

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 September 2008 – 30 September 2008

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 September 2008 to 30 September 2008. The report includes a summary table of events 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 Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG), Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD), Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The PMG monitors all aspects of ground conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Israeli violations, Palestinian violations, and Palestinian achievements. The PMG Daily Situation Reports are a survey of daily events collated from information provided by Palestinian Authority civil ministries and security agencies. The information reported through the PMG process represents data available at the time of distribution only.

SAMPLE OF ISRAELI ARMY VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

- **On 01 September**, Israeli naval boats fire a missile mortar towards a Palestinian fishing boat at sea opposite the As Sudaniya beach in the district of Northern Gaza, injuring 2 Palestinian fishermen. Of these, 1 fisherman was in a critical condition.
- **On 10 September**, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. While surrounding and searching a civilian house, the Israeli army opened intensive fire, critically injuring 1 civilian. As the Israeli army denied access to ambulances, the injured civilian died of injuries sustained. The Israeli army also injured 2 civilians and arrested 2 others, including an injured civilian.
- **On 13 September**, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' in the district of Bethlehem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 child and injured 1 civilian.
- **On 13 September**, an Israeli army jeep ran over a 5-year-old child in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with critical injuries.
- **On 19 September**, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in the district of Ramallah in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 6 civilian protestors as well as 1 international female peace activist.
- **On 20 September**, the Israeli army killed a 14-year-old child in the area surrounding the settlement of Yitzhar in the district of Nablus.
- **On 20 September**, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis south of the city of Jerusalem and fired sound grenades while searching a civilian house. Having sustained a trauma, an elderly female civilian died of a heart attack.
- **On 21 September**, Israeli settlers severely beat a civilian and a 12-year-old child in the old city of Hebron, leaving them with injuries and contusions.
- **On 21 September**, the Israeli army opened fire towards a number of civilians in the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing Point east of Gaza city, injuring 2 civilians.
- **On 22 September**, Israeli troops assaulted a civilian resident of the district of Salfit while he was presented in an areas inside the Green Line.
- **On 23 September**, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards Jerome Jordan, the political representative of the European Commission in the Palestinian territory, while he was accompanied on a tour by members of the Popular Committee Against the Wall in the town of Ni'lin in the district of Ramallah. As a result, a member on the Committee sustained injuries.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – SEPTEMBER 2008

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	5	—	5	Incl. 2 children and 1 female civilian.
Injuries	62	6	68	Incl. 7 children; 1 university student; 1 fisherman; 1 civilian by Israeli settlers; and 5 international peace activists, incl. a female peace activist. Of the children wounded, 4 were injured by Israeli settlers and 1 run over by an Israeli army jeep.
Attacks	121	10	131	The Israeli army carried out 41 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential compounds; 69 attacks during confrontations with Palestinians; 7 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property. Israeli settlers also opened fire on 2 occasions. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire on 8 occasions and Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints on 4 occasions. .
Raids	759	1	760	19 in Jerusalem; 90 in Ramallah; 103 in Jenin; 41 in Tubas; 78 in Tulkarem; 53 in Qalqiliya; 78 in Nablus; 51 in Salfit; 11 in Jericho; 100 in Bethlehem; 135 in Hebron; and 1 in Khan Yunis.
Arrests	274	6	280	The Israeli army arrested 15 Palestinian civilians in Jerusalem; 32 in Ramallah; 15 in Jenin; 2 in Tubas; 20 in Tulkarem; 14 in Qalqiliya; 56 in Nablus; 5 in Salfit; 25 in Jericho; 35 in Bethlehem; 55 in Hebron; 4 in Northern Gaza; and 2 in Khan Yunis. Civilians arrested included 32 children; 1 female civilian; 2 injured civilians; 9 university students; 3 fishermen; and 8 Palestinian security officers.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	62	5	67	Destruction of Property: The Israeli army destroyed agricultural crops; furniture; houses; vehicles; 1 irrigation network; 1 electricity network; 1 electricity transformer; barracks; and fishing boats. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army confiscated vehicles; ID cards; pistols; 1 tractor; 2 water tanks; 1 computer; and gold jewelry as well as a sum of USD 4,300.
House Occupations	8	—	8	In the districts of Ramallah (3); Bethlehem (1); and Hebron (4).
Curfews	13	—	13	The Israeli army imposed curfew over residential areas in the districts of Qalqiliya (1); Nablus (2); Salfit (4); Bethlehem (5); and Hebron (1).
Closure of Crossing Points	—	104	104	The Israeli army closed international crossing points (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and Yasser Arafat International Airport) on 57 occasions and crossing points to Israel on 47 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	337	—	337	Jerusalem (59); Ramallah (27); Jenin (29); Tubas (7); Tulkarem (18); Qalqiliya (22); Nablus (18); Salfit (38); Jericho (4); Bethlehem (37); Hebron (78).
Medical Obstruction	3	—	3	The Israeli army prevented ambulances from evacuating an injured civilian in the city of Nablus as well as searched 1 clinic and 1 pharmacy in the city of Bethlehem.
Attacks on Religious Sites	6	—	6	The Israeli army fired sound grenades towards worshippers; searched 3 mosques; and surrounded 2 other mosques.
School Disruption	2	—	2	The Israeli army raided an UNRWA school in the district of Tubas as well as the Polytechnic University in the city of Hebron.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	13	—	13	The Israeli army provoked the Palestinian National Security Forces on 8 occasions; Police on 3 occasions; and General Intelligence on 2 occasions.
Settlement Activity	5	—	5	The Israeli army levelled land in the districts of Tulkarem, Qalqiliya and Hebron for construction of a settler bypass road as well as for Wall construction.
Settler Violence	34	—	34	Israeli settlers opened fire towards civilians; abducted 1 civilian; beat 2 civilians, including a child; attacked neighbourhoods in Palestinian cities as well as several villages; damaged 1 vehicles, 1 tractor, and a number of barracks; set fire to crops and olive trees; and seized a herd of sheep.
TOTAL	1704	132	1836	

