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"Israeli settlement Activities in the occupied State of Palestine during the Month of September 2023"

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Violations of the Israeli Occupation Army

- Israeli soldiers attacked Palestinian protestors, east of Gaza City, in the northern part of the besieged Gaza strip, shooting nine, and injuring dozens of others. Dozens of Palestinians gathered near eastern border of Gaza, east of Gaza City, along the so-called “security fence” which separates the Gaza Strip from Israel. Israeli forces, positioned along the fence opened fire at demonstrators who burned rubber tires and waved the flag of Palestine, in a non-violent display of their rejection of the continued crimes of the occupation. Soldiers fired live rounds, rubber-coated steel rounds, and tear gas canisters at the non-violent protestors, shooting and injuring at least nine, the Ministry of Health confirmed. At least one young man was shot with live ammunition in the leg, while eight others were shot with rubber-coated steel rounds, including one in the back. Dozens of other participants sustained inhalation injuries as a result of tear gas exposure. (IMEMC 1 September 2023)
- A large Israeli army unit stormed the village of Zibdeh, south of Jenin, raided several commercial shops, inspecting their surveillance cameras. Israeli forces stormed the said village, raiding several neighborhoods and commercial shops and checking their surveillance camera recordings. (Wafa 1 September 2023)
- Israeli forces attacked the weekly anti-settlement march in the village of Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia, in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, injuring dozens of Palestinians. Local Palestinians participated in the weekly procession, denouncing the ongoing Israeli colonization and settlement activities, and to demand the occupation authorities re-open the road that was closed in 2003. Soldiers positioned themselves at the entrance to the village and opened fire with rubber-coated steel rounds and tear gas canisters at demonstrators. At least seven young men were shot and injured with rubber-coated steel rounds, while dozens of others suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 1 September 2023)
- Israeli forces shot and killed, a young Palestinian man and injured three others during a military assault on the village of Aqaba, northwest of Tubas, in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank. The Palestinian Health Ministry has confirmed that the soldiers killed *Abdul-Rahim Fayez Ghannam*, 36, after shooting him with live rounds in the head. His death came after many military vehicles invaded Aqaba and surrounded a home while firing live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades. The soldiers shot four young men, including the slain man, with live fire and two with rubber-coated steel bullets, in addition to causing many to suffer bruises and the effects of tear gas inhalation. A large army force infiltrated the village of Aqaba, besieged the home of Abdul-Raziq Mohammad Abu Arra, 51, where armed resistance fighters apparently sheltered, and fired missiles at the property, before abducting Abdul-Raziq’s son, Bakr Abu Arra, 30. The Israeli army also blocked ambulance crews and media outlets from reaching the invaded area, and fired live rounds at Palestinian ambulances, causes damage. (IMEMC 1 September 2023)

- Israeli navy ships attacked Palestinian fishing boats and chased them near the shores of Gaza City. Israeli navy ships fired many live rounds and rubber-coated steel bullets and used water cannons against the fishing boats on the Al-Waha and As-Sudaniyya shores, northwest of Gaza City. The Syndicate added that the navy tried to capsize the fishing boats before chasing them to the shore. The Navy fired sporadic rounds of live ammunition and rubber-coated steel bullets at fishing boats in the Al-Waha area, wounding one fisherman with a rubber-coated steel bullet. (IMEMC 2 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation naval vessels attacked Palestinian fishing boats while operating this mooring a few miles off the coasts of Gaza City. The Israeli naval forces indiscriminately opened fire and launched tear gas canisters toward the fishing boats that were operating off Al-Sudaniya coast in Gaza City. The occupation navy also aimed their water hoses towards the fishermen and attempted to sink their boats. (WAFA 2 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot two Palestinians in Kufur Qaddoum town, east of Qalqilia, in the occupied West Bank's northwestern part. Several army jeeps invaded the town, leading to protests, especially around the local Omar Bin Al-Khattab Mosque. They added that the soldiers shot two young men with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused many Palestinians to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 2 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces seized a Palestinian-owned bulldozer in the town of Taqou, east of Bethlehem, in the southern occupied West Bank. A military force stormed an area in the western part of the town and seized a bulldozer that was working on leveling ground for the construction of a building owned by a local resident. (WAFA 3 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces seized an agricultural tractor in Quwaiwis area in Masafer Yatta, south of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. The occupation forces seized an agricultural tractor owned by local resident Saeed Awad in the said area, near the Batum people in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron. It is worth noting that the occupation forces are tightening their measures against citizens and their property in Masafer Yatta, to push them to leave the area in favor of settlement expansion. (WAFA 3 September 2023)
- The Israeli occupation police confiscated Palestinian curriculum textbooks from students while they were heading to their school located inside the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City. The police stopped the children, searched their schoolbags, and seized the books published by the Palestinian Ministry of Education taught for years as part of the Palestinian curriculum claiming also the books had a Palestinian flag printed on them. The police seized a few days ago school books while they were being sent to a private school that teaches the Palestinian curriculum in the Old City and arrested the driver of the vehicle that was transporting the books and one of the school employees. The seizure of books was denounced by Palestinians as a new racist attack on Palestinian schools and curricula, stressing the right of people under occupation to choose their own

- curricula according to what is guaranteed to them by international conventions. (Wafa 4 September 2023)
- Israeli forces attacked the Jenin refugee camp, in the northern occupied West Bank, shot and injured six Palestinians, and abducted three, two of whom were injured. Israeli undercover unit infiltrated, the city of Jenin and its refugee camp, driving a civilian vehicle with Palestinian licence plates, snuck into the “Jabriyat” area of the refugee camp, and besieged a Palestinian-owned home. Local Palestinians spotted the undercover unit, protested the army presence, and sirens were set off to alert others of the invasion. Armed Palestinian resistance fighters engaged in a fierce exchange of fire with the attacking Israeli forces. Shortly afterward, a large Israeli army force stormed the camp, accompanied by at least 40 military vehicles, including bulldozers, while helicopters and drones flew overhead. (MEMC 4 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers shot two young Palestinian men with live fire and caused many schoolgirls to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron in the occupied West Bank’s southern part. Several army jeeps invaded the Aseeda area in the town, leading to protests before the soldiers fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs. Two young men were taken to a hospital after the soldiers shot them with live rounds in their legs. The soldiers also fired many gas bombs near the nearby Zahrat El-Madaen school for girls, causing many schoolgirls to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. (MEMC 5 September 2023)
 - A Palestinian youth, identified as Ayed Samih Abu Harb, 21, was killed during an Israeli army assault on Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarm, which left heavy destruction in the infrastructure in the camp and city. Harb was shot in the head and declared dead at Thabet Thabet Government Hospital in Tulkarm. Another youth was shot by a live bullet in the upper left side of his body which caused him to fall and hit his head hard on the ground resulting in hemorrhaging in the brain. The youth was later declared in stable condition. A large Israeli occupation army forces raided Nur Shams refugee camp at dawn and broke into a number of homes. Army bulldozers, that accompanied the forces, destroyed the main street adjacent to the entrance to the camp, which is considered a main road that links the city of Tulkarm to several towns east of the governorate and the Nablus governorate, and destroyed a number of vehicles and shops in the area. Violent confrontations broke out between the camp’s youths and the occupation soldiers, who fired live bullets and toxic gas bombs at them, as bullets struck the windows of homes, a mosque, and a health clinic. (Wafa 5 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian teenage boy near the Zubeidat town, north of Jericho, in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank. The slain teen has been identified as Mohammad Yousef Ismael Zubeidat, 17, a high school student at the Zubeidat Secondary School in Jericho. The soldiers chased Mohammad in a Plam Farm near the village and shot him before closing the area and preventing Palestinian medics from reaching him. The army later informed the Palestinian

General Authority of Civil Affairs that Mohammad has died from his wounds. (IMEMC 5 September 2023)

- Dozens of girls suffered from tear gas inhalation fired by Israeli soldiers at their school in the town of Beit Ummar, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. The soldiers shot tear gas canisters at Zahrat al-Madayen Elementary School for Girls while the students were in their classrooms causing panic and fear while many of them suffered from gas inhalation and suffocation. Medics provided help to the girls and teachers at the location. (Wafa 5 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers invaded the Nur Shams refugee camp east of Tulkarem in the occupied West Bank's northwestern part, killed a young Palestinian man, and seriously injured another. The soldiers killed a young man, identified as *Ayed Sameeh Abu Harb*, 21, after shooting him with live fire in the head and added that the soldiers also seriously injured another Palestinian. It is worth mentioning that Ayed was named after his uncle, who was killed 22 years ago during an exchange of fire with Israeli soldiers invading Tulkarem. The attacks started when a large military force, including several armored vehicles and bulldozers, invaded the refugee camp, especially the Al-Mahjar neighborhood, before the soldiers stormed and ransacked many homes and deployed sharpshooters on rooftops. The military bulldozers destroyed the Nablus Road at the main entrance of the refugee camp and smashed several parked cars in the Al-Mahjar neighborhood. Many Palestinians protested the invasion and hurled stones at the invading military force while the soldiers fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs. (IMEMC 5 September 2023)
- A Palestinian youth was shot and injured by Israeli forces' fire near the village of al-Zbaidat to the north of Jericho. Israeli forces stormed the said village, chased after the youth, whose identity remains unidentified until the moment, and opened fire at him, shooting and injuring him. Forces also stopped and searched Palestinian-registered vehicles, checking their identity cards. (Wafa 5 September 2023)
- Vast areas of land in the village of Burqa to the east of Ramallah city caught fire from the Israeli army firing of flare bombs. Israeli forces fired flare bombs into Palestinian land in the said village, setting fire to vast areas of land. (Wafa 6 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers caused many Palestinians to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation in Sebastia town, northwest of Nablus, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. Several military jeeps invaded the town to accompany illegal colonizers to the archeological area after closing it to the Palestinians, leading to protests. Azem added that the soldiers fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at the protesters and surrounding areas, causing many Palestinians, including schoolchildren, to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 7 September 2023)
- For the eighth day in a row, Palestinian farmers from the village of Akaba, north of Tulkarm, have been denied the right to reach their lands beyond the separation wall

- after the Israeli occupation forces continue to close the gate in the separation barrier. The occupation forces closed the gate a week ago, without giving a reason, and prevented workers and farmers who depend for their living on agriculture from reaching their lands behind the barrier, which exacerbated their suffering, especially with the arrival of olive harvest season. (Wafa 7 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation naval vessels attacked Palestinian fishing boats while operating a few miles off the coasts of Gaza City. The Israeli naval forces indiscriminately opened fire and launched tear gas canisters toward the fishing boats that were operating off Al-Sudaniya coast in Gaza City. The Israeli attack forced the fishermen to flee to the shore for their safety. Israeli naval forces frequently target Palestinian fishermen off the Gaza Strip, depriving them of their livelihood sources under safe and secure conditions. These attacks have become a daily occurrence, leaving the fishing community in constant fear and uncertainty. (Wafa 7 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers shot a young Palestinian man and abducted six in the Deheishe refugee camp, south of Bethlehem, Doha town, west of the city, and al-Asakra area, east of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank. Several armored Israeli military jeeps invaded the refugee camp before the soldiers stormed, ransacked many homes, and abducted three Palestinians. The soldiers abducted Amer Daraghma, 43, Suleiman Haitham Mizhir, 21, and Wisam Abdul-Rahman. Many Palestinians protested the invasion and hurled stones at the army jeeps before the soldiers shot a young man with a live round in the leg. The soldiers also fired gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. In Doha town, west of Bethlehem, the soldiers abducted Mohammad Nader Hmeid, 19, and Taqeyeddin Saleh Manasra, 26. In Al-Asakra area, east of Bethlehem, the soldiers abducted Ali Karim Kamel Asakra, 18, from his home. (IMEMC 7 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers fired many flares near Burqa village, east of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank's central part, causing fire in large areas of agricultural lands. The soldiers installed a military roadblock at the village entrance, stopped and searched dozens of cars, and interrogated scores of Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. The soldiers fired many flares, causing a fire in large areas of agricultural lands. The soldiers also stopped and searched dozens of cars at the military roadblock at the northern entrance of Al-Biereh city before searching many cars. In Hebron, in the southern part of the West Bank, the soldiers smashed Palestinian cars parked in the Qibba area. The soldiers also chased many Palestinians, including children, in the area, causing many children to suffer anxiety attacks before forcing the Palestinians to leave the streets. (IMEMC 7 September 2023)
 - Last night, Israeli occupation forces broke into the Bab al-Rahma Prayer Hall, located within the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem, causing extensive damage. The witnesses reported that Israeli occupation forces stormed the prayer hall, conducted searches, and vandalized parts of its contents while

confiscating other items. For years, Israeli occupation authorities have been targeting the Bab al-Rahma Prayer Hall in an attempt to take control over it and convert it into a Jewish synagogue. This is part of the broader agenda by the Israeli occupation to impose a Jewish character over the Al-Aqsa Mosque, considered the third holiest site for Muslims after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia. (Wafa 8 September 2023)

