

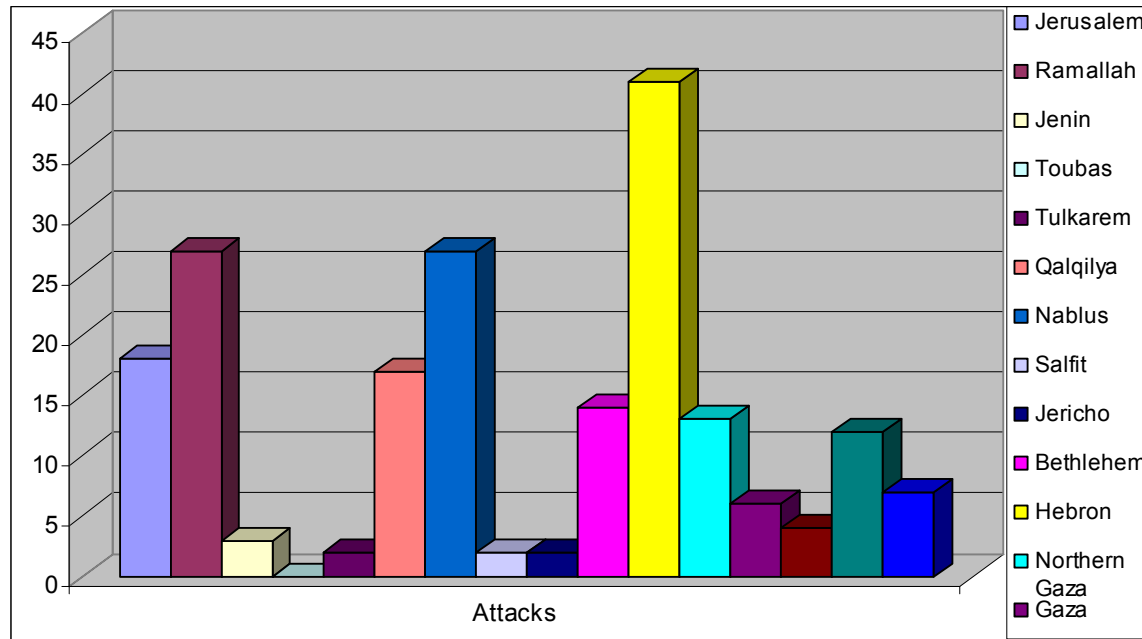
Further impeding civilian movement and access, the Israeli military set up **832 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential areas throughout the West Bank in September, compared to 729 flying checkpoints in August and 615 in July. In general, Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints disrupted civilian access and movement of goods, including agricultural produce.

### 5. Attacks

A total of **195 attacks** were reported to have taken place during the month of September: 153 in the West Bank and **42** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military carried out **29 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **115 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli military and Palestinians, and **20 attacks from Israeli military posts** on civilian homes and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **11 attacks** on Palestinian fishermen and territory. Israeli combat aircraft carried out 6 **aerial attacks** on Palestinian territory. Israeli troops positioned at **checkpoints** opened fire on civilians on one occasion and **Israeli settlers** opened fire on civilians and property on 4 occasions.

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli military declared a unilateral ceasefire following the large-scale offensive it had launched against the Gaza Strip. However, the Israeli military violated the ceasefire on 42 **occasions** during the month of September (compared to 119 violations in August and 52 in July). Also disregarding Israel's unilaterally declared ceasefire, armed Palestinian groups fired **12 mortar rounds** towards the Green Line (compared to 263 mortar rounds fired in August and 23 in July).



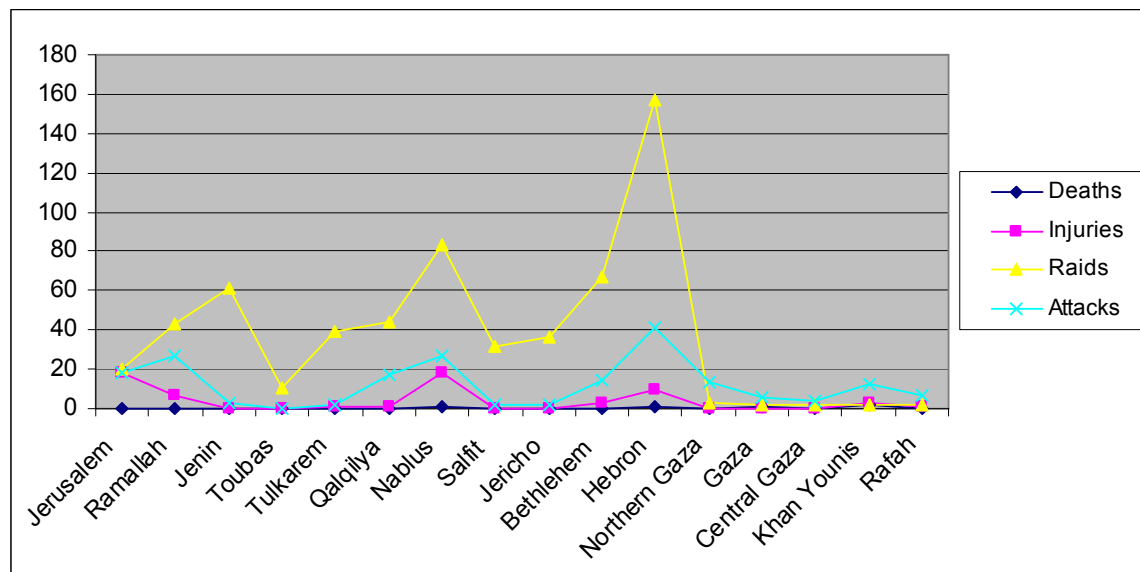
**Attacks on residential areas in West Bank districts**