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	JULY 2008	AUG. 2008	SEP. 2008	COMMENTS
Assassinations	1	—	—	Over the past 2 months, the Israeli army did not assassinate “wanted” Palestinian civilians.
Deaths	6	2	5	Death toll sharply rose by 150% compared to August, but dropped by 16.7% compared to July.
Injuries	160	97	68	Drop of 29.9% compared to August and of 57.5% compared to July. Compared to 26 children injured in August and 20 in July, 7 children were injured in September.
Attacks	155	150	131	Decrease in the number of attacks by 12.7% compared to August and by 15.5% compared to July.
Raids	920	859	760	Drop of 11.5% compared to August and of 17.4% compared to July. The total number of Israeli army raids into Palestinian Authority-controlled territory (Area A – which the Israeli army has continued to reinvade since 2002) was 530 in September, compared to 507 in August and 521 in July.
Arrests	428	338	280	Decrease of 17.2% compared to August and of 34.6% compared to July. Compared to 25 children arrested in August and 30 in July, 32 children were arrested this month.
House Demolitions	7	3	—	The Israeli army did not demolish civilian houses over the month of September.
Attacks on Property	126	68	67	Drop of 1.5% compared to August and of 46.8% compared to July.
House Occupations	13	12	8	Decrease of 33.3% compared to August and of 38.5% compared to July.
Curfews	15	11	13	Curfews rose by 18.2% compared to August, but dropped by 13.3% compared to July.
Flying Checkpoints	551	443	337	Drop of 23.9% compared to August and of 38.8% compared to July.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	112	115	104	Crossing points to Israel were closed on 47 occasions in September, compared to 55 in August and 112 in July. The Israeli army closed both Rafah Crossing and Yasser Arafat International Airport for 57 days, including Rafah Crossing for 27 days completely. Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	8	5	3	Drop of 40% compared to August and of 62.5% compared to July.
Attacks on Religious Sites	20	2	6	A sharp increase of 200% compared to August, but a drop of 70% compared to July.
School Disruption	6	3	2	Drop of 33.3% compared to August and of 66.7% compared to July.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	12	21	13	Despite efforts made by Palestinian security forces to control the security situation, the Israeli army continued to take positions near Palestinian security offices and headquarters and to detain Palestinian security officers. The Israeli army also arrested 8 Palestinian officers.
Settlement Activity	2	6	5	Drop of 16.7% compared to August, but a sharp rise of 150% compared to July.
Settler Violence	46	56	34	Decrease of 39.3% compared to August and of 26.1% compared to July.
TOTAL	2588	2191	1836	Total incidents dropped by 16.2% compared to August due to the decrease in injuries, arrests, raids, attacks, flying checkpoints, incidents of provocation of Palestinian security forces, and settler violence. In comparison with July, total incidents also decreased by 29.1% in light of lower number of injuries, arrests, raids, attacks, flying checkpoints, attacks on property, attacks on religious sites, and incidents of settler violence.