- Israeli occupation naval forces chased Palestinian fishing boats off the coast of Khan Yunis and Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, intensifying the daily hardships faced by Palestinian fishermen in the Israeli-besieged enclave. Israeli naval vessels chased after the fishing boats, firing shots in their direction and releasing sewage water hoses towards them, forcing the fishermen to return to the shore. No reported injuries were reported among the fishermen. (Wafa 8 September 2023)
- Israeli navy ships fired many live rounds at Palestinian fishing boats near the shores of the northern part of the Gaza Strip. The navy ships fired live rounds and high-velocity gas bombs at the Palestinian fishing boats west of the Al-Waha and As-Sudaniyya areas in northern Gaza. The attacks did not lead to casualties but forced the fishermen to leave without being able to fish to provide for their families. (IMEMC 8 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces shot and killed, a Palestinian child at the entrance to the Al-Aroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank, the Ministry of Health confirmed. Palestinian youths protested the Israeli military presence, prompting soldiers to open fire at Palestinian youths with live ammunition and tear gas canisters. Israeli soldiers stationed in a military tower at the entrance to the Al-Aroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, shot and critically injured a 16-year-old Palestinian child in the back with a live round and caused dozens of Palestinian youths to sustain inhalation injuries from tear gas exposure. A child was critically injured by live bullets in the back and chest, and its crews performed resuscitation efforts during the transfer to Al-Yamamah Hospital in Bethlehem. Doctors at the hospital pronounced the child, identified as *Milad Monther Al-Ra'ey*, 16, deceased, as a result of a critical gunshot wound, and the Ministry of Health confirmed. (IMEMC 9 September 2023)
- A Palestinian woman was shot and mildly injured, apparently by shrapnel of a bullet fired by paramilitary Israeli colonizers, in the courtyards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem, in the West Bank. The woman, 65, was injured in the shoulder near the Al-Qibli Mosque in the Al-Aqsa compound. The shot came from a house overlooking Al-Aqsa and illegally occupied by the paramilitary colonizers. The woman was sitting in the courtyard of Al-Aqsa, in an area between the Al-Magharba Gate and the Al-Qibli Mosque. She was treated at the scene before being moved to the Al-Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem for further treatment and was later taken to an Israeli police station before the Israeli police initiated a probe into the incident. Also Friday, Israeli soldiers invaded the Bab Ar-Rahma Mosque in Al-Aqsa, forced the worshippers out, and caused serious damage. (IMEMC 9 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers attacked the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia, in the occupied West Bank's northwestern part. The Palestinians marched from the center of the town carrying Palestinian flags and chanting for ongoing resistance until liberation and independence. Israeli soldiers attacked the protesters with gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets. The soldiers shot three Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused dozens to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 9 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers abducted two Palestinians and injured many near Tulkarem, in the occupied West Bank's northwestern part. The soldiers invaded Saida town near Tulkarem, searched homes, and abducted a young man, Hani Rasem Al-Ashqar. They added that the soldiers also abducted a former political prisoner, Mahamoud Fawwaz Sarris, from the Nur Shams refugee camp after stopping him at a military roadblock. In addition, the soldiers invaded Kafr Romman village, east of Tulkarem, leading to protests, and fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing many Palestinians to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. During the invasion, the soldiers stormed, searched several homes, and occupied rooftops to use as monitoring towers and firing posts. (IMEMC 9 September 2023)
- Israeli forces shot and injured five Palestinian youths with live rounds, at the entrance to the Al-Aroub refugee camp, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. Israeli forces, stationed at the entrance to the Al-Aroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank, shot and injured five Palestinian youths who protested the army presence. Local Palestinians hurled rocks at soldiers, who fired live rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters at them, shooting and injuring five citizens in their lower extremities, with live ammunition. The two of the injured young men were treated at the scene, while three were transported to a health center for further medical treatment. (IMEMC 10 September 2023)
- The Israeli Navy carried out several attacks against Palestinian fishermen, abducting two fishermen, while the army opened fire at Palestinian farmers. The Israeli Navy warships opened fire with machine guns, towards Palestinian fishermen who were sailing off the southern coast of Gaza, west of Rafah. The fishermen were forced to return to shore for fear of injury or death, and abandon their work, which is their only means of income. No injuries were reported. East of Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers, stationed along the border between Gaza and Israel, opened live fire, at Palestinian-owned farm lands. Farmers working on their land at the time, were compelled to abandon their work, for fear of injury or death. There were no injuries reported. (IMEMC 10 September 2023)
- The Israeli navy attacked Palestinian fishing boats near the shore of Rafah, in the southern part of the besieged Gaza Strip, shot one fisherman, and abducted two. The navy ships fired many live rounds at the Palestinian fishing boats west of the Rafah port. Bakr added that the navy shot a fisherman, Hasan Miqdad, with a

rubber-coated steel bullet and abducted two, Nafeth Ramadan Salah and Moneeb Mahmoud Ishkanitna. (IMEMC 11 September 2023)

- In Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank's central part, the soldiers abducted Badruddin Saleh Az-Zaq, 20, from his home in the Al-Mazra'a al-Gharbiyya town northwest of the city. Badruddin's father, Saleh Az-Zaq, said his son was still receiving treatment and rehabilitation after the soldiers shot him with live fire a year earlier. The soldiers also invaded the Al-Masayef neighborhood in Ramallah, leading to protests, and fired several live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs. (IMEMC 11 September 2023)
- In occupied Jerusalem, the soldiers invaded Jabal Al-Mokabber town and abducted Mahmoud Zahaika, in addition to Mahran Ammar Humaidan and Mahmoud Mashour Mansour, after storming and ransacking their homes in Biddu town, north of the city. (IMEMC 11 September 2023)
- In Jenin, in the northern West Bank, the soldiers stormed and searched several homes and abducted a young man, Abdullah Sadeeq Zakarna, from his home in the Al-Bayader area in the city's eastern neighborhood. (IMEMC 11 September 2023)
- In Qalqilia, in the occupied West Bank's northwestern part, the soldiers invaded Azzoun town, east of the city, searched homes, and abducted two siblings, Majd and Dia' Enaya Hussein, in their twenties. (IMEMC 11 September 2023)
- Israeli military jeeps invaded the Aqabat Jaber refugee camp south of Jericho in the occupied West Bank northeastern part, shot two Palestinian children, abducted a young man, and caused damage to many cars and homes. The soldiers stormed and ransacked many homes, causing damage, and also detonated the main door of one home before storming it. The soldiers conducted violent searches of the invaded homes and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards before abducting a young man, Mohammad Hmeidat Sahriyya, and a child, Abdul-Rahman Omar Hanafiyya, 16. Many Palestinians protested the invasion and violations before the soldiers fired live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs. Some of the Israeli gas bombs and live rounds struck homes, causing property damage. The soldiers shot two children live fire in their lower extremities before the medics rushed them to a hospital in Jericho. Furthermore, the soldiers damaged, including serious fire damage, to many Palestinian cars in the refugee camp. (IMEMC 11 September 2023)
- A fisherman was shot and injured by a rubber bullet fired by an Israeli navy boat off Rafah's coast in the south of the Gaza Strip and two others were detained. The Israeli occupation gunboats opened machine gun fire toward fishermen's boats and surrounded a fishing boat east of Rafah port before detaining two fishermen, the official of the fishermen's committees in Gaza, Zakaria Bakr. The navy also shot a fisherman with a rubber-coated metal bullet when he was on another boat. (Wafa 11 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers injured several Palestinians in Beita town and abducted one at the Za'tara military roadblock, south of Nablus, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. Several army jeeps invaded Beita, leading to protests before the soldiers fired rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades. Palestinians were treated for the effects of tear gas inhalation, cuts, and bruises. Furthermore, the soldiers abducted Samir Yousef Sawafta, 49, from Tubas in the northeastern West Bank, after stopping him at the Za'tara military roadblock, south of Nablus, while heading back home from Ramallah in the central West Bank. In Jenin, in the northern West Bank, the soldiers installed roadblocks on the Jenin-Nablus Road, Arraba town junction, Wad Da'ouq area, and between Sanour and Jaba' towns before stopping and searching dozens of cars and interrogating many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 13 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers assaulted and injured a young Palestinian man while detaining him at the Tayasir military roadblock east of Tubas in the northeastern West Bank. The soldiers detained Abdul-Khaleq Abu Zeina at the roadblock and repeatedly assaulted him. They added that the Palestinians suffered cuts and bruises before Palestinian medics rushed to the scene and moved him to a hospital. The incident occurred when the soldiers detained several Palestinians at the roadblock while interrogating them and inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 13 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot a young Palestinian man on the Al-Mo'arrajat road between Ramallah and Jericho in the occupied West Bank before detaining him, the Maan News Agency has reported. While driving with his friends, the Palestinian, Mazen Ayman Samrat, 22, from Jericho, in the northeastern West Bank, was shot and detained by the soldiers who later took him to a hospital before being discharged. (IMEMC 13 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers abducted, 4 Palestinian young men, in the occupied West Bank, including one who was savagely assaulted. Israeli forces abducted *Muhammad Jamal Hanaysha*, 27, and *Yazid Iyad Hanaysha*, when they attempted to pass through the "Dotan" military roadblock, near Ya'bad town, west of Jenin, in the northern occupied West Bank. In the northern part of the West Bank, occupation soldiers stopped a Palestinian-owned vehicle, near the illegal "Kedumin" colony, east of Qalqilia, interrogated the driver, and abducted an *unidentified* Palestinian man. Israeli soldiers brutally assaulted, a Palestinian young man near the Damascus Gate (Bab al-Amoud) in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem. A Palestinian man, identified as *Ziad Abu Nab*, was beaten, kicked, and hit in the head with a glass bottle, by three armed Israeli soldiers, and subsequently abducted, despite requiring medical attention. (IMEMC 13 September 2023)
- Israeli troops stormed the city of Qalqilia, in the northwestern part of the West Bank, abducted four young men, and stole a sum of money. Soldiers broke into and searched the home of *Muhammad Ibrahim Abu Libdeh*, 26, and confiscated 6,000 shekels (\$1570 USD). After storming and searching their homes, Israeli forces