## **6. Raids**

The Israeli military carried out a total of **604 raids** in Palestinian residential areas during the month of September, including **593 in the West Bank** and **11 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli military raids were reported to have taken place in the districts of Hebron (157), Bethlehem (67), Ramallah (43), Nablus (67), Jenin (61), & Jericho (36). The Israeli army **opened fire on 144 occasions** (i.e. 23.8% of the total number of raids). During reported raids, the Israeli military did not impose **curfews** over Palestinian residential areas.

*The chart below shows the correlation between the number of raids and the resulting human casualties in July.*





### **7. Home Demolitions**

The Israeli military demolished 1 civilian home in Silwan in Jerusalem, 1 in Al-Aqaba village in Toubas District, and 1 in Beit Ummar town in Hebron District. Four house demolition notifications were delivered in Izbet Shofa in Tulkarem District and 5 notifications in Khalet Al-Hajar village east of the town of Yatta in Hebron District.

### **8. Home Occupations**

The Israeli military **occupied and converted into military posts the roofs of 28 civilian homes** in the districts of Ramallah, Nablus, Qalqilya and Hebron.

### **9. Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces**

The Israeli army carried out **14 attacks and provocations** of Palestinian security forces and posts during the month of July. The Israeli military detained Palestinian security vehicles; took positions in front of Palestinian security offices; and served summonses on Palestinian security officers to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

**TYPES OF ISRAELI ARMY PROVOCATION AGAINST PALESTINIAN FORCES IN SEPTEMBER**

Type of Provocation	#	Notes
<b>Taking positions/setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts</b>	<b>6</b>	The Israeli military took positions in front of a National Security post and PCP station in the town of Bani Naimeh in Hebron District  The Israeli army took position near the National Security Forces post in Hebron.

		The Israeli army set up a military checkpoint in front of the PCP station in Abu Al-Asja village in Hebron District.
<b>Detaining and searching Palestinian security officers and patrols</b>	7	The Israeli military detained a Palestinian Civil Police vehicle near Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah. The Israeli army detained a Palestinian Civil Defence vehicle near Al-Auja m Jeriho Disitriect and issued a ticket for it. The Israeli military detained National Security ores vehicle in Al-Jiftlek village in Jericho District.

### **10. Attacks on Public and Private Property**

A total of **116 incidents of destruction and confiscation** of Palestinian public and private property were reported in September, including 112 in the West Bank and **4** in the Gaza Strip.

In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers set fire to olive groves in Beit Iksa village, damaging a number of olive trees. The Israeli military demolished a commercial premise, a carpenter's workshop, sheep pens, and support walls in Al Jib village. In **Ramallah**, Israeli settlers caused damage to olive trees in Adh Dhahra area in Turmus'ayya town. The Israeli military broke window glass of a number of civilian homes and damaged water tanks on home roofs in Deir Abu Mash'al village. Israeli settlers opened fire, causing damage to a taxi near Beitillu village. They also threw stones and broke the windshield of a civilian vehicle near the junction to Um Safa village. In **Jenin**, the Israeli military caused damage to furniture of two civilian homes, broke window glass of a home, and destroyed a civilian vehicle in Jenin refugee camp. In **Qalqiliya**, the Israeli military destroyed the door of a commercial premise in Qalqiliya city. Israeli troops fired sound and tear gas grenades on civilian farmland in Kafr Qaddum village. In **Nablus**, Israeli settlers damaged approximately 70 olive trees in 'Awarta village; killed two sheep near Qusra village; broke the windshield of a hydraulic excavator near 'Asira al Qibliya village; and set fire to farmland in the area between Burin and Madama villages, destroying a number of olive trees. Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement set fire to and damaged olive trees on civilian land near the villages of Madama, 'Asira al Qibliya, Burin , and 'Iraq Burin. Israeli settlers from Alon Moreh settlement burned and damaged forest trees in Wadi al Badhan area east of Nablus city. The Israeli military also destroyed three artesian wells in Al 'Aqrabaniya village. In **Salfit**, the Israeli military uprooted approximately 450 olive seedlings in Wadi Qana area. In **Jericho**, the Israeli military damaged electricity lines which caused electricity cut off from 150 homes. Israeli settlers damaged approximately 15 olive trees near Al Manshiya village near Tuqu' town. In **Hebron**, the Israeli military destroyed (using explosives) a cave in Qafan Khamis area in Ash Shuyukh town. An Israeli military armoured vehicle rammed into and destroyed a civilian vehicle at the entrance to Beit Ummar town. Besides dismantling a number of barracks and makeshift homes in Um Nir area east of Yatta town, the Israeli military destroyed crops and irrigation networks in Al Baq'a area east of Hebron city. In **Northern Gaza**, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles on Al Qaraman Street in Beit Hanun town, causing damage to 29 civilian homes. In **Gaza**, the Israeli air force shelled a motorcycle killing 2 militias and destroyed a barracks in Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city; destroyed a blacksmith's workshop, a number of civilian homes, and a water supply network on Jaffa Street in At Tuffah neighbourhood in Gaza city; and destroyed a ready-mix concrete factory and broke window glass of a number of homes in At Tuffah neighbourhood in Gaza city. In **Central Gaza** The Israeli army damaged a motorcycle and damaged civilian vehicles and the waste water treatment plant as well as 4 water pumps and an electric generator.