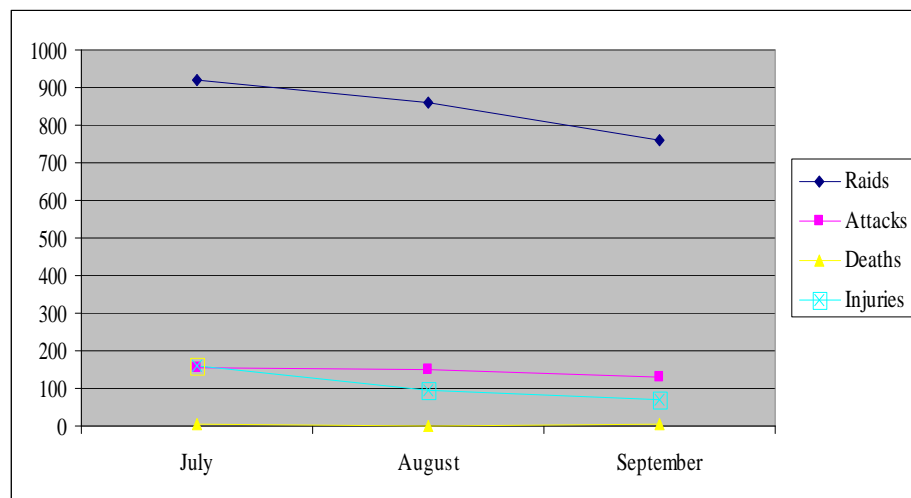
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

WEST BANK	NOTES
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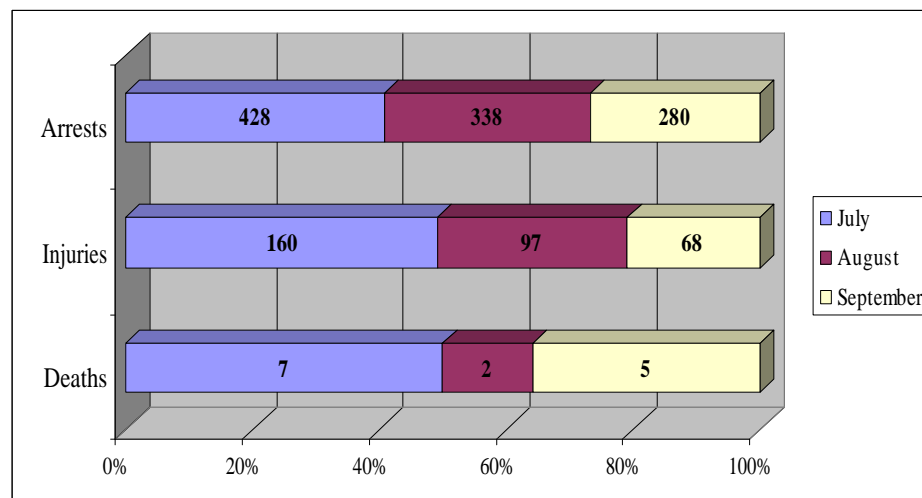
PALESTINIAN SECURITY MEASURES OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

JULY 2008	AUG. 2008	SEP. 2008	NOTES
12	2	2	In September, Palestinian security forces handed over (through the DCO) 1 Israeli settler after he entered PA-controlled territory (compared to 7 in August and 6 in July). Palestinian security forces also seized 1 weapon (3 in August and 6 in July).

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

The Israeli army killed **5 Palestinians in September** in the West Bank districts of Jerusalem, Nablus and Bethlehem. Of these, the Israeli army killed 1 child near the settlement of Yitzhar south of the city of Nablus as well as another child during confrontations with civilians in the town of Tuqu' in the district of Bethlehem. A 57-year-old female civilian also died of a heart attack after Israeli troops fired sound grenades in the town of Abu Dis in the district of Jerusalem.