abducted *Wahib Abdel Karim Miskawi*, 18, in addition to the young men *Youssef* and his brother, *Islam Nofal*. (IMEMC 13 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers shot six Palestinians with live fire and gas bombs during processions near the perimeter fence in the eastern parts of the besieged Gaza Strip. The Palestinians marched on their lands near the fence, marking the eighteenth anniversary of the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. The residents carried Palestinian flags and chanted for ongoing resistance until liberation and independence. Israeli soldiers across the perimeter fence fired many live rounds and high-velocity gas bombs at the Palestinians. The soldiers injured six Palestinians, including a police officer, near the fence east of Gaza City. They added that some of the wounded were shot with live fire and that the police officer was shot with a high-velocity gas bomb in the head. (IMEMC 14 September 2023)
- A Palestinian man was slightly injured tonight in an Israeli artillery attack targeting the eastern part of al-Zaytoun neighborhood, east of Gaza City. The occupation's artillery stationed along the border fence east of al-Zaytoun neighborhood fired two missiles targeting a location east of the said neighborhood. A man was slightly injured during the attack and transferred to hospital for medical treatment. Israeli warplanes targeted the same location with several missiles shortly after, causing material and financial damage. (Wafa 15 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers abducted a young Palestinian man and confiscated his car at a military roadblock northwest of the occupied capital, Jerusalem, in the West Bank. The soldiers abducted Shadi Amira from Jabal Al-Mokabber town in Jerusalem while trying to cross the roadblock and confiscated his car. They added that Shadi, a Birzeit University student in Birzeit north of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, is also a former political prisoner. A week ago, the soldiers stormed Amira's family home and violently searched it, causing excessive damage. The soldiers also searched many cars and interrogated the Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 16 September 2023)
- Many Israeli military vehicles invaded Beita town, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, stormed and ransacked homes, and fired gas bombs, causing dozens of Palestinians, including one infant, to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. The army began the invasion shortly after midnight before the military vehicles isolated and invaded several neighborhoods. They added that the soldiers stormed and violently searched many homes, leading to excessive property damage. The soldiers fired gas bombs and concussion grenades randomly at many homes, causing dozens of suffocation injuries, including an infant who suffered the severe effects of tear gas inhalation. Also, dozens of military vehicles closed various streets and neighborhoods in the town while the soldiers imposed a tight siege, barring the Palestinians from entering or leaving it. (IMEMC 16 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers injured dozens of Palestinians in Nablus, Qalqilia, and Jenin, in the occupied West Bank. The soldiers shot four Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused dozens to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation in Qaryout

village, south of the city. The soldiers also shot two young men with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused dozens to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation in Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia city in the northwestern West Bank. (IMEMC 16 September 2023)

- Israeli forces injured dozens of Palestinians, including a photojournalist, at demonstrations held at different sites along the eastern border fence, in the besieged Gaza Strip. Palestinians held protests along the eastern border fence, east of Gaza City and Jabalia, in the north, and Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, to protest against the ongoing Israeli siege on Gaza, and in solidarity with Palestinians held in occupation prisons. Occupation soldiers stationed behind the separation fence, fired rubber-coated steel rounds and tear gas canisters at Palestinian youths, who burned rubber tires. The Ministry of Health confirmed that 12 people, including a Palestinian photojournalist, were shot and injured by rubber-coated steel rounds and tear gas canisters. Dozens of Palestinian youths who participated in the demonstration, sustained inhalation injuries from tear gas exposure. Israeli forces deliberately targeted photojournalist, Ashraf Abu Amra, shooting him in the hand with a tear gas canister, while he was covering the demonstration, east of Khan Younis. (IMEMC 16 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation tanks fired artillery shells, while military aircraft fired missiles at an alleged resistance site, east of Gaza City, along the eastern border of Gaza, causing damage and one injury. Israeli tanks fired, at least two artillery shells at a site near the eastern border of Gaza, east of Gaza City, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, causing a mild injury to one Palestinian. At least two artillery shells targeted lands located east of the “Al-Zaytoun” neighborhood, from occupation tanks positioned behind the border fence near the “Malka” site. One civilian was mildly injured and was transported to Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City for medical treatment. Shortly afterward, Israeli warplanes fired at least three missiles at the same site, causing damage, but no injuries. (IMEMC 16 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers assaulted two Palestinian women and one man near the Chain Gate leading to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the occupied Palestinian capital, Jerusalem, in the West Bank. Dozens of soldiers and police officers are deployed at all gates and alleys leading to the holy site to allow large groups of Israeli colonizers to tour in and around Al-Aqsa. They added that the soldiers assaulted two Palestinian women, Nafisa Khweiss and Aida Saidawi, and one man, Abu Bakr Shaimi, at the Chain gate for protesting the invasions of the holy site. The man suffered cuts and bleeding in the head. The soldiers were pushing the Palestinians away to remove them from the area, especially the gates leading to Al-Aqsa. It is worth mentioning that the police and the soldiers allowed dozens of colonizers into the Al-Aqsa Mosque courtyard after removing many Muslim worshippers. The Israeli colonizers also marched in various alleys and near the gates of Al-Aqsa before storming the holy site’s courtyards, while dozens remained gathered near the gates of Al-Aqsa. (IMEMC 17 September 2023)

- A fisherman and his son were injured by Israeli navy gunfire in the sea of Rafah Governorate, south of the Gaza Strip. The occupation naval soldiers opened fire on a fishing boat, approximately four nautical miles off the coast of Rafah, wounding them, after which they were taken to the hospital. (Wafa 18 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot a young Palestinian man at Mazmoria military roadblock, south of occupied Jerusalem in the West Bank, allegedly after attempting a stabbing attack. The soldiers shot the young man and left him bleeding on the ground while closing and isolating the area. Israeli medics were later called to the scene and treated the young man before he was taken away. The Palestinian was shot by an Israeli Border Guard officer when he reportedly pulled a knife and tried to stab the officers at the roadblock. (MEMC 18 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers injured many Palestinians, including journalists, and six young men whom the soldiers shot with live fire on Palestinian lands near the perimeter fence along the eastern areas of the besieged Gaza Strip. The soldiers shot six young men with live fire and three journalists with high-velocity gas bombs fired directly at them and caused many to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. Medics treated the wounded at the scene and moved several Palestinians to hospitals in Gaza, especially the Indonesian Hospital in Beit Lahia in northern Gaza and Abu Yousef Najjar Hospital in Rafah in southern Gaza. The Palestinians marched on their lands near the perimeter fence across the eastern parts of the Gaza Strip in solidarity with the Palestinian detainees and to condemn the escalating Israeli violations across occupied Palestine, including in and around Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem. (MEMC 18 September 2023)
- Israeli navy ships fired many live rounds at a Palestinian fishing boat in the southern part of the besieged Gaza Strip, wounding a father and his son. The father and son were fishing only four nautical miles from the Rafah shore. They added that the Navy fired many live rounds at them, moderately wounding them before moving them to a hospital in Rafah. The attack forced the fishermen in the area to leave and return to the shore in fear of further Israeli violations. (MEMC 18 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot two Palestinians and caused scores to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation along the eastern parts of the Gaza Strip. The Palestinians were marching on their lands across the perimeter fence along the northeastern, central, and southeastern parts of the coastal region when the army attacked them with live fire, rubber-coated steel bullets, and high-velocity gas bombs. The Palestinians were protesting the escalating Israeli violations, especially against the detainees, and in and around the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem. The soldiers also targeted journalists, paramedics, and ambulances east of Gaza City and east of Jabalia in northern Gaza. Two Palestinians were shot with live fire, and dozens suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation. (MEMC 18 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces fired gas bombs directly and intensely at ambulances and medical and press crews, east of Gaza City and the town of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip. Hundreds of Palestinians demonstrated near the border fence east of

- Gaza City and the town of Jabalia, rejecting the occupation's aggressive practices against Al-Aqsa Mosque and the prisoners. (Wafa 18 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers fired live rounds at several young Palestinian men, near Azzoun town, east of Qalqilia in the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, wounding one before abducting him. The soldiers fired live rounds at the young men near the western entrance of Azzoun, close to the Qalqilia-Nablus Road. They added that the soldiers shot a young man before abducting him; his name and the extent of his wounds remained unknown. Earlier Monday, the soldiers abducted two young men, Jihad Ali Bani Odah and Salah Taher Bani Odah, from Tammoun while heading to their work near Qalqilia. (IMEMC 19 September 2023)

 - Israeli occupation forces Tuesday turned the rooftop of a Palestinian-owned house in the village of Jalboun, east of the occupied West Bank city of Jenin, into a military observation point. A military force from the occupation army stormed Jalboun and raided the house of local resident Imad Fahmi Abu Al-Rub, turned its rooftop into an observation point and raised the Israeli flag. They also raided and ransacked the house of resident Fahmi Abu Al-Rub. The head of the village council, Ibrahim Abu Al-Rub. The occupation forces handed the owner of the three-story residential building a decision to seize the roof of the house on the third floor without specifying a time period before they set up a military tent and raised Israeli flags. He added that school hours were suspended, noting that citizens went out in solidarity with the building owners to denounce the occupation policy of seizing the rooftop of the house. (Wafa 19 September 2023)

 - Israeli soldiers caused dozens of schoolchildren to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation in Anata town, northeast of occupied Jerusalem in the West Bank. Several army jeeps invaded the town before heading to the schools' area. They added that the invasion led to protests before the soldiers fired a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades, causing dozens of schoolchildren to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. The schools had to remove the students from their classrooms and the school's yards due to the intensity of the gas bombs. (IMEMC 19 September 2023)

 - Israeli occupation forces attacked, Palestinian demonstrators at several sites along the eastern border of the besieged Gaza Strip, shooting four young men, and injuring dozens of others. Dozens of Palestinian youths gathered along the perimeter fence east of Gaza City and Jabalia, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, and east of Khan Younis, in the southern region. Occupation forces fired live rounds and tear gas canisters at Palestinians who gathered along the perimeter fence to express their rejection of the Israeli siege on Gaza, the attacks on Al-Aqsa, and the injustice against Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. At least four Palestinian young men were shot with live rounds, while dozens more suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. Soldiers deliberately fired tear gas canisters at Palestinian medics and journalists, in an attempt to prevent them from fulfilling their duties. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)

- Israeli forces invaded the town of Al-Ram, north of occupied Jerusalem, attacked Palestinian youths, and shot a Palestinian child. At the northern entrance to the town of Al-Ram, Palestinian youths protested the military incursion, while occupation forces fired live ammunition, rubber-coated steel rounds, concussion grenades, and tear gas canisters at them. Soldiers shot and injured a 15-year-old child, no additional details regarding the nature and severity of the wound was available at the time of writing this report. The Israeli army frequently uses excessive and lethal force against Palestinians who pose little or no threat to the lives of its soldiers. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)
- Undercover Israeli soldiers infiltrated the Aqabat Jaber refugee camp southwest of Jericho in the occupied West Bank's northeastern part, killed one Palestinian, and abducted two others. The undercover soldiers infiltrated the refugee camp before Israeli army jeeps invaded it to abduct Palestinians. They added that many Palestinians protested the invasion before the soldiers fired a barrage of live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs. The soldiers killed Dirgham Mohammad Yahia Al-Akhras, 19, after shooting him with a live round in the head. PRCS medics rushed Dirgham to Jericho governmental hospital where he was officially pronounced dead to the gunshot wound to the head. The army pushed more military vehicles into the refugee camp before the soldiers initiated massive and violent searches of homes, causing damage, and interrogated scores of Palestinians. The soldiers also abducted Yassin Marwan Hamdan and his uncle, Mohammad Hamdan, from their homes in the refugee camp. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)
- Several Israeli army jeeps invaded Jalboun village, east of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, and injured dozens of Palestinians. Israeli soldiers invaded the village, stormed and ransacked dozens of homes, and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. Many Palestinians protested the invasion before the soldiers fired a barrage of gas bombs and concussion grenades at them and many homes, causing scores of Palestinians to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. The soldiers also closed several streets leading to the village with sand barriers and occupied the rooftop of the home of Emad Fahmi Abu Ar-Rob, using it as a military post and monitoring tower after raising an Israeli flag on it. The Education Directorate in Jericho announced delaying the beginning of the school day until 9:30 to ensure the students' safety. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)
- The death of a young man whom Israeli soldiers shot and seriously injured after the army killed three Palestinians and injured at least thirty, some seriously. He is the fourth Palestinian the soldiers have killed in Jenin, in addition to one Palestinian the army killed near Khan Younis, in the southern part of the besieged Gaza Strip. The young man, Ata Yasser Ata Mousa, 29, from Marka village, south of Jenin, has succumbed to his serious wounds. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers killed one Palestinian and injured eleven during processions near the perimeter fence along the eastern parts of the besieged Gaza Strip. The soldiers