Property damage operations included the following confiscations:

Jerusalem: A military order to confiscate 20 commercial stores. Toubas: Confiscation of tractor. Jenin: Confiscation of Palestinian flags and banners. Nablus: Confiscation of a bulldozer and 3 water pumps. Salfit: Flags and banners. Jericho: Hunting rifle. Bethlehem: A civilian vehicle, a bulldozer and an ID. Hebron: A computer and 20,000 shekels. Norther Gaza: Two fishing boats. Rafah: 1 fishing boat.

### **11. Settlement Activity**

Settlers razed Palestinian land and uprooted olive trees in several districts of the West Bank.

### **12. Settler Violence**

Israeli settlers carried out **209 acts of violence** in West Bank districts during the month of August. In **Jerusalem**, Israeli settlers from Ma'ale Mikhmas settlement gained entry into the outskirts of Mikhmas village and attempted to set fire to civilian homes and olive trees. Settlers also stoned Palestinian civil vehicles and attacked a 12-year-old child while he was attending sheep in the village of Mikhmas. In **Ramallah**, settlers stoned civilian vehicles north of the town of Al-Bireh and injured a civilian called Ahmad Sami Tifshah who was transported to hospital. Settlers also stoned the village of Turmusayya and vehicles on Ramallah-Nablus road. In Jenin a group of settlers arrived at the evacuated settlement outpost of Homesh and set trees on fire. In **Qalqiliya**, settlers from Karni Shamron settlement threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Nablus-Jenin main road. In **Nablus**, settlers from Shavei Shomron settlement threw stones at civilian vehicles along the Nablus-Jenin main road. A group of settlers gathered near Huwwara checkpoint and stoned civilian vehicles assembled near the village of Burqa and detained 2 children. On 29 August 2011, settlers entered Palestinian land in the village of Qusra and uprooted dozens of olive trees. On 11 September 2011, settlers uprooted 70 olive trees in the village of Qusra. On 19 September 2011, settlers stoned Palestinian civilian vehicles travelling on Ramallah-Nablus road. In **Salfit**, settlers gained access to agricultural land west of the village of Iskaka east of the city of Salfit. On 27 September 2011, settlers uprooted 8 olive trees and 2 lemon trees west of the town of Deir Istiya and stoned civilian vehicles. In **Bethlehem**, a settler's vehicle ran over a civilian called Sleiman Mohammad Salah near the junction of Kfar Etzyon settlement and he was immediately transported to hospital. In **Hebron**, on 29 August 2011, a group of settlers from Bat Ein settlement uprooted olive trees in Wadi Abu Reesh of Beit Ummar municipality. On 17 September 2011, settlers attacked Palestinian farmers in the town of Beit Ummar and ran over a 12-year-old child.

On 18 September an Israeli settler ran over a civilian called Mazir Mahmoud Sabarneh, and on 11 September a group of settlers from Karmi Tzur settlement uprooted 100 grapevines in Wadi Al-Amir area in Halhul, Hebron owned by a civilian called Ahmad Mahmoud Nuh Nofal.

**13. Attacks on Holy Sites**: Six incidents of attacks on holy sites were reported for the month of September, including closure of the road leading to Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

### **14. Closure of Crossing Points**

The Israeli military completely closed crossing points into the Gaza Strip, including access points within the Green Line, on **141** occasions during the month of September. The Israeli military closed crossing points within the Green Line on **106** occasions. It opened **Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing** for 27 days for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals and **Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing** for 21 days for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to allowing in animal feed, construction cargo designated for UNRWA and internationally-funded projects was transported through the Crossing. **Sufa Crossing** was closed throughout the month. On the other hand, the Israeli authorities have continued to unilaterally close **Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing**. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Israeli authorities have also continued to completely close **Al Muntar (Karnei) Commercial Crossing**.

The Israeli military closed international crossing points on **35** occasions. ***Rafah Crossing*** was open for 25 days to allow access to civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to those arriving from Egypt. ***Yasser Arafat International Airport*** has remained closed since the outbreak of the second *Intifada*.