2. Injuries

The total number of injuries reported during the month of September was **68** (62 Palestinians in the West Bank and 6 in the Gaza Strip). The majority of injuries were reported to have taken place in the districts of Ramallah, Nablus, and Hebron. Of those injured, 7 were children (including 2 children injured by Israeli settlers and 1 child run over by an Israeli army jeep); 1 civilian by Israeli settlers; 5 international peace activists, including 1 female activist; 1 university students; and 1 fisherman.

3. Arrests

The Israeli army arrested **280** Palestinians over the month of September, including 274 Palestinians in the West Bank and 6 in the Gaza Strip. Most arrests were reported to have taken place in the districts of Nablus, Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Among these, the Israeli army arrested 32 children (including 2 injured children); 1 female civilian; 9 university students (including 1 female student); 3 fishermen; and 8 Palestinian security officers.

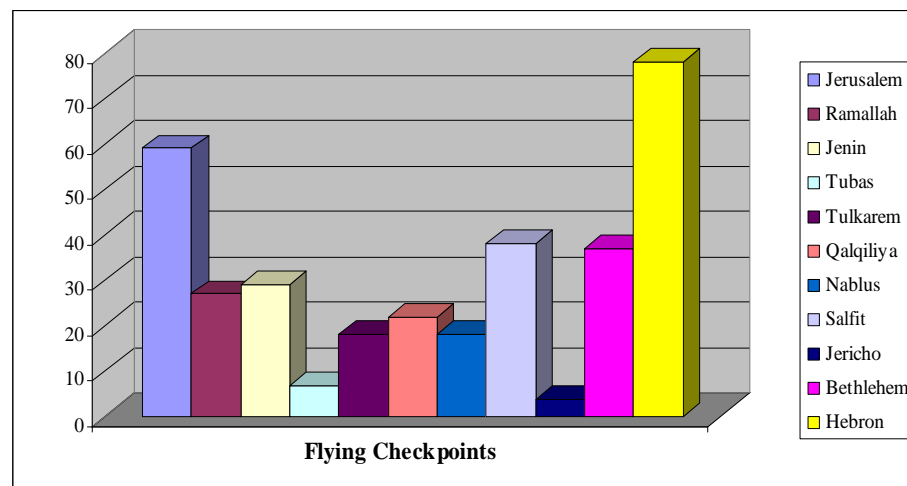
4. Closure

Beginning on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at permanent checkpoints set up throughout the West Bank districts, after a Palestinian individual carried out a suicide attack in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line. In addition to the area of the Jordan Valley, the Israeli army has also continued to isolate the northern districts from the central and southern districts of the West Bank, impeding civilian movement between these districts. Especially on Fridays, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, closed the entrances to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque.

Special permits are still required for private civilian vehicles to cross **Huwara** and **Beit Iba checkpoints** at the entrances to the city of Nablus as well as **checkpoints set up on roads leading to the area of the Jordan Valley**. Considering it a "border crossing point", the Israeli army continued to prevent Palestinian civilian vehicles from the West Bank from crossing **Qalandiya checkpoint** towards the towns of Ar Ram and Qalandiya as well as Dahiyat al Bared north of the city of Jerusalem.

Further impeding civilian access, the Israeli army set up **337 flying checkpoints** in and around Palestinian residential locales throughout the West Bank during the month of September, compared to 443 flying checkpoints in August and 551 in July.

The Israeli navy also continued to impose an intensified sea blockade on the coast of the Gaza Strip and to prevent Palestinian fishing boats from sailing.