killed Yousef Salem Yousef Radwan, 25, from Bani Soheila town, east of Khan Younis, in the Gaza Strip's southern part. The Health Ministry added the soldiers killed Yousef after shooting him with a live round to the head and injured eleven Palestinians, including one who suffered life-threatening wounds. Two Palestinians were rushed to the Shifa Hospital, west of Gaza City, and several others suffered the effects of tear gas inhalation. In Jabalia, in northern Gaza, the soldiers shot a Palestinian with live fire east of the Abu Safiyya area, east of Jabalia, before he was rushed to the Indonesian Hospital in nearby Beit Lahia. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers killed three Palestinians, including a child, and injured at least thirty in the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank governorate of Jenin. The Palestinian Health Ministry has confirmed three deaths and more than thirty injuries and added that the soldiers also attacked medics and ambulances while trying to reach the wounded. The Health Ministry officially identified the slain Palestinians as Mahmoud Ali Nafe' Saadi, 23, Mahmoud Khaled Ar'arawi, 24, and Rafat Omar Khamayseh, 15. The soldiers also injured at least thirty Palestinians, including a few who suffered serious wounds. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)
- Israeli forces injured, several Palestinians near Tulkarem, in the northwestern part of the West Bank, and others near Jericho, in the northeastern West Bank. In the northwestern part of the occupied West Bank, Israeli forces stormed the town of Anabta, east of Tulkarem, sparking protests among Palestinian youths. Soldiers opened fire with live rounds and tear gas canisters at the youths and shops on the main street of the town, causing dozens of Palestinians to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. Dozens of illegal Israeli colonizers, under the full protection of the occupation army, blocked the main street of the town of Al-Auja, north of Jericho, in the northeastern part of the West Bank. A large group of settlers closed the main street in the town, known as "Street 90" and marched carrying the occupation flag. Meanwhile, occupation forces invaded the Ein Sultan refugee camp, northwest of Jericho in the northeastern West Bank, which triggered protests among local Palestinian youths. Israeli forces opened fire with tear gas canisters at those who opposed the military incursion, injuring a number of them. (IMEMC 21 September 2023)
- Israeli forces shot, two Palestinians during non-violent demonstrations along the eastern border of the besieged Gaza Strip, and caused a number of others to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. Hundreds of Palestinian youths gathered at separate areas along the eastern border of Gaza to protest the siege of Gaza, and in support of Al-Aqsa, and Palestinian prisoners inside occupation prisons. In the northern part of the Gaza Strip, Palestinian youths gathered along the perimeter fence east of Gaza City and Jabalia, while others gathered to the east of Khan Younis and Rafah in the southern part. Israeli forces, positioned in armored vehicles behind the separation fence, opened fire with live rounds and tear gas canisters at the unarmed Palestinian demonstrators. At least two young men were shot with live rounds, one of whom was seriously injured, while others sustained inhalation

injuries as a result of tear gas exposure. The Palestinian Ministry of Health announced the arrival of a critical gunshot wound to the Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza City. Shehab News correspondent reported that soldier shot a 19-year-old Palestinian citizen of Beit Lahia in the back with live ammunition. (IMEMC 21 September 2023)

- A large Israeli military force invaded Tubas city in the northeastern West Bank and tried to abduct a young man before exchanging fire with Palestinian resistance fighters. Many military vehicles, supported by drones, invaded Tubas after advancing from the Tayasir military roadblock and surrounded several neighborhoods. The soldiers then invaded homes and attempted to abduct a Palestinian man who managed to escape. The soldiers interrogated the man's mother, 62, after failing to locate her son, causing her blood pressure to elevate dangerously, before Palestinian medics were called to the home and provided her with the essential first aid she needed. (IMEMC 21 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces broke into Izzariyeh Elementary School for Girls, east of Jerusalem, and caused heavy damage to the property. The teachers and students were shocked by the volume of damage caused to the school in the raid, during which the soldiers blew up doors, searched the classrooms, and seized CCTV cameras, destroying some and causing heavy damage to property. The Palestinian Ministry of Education condemned the army vandalism of the school property, considering it a blatant violation of human rights and the right of children to a safe and secure education. It said it shows the difficult conditions experienced by students and teachers in occupied Jerusalem and its suburbs as a result of the war waged by the occupation forces against educational institutions. (Wafa 21 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers invaded the Al-Jalazoun refugee camp north of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, shot a young man, and abducted two. Several military vehicles invaded the refugee camp before the soldiers stormed and ransacked homes. They added that the soldiers abducted two young men, Tareq Mohannad Zobeidi and Ahmad Hisham Elian, from their homes. Many Palestinians protested the invasion before the soldiers fired live rounds, wounding a young man in the leg. (IMEMC 21 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers attacked a funeral procession of a man in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron in the occupied West Bank's southern part, causing several injuries. Eyewitnesses said the Palestinians were carrying a deceased man to the local cemetery after holding his funeral ceremony at a local mosque when the soldiers attacked them. The soldiers fired many gas bombs and concussion grenades at the mourners, causing many to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation. The attack took place near the local cemetery close to the town's main entrance, where Israeli soldiers are constantly deployed and frequently attack funeral processions. (IMEMC 21 September 2023)

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- Israeli forces shot and injured, 31 Palestinians, including a child, along the separation fence, on the eastern borders of the besieged Gaza Strip. Dozens of Palestinians gathered along the separation fence, east of Gaza City and Jabalia, in the north, east of the Bureij refugee camp in the central part of Gaza, and east of Khan Younis, in the south. Israeli forces, stationed inside military barracks, and armored vehicles, along the separation fence, and fired many live rounds and tear gas canisters at the Palestinian youths. At least 30 citizens were shot with live rounds, one child was shot in the thigh with a tear gas canister, east of Jabalia, while dozens sustained inhalation injuries as a result of tear gas exposure. The injured child was transported to the Indonesian Hospital in Jabalia for medical treatment. Dozens of youths gathered along the border fence, which separates the Gaza Strip from Israel, burned tires, and hurled rocks at the Israeli army. (IMEMC 22 September 2023)
- At least three Palestinians were shot and injured with rubber-coated steel bullets as Israeli forces suppressed the weekly anti-settlement march in Kafr Qaddoum village to the north of Qalqilia. Israeli occupation forces attacked the march and residents' homes with live ammunition and rubber-coated metal bullets, shooting and injuring three youths with rubber rounds. They were all treated at the scene. (WAFSA 22 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers killed a young Palestinian man after the army invaded Kafr Dan town, west of Jenin, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. The soldiers killed Abdullah Emad Abu Al-Hasan, 16, from Al-Yamoun town, west of Jenin, after shooting him with a live round in the abdomen. Abdullah suffered a very serious injury due to the gunshot wound to the abdomen and succumbed to his wounds shortly after he was injured. (IMEMC 22 September 2023)
- Israeli forces shot six Palestinian young men, injured dozens more, and abducted one, after besieging a Palestinian-owned home in the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The army invaded the Rafidia neighborhood in the western part of the city, and besieged a Palestinian-owned home where a leader of the armed resistance group, the "Lion's Den" was present. Israeli occupation forces fired missiles at the home, in addition to firing many live rounds, rubber-coated steel rounds, and tear gas canisters at local Palestinians who protested the incursion. Dozens of Palestinian young men hurled rocks at the armored vehicles, while resistance fighters exchanged fire with the army, and employed crude explosive devices against the armored vehicles. (IMEMC 22 September 2023)

- Israeli warplanes attacked two locations east and southeast of Gaza city, injuring a Palestinian man and causing damage. An unmanned aircraft targeted with at least two missiles a location to the east of city, causing injuries to a Palestinian, which necessitated his transfer to hospital for treatment, and material damage at the site. Israeli tanks also shelled a location east of Juhor ad-Dik area, south east of Gaza city. No injuries were reported in the attack. An unmanned aircraft further bombed with at least one missile the same location shortly after the tanks' attack. (Wafa 22 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers injured, dozens of Palestinians who confronted illegal Israeli colonizers, and abducted two young men from Karma village, southwest of Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank. Israeli soldiers stormed Karma village, south of Hebron, in the southern part of the occupied West Bank, abducted two Palestinians, and injured dozens of others. A number of armed illegal Israeli colonizers from the nearby “Otniel” colony, were setting up tents on Palestinian-owned lands, when local Palestinian citizens confronted them. A large number of occupation forces invaded the village, and fired many tear gas canisters at Palestinians who resisted the incursion. He added that dozens of local Palestinian citizens sustained inhalation injuries as a result of tear gas exposure, and at least 50 olive trees caught fire due to the barrage of tear gas canisters. Israeli forces abducted the lawyer, *Hisham Mahmoud Abu Sheikha* and *Hazem Nasser Abu Sheikha*. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot and injured four Palestinian young men with live ammunition, and injured dozens of others, during demonstrations along the separation fence, in the eastern regions of the besieged Gaza Strip. Hundreds of Palestinian young men flocked, to sites near the separation fence east of Gaza City, in the northern part of Gaza, east of Khan Younis and Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers positioned in military barracks and armored military vehicles fired many live rounds and tear gas canisters at demonstrators who burned rubber tires, waved Palestinian flags, and chanted nationalistic slogans. Israeli forces shot four young men with live rounds, and dozens more suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. The army targeted medics and journalists with tear gas canisters. The army fired showered demonstrators with live rounds, tear gas canisters, and concussion grenades, claiming that protestors hurled explosive devices at them. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
- Two Palestinian men were injured last night and their car damaged when Israeli soldiers manning a checkpoint on the outskirts of the town of Beit Iksa, northwest of occupied Jerusalem, suddenly raised the hydraulic steel retractable barriers once the car was passing over them causing it to crash. The occupation forces raised the barriers under the car on purpose and without any reason to cause it to crash. As a result, two men in the car were injured and required treatment. The car was seriously damaged as well. (Wafa 23 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers assaulted and injured a young Palestinian man in Huwwara town, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and prevented Palestinian medics from reaching him before later allowing them to take him to the hospital. The

