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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 October 2009 – 08:00 10 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. protestors assaulted in Bethlehem
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian injured in Bethlehem
Attacks	9	2	11	Incl. 9 in confrontations & 1 from post
Raids	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Salfit and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. a helicopter over Al Aqsa Mosque
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	1 in Ramallah and 2 in Hebron
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 4 in Qalqiliya
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Farmers denied access to land, Salfit
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Jerusalem
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	45	—	45	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 14 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	All crossing points closed
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. civilians stoned in Hebron old city
Demonstrations	16	—	16	Incl. 13 against siege on Aqsa Mosque
TOTAL	168	10	178	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning at 24:00 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of Jewish Sukkot holiday. Only allowing access to diplomatic missions, international organisations, and previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army has prevented civilians and workers, including those holding permits, from entering the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 10 October 2009. • On 09 October 2009, a general strike was declared throughout the West Bank districts in protest against the Israeli authorities' measures and siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Mass demonstrations also took place in all Palestinian cities, voicing adherence to Islamic and Christian holy sites and to East Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Palestine.
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<p>JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure/Air Patrol:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 24:00 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem on the occasion of the Jewish Sukkot holiday. Only allowing access to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army prevented civilians and workers, including those holding permits, from entering the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque ostensibly to provide protection to Israeli settlers who performed Jewish religious ritual near the Western Wall. Access was only allowed to women and civilians holding Israeli ID cards and who are above 50 years of age, forcing other civilians to perform noon prayers on streets and near checkpoints, forcing worshippers to perform Friday prayers along streets and near checkpoints. In addition to an aerostat equipped with a surveillance camera, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. (ii) 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). (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Ikhsa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.
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	<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 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 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. • <u>Raid/House Occupation:</u> At 14:30, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp, occupied the roof of a house, and converted it into a military post. • <u>Demonstrations/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, mass demonstrations took place near Qalandiya and Shu’fat checkpoints as well as near the Damascus Gate and in Wadi al Joz neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound and denial of worshippers access to perform Friday prayers. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades, leaving a number of participants with injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) On 09 October 2009, a sit-in demonstration, including Christian pilgrims, took place inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the city of Jerusalem in solidarity with Islamic holy sites and in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • <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 the area of Al ‘Eizariya 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> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 15:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and the other at the entrance to the village of Um Safa, and searched civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kobar, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also served a summons to another civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdul Raheem Abdullah Zibar in the village of Kobar. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Settler Violence: At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the evacuated settlement of Homesh. The Israeli army evacuated settlers at 16:00. • 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 town of Tubas. • Raid: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 01:30.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raids: (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Participants articulated adherence to Islamic and Christian holy sites and to East Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Palestine. • <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 agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, and again at 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Elyas on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Participants articulated adherence to Islamic and Christian holy sites and to East Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Palestine. • <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. (iii) At 07:00, the Israeli army closed the Wall gate leading to civilian farmland of the town of Jayyus and prevented civilians from accessing their land to harvest olive crops. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
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 the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of ‘Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) Beginning at 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with an iron gate the western entrance to the village of An Naqura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. It should be noted that the Israeli army had removed the dirt barricade set up at the entrance to the village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Beginning at 08:00 on 07 October 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades a number of detour roads leading to the Nablus-Jenin main road. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Imrin. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Naqura. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the centre of the city of Nablus in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Participants articulated adherence to Islamic and Christian holy sites and to East Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Palestine.
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 and iron gates the northern entrance 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 and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kifl Haris and denied civilian access to or from the town until 12:00. • Physical Assault: At 11:25, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint severely beat an unidentified civilian, leaving him with contusions. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ballut and patrolled the area until 10:00. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sanniriya. (iii) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris, claiming to be providing protection to Israeli settlers who visited Prophet Ezekiel Shrine. At 12:05, the Israeli army and settlers withdrew from the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack on Property:</u> At 12:40, the Israeli army prevented farmers from the village of Yasuf from harvesting olive crops on their land located near the settlement of Kfar Tappuah, allegedly to provide protection to Israeli settlers who celebrated the Jewish Sukkot holiday. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Participants articulated adherence to Islamic and Christian holy sites and to East Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Palestine. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al ‘Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol 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. (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area ‘Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations/Physical Assaults/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction. Having access to the Wall construction site denied, Israeli troops severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving 1 participant with injuries and contusions. (ii) At 12:45, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Participants articulated adherence to Islamic and Christian holy sites and to East Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Palestine. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 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 # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:20, and again at 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened indiscriminate fire towards a number of children, allegedly for throwing stones. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 13:50, and again at 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (v) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kharas. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army arrested Anas Nael Abu Hlayyel near the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron, claiming that he had been in possession of a knife. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Mahmoud Halayqah in the town of Ash Shuyukh. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 12:25, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilians in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Demonstrations/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Participants articulated adherence to Islamic and Christian holy sites and to East Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Palestine. (ii) At 13:00, 2 mass demonstrations took place in the town of Beit Ummar and in Al 'Arrub refugee camp in protest against the Israeli siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. |
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<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 opened intensive fire from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea.
<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>Attack:</u> In the morning of 10 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at east off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<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> <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. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 09 October 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of the city of Rafah. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> On 09 October 2009, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Rafah.