مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 28 September 2009 – 08:00, 29 September 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	_	4	4	In Gaza districts, incl. 2 children
Arrest (per person)	1	_	1	A civilian in Bethlehem district
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	6	1	7	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 1 in Salfit
Checkpoints	8	_	8	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 2 in Hebron
Attacks	2	8	10	Incl. attacks by artillery shells
Air Attack	_	1	1	UAV missile on Northern Gaza district
Air Patrols	_	3	3	Copter & recon. & UAV during attacks
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Cutting off about 125 olive trees in Nab.
Land Leveling	_	1	1	An area of land in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	_	_	_	Suspended for holiday of Yom Kippur
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	42	_	42	Incl. 3 in Salfit & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	1	7	8	All shut down for Yom Kippur holiday
Attacks on Religious Sites	1	_	1	Shutting down Al Ibrahimi Mosque
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Cutting off about 125 olive trees in Nab.
Palestinian Attacks	_	5	5	Incl. 8 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	96	30	126	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• 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 was lifted at 24:00 on 28 September 2009.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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:

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

JERUSALEM

	 Raid: On 28 September 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Isawiya, set up a flying checkpoint at its entrance and patrolled the area. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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 was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur west of the town of 'Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 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. Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. 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.
TOUBAS	Checkpoint: 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.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. Raid: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Zeita and Baqa Ash Sharqiya. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

<u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:15. **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. **QALQILYA** At 08:00, the Israeli army attempted to prevent teachers and school (ii) pupils from entering the village unless they take off their clothes in searching rooms. After they declined to do so, the Israeli army allowed them to pass at 09:00 following DCO intervention. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur 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 Oalqiliya city. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Agraba 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 Oaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Agraba 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. As of 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army continues to close by (ii) an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi **NABLUS** Shomron settlement, after removing the dirt barricade at its entrance. **Checkpoints:** At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on (i) 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. **Settler Violence**: At 19:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar cut off approximately 125 fruit bearing olive trees belonging to civilians from the village of Burin.

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SALFIT	 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur in the area northwest of Salfit city, and in the village of Marda and Kafr Hares town north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 Closure of Crossing Point: On 28 September 2009, the Israeli army closed Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing and prevented civilian and commercial access because of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ein Ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Auja village.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: 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 sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. Flying Checkpoints: On 28 September 2009, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the settlement of Kfar Etzion on Bethlehem – Hebron main road and arrested a civilian. At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash area junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.

- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested near the junction leading to the settlement of Kfar Etzion the civilian Rami As'ad Muhsen Thawabteh.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur 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.

• 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 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.
- (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.

• 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) 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.
- (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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs, south of Hebron city, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis, near Halhul town (on Hebron Bethlehem main road) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Awa where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. The Israeli army detained 2 children for allegedly throwing stones and released them at a later time.

HEBRON

- Attack on Religious Site: On 28 September 2009, the Israeli army closed Al Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and prevented civilians from performing prayers inside it under the pretext of allowing Israeli settlers to celebrate and perform Talmudic rites inside the mosque.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur 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 breached the ceasefire by opening fire intensively, firing a number of artillery shells and launching UAV missile airstrike towards mortar launching pads. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively towards fishing boats injuring 4 civilians, including 2 children (a child and his sister) and 2 armed Palestinian individuals. Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by opening fire and

firing 8 mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attacks: At 20:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line. Consequently, Israeli UAV fired a missile towards As Sudaniya area, west of Beit Lahiya town, injuring 1 armed Palestinian individual. (ii) At 20:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells towards Palestinian territory east of Beit Hanun town. 	
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed) (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	

KHAN YOUNIS	Attacks: (i) On 28 September 2009, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards civilian agricultural land at the length of towns and villages east of Khan Yunis district. (ii) On 28 September 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite Khan Yunis beach.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 18:30, the Israeli army fired a tank shell from its locations on the Green Line injuring 1 armed Palestinian individual. Palestinian Attack: In the evening on 28 September 2009, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the periphery of Sufa Crossing on the Green Line.