- soldiers stopped a young man in Huwwara before repeatedly assaulting him, causing many cuts and bruises. Jibril added that PRCS medics rushed to the area, but the soldiers refused to allow them to reach the wounded man; however, the medics refused to leave until they were allowed to take the Palestinian to Rafidia hospital in Nablus. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot two Palestinians near Zabbouba town, west of Jenin, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. The soldiers shot the two young men with live fire, inflicting moderate wounds before Palestinian medics rushed them to Ibn Sina Specialized Hospital in Jenin. The two Palestinians, from Zabbouba town, were shot in the lower extremities. The two young men were shot during protests after the army invaded Palestinian lands near the illegal Annexation Wall. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
 - The Israeli occupation carried out airstrikes and artillery shelling of sites in the eastern regions of Gaza, injuring one Palestinian, and causing damage. One Palestinian citizen was injured when an Israeli reconnaissance drone fired two missiles at a resistance observatory, east of Gaza City, in the northern part of the besieged Gaza Strip. The wounded citizen was transported to Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza City, for medical treatment. The nature and severity of the injury was not known at the time of writing this report. The airstrike caused damage to the observation site, used by the Palestinian resistance movement in the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, Israeli tanks fired artillery shells at a site east of the "Juhr al-Dik" area, southeast of Gaza City, and later another drone fired one missile at the same site. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
 - Israeli occupation forces invaded Jalboun village, east of Jenin, in the northern occupied West Bank, sparking protests among local Palestinian youths. Israeli soldiers stormed the village, and fired concussion grenades and tear gas canisters at Palestinians who protested the incursion. No injuries were reported. The army infiltrated the villages of Faquq'a, northeast of Jenin, Beit Abu Da'if, and Beit Qad to the east of the city, in addition to the villages of Araqah, Tura, and Nazlet Zaid to the west. In related news, Israeli forces, for the second time in one week, occupied, the rooftop of a Palestinian-owned home, in the village of Jalboun, using it as a military observation tower. The occupation forces invaded the two-storey home belonging to Khaled Abu Al-Rub, and took over the rooftop, using it as a military post, and raising an occupation flag. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
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- Israeli occupation forces shot a number of Palestinians, including children, with live rounds and tear gas canisters, and caused dozens more to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation, along the separation fence, on the eastern border of Gaza. Hundreds of Palestinian young men and teens, gathered near the separation fence, east of Jabalia in the northern part of Gaza and east of the Bureij refugee camp in the central part of the besieged Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers, positioned in military barracks and armored military vehicles, fired many live rounds and tear gas canisters at Palestinian demonstrators, who burned rubber tires and carried the flag of Palestine. Shehab News correspondent reported that occupation forces shot five Palestinians, including at least two children, with live rounds, while two young men were shot with tear gas canisters. They were transported to hospital for medical intervention. Dozens of other demonstrators sustained inhalation injuries as a result of tear gas exposure, and were treated at the scene by local medics. (IMEMC 24 September 2023)
- Israeli reconnaissance aircraft targeted a resistance site east of the Bureij refugee camp, in central Gaza, and another site in the northern besieged Gaza Strip, between Jabalia and Beit Hanoun. Occupation drones (unmanned aerial vehicles) fired at least three missiles at an observation tower, belonging to the Hamas resistance movement, east of the Bureij refugee camp, in the center of Gaza. An Israeli drone bombed another site in the northern Gaza Strip, between Jabalia and Beit Hanoun. The missiles caused material damage at the sites, but no human casualties were reported. This is the third consecutive day that Israeli occupation forces have targeted resistance sites in the besieged Gaza Strip. (IMEMC 24 September 2023)
- Earlier Sunday, more than fifty Israeli military vehicles invaded Birzeit University in Birzeit city, north of the central West Bank city of Ramallah, before the soldiers stormed and ransacked buildings and students' dorms and assaulted campus guards before abducting eight students. The soldiers invaded the university campus, stormed several buildings, especially students' dorms, and violently searched them, causing excessive damage, before abducting eight students. The soldiers assaulted and detained university security guards and took their mobile phones and communication devices before storming several buildings, in addition to detonating the door of the students' senate before invading and ransacking it. The abducted students are the head of the Students' Senate, former political prisoner Abdul-Majid Hasan from Deir as-Sudan town, northwest of Ramallah, Omar Khalil and Mahmoud Nakhla from the Al-Jalazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah, Yahia Farah from Doura Al-Qare village northeast of Ramallah, Ahmad Oweidat from the Al-Arroub refugee camp, north of Hebron, Mohammad Najm, Hasan Alwan and Abdullah Abu Qayyas, from Jenin in the northern West Bank. (IMEMC 24 September 2023)
- Earlier Sunday, many Israeli military vehicles invaded Nur Shams refugee camp east of Tulkarem in the occupied West Bank's northwestern part before the soldiers fatally shot two Palestinians in their heads. **Update:** The Palestinian Health Ministry has confirmed that the soldiers killed *Abdul-Rahman Suleiman Abu*

Daghash, 32, after shooting him with a live round in the head. Palestinian medics rushed him to the Thabet Hospital in Tulkarem, where he was officially pronounced dead. Palestine TV has reported that the armored military vehicles, including at least two D9 bulldozers, caused excessive damage to the refugee camp, including bulldozing and destroying streets, alleys, cars, homes, shops, and infrastructure, including electricity networks and water pipelines. The bulldozers first started by destroying the main street leading to the refugee camp, and is also the entrance of Tulkarem city, linking it with Jenin and Nablus. Shortly after the army invaded the refugee camp, the soldiers killed *Osaid Farhan Abu Ali (Jab'awi)*, 21, after shooting him with a live round to the head. The young man was rushed to the medical center but succumbed to his serious wounds and that the soldiers also shot another Palestinian in the head and prevented Palestinian medics from reaching him. Palestine TV stated that Israeli military vehicles tried to ram a Palestinian ambulance while trying to reach Osaid to provide lifesaving first aid and move him to a hospital. The soldiers prevented the medics from reaching Osaid while he was bleeding, but the medics insisted to perform their duties and took the Palestinian to the hospital where he was officially pronounced dead. (IMEMC 24 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers shot two Palestinians during the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia, in the northwestern West Bank. The Palestinians were holding the weekly procession and marching in their town when the soldiers invaded it and attacked the protesters with live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades. They added that the soldiers shot two young men with rubber-coated steel bullets in their legs. Kufur Qaddoum is subject to constant Israeli violations and invasions by the soldiers and the paramilitary colonizers. (IMEMC 24 September 2023)
- Israeli forces shot, one Palestinian young man, and caused dozens of youths to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation, along the separation fence, on the eastern border of the besieged Gaza Strip. Many Palestinian young men and children gathered along the security fence, east of Gaza City and Jabalia in northern Gaza, while others gathered east of Rafah and Khan Younis, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. Palestinian youths burned rubber tires, raised the Palestinian flag, and detonated at least one crude explosive device on the security fence. Israeli soldiers, positioned in military barracks and armored military vehicles, fired many live rounds and tear gas canisters at Palestinian demonstrators. Israeli forces shot one young man the foot with live ammunition, while others sustained inhalation injuries from tear gas exposure. All injuries were treated at the scene by local medics. (IMEMC 25 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers conducted live-fire military drills in the Khirbat Al-Farisiyya Bedouin Community in the occupied West Bank's Northern Plains. The army started the training in the early morning hours, using live ammunition and dozens of soldiers in large areas. They added that the soldiers were deployed in several

areas around the Bedouin community and were conducting various simulations using live fire. (IMEMC 27 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers shot, 11 Palestinians, including children, in demonstrations along the eastern border of the besieged Gaza Strip, and caused many others to suffer the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. Dozens of Palestinian young men and children, gathered near the separation fence, east of Gaza City, in the northern part of Gaza, and east of Rafah, in the southern part. Israeli soldiers, positioned in military barracks and armored military vehicles, fired many live rounds and tear gas canisters at Palestinian demonstrators. The Ministry of Health confirmed that Israeli occupation forces shot 11 Palestinian young men with live rounds. They were all transported to nearby hospitals. The Ministry added that a child was injured after being struck in the head with a tear gas canister, east of Gaza City, while two children were shot with live rounds east of Rafah. Many others sustained inhalation injuries from tear gas exposure, and received medical treatment from local medics at the scene. Palestinian young men burned rubber tires, launched incendiary balloons, and chanted nationalistic slogans. (IMEMC 27 September 2023)
- Israeli forces shot two Palestinian young men, and caused many others to sustain inhalation injuries, during demonstrations held at various sites, along the eastern border regions of the besieged Gaza Strip. Hundreds of Palestinian young men gathered near the separation fence, east of Gaza City, in the northern part of Gaza, and east of Rafah and Khan Younis, in the southern part. Israeli soldiers, positioned in military barracks and armored military vehicles, fired many live rounds and tear gas canisters at Palestinian demonstrators. Two young men were shot and injured with live rounds, while others suffered the toxic effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 27 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers abducted a young man and injured several others in Ya'bad town, southwest of Jenin in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. Several army vehicles invaded several neighborhoods in the town and abducted a young man, Mohammad Amin Abu Bakr. Many Palestinians protested the invasion, especially near the school area, before the soldiers fired many gas bombs, concussion grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets. Local medics treated many Palestinians for the effects of tear gas inhalation. (IMEMC 28 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets and caused many to suffer the effects of tear gas inhalation during the weekly procession in Kufur Qaddoum, east of Qalqilia, in the occupied West Bank's northwestern part. The army also abducted two Palestinians near Salfit. The Palestinians and international peace activists marched in the town, carrying Palestinian flags and chanting against the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation, colonialist activities, and ongoing violations. The army attacked the protesters with rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades, leading to protests. The soldiers shot four Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets before the medics rushed one to a hospital, while many

were treated for the effects of tear gas inhalation, including some in their homes. (IMEMC 29 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers injured many Palestinians, and three internationals including one reporter, during the weekly procession against the illegal Israeli colonialist activities in Beit Dajan village, east of Nablus, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. The soldiers attacked the protesters with rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades. He added that the soldiers shot two Palestinians with gas bombs, once in the face and one in the chest. Medics treated 21 Palestinians, three internationals including one journalist, for the effects of tear gas inhalation. In related news, the soldiers closed Huwwara and Beit Furik military roadblocks near Nablus and prevented the Palestinians from crossing. (IMEMC 29 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers attacked Palestinian political prisoners in Ramon prison during violent searches of section 5 of the detention facility. The Palestinian Prisoners' Society (PPS) has reported that the soldiers stormed and searched several rooms in section 5 and assaulted several detainees. The PPs added that the soldiers also moved a detainee, Mazen Al-Qadi, 43, from his room to a cell in the interrogation section, in addition to placing several detainees in solitary confinement. (IMEMC 29 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers invaded the Qalandia refugee camp, north of occupied Jerusalem, and seriously injured a young man after shooting him with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his eye. Protests took place when undercover Israeli soldiers infiltrated the refugee camp in a car with civilian license plates. Several army jeeps then invaded the refugee camp before the soldiers fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs while many youngsters hurled stones and Molotov cocktails. The soldiers shot a young man with a rubber-coated steel bullet in his eye, causing serious wounds. The Israeli army claimed that the soldiers "accidentally entered the refugee camp before the locals attacked their vehicles with rocks and Molotov cocktails." (IMEMC 29 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers opened fire at a Palestinian car, wounding the driver, and abducted another Palestinian in the Al-Biereh city in the Ramallah and Al-Biereh governorate in central West Bank. The soldiers fired several live rounds at a car near the military roadblock north of Al-Biereh, wounding the driver. At the time of this report, the extent of injuries the Palestinian has suffered, and his name remained unknown, as the soldiers prevented Palestinian medics from reaching the area. The soldiers also invaded the Al-Balua neighborhood in Al-Biereh and abducted Baha' Hassouna after storming his home and searching it. In related news, the soldiers invaded Birzeit town, north of Ramallah, leading to protests. (IMECE 29 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers invaded villages and towns near Jenin, in the occupied West Bank's northern part, and conducted searches of homes and olive orchards. The soldiers

- invaded Faquq'a town, northeast of Jenin, leading to protests before the soldiers fired several live rounds, concussion grenades, and gas bombs. The soldiers invaded the villages of Jalboun, Beit Qad, and Ti'anik, west of Jenin, before conducting massive searches. The soldiers also invaded olive orchards in Ya'bad town, south of Jenin, and conducted searches. Furthermore, the soldiers at the nearby Dotan military roadblock, fired many concussion grenades and flares before forcing the Palestinians to leave. (IMEMC 29 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers shot two young men in Beit Ummar town, north of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank's southern part. Several army jeeps invaded the town, especially the area near the Somoud Mosque, leading to protests before the soldiers fired many live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs. Awad added that the soldiers shot a young man, 20, with a live round in the thigh and another Palestinian, 18, with a live round in the knee. Palestinian medics rushed the two Palestinians, who suffered moderate wounds, to a clinic in the town. Later on, the soldiers closed the iron gate at the town's main entrance, preventing the Palestinians from entering or leaving it. (IMEMC 29 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers shot a young Palestinian man in Jericho city, in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank. Several military vehicles invaded Jericho from its eastern entrance and installed a military roadblock in the center of the city. They added that many Palestinians protested the invasion before the soldiers attacked them with live rounds, rubber-coated steel bullets, and gas bombs, wounding a young man in his right leg. (IMEMC 30 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian and injured another after opening fire at their car near Al-Biereh city in the occupied West Bank's central part. The soldiers fired a barrage of live rounds at a Palestinian car near the illegal Psagot Israeli colony, built on stolen Palestinian lands in Jabal At-Tawil near Al-Biereh, and later took the two Palestinians to an Israeli medical center. The soldiers shot the two Palestinians, but the army did not allow medics to approach them to provide essential first aid. The Israeli army claimed its soldiers shot two Palestinians who "hurled Molotov cocktails at a military post near Psagot" and added that no soldiers were injured. The Public Relations Department of the Health Ministry in Ramallah has confirmed that the soldiers fatally shot **Mohammad Jibril Rommaneh**, 18, and injured another young man, Mohammad Abu Rabea', after opening fire at their car. It added that Rommaneh succumbed to serious abdominal gunshot wounds at an Israeli medical center and stated that the other Palestinian suffered injuries to his lower limbs. Rommana was from the Al-Am'ari refugee camp, south of Al-Biereh city, in the Ramallah and Al-Biereh Governorate. After his death, dozens of Palestinians marched in front of his home in the refugee camp, carrying Palestinian flags and chanting for ongoing resistance until liberation and independence. (IMEMC 30 September 2023)
 - Israeli navy boats shot rubber-coated metal bullets at Gaza fishermen while sailing on the northern Gaza coast injuring two. The navy opened fire at the fishermen

injuring two with rubber bullets, who were admitted to hospital for treatment. The fishermen were forced to cut their work short and return to shore to avoid being hit by the Israeli gunfire. (Wafa 30 September 2023)