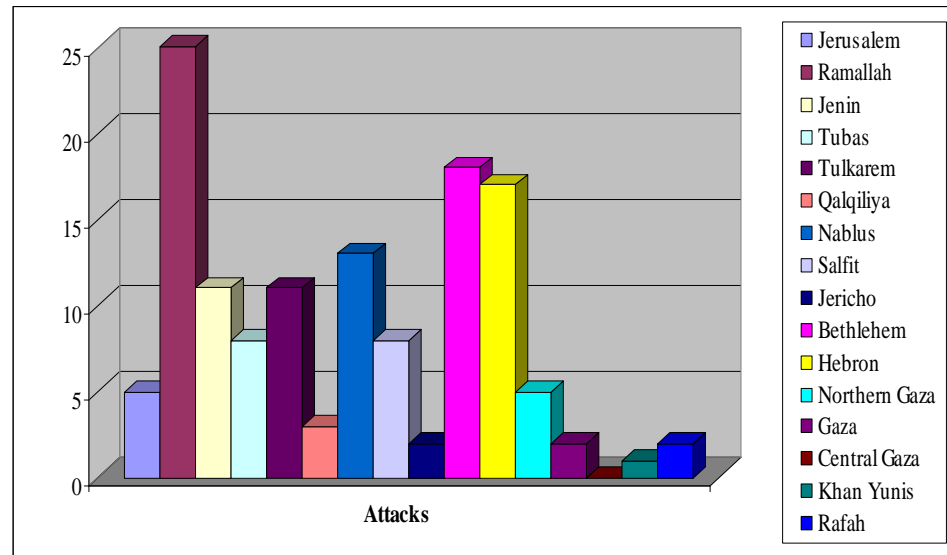


5. Attacks

A total of **131 attacks** were reported during the month of September, including **121 attacks** in the West Bank and **10** in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army carried out **41 attacks during raids** into Palestinian residential areas, **69 attacks during confrontations** between the Israeli army and Palestinians, and **7 attacks from Israeli army military posts** towards civilian houses and property. In addition, Israeli navy boats carried out **8 attacks** and Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints opened fire towards Palestinian civilians on **4 occasions**. Israeli settlers also opened fire towards Palestinians on **2 occasions**.

On 19 June 2008, through Egyptian mediation, armed Palestinian groups in the Gaza Strip and the Israeli army reached a cease fire agreement. However, the Israeli army violated the agreement on **10 occasions** during the month of September (compared to 21 violations in August). Also breaching the cease fire agreement, armed Palestinian groups fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 3 mortars landed on Palestinian territory. Over the past month, 18 Palestinian mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

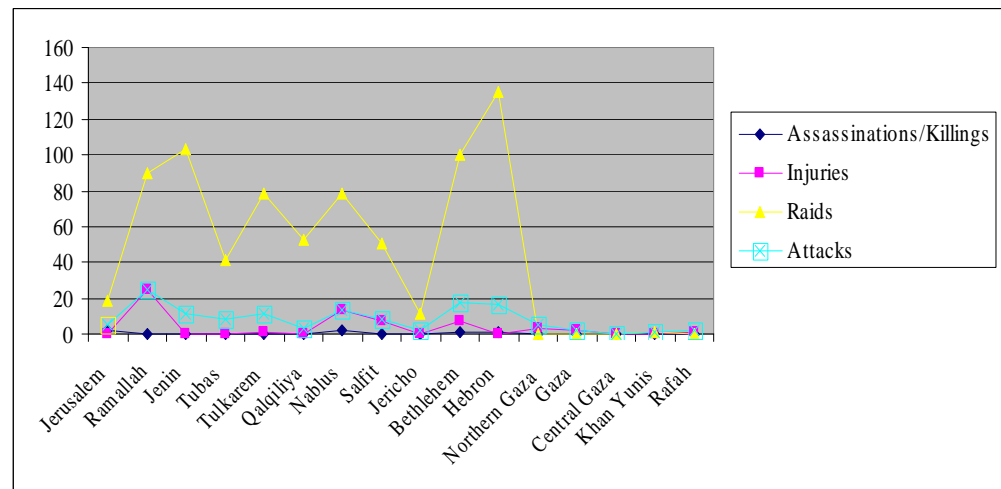


6. Raids

The Israeli army carried out a total of **760 raids** into Palestinian residential locales during the month of September, including **759 in the West Bank** and **1 in the Gaza Strip**. The majority of Israeli army raids took place in the districts of Hebron, Jenin, Bethlehem, and Ramallah. The Israeli army **opened fire during 41 of the 760 raids**, approximately 5.4% of the total number of raids into Palestinian residential areas. Additionally, the Israeli army **imposed curfew 13 times over 8 residential locales** in the West Bank during raids (compared to 11 times in August and 15 in July). The Israeli army also **occupied and converted into military posts 8 civilian houses and residential buildings**.

The chart to the right shows the correlation between the number of raids & resulting human losses.

