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#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00, 01 September 2010 – 08:00, 02 September 2010

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1		1	Officer attacked by settlers in Nablus dis.
Physical Assaults	10		10	Incl. 3 civilians sustained contusions in Jer.
Arrests (per person)	9	_	9	In Hebron district, incl. 3 brothers
Detentions	21	_	21	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 1 in Rafah
Checkpoints	12	_	12	Access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	44	_	44	Incl. 8 in Qalqiliya & 6 in Ramallah
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 1 in confrontations & 1 by copters
Air Patrols	_	3	3	Above Rafah district
House Occupation	3	_	3	Roofs of houses in Hebron district
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Settlers destroy windshield of vehicle
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem city & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44	_	44	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Partial opening of 4 crossings
Settler Violence	11		11	Incl. beat a civilian in occupied Jerusalem
Demonstration	1	_	1	In occupied Jerusalem against settler attack
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Opening fire towards a settler vehicle
TOTAL	207	9	216	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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#### **WEST BANK**

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) On 28 May 2010, the Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Iksa, which leads to the city of Jerusalem, by an iron gate, and told civilians to pass through Qalandiya checkpoint to Jerusalem city.

#### • Checkpoint:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. At 23:25, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and prevented civilian access. The Israeli army re-opened it at a later time.
- (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jaba' checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jerusalem, Ramallah and Jericho and prevented civilian access.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers attacked in occupied Jerusalem city the civilian Rami Adel Ash-Shanti from Shu'fat refugee camp in the city. As a result, he sustained contusions and evacuated to hospital for treatment.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: In the evening of 01 September 2010, a mass demonstration, with the participation of international peace activists, set about in Silwan neighborhood in occupied Jerusalem city in protest at attacks by extremist Jewish groups. The Israeli army obstructed the demonstration, fired tear gas bombs and beat the demonstrators. As a result, 6 civilians sustained contusions. The Israeli army also detained 2 activists.

#### • Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.

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(ii)	The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall
	gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira
	al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians
	holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough
	searches using electronic devices.

• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik Ein Samiya.
- (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued military order declaring the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in as closed military zones from 08:00 until 20:00 every Friday and for a period of 6 months. Civilian access is denied during the mentioned period without a special permit in order to prevent the weekly demonstrations against the Wall.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 22:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sinjil and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih.

### (iii) At 23:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Atara town and prevented traffic access.

- (iv) At 23:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Malik.
- (v) At 00:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Mughayyir and Khirbet Abu Falah.
- (vi) At 00:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Ni'lin and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raid:** At 01:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beituniya town.

#### • Settler Violence:

- (i) At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers near the town of Turmus'ayya hurled stones towards civilian vehicles travelling on Ramallah Nablus main road destroying the windshield of a vehicle belonging to the civilian Abdulra'uf Ayyub.
- (ii) At 22:25, a group of settlers gathered near the junction to Um Safa village and closed the road preventing traffic access. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated them from the area.
- (iii) At 00:35, a group of Israeli settlers stormed a house in Sinjil town. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated them from the area.

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	<ul> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 22:20, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards a settler vehicle near the junction leading to the settlement of Rimunim east of At-Tayba town. As a result, a settler and his wife sustained injuries. Consequently, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of At-Tayba and Turmus'ayya and the villages of Kafr Malik and Khirbet Abu Falah.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns and villages of 'Abud and Bil'in, and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>Checkpoint: At 24:00, the Israeli army closed Movodotan checkpoint near the town of Ya'bad and prevented civilian access. The Israeli army reopened it at a later time.</li> <li>Raid: At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir Al Basha.</li> <li>Settler Violence: At 09:00, a group of Israeli settlers entered the debris of the previously evacuated settlement of Homesh and hurled stones towards civilian vehicles travelling on Jenin – Nablus main road near the settlement. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated them from the area at 11:20.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ul>
TOUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00.
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat Road (the road connecting the districts of Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area located between the town of Illar and the village of Seida.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- the city of Qalqiliya. Again at 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Azzun. Again at 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Izbat At-Tabib (on Qalqiliya-Nablus main road) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 05:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jit village.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- (ii) On 12 May 2010, the Israeli army erected an iron gate at the entrance to the village of Wadi Ar-Rasha (after removing the iron gate erected at the entrance to the village of Ras Atiya), and prevented civilians from the village from passing through it. The Israeli army only allows the passage of students to their schools outside the village through Habla town gate, while allowing the passage of civilians through gate # 109.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement.

