

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 27 September 2009 – 08:00, 28 September 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	19	—	19	Civilians injured in Al Aqsa Mosque
Physical Assaults	5	—	5	Incl. 2 medics in Al Aqsa Mosque
Arrests (per person)	8	—	8	7 in Jerusalem & 1 in Tubas districts
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	9	—	9	Incl. 4 in Hebron & 2 in Salfit
Checkpoints	9	—	9	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 3 in Tubas
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. attacks by artillery shells
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Copter & recon. above N. Gaza district
Land Leveling	1	—	1	Land belonging to Hares village
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tulkarm
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	All crossings are completely shut down
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	—	2	Raiding the yards of Al Aqsa Mosque
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Stoning civilian houses and vehicles
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	Incl. 7 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	152	17	169	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 24:00 on 26 September 2009, the Israeli army imposed full closure on West Bank districts as Jews mark Yom Kippur or “Day of Atonement,” the holiest day on the Jewish calendar. The Israeli army prevented civilians and workers, including holders of permits, from entering the city of Jerusalem and Israel, with the exception of diplomatic and international missions and previously coordinated humanitarian cases. The closure will continue until 24:00 on 28 September 2009.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00 on 26 September 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem after imposing full closure on West Bank districts as Jews mark Yom Kippur, Judaism’s holiest day. The Israeli army prevented civilians and workers, including holders of permits, from entering the city of Jerusalem, with the exception of previously coordinated humanitarian cases. The Israeli army set up numerous checkpoints at road intersections and entrances to the old city and impeded civilian access to Al Aqsa Mosque for prayer under the pretext of protecting Jews heading to Al Buraq Wall “the Wailing Wall” to perform Talmudic rites. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order. (iii) The Israeli army has continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. Attack on Religious Site: At 08:00, the Israeli army closed gates leading
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	<p>to Al Aqsa Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem, prevented civilians from entering the mosque for prayer and raided the yards of the mosque to chase civilians inside it. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army in the mosque's yards and at its entrances as civilians attempted to enter the mosque for prayer and to confront threats by extremist Israeli settlers to raid Al Aqsa Mosque. As a result, 19 civilians sustained injuries, including 73-year-old elderly civilian. Many other civilians suffered suffocation as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition, other civilians suffered contusions from severe beating, including 2 medics. Also, 7 civilians have been arrested. The Israeli army re-opened the gates of the mosque at a later time for the entry of civilians who are above the age of 50 years to perform Ad Dhuhur prayer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the yards of Al Aqsa Mosque and its surroundings in the old city of Jerusalem 7 unknown civilians. • <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 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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, and south of Beit Hanina village.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Um Safa and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud 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 Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 02:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones towards civilian houses on the edges of Silat Ad Dhahr town. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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.

TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the town of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 27 September 2009, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at entrances to the villages of Kardala and Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bardala and detained the civilian Amer Nimer Hussein Sawaftah and released him at 14:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:00 on 27 September 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Bardala and arrested a civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the village of Bardala the civilian Fares Nimer Hussein Sawaftah.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh and the road connecting the town of Kafr Al Labad to the village of Shofeh. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • <u>Raid:</u> At 13:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army detained 2 children under the pretext of stoning Israeli troops near the Wall section adjacent to the town of Zeita. The Israeli army released them at a later time after DCO intervention. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	<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 cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya,

	<p>the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.</p> <p>(ii) As of 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement, after removing the dirt barricade at its entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00. (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00, whereas on Friday, the checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 15:00. All vehicles are allowed to enter the city of Nablus through Awarta, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances are allowed to depart the city through this checkpoint. • Raid: At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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 entrances to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • Raids: (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided Yasuf village, set up a flying checkpoint at its eastern entrance and patrolled the area until 12:10. (ii) At 23:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Hares. • Land Leveling: At 22:55, the Israeli army leveled land belonging to civilians from the village of Hares located near the entrance to the settlement of Ariel. • Settler Violence: At 22:35, a group of Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles travelling on the road connecting the town of Kifl Hares to the village of Hares. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares 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: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00.

	<p>(ii) 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. At 10:45, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and prevented civilian access. The Israeli army re-opened it at 11:50.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to route # 90 in the middle of Al Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:50. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles travelling near the junction leading to the Dead Sea south of Jericho city. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area at 19:00.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(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> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.</p> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideways east of Beit Fajjar town. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(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 also 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, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.</p> <p>(ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it.</p> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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</p>

	<p>main entrance to al-‘Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.</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 bypass Road # 60.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 09:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zif until 15:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kharas town.</p> <p>(iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ummar town.</p> • <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.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 breached the ceasefire by opening fire intensively and firing 2 artillery shells from its locations on the Green Line in the district of Northern Gaza. • Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by opening fire and firing 7 mortars towards the Green Line.
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<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 closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <p>(i) In the evening on 27 September 2009, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line. As a result, a shell fell northeast of Beit Lahiya town and another fell in the periphery of Um An Nasr village.</p> <p>(ii) In the evening on 27 September 2009, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses east of Beit Hanun town.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> In the evening on 27 September 2009, Israeli helicopter gunships and reconnaissance aircrafts patrolled the skies above Northern Gaza district. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning on 27 September 2009, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) In the evening on 27 September 2009, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army west of Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing, located on the Green Line, northeast of Beit Lahiya town. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, 2 mortars were fired towards the periphery of Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing on the Green Line. (ii) At 01:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 01:30, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.