The Israeli army also continued to intensify its raids on Palestinian Authority controlled territory (**Areas "A"** under the Oslo Agreement, which the Israeli army has continued to reinvade since 2002). The Israeli army conducted **530** of the 760 raids, approximately 69.7% of the total number of raids, into Palestinian Authority controlled territory in the West Bank.



In an unceasing attempt to undermine the Palestinian security plan, in accordance with which Palestinian security forces were redeployed in the districts of Jenin and Tubas as well as in the city of Nablus and its refugee camps, the Israeli army carried out **169 raids** into residential locales in these areas (compared to 166 raids in August and 214 in July). In comparison with 27 attacks in August and 31 in July, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians and property on 22 occasions during these raids, resulting in the injury of 2 civilians (compared to 4 civilians injured in August and 24 in July). Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 35 civilians, including 5 children, as well as 1 Palestinian security officer (compared to 72 arrested in August and 116 in July). The table below overviews these Israeli violations:

District	Raids	Attacks	Deaths	Injuries	Arrests
The city of Jenin	12	1			1
Jenin Refugee Camp	3				1
Northern Jenin District	19	2			4 (incl. 2 children)
Southern Jenin district	31	5			
Eastern Jenin district	3				
Western Jenin district	31	3			1
Total	99	11			7 (incl. 2 children)
The city of Tubas	11	1			
The town of Tammun	9	2			1
The village of 'Aqqaba	9				
The village of Tayasir	1	1			
Al Far'a refugee camp	6	3			
Other villages and locales	3				
Total	39	7			1
The city of Nablus	22	4	1	2	20 (incl. 3 children; 1 injured civilian, 1 Palestinian security officer; and 2 university students)
Balata refugee camp	4	2			3
'Askar refugee camp	4				5
'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp	1				
Grand Total	31	6	1	2	28 (incl. 3 children; 1 injured civilian, 1 Palestinian security officer; and 2 university students)

7. Provocation of Palestinian Military and Security Forces

The Israeli army carried out **13** incidents of attacking and provoking Palestinian security and military forces and posts during the month of September.

Types of Israeli Army Provocation against Palestinian Forces during the Month of September 2008

Type of Provocation	West Bank	Notes
Reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency	3	The Israeli army served summons to 2 Palestinian security officers as well as 1 Police officer to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
Preventing Palestinian security forces from carrying out security duties	1	The Israeli army demanded that Palestinian Police forces cease their security operations in the town of 'Anabta in the district of Tulkarem.
Taking position / setting up checkpoints near Palestinian security posts	6	On 3 occasions, the Israeli army took position near the Palestinian National Security headquarters in the city of Qalqiliya. The Israeli army also took positions near a Palestinian National Security patrol in the city of Hebron; in front of the complex of Palestinian security forces in the town of Adh Dhahiriya in the district of Hebron; and in front of a Palestinian Police station in the district of Bethlehem.
Detaining Palestinian security officers and patrols	3	The Israeli army detained a Palestinian General Intelligence vehicle, after officers carried out security duties of preserving security in a town in the district of Nablus. Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint in the district of Bethlehem also detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle. In addition to their vehicle, the Israeli army detained and beat 2 Palestinian National Security officers while they were preserving security in the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron.
Total	13	

Note: These statistics do not include the arrest of 8 Palestinian security officers.

8. Attacks on Public and Private Property

A total of **67 incidents** of destruction and confiscation of public and private property were reported during the month of September, including 62 in the West Bank and 5 in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army destroyed and damaged civilian property in the district of Ramallah; civilian houses in the districts of Nablus and Hebron; house furniture in the districts of Tubas and Hebron; and olive as well as fruit-bearing trees and crops in the districts of Ramallah, Tubas, and Nablus. The Israeli army also prevented construction of an agricultural road in the district of Tubas; damaged contents of a barracks as well as a tractor in the district of Ramallah; destroyed civilian vehicles and a bus in the districts of Ramallah, Qalqiliya, Nablus, and Salfit; and opened fire towards and damaged a civilian vehicle travelling along the settler bypass road near the village of Deir Sharaf in the district of Nablus. Furthermore, the Israeli army damaged an electricity network in the district of Hebron, an electricity transformer in the district of Nablus, an irrigation network in the district of Tubas, offices of an agricultural cooperative society in the city of Qalqiliya, and fishing boats in the districts of Northern Gaza, Khan Yunis, and Rafah.