- Several Palestinian civilians suffocated from Israeli teargas during confrontations with Israeli occupation forces which erupted after the latter raided the village of Jalboun, northeast of Jenin in the occupied West Bank. During the Israeli raid, which is continuing until this, the Israeli occupation forces seized a Palestinian house and converted it into a military outpost. Israeli occupation forces stormed the village and set up a military checkpoint near the village's boy school. During the raid, soldiers fired teargas and toxic canisters at local residents and their homes, resulting in multiple cases of suffocation from gas inhalation. He added that the Israeli forces forcibly evicted Palestinian citizen Jihad Abu al-Rab and his family from their home. Subsequently, the Israeli army seized control of the house, converting it into a military outpost. This latest Israeli attack adds to the ongoing tensions in the occupied West Bank and raises concerns about the well-being of Palestinian residents living under Israeli military occupation. (Wafa 30 September 2023)

Israeli Settler Violence

- Illegal Israeli colonizers attacked Qusra town, south of Nablus in the occupied West Bank's northern part, before Israeli soldiers invaded the area, causing at least eight injuries. The soldiers invaded Palestinian farmlands in the Ras An-Nakhel area, in the town's southern part, and attacked many farmers. They added that many Palestinians protested the invasion and the violations before Israeli soldiers invaded the area and started firing rubber-coated steel bullets, gas bombs, and concussion grenades instead of removing the colonizers. The soldiers shot six Palestinians with rubber-coated steel bullets while the colonizers hurled stones at the farmers, wounding two. (IMEMC 2 September 2023)
- Two Palestinian shepherds sustained injuries in an attack by a group of Israeli settlers in the village of al-Mughayir, northeast of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank. A group of settlers descended upon Palestinian shepherds who were tending to their livestock and brutally beat them with sticks. The assault resulted in injuries to two shepherds, both of whom sustained bruises. (Wafa 2 September 2023)
- At least six Palestinians were shot and injured two others were struck with rocks in an Israeli settlers' attack against the town of Qasra, south of Nablus. A group of settlers, backed by Israeli military forces, attacked Palestinian farmers working on their land in the southern part of the town. Residents attempted to fend off the settlers' attack, leading to confrontations with settlers and Israeli forces. Six youths were shot and injured with rubber-coated steel bullets, and two others were struck and injured with rocks. They were all treated at the scene. (Wafa 2 September 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonizers attacked Palestinian shepherds in the village of Al-Mughayyir, northeast of Ramallah, in the central occupied West Bank, while another group of settlers cut down 74 olive trees in Ni'lin town, northwest of the

city. In the “Al-Qaboun” area of the village of Al-Mughayyir, illegal colonizers invaded private Palestinian-owned land, and proceeded to assault two Palestinian shepherds with sticks, causing bruises. A group of Israeli settlers stormed the town of Ni’lin, and cut down at least 74 young olive trees belonging to local Palestinian citizens. Israeli colonists infiltrated private property in the “Al-Khalal” area, and cut down 74 olive trees belonging to Musab Sorour and Muhammad Badr. (MEMC 3 September 2023)

- Scores of Jewish settlers stormed the Muslim holy place, Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem’s Old City, under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The settlers divided into groups, stormed the compound, took provocative tours in its yards, and performed Talmudic rituals there. (Wafa 3 September 2023)
- Sbitan ‘Awawdeh (52) woke up to noises near his residential tent on the outskirts of the village of Deir Dobwan, close to Route 60. When he went out to check what was making the noise, he found about six settlers walking around the encampment and immediately woke up his six children and took them to the village. ‘Awawdeh then returned to the encampment together with other village residents and discovered the settlers had set fire to his family’s residential tent, as a result of which, a gas tank exploded and destroyed the contents of the tent. Another tent used as a livestock enclosure was partially burned. The flock itself managed to escape with only one goat lightly injured in the leg. The fire also consumed two tons of fodder for the flock. The residents managed to put out the fire before a Palestinian fire truck arrived. (BTSELEM 5 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers last night burned old olive trees in the Tel Rumeida area in the southern West Bank city of Hebron. A group of settlers set fire to three old olive trees in Tel Rumeida, which is located near the illegal Ramat Yishai settlement. People were able to contain the fire but not before it destroyed three old trees belonging to two local families. The settlers want to burn the largest number of old olive trees in order to control the area and build a settlement road, noting that olive trees have been burned several times during this year. (MEMC 7 September 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonizers attacked, a Palestinian shepherd while he grazed his sheep in the West Bank’s northern Jordan Valley. Ahmed Hussein Daraghma was grazing his livestock near al-Farisiyya village, east of Tubas, in the northern Jordan Valley, when illegal Israeli settlers assaulted him. Israeli colonizers assaulted the Palestinian shepherd, Ahmed Hussein Daraghma, as he grazed his livestock. He added that Daraghma suffered a fractured arm as a result of the attack and was transported to hospital for medical treatment. (MEMC 9 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers held provocative rituals under police protection at one of the main gates to Al-Aqsa mosque and obstructed entry of Muslim worshippers to the holy place for the noon prayers. Jews are not allowed into the holy Muslim site on Saturdays and therefore they gather and hold rituals at the gates to the walled compound in an attempt to provoke the Muslim worshippers during prayer times. The Israeli police also imposed fines on Palestinian citizens' vehicles near al-Magharbeh (Dung) and Bab al-Nabi Daoud (Zion) gates. (Wafa 9 September 2023)

- Israeli settlers launched an attack on the homes of Palestinian residents in the Khalayel Al-Loz neighborhood, in the occupied West Bank province of Bethlehem. A group of settlers initiated the assault, which involved live gunfire and the hurling of stones at the homes of local Palestinians in the neighborhood, located to southeast of Bethlehem city. No injuries were reported. (Wafa 9 September 2023)
- Israeli colonizers attacked Palestinian residents in the Khalayel Al-Louz area, southeast of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank. The colonizers invaded the area, fired many live rounds, and hurled stones at Palestinian homes and cars. Many Palestinians intercepted the attack and forced the colonizers to leave before Israeli soldiers invaded the area. Settler attacks like this have become more frequent recently, raising concerns among the Palestinians, especially in areas close to the illegal colonies. (IMEMC 09 September 2023)
- A farmer saw eight settlers arriving in a jeep and an ATV at the seasonal sheep farm belonging to Fadel Abu 'Alia (53) in Khirbet Jib'it, and vandalizing some of the property. Abu 'Alia, who lives elsewhere with his family during the summer months, arrived at the site and discovered the settlers had vandalized tent covers, a toilet, a sink, and two solar panels. (BTSELEM 9 September 2023)
- A Palestinian citizen suffered injuries in an assault by Israeli settlers which targeted him while he was grazing his livestock in the northern Jordan Valley, northeast of the occupied West Bank. A group of Israeli settlers attacked Ahmed Hussein Draghmeh while he was grazing his livestock east of Al-Farsiya village in the northern Jordan Valley. During the attack, Draghmeh sustained a broken arm and was subsequently rushed to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. (Wafa 9 September 2023)
- A Palestinian citizen sustained fractures as a result of an attack by Israeli settlers on his family near the town of Al-Khader, in the occupied West Bank province of Bethlehem. Ashraf Ali Ghuneim, a local Palestinian resident, sustained fractures in both of his legs when a group of Israeli settlers assaulted his family and him while they were in their own land which is adjacent to the colonial Israeli settlement of Neve Daniel, Islam, Ghuneim's brother. Israeli settlers launched an attack on the homes of Palestinian residents in the nearby neighborhood of Khalayel Al-Loz. The attack involved live gunfire and the hurling of stones at the homes of local Palestinians in the neighborhood. (Wafa 9 September 2023)
- A shepherd told 'Ayed Ghafri (58) that settlers were grazing a flock in his family's lands north of the village. Ghafri arrived at the scene about an hour later. The settlers were still on his land, and he demanded they leave, which they did only after he threatened to call the police. When he checked the olive trees in the orchard, Ghafri discovered the flock had damaged 54 of them. He chose not to file a complaint because he saw no point in doing so. (BTSELEM 11 September 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonizers assaulted and injured a Palestinian man near the northern occupied West Bank city of Nablus. In the village of Burqa, northwest of Nablus, illegal Israeli settlers assaulted and hurled rocks at Iyad Ragheb Salah, while he

was in the “Al-Masoudiyah” area in the village, causing bruises. (IMEMC 12 September 2023)

- Dozens of illegal Israeli colonizers stormed, a Palestinian-owned home in occupied Jerusalem, under the protection of occupation forces. In the Old City of occupied Jerusalem, dozens of Israeli settlers broke into the apartment of Umm Muhammad Idris, in the Al-Qarmi neighborhood, and began to take it over. Under the full protection of the Israeli army, the settlers stormed the home, changed the locks, and applied wire on the windows and around the perimeter of the apartment. The woman’s son, Muhammad Saleh Muhammad Idris, was notified of the events and rushed to his mother’s home, which has been empty for the past ten days while his mother has been hospitalized. Idris confronted the invading settlers, demanding they leave the apartment, and a verbal exchange ensued. Israeli police arrived and removed the Idris family and the settlers from the home, instructing the family to file a complaint at the police station. It was reported that the illegal colonists tried to claim ownership of the apartment without providing documentation. The Idris family stated that Umm Muhammad Idris, who lives with her daughter in the apartment, bought the home in 1979, and has legal papers to prove it. (IMEMC 12 September 2023)
- A Palestinian man was injured after being attacked by Israeli settlers in the village of Burqa to the northwest of Nablus. Settlers attacked with stones and beat up local resident Iyad Salah while he was present near the said village, causing him cuts and bruises throughout his body. (Wafa 12 September 2023)
- On September 12th, a group of settlers forcibly seized a Palestinian home belonging to the Idris family in the Old City of Jerusalem. At the time, the matriarch of the family was in the hospital. The family arrived back home to find their house taken over by settlers. They were told to file a complaint in order to prove their ownership of the house. The settlers were guarded by the Israeli security forces while they removed the families furniture, changed the doors and locks on the home and installed metal bars on the windows and roof. PCHR also reports the settlers built a “steel staircase and a mobile room to be later attached to the house.” The settlers were later removed from the house by the Israeli police. (FMEP 12 September 2023)
- Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The extremist settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. This comes at a time as Israeli forces intensify measures against Palestinians coming from Jerusalem to enter the Mosque, inspecting their IDs and briefly detaining them. (Wafa 12 September 2023)