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#### • Checkpoints:

- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00.
- (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the settlement of Yitzhar.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction

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- (iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:00.
- (iv) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the village of Deir Sharaf (on Nablus-Tulkarm main road) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sebastia until 20:30.
- (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Salem until 00:35.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 01:40, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to enter a park near Sebastia village and hurled stones towards civilians inside the park. As a result, Palestinian National Security officer 'Amer Emad Shaker Abu Hussein sustained head injuries. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area.

#### Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances of 2 side roads between the village of Marda and its agricultural land.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint under the overpass leading to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Hares and the village of Hares and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ad-Dik, set up a flying checkpoint at its entrance and patrolled the area until 01:40.
- (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin until 02:00.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.

#### **SALFIT**

JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho. Again at 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and prevented civilian vehicles from leaving the city until 24:00.</li> <li>At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ein Ad Duyuk (the northern entrance to the city of Jericho) and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city until 24:00.</li> <li>At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the intersection of Road # 90 in the middle of Al Auja village and beat 3 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu'a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq'a.</li> <li>Checkpoint: At 23:25, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Container checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints:</li> <li>At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash area junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and prevented civilians from leaving the city until 13:15.</li> <li>At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Janata and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids:</li> <li>At 12:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the debris of the previously evacuated military camp of Osh Grab that is located east of Beit Sahur city.</li> <li>At 14:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Taqu'a where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area until 15:15.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

- (iii) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Artas until 16:10.
- (iv) At 23:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Fajjar until 00:15.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 12:50, a group of Israeli settlers near the junction leading to the settlement of Ifrat closed Road # 60 connecting the districts of Bethlehem and Hebron. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and reopened the road after evacuating the settlers from the area.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al-Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of al-Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from al-Laban Market and the area of al-Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrance to Wadi Baqin Road which leads to the town of Bani Na'im.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (iii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35, off Road # 60, north of Hebron city, and prevented civilian vehicles from travelling on Road # 60 which leads to the town of Bani Na'im.
- (iv) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs, south of Hebron city, and prevented civilian vehicles from travelling on the bypass road south of Hebron city.
- (v) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the old city of Hebron.
- (vii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Hebron, off bypass Road #35, near the overpass leading to Halhul town, and prevented traffic access.
- (viii) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Khursa and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, occupied the roofs of a number of houses in the area of Aqbet Tapuah in the city and patrolled several neighborhoods in the city. Again at 19:25, the Israeli army raided the area, set up a flying checkpoint, searched a number of houses and arrested 2 civilians. Again at 01:30, the Israeli army raided the area, fired stun grenades while searching a number of houses, arrested 6 civilians, including 3 brothers, and set up a flying checkpoint.
- (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.
- (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Hadab Al Fawwar, arrested a civilian, severely beat 3 civilians, including a child, causing them contusions. Consequently, they were evacuated to hospital for treatment. They are: Ramzi Abdulhameed Abu Turki, 15-year-old; Abdulhameed Abu Turki; and Zuhair Mousa 'Asfur.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested in the city of Hebron: Muhammad Waheed Ar-Rajbi; Hamdan Ahmad Abu Sneineh; Iyad Misbah Al Heimuni; Ezzaat Abdulaziz Muhammad An-Natcheh and his brother Dawoud; Elias Abed Al Heimuni and his brothers Mahmoud and Bashar.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Hadab Al Fawwar the civilian Mahmoud Muhammad Hamad Abu Turki.
- **Physical Assault:** At 21:00, the civilian Mousa Atiyeh Khrais from the town of Dura was admitted to the Government Hospital in Hebron city as a result of contusions sustained from Israeli army severe beating while working inside Israel.

#### • Settler Violence:

- (i) At 12:45, a group of Israeli settlers hurled stones towards civilians in the area of As-Sahla in the old city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 13:25, a group of settlers gathered near the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and in the area of Al Baq'a and Wadi Al Maghir, east of

Hebron city, and hurled stones towards civilian vehicles on the main road.

- (iii) At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers hurled stones and empty bottles towards civilian vehicles in the area of Al Baq'a east of Hebron city.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian territory

• The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian territory and opening machine gunfire from armored vehicles and helicopter gunships in Rafah district.

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially open for the entry of wheat and fodder.</li> <li>Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is open for the departure of civilian patients, students and visa holders, and for the entry of civilians and patients who received treatment at Egyptian hospitals.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the entry of food, humanitarian assistance and a quantity of diesel for the electricity plant.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Raid: At 01:45, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles and bulldozers covered by helicopter gunships and reconnaissance aircrafts, raided Palestinian territory east of Ash-Shoka town, east of Rafah city, and opened fire intensively towards civilian farmland and houses.
- <u>Attack</u>: At dawn on 02 September 2010, Israeli helicopter gunships opened machine gunfire towards Yasser 'Arafat International Airport, the surrounding residential neighborhoods and farmland east of Rafah city.