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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 September 2010 – 08:00 17 September 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination	1	—	1	A civilian in Nur Shams RC. Tulkarem
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. civilian taken to hospital, Nablus
Attacks	3	2	5	4 in raids and 1 during confrontations
Raids	28	2	30	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 6 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Incl. reconnaissance over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	13	—	13	Ramallah (1), Jenin (1), & Tulkarem (11)
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Northern Gaza district
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. a house door destroyed, Tulkarem
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Construction materials in Bethlehem
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	30	—	30	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 11 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	43	—	43	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. fire set to 20 hay bales in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	—	3	Incl. Police vehicle detained, Jerusalem
TOTAL	178	10	188	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 24:00 on 16 September 2010, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Yom Kippur Holiday. Only allowing access to previously-coordinated diplomatic and international missions as well as humanitarian cases, the Israeli army prevented civilians and workers from entering Jerusalem city and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will be in place until 24:00 on 18 September 2010.
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<p>JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Ikxa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared from the town of Ar Ram. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Ikxa and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. At 09:15, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at Jaba' checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles in Al Khan al Ahmar area on the main road connecting the districts of Jerusalem, Jericho and Ramallah. Despite previous coordination, Israeli troops detained a Palestinian Police, while it was transporting a Palestinian convict from Bethlehem to Ramallah city. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed access to the Police vehicle at 09:40. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Al 'Eizariya area to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. (ii) The Israeli authorities continue to declare the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in Ni'lin town and Bil'in village a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays. Civilian access to the area is denied except with a special permit. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:10. • <u>Raid:</u> At 03:00 on 16 September 2010, the Israeli army raided 'Abud town and arrested a civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Hussein Abdul Majid in 'Abud town. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Arrana town. (ii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided Al Yamun town, searched a house, and arrested a civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp and fired sound grenades while it was searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 05:30. (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Kufeirit village and patrolled the area until 04:30. (v) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Al ‘Araqa village and patrolled the area until 05:00. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ali ‘Ahed al Baqli in Al Yamun town. • 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.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road junction between ‘Anabta town and Bizzariya village and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:30. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack/Destruction of Property/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:55, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem city raided a house, after destroying its main gate. Israeli troops opened fire, extra-judicially killing a civilian. Having detained it, Israeli troops later handed over the civilian’s corpse to an ambulance of the Palestine Red Crescent Society. In addition, Israeli troops searched a number of houses, arrested 10 civilians, severely beat Fayez Abu Zahrah, and served a summons on Ali Hafeth Abu Dayyeh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem city, searched a house, and arrested a civilian. • Assassination: The Israeli army extra-judicially killed Iyad As’ad Shilbayah in Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem city. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 10 civilians in Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nidhal Bassam Abu Tharifeh; (ii) Usayd Walid ‘Aref; (iii) Mohammed Hafeth Abu Dayyeh;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Tayseer Mahmoud Jaber; (v) Ahmed Yousef 'Ississ; (vi) Kamal Mahmoud Masharqah; (vii) Nidhal Yousef Abu Hilal; (viii) Mohammed Mahmoud Abu al Kheir; (ix) Mohammed Ahmed Saleem al Ghoul; and (x) Ashraf Ahmed Abdul Rahman Fodeh. (xi) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Yasser al Jayyousi in Tulkarem city. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army closed the Wall gate at the entrance to Jubara village and denied civilian access to or from the village until 18:45.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched security and civilians. Israeli troops severely beat Saty Yousef Abu Haq, leaving him with contusions. Abu Haq was transported to hospital for medical treatment. (iii) At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village. (ii) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
 - (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.
 - (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Bizzariya village on the Nablus-Jenin main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:15.
 - (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:15.
 - (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Qusin and Beit Wazan villages and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:25.
 - **Physical Assault:** Israeli troops severely beat 'Anan Marwan Khamis Mar'i, a resident of 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, in Jerusalem city, leaving him with contusions. At 14:05, Mar'i was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided Qusin village and patrolled the area until 19:30.
 - (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Sabastiya and An Naqura villages.
 - (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Furik town.
 - (iv) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and patrolled the area until 05:00.
 - (v) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided Huwwara town and searched a house.
 - **Settler Violence:**
 - (i) At 02:40 on 16 September 2010, a group of armed Israeli settlers raided Burin and 'Asira al Qibliya villages, set fire to 20 bales of hay in 'Asira al Qibliya, and pointed their weapons at Palestinian Civil Defence officers in Burin.
 - (ii) At 18:15, a group of Israeli settlers gathered on the junction to Qusin village and withdrew at 19:30.

SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting the village of Marda to respective agricultural land. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Iskaka village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bruqin village. (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided Marda village and patrolled the area until 19:30. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. At 02:45, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 03:40. (ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to Fasayil village, searched civilians and vehicles, fired flares, and withdrew at 00:30. (iii) At 06:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Ein ad Duyuk village and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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.

	<p>(ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Battir village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Confiscation of Property: At 14:50, the Israeli army raided Al Walaja village, raided a house under construction, and confiscated construction materials in an attempt to force the house owner to cease construction. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As 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 As Sahleh. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(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 Road # 60.</p>

- (iv) At 13:40, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades detour roads between Tarqumiya and Idhna towns.
- **Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
 - (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Kurza village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops detained a Palestinian Police vehicle transporting three Police officers, took them to the Israeli DCO offices, and released after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
 - (ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Turrama village and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city along Road # 35 and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Ruq'a area east of Yatta town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (v) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bani Na'im town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (vi) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (vii) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up four flying checkpoints: three on the junctions to As Samoa' town, Zif village, Al Fawwar refugee camp and one at the entrance to Al Karmil village. Israeli troops searched security and vehicles.
 - **Raids/House Occupation/Detentions/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
 - (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided Dura town, occupied the roof of a house belonging to Mohammed Ghanem, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also raided the Palestinian Traffic Department and detained civilians inside. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and school students. At 12:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
 - (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ula town.
 - (iii) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
 - (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Halhul town, took position near the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.
 - (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Einun village, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
 - (vi) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Birka area in Yatta town.
 - **Settler Violence:** At 22:55, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian houses in the old city of Hebron.
 - **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Northern Gaza and Central Gaza districts.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the morning of 16 September 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of Al Maqbara ash Sharqiya east of Jabalya town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack:</u> In the evening of 16 September 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory in Wadi as Salqa area. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open to allow patients, students, and civilians holding visas to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals, as well as civilians who had performed 'Umrah (minor pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 14 September 2010, officers of the Israeli Nahshon and Metsada Units raided 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre on the pretext of abrupt searches. Israeli officers severely beat a number of political prisoners, fired tear gas grenades, closed down sections, and prevented internal visits. Political prisoners had refused lunch and dinner meals in protest against the Israeli Prisons Service, which had abused and relocated five prisoners to central prisons. (ii) On 15 September 2010, Israeli troops raided Section # 3 in Hadarim Prison in search of cellular telephones. Israeli troops assaulted and forced political prisoners to move from the Section to solitary confinement cells.
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