- Israeli settlers Tuesday seized a Palestinian-owned house belonging to the Idris family in the al-Qarmi neighborhood in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem, under the protection of the Israeli occupation forces. Residents living in the neighborhood were surprised by the sounds of settlers storming the house, guarded by occupation forces, changing the doors and placing iron protection on the windows and rooftop of the house. The residents informed the Idris family that the settlers had stormed their house, so they came to the place and verbal altercations took place between them, the settlers, and the occupation forces. Mohammad Idris confirmed that the house has belonged to the family since 1979, and he has the documents proving ownership of the house in which his mother and sister currently live. He explained that the settlers took advantage of his mother's being in the hospital for about 10 days, when dozens of them broke into the house. Idris pointed out that the occupation police asked him to file a complaint to prove ownership of the house, noting that they have now expelled the settlers from the house. (WAFA 12 September 2023)
- Led by extremist Israeli rabbi and MP Yehuda Glick, scores of Israeli settlers guarded by police broke into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem. Israeli settlers performed Talmudic rituals after they broke into the holy Islamic sites from Bab al-Maghariba. Glick is known for advocating for the presence of Jewish settlers in the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest place of worship, and for the construction of a temple for Jews on the site of the mosque. (WAFA 13 September 2023)
- Two colonizers were injured in a shooting incident in Huwwara town, south of Nablus, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. Israeli medics treated two colonizers in their 30s, who suffered mild and moderate wounds from the shattered glass on their car's windshield after several shots were fired at them. One of the wounded Israeli colonizers was discharged from hospital, and the second remains hospitalized in a moderate condition. It added that the army closed roads around Nablus and shut the military roadblocks near Huwwara, Awarta, and Al-Marba'a. The Israeli army initiated massive searches in the area, looking for the shooters who managed to escape. (IMEMC 13 September 2023)
- Illegal Israeli colonizers attacked Palestinians and their property, injuring one young man and damaging homes, in the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. A number of illegal settlers, under the full protection of the occupation army, harassed citizens, and threw rocks and glass bottles at Palestinians and their homes, breaking a number of windows of homes in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood, in the center of Hebron. The colonizers, stabbed the Palestinian young man, Abdullah Ragheb Abu Aisha, in the back with a knife, causing a moderate injury, for which he was treated on site, by local medics. (IMEMC 17 September 2023)
- Israeli colonizers invaded Jalboun village, northeast of Jenin, in the northern part of the occupied, before Israeli soldiers invaded it and searched homes. The colonizers came from the Meirav illegal colony, built on stolen Palestinian lands,

- south of the village. Abu Ar-Rob added that the colonizers threatened to shoot the Palestinians if they approached the wall built on their lands near the colony. The colonizers prevented the Palestinians living in the area from leaving their homes and threatened to shoot them if they did. Furthermore, Israeli soldiers invaded and ransacked several homes and attacked Eyad Fahmi Abu Ar-Rob. During the home invasions, the soldiers interrogated Samia Abu Ar-Rob and Eyad Fahmi Abu Ar-Rob. (IMEMC 19 September 2023)
- Dozens of illegal Israeli colonizers infiltrated the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied Jerusalem, in provocative tours, while authorities denied entry to Palestinians. Under the full protection of Israeli police, the settlers entered the sacred site from the Bab al-Mughrabi (Moroccan Gate), roaming the courtyards, before exiting through the Bab al-Silsila (Chain Gate). The colonists performed Talmudic rituals and received a lecture about the alleged “Temple Mount” by former Israeli Knesset member and extremist Yehuda Glick. (IMEMC 20 September 2023)
 - Muhammad Musa (68), from Qaryut, went to his plot of land, which covers about four dunams (1 dunam = 1,000 sq. meters) and lies east of the village. Upon arrival, he discovered settlers had uprooted about 150 of about 180 young olive saplings he had there. The settlers also drilled a hole in the water tank and drained it. (BTSELEM 20 September 2023)
 - Israeli colonizers assaulted a number of Palestinian citizens in the town of Bani Na'im, east of Hebron, in the southern occupied West Bank, and erected a tent and livestock pen in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron. Illegal Israeli colonizers attacked, Palestinian citizens in the town of Bani Na'im, east of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, injuring two people. A group of illegal colonists assaulted a number of Palestinians in the “Yaqin” area of Bani Na'im, causing two citizens to sustain bruising. A number of citizens were assaulted by Israeli settlers. Meanwhile, south of Hebron, in Masafer Yatta, a group of colonizers erected, a tent and a livestock pen on Palestinian-owned lands in the area. Under the full protection of occupation soldiers, a number of settlers from the nearby illegal “Avigayil” colony, set up a tent and livestock pen on land owned by local Palestinian citizens. (IMEMC 21 September 2023)
 - A group of armed illegal colonizers attacked, a European delegation that was visiting the Bedouin community of Wadi As-Seeq, east of Ramallah, in the central occupied West Bank. Diplomats from ten European countries participated in a tour of the threatened community, organized by the Israeli human rights organization, B'Tselem, were harassed by illegal Israeli settlers during the visit. The Bedouin community of Wadi As-Seeq, located in “Area C”, is under full Israeli civil and administrative control, and threatened with displacement by Israeli occupation authorities. illegal colonizers harassed the visiting delegation, followed them, and one them pointed his weapon at the delegation, threatening to shoot. (IMEMC 21 September 2023)

- Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian homes in the village of Burqa, northwest of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. A group of armed settlers attacked the home of a local resident, throwing rocks at it and causing damage to windows. The settlers also vandalized two vehicles and slashed their tires. The settlers attempted to attack him with pepper gas as he was returning home but was able to get away from them, explaining that the settlers regularly attack that area of the village since it is located on the main Jenin-Nablus road where settlers are present in large numbers. Settlers also threw iron bars with spikes on the road, which caused damage to the tires of many Palestinian cars. (Wafa 21 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers tonight blocked Highway 90, the main highway running through the Jordan Valley. Dozens of settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, gathered at the main Highway 90, closed the road, and raised the Israeli flag. (Wafa 21 September 2023)
- Israeli colonizers installed an outpost on lands near Za'tara town, east of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank. A group of paramilitary colonizers invaded lands in the Natural Reserve area east of Bethlehem. Breijiyya added that the colonizers installed several tents and raised Israeli flags to establish their new illegal outpost on the stolen lands. The new outpost is part of the constant attempt to occupy more lands, especially to control the natural reserve, after denying the Palestinians access to it. Israeli soldiers arrive in the area and setup roadblocks before preventing the Palestinians from reaching the lands. (IMEMC 22 September 2023)
- Israeli colonizers fenced Palestinians grazing lands, destroyed agricultural tools, and uprooted olive saplings in the Northern Plains and Nablus in the occupied West Bank. A group of paramilitary colonizers invaded Palestinian grazing lands in the occupied West Bank's Northern Plains of the Jordan Valley and installed fences. Daraghma added that the colonizers installed the fences along three kilometers (about 1.86 Miles) of grazing lands to the south of the Ein Al-Hilwa Bedouin Community. It is worth mentioning that the colonizers have fenced and illegally occupied thousands of Dunams of grazing lands in the Northern Plans since the beginning of this year, an issue that devastates many communities that depend on livestock and agriculture as their only sources of livelihood. In Nablus, in the northern West Bank, illegal colonizers invaded Palestinian orchards in the eastern meadow area of Qaryout village, south of the city, uprooted dozens of olive saplings and destroyed agricultural tools and equipment owned by Mohammad Sa'id Mousa. (IMEMC 22 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers uprooted dozens of olive trees in the village of Qaryout, south of Nablus. Settlers uprooted dozens of olive tree saplings and destroyed agricultural equipment belonging to a local resident in Qaryout village. (Wafa 22 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers fenced off a tract of pasture land in the northern Jordan Valley in an apparent prelude to take over the land. Israeli settlers proceeded since the early morning hours to fence off a tract of land to the south of Ein al-Hilweh community

in the northern Jordan Valley. The fence is about three kilometers long. Since the beginning of this year, settlers have fenced off pasture lands in various areas in the Jordan Valley, thus taking over thousands of dunums. They have controlled most of the pastures where shepherds used to graze their livestock for decades, set up their own livestock farms, and prevented the Palestinian shepherds, under the force of arms and in support of soldiers, from using these pastures. (Wafa 22 September 2023)

- Israeli colonizers injured a child, only four years of age, south of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank's southern part. Colonizers attacked several Palestinians from the local Al-Haddar family in Susiya village. Jabour added that the colonizers attacked and maced a child, Osaid Hamed Al-Haddar, 4, with pepper spray in the face before Palestinian medics rushed him to a clinic for treatment, suffering an injury to his face and suffocation due to pepper spray. In related news, a young man was injured in Tana village, east of Beit Furik, east of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, after paramilitary colonizers attacked it. Israeli soldiers shot the young man with a rubber-coated steel bullet when the locals intercepted the colonizers' attack. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers uproot 80 olive trees in two Palestinian plots and vandalize irrigation pipes and a water tank: Mus'ab Srur (39) arrived at his land north of Ni'lin, after shepherds told him they had seen settlers inside the plot. Upon arrival, Srur discovered that the settlers had cut down 25 seven-year-old olive trees, and damaged irrigation pipes and a water tank. The settlers also entered a nearby plot owned by Bader Khawajah and damaged 55 eight-year-old olive trees. Srur and Khawajah said they did not file a complaint with the Israel Police as they saw no point in doing so. (BTSELEM 23 September 2023)
- Sinjil, Ramallah District: Israeli settlers enter farmland, destroy crops and property and steal bags of fertilizer: Nu'man Shabaneh (66) arrived at his land in the a-Rafid area, north of the village of Sinjil and discovered settlers had cut part of the fence that surrounded the plot, broke 20 olive trees, and eight-year-old almond trees, stole 20 bags of fertilizer, emptied tanks containing 500 liters of water and moved barrels that protected seedlings from wild animals. (BTSELEM 23 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers continued in their daily attacks against Palestinian herders beating up two shepherds while attending to their sheep in the pastures near the village of al-Mughayyer, east of Ramallah. Armed settlers from the illegal settlement of Shilo attacked him and his cousin, Atef, while their sheep were grazing in the open pastures. The settlers were protected by soldiers. The settlers regularly attack shepherds while herding in the open pastures and force them to leave the lands. Israeli settlers attacked shepherds in Masafer Yatta area in the south of the West Bank and pepper sprayed a 4-year-old boy causing him burns on his face. Meanwhile, settlers in the northern Jordan Valley's Khilet Makhoul community prevented shepherds from accessing the pastures near their tents. This is the third day in a row the shepherds, who rely on raising livestock for a living, have not

- been allowed to roam the open pastures with their sheep. (Wafa 23 September 2023)
- A 4-year-old child suffered burns last night after settlers sprayed his face with pepper gas in Masafer Yatta, south of the southern occupied West Bank city of Hebron. Settlers chased the shepherds in Masafer Yatta and sprayed the child, Usayyed Khaled al-Hadar, with pepper gas causing burns to his face. The child was transferred to Yatta governmental hospital. The settlers attacked the child's father and prevented him from grazing his sheep in his land in preparation for seizing it and emptying the lands from farmers and shepherders with the aim of expanding a nearby illegal settlement. (Wafa 23 September 2023)
 - Israeli colonizers attacked Palestinian shepherds east of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank's central part. Shehada Abu Alia, a shepherd from the Al-Mughayyir village said that the colonizers attacked him and his cousin, Atef Abu Alia, while herding their sheep on their lands. He added that Israeli soldiers were present when the colonizers attacked him and his cousin but did not intervene. The village is subject to constant Israeli military invasions and attacks and repeated violations by the illegal colonizers who frequently invade the villagers' lands. (IMEMC 23 September 2023)
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 - Extremist Israeli Knesset member Yehuda Glick Sunday led a raid by fanatic settlers in large numbers into Al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli occupation police. The occupation forces intensified their military measures in the vicinity of al-Aqsa, and obstructed the entry of Muslim worshipers to secure the entry of settlers on the occasion of the Jewish Yom Kippur. Extremist settlers' groups had called for a storming of al-Aqsa and tomorrow, on the eve of said Jewish holiday. (Wafa 24 September 2023)
 - Israeli settlers Sunday went on a rampage in the Tuqua area, southeast of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. A group of settlers threatened a number of Palestinians from Jibril and al-Baden families that they must leave their tents in the area, otherwise they will be subjected to continuous harassment. He pointed out that the settlers seized about 300 dunums in the Al-Biryra area some time ago, and set up a number of tents there in preparation for establishing a settlement outpost. (Wafa 24 September 2023)
 - Israeli settlers uprooted iron corners and destroyed barbed wire, south of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. A group of settlers from the illegal Israeli outpost of Givat Eitam uprooted a number of iron corners and destroyed barbed wire surrounding the lands of Khallet Al-Nahla in the Khalayel Al-Luz area, owned