The Israeli army also confiscated civilian vehicles in the district of Jerusalem; a tractor and 2 water tanks in the district of Jericho; 2 ID cards belonging to a civilian and a Palestinian security officer in the districts of Tubas and Nablus; and 7 pistols belonging to Palestinian General Intelligence officers, after they performed a security duty in the town of Beit Iba in the district of Nablus. The Israeli army also seized a pistol belonging to a Palestinian Police officer while he was detained in the town of 'Aqraba in the district of Nablus; a computer in the district of Hebron; gold jewelry as well as a sum of JD 3,000 (approximately USD 4,200); and files from offices of a students bloc in the Polytechnic University in the city of Hebron.

9. Settlement Activity

A total of **5 incidents of settlement activity** were reported to have taken place in the West Bank during the month of September.

Types and Sites of Settlement Activity

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Land confiscation for Wall construction	Construction of Settler Bypass Roads	Land confiscation for military purposes	Total
DISTRICT				
Jenin			A military post constructed on top of a mountain overlooking the villages of Rummana, Zububa and At Tayba.	1
Tulkarem	Surveillance cameras installed along the Wall section in the village of Nazlat 'Issa.			1
Qalqiliya	472.1 <i>dunums</i> of land in the town of Jayyus and village of Falamya for adjustment of the Wall route west of the town and village.			1
Hebron	21,846 <i>dunums</i> of land in the villages of Imneizil, Khirbet an Nabi, and Bir al 'Abed in the southern Hebron district.	A piece of land fenced in the old city of Hebron to guard a road, along which Israeli settlers travel.		2
Total	3	1	1	5

10. Settler Violence

Israeli settlers carried out **34 incidents of violence** in the West Bank districts during the month of September.

A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Talmon near the city of Ramallah opened fire towards civilians, causing damage to a press vehicle. Israeli settlers also abducted a civilian; beat 2 civilians, including a child, in the old city of Hebron; threw stones at civilian vehicles in the districts of Qalqiliya, Nablus, Bethlehem, and Hebron; seized control of a piece of land in the Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; raided a neighbourhood in the city of Ramallah; and attacked 4 villages in the districts of Ramallah, Nablus and Salfit. Additionally, Israeli settlers raided the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh in the district of Jenin as well as the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab in the district of Bethlehem. Furthermore, Israeli settlers set fire to olive trees in the districts of Ramallah and Nablus; uprooted olive trees near the settlement of Rivava in the district of Salfit; and detained a female camel and its calf as well as confiscated a herd of sheep in the district of Jericho.

11. Medical Obstruction

The Israeli army carried out **3 incidents of medical obstruction** during the month of September in the West Bank. The Israeli army prevented ambulances from evacuating an injured civilian in the city of Nablus and searched a clinic as well as a pharmacy in the town of Beit Fajjar in the district of Bethlehem.

12. School Disruption

In the West Bank, the Israeli army carried out **2 incidents of school disruption** during the month of September. The Israeli army raided 1 school administered by the United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) in Al Far'a refugee camp in the district of Tubas as well as the Polytechnic University in the city of Hebron.

13. Closure of Crossing Points

The Israeli army completely closed crossing points in the Gaza Strip, including crossing points into the Green Line, on **104** occasions this month. The Israeli army closed crossing points into the Green Line on **47** occasions. The Israeli army opened *Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing* (designated for fuel transportation) for 24 days; *Al Muntar (Karnei) Commercial Crossing* for 24 days; *Sufa Crossing* for 12 days; and *Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing* for 13 days. Additionally, the Israeli army closed international crossing points on **57** occasions, including *Rafah Crossing* which was partially opened for 3 days to ill civilians, civilians who performed 'Umrah (minor pilgrimage to the holy shrines in the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia), holders of foreign passports, and students. *Yasser Arafat International Airport* (closed for 30 days) has remained closed since the outbreak of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).

14. Palestinian Security Measures

During the month of September, Palestinian security forces carried out **2 security measures** in the West Bank.

Palestinian security forces handed over (through the DCO) an Israeli settler after he entered the city of Jericho, and detonated a suspicious object in the town of 'Aqraba in the district of Nablus.