- by local resident from the Suwais and Abayat families. (WAFa 24 September 2023)
- A disabled youth and a girl were injured as a result of being run over by an Israeli settler while they were in a store in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood, in the center of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. A settler passed a military checkpoint and rammed into a store belonging to Hamdi Yahya Idais, 21, a disabled youth who uses an electric chair, leaving him with injuries directly in the head. A girl who was in the store was also hit in the head. Abu Markhiya added that both the youth and the girl were transferred to a hospital in Israel, where their injuries were described as moderate. (WAFa 24 September 2023)
 - A disabled young Palestinian man who uses a power wheelchair and a young woman were injured after an Israeli colonizer's car crashed into a shop in the center of Hebron city, in the occupied West Bank's southern part. The incident occurred when a speeding colonizer's car crashed into a shop in the Tal Romeida neighborhood in the center of Hebron city. The colonizer sped through a military roadblock and crashed into a shop owned by a Palestinian, Hamdi Yahia D'eis, 21, striking his electric wheelchair and throwing him out of it before striking the ground. The young man suffered an apparent skull fracture, extensive bleeding, and several other injuries, while the young woman suffered wounds to the head. Relatives of the wounded Palestinian man said Hamdi, and the young woman were moved to Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital in occupied Jerusalem. In previous incidents, many Palestinians have been killed, or injured, and imprisoned when their vehicles crashed into military vehicles, roadblocks, or cars driven by illegal Israeli colonizers, as the Israeli army considers these incidents to be deliberate ramming attacks; some of them were killed or injured by the paramilitary colonizers. (IMEMC 25 September 2023)
 - A young man who was injured in an explosion in Gaza City on September 13, 2023 was pronounced dead, bringing the number of deaths to six. The Health Ministry said the young man, Majdi Ehab Ghabayen, 18, from the Al-Atatra area in Beita Lahia in northern Gaza, has succumbed to his wounds. (IMEMC 25 September 2023)
 - Dozens of Israeli soldiers and colonizers stormed the courtyards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem and conducted provocative tours before the army abducted a guard. The soldiers and the colonizers invaded Al-Aqsa in several groups, each group of about 50. They added that the army prevented dozens of Palestinian worshippers from entering the holy site and removed many from it. Al-Qastal News added that former Member of Knesset Yehuda Glick participated in the provocative tours into the holy site while accompanying a group of internationals, believed to be Americans. Furthermore, the soldiers abducted one of the guards of Al-Aqsa, Shaher Ar-Razem, near the Bab Ar-Rahma Mosque in the holy compound. (WAFa 26 September 2023)
 - Scores of Israeli settlers damaged a number of electricity poles between the towns of Qasra and Jalud, south of the occupied West bank city of Nablus. A group of

Israeli settlers attacked the southern area of the city on the road connecting the towns of Qasra and Jalud, where they damaged electricity poles. The residents of the two towns were able to confront the settlers. (Wafa 26 September 2023)

- Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The extremist settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. This comes at a time as Israeli forces intensify measures against Palestinians coming from Jerusalem to enter the Mosque, inspecting their IDs and briefly detaining them. (Wafa 26 September 2023)
- Israeli colonizers cut electricity poles between two towns south of Nablus, in the occupied West Bank's northern part. The colonizers invaded the southern area of Nablus, between the towns of Qusra and Jaloud. He added that the colonizers used chainsaws to cut four wooden electricity poles and were about to cut more when the locals intercepted them before they fled away. (IMEMC 26 September 2023)
- Groups of fanatic Israeli colonizers invaded, Sunday, the Bab Ar-Rahma Islamic Cemetery and desecrated it by stepping on graves and dancing on them under heavy accompaniment by Israeli soldiers and police officers. The colonizers invaded the Islamic cemetery Sunday before trampling over Muslim graves while singing and dancing in the historic Islamic cemetery, just outside the Al-Aqsa Mosque's eastern wall. (IMEMC 26 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers Wednesday closed "Road 60" linking cities of Jerusalem and Ramallah. The settlers set fire to rubber tires on the aforementioned street and prevented traffic, under the pretext that the occupation was demolishing settlement houses built on the lands of the village of Mikhmas, northeast of Jerusalem. (Wafa 27 September 2023)
- A group of paramilitary Israeli colonizers attacked Palestinian farmers in Um Safa village, northwest of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank's central part. Dozens of colonizers invaded Palestinian lands in the village's southern area. Sabah added that the colonizers attacked the farmer in front of Israeli soldiers, who did not intervene until other Palestinians rushed to the area and started forcing the colonizers away. In related news, a group of Israeli colonizers closed the road near Mikhmas town, northeast of Jerusalem, and refused to allow Palestinian cars through. (IMEMC 27 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers attacked and assaulted Palestinian farmers in the village of in the village of Umm Safa, northwest of the city of Ramallah. A group of Israeli settlers, protected by the occupation army, hurled stones at farmers while they were in their own lands. No casualties were reported, however. The farmers were able to confront the settlers and defend their lands. (Wafa 27 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers and paramilitary colonizers uprooted hundreds of trees and farmlands in Salfit in the central part of the occupied West Bank. In the central West Bank in Salfit, the soldiers invaded the Khallet Al-Haramiyya area, west of the city, before surrounding it and started bulldozing and uprooting about 40 Dunams. (WAFA 27 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers uprooted and destroyed around 35 olive trees owned by a local Palestinian resident in Haris town to the west of Salfit. The owner, Khaled Aqel, said that settlers from the illegal Israeli settlement of 'Netafim' uprooted and stole olive saplings and destroyed several other fully-grown olive trees in the said town. Israeli settler violence against Palestinians and their property is commonplace in the West Bank and is rarely prosecuted by Israeli authorities. (WAFA 28 September 2023)
- The soldiers prevented the Palestinian farmers from entering their lands before uprooting more than 250 trees. The trees were planted 10-15 years ago and added that the soldiers also used chainsaws to cut more than 50 almond trees and grapevines, while military bulldozers removed fences in addition to destroying water tanks and roads. In Hares village, west of Salfit, illegal Israeli colonizers cut and uprooted more than 35 olive trees. The colonizers came from the Netafim illegal colony, built on stolen Palestinian lands in Deir Istiya, Qarawat Bani Hassan, and Hares, and cut many trees, including olive trees. In related news, the colonizers destroyed irrigation lines in Khirbet Emneizal in Susiya village in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank's southern part. (IMEMC 28 September 2023)
- Kafr Malik, Ramallah District: Israeli settlers break four 15-year-old olive trees: Amjad Faraj (54), from Kafr Malik, arrived at his land on the southern side of the village, and discovered settlers had broken four 15-year-old olive trees. (BTSELEM 29 September 2023)
- Israeli colonizers assaulted a Palestinian at Al-Mo'arrajat Street, northwest of Jericho, in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank. The colonizers ambushed and attacked Mohammad Salama Drei'at from Noweima village, north of Jericho. They added that the Palestinian was driving his car when the colonizers ambushed him and forced him out before beating him on various parts of his body. Palestinian medics rushed to the scene and moved the wounded man to a hospital in Jericho. (IMEMC 30 September 2023)
- Three Palestinian civilians sustained injuries in an attack by Israeli settlers in the wilderness of Tuqu village, in the occupied West Bank province of Bethlehem. A group of Israeli settlers set up a roadblock and prevented Palestinians from accessing their lands. As soon as the latter approached the roadblock, the settlers attacked them, spraying them with pepper gas and physically assaulting them. The attack resulted in injuries to three Palestinian civilians, who suffered burns and suffocation as a result of the pepper spray. Of note, Israeli settlers, often under the protection of Israeli occupation forces, have escalated their attacks against

Palestinian residents in the Tuqu wilderness area. These violations include setting up tents, assaulting civilians, and preventing them from accessing their lands. (Wafa 30 September 2023)

Home Demolition & Demolition threats

- A Palestinian citizen was forced to demolish a section of his home in the Jabal al-Mokabber neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem, after Israeli authorities ordered its destruction, under the pretext of building without a license. Rajai Hussein began knocking down the 40-square-meter addition to his home, which was built five years ago, in order to avoid paying excessive fees the municipality would charge him if its crews carried out the demolition. Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem, are often compelled to build without an Israeli issued license, since the Israeli authorities usually deny their applications. (IMEMC 3 September 2023)
- The Israeli occupation forces demolished a Palestinian-owned house in the village of Toura, west of the northern West Bank city of Jenin, under the pretext of construction without a permit. The forces, accompanied by a bulldozer, raided the village and proceeded to demolish the house owned by a local resident and located in Area C, which is under full Israeli military control and where Palestinians are not allowed to build or develop while settlements are built freely. (Wafa 3 September 2023)
- The Israeli occupation forces delivered 50 notices for demolition and returning the land to what it was on in the village of Duma, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. Staff from the so-called Civil Administration, an arm of the Israeli military government, accompanied by soldiers, stormed the eastern and southern areas of the village and distributed 50 notices, including one to demolish an agricultural room and another to bulldoze a newly opened street, while the rest of the notices stipulated the return of lands that had been reclaimed by their owners to what they used to be. He pointed out that the occupation authorities claim that these lands are state property and are located in Area C, classified according to the Oslo Accords, stressing that all the lands that have been notified are private property and their owners have documents proving their ownership. (Wafa 5 September 2023)
- Israeli bulldozers demolished around a dozen Palestinian-owned structures in the town of Anata, east of occupied Jerusalem. The bulldozers, protected by a large Israeli force, demolished two houses each two floors owned by local residents, nine commercial structures, an animal barn, and a carwash under the pretext of construction without a permit. (Wafa 6 September 2023)
- The Israeli occupation authorities handed stop work and construction orders to several households in the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan, west of the northern West Bank city of Salfit. A large army force broke into several homes in the western section of the town and handed them stop work and construction orders. 23 orders were issues affecting houses under construction, a dump site, an agricultural structure, and two streets in the town under the pretext of construction

- without a permit in an area controlled by Israel. The stop work or construction order means the structure will be eventually demolished. (Wafa 6 September 2023)
- Many Israeli military vehicles, including bulldozers, invaded the Al-Baq'an neighborhood in Anata town, east of the occupied Palestinian capital, Jerusalem, in the West Bank, before demolishing several buildings and structures. The army invaded the town approximately at five at dawn before demolishing and destroying homes, commercial structures, and a car parts shop. The soldiers demolished 13 structures, some used for commercial and residential purposes, in addition to barns, a farm, an under-construction home, a social hall used by the local Gheith family, and an old house owned by Palestinians from Hamdan family. The demolished Hamdan family home, owned by Mohammad Zakariyya Hamdan, was a two-story building. The soldiers also demolished a two-story home and social hall owned by the Gheith family. Furthermore, the soldiers demolished a carwash facility and rental storage units owned by Ashraf Odah, a wall and shed owned by Mahmoud Mousa Hamdan, in addition to a parking lot, a garage, and parking spaces for renters owned by Wahid Kayali. (IMEMC 7 September 2023)
 - The Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem informed three Palestinian residents of Silwan neighborhood that their homes will be demolished for construction without a permit. Israeli municipality handed the three families the demolition order. The families can tear down their own homes by themselves or let the municipality do the demolition, which will cost them a lot of money. (Wafa 7 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers forced a Palestinian to demolish his shop in Silwan town, south of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the occupied capital, Jerusalem, in the West Bank. The army invaded Silwan before forcing Nafez Zeitoun to demolish his shop. The Israeli authorities claimed the building was constructed with a permit from the City Council. (IMEMC 7 September 2023)
 - Israeli occupation authorities forced a Palestinian owner to self-demolish his own commercial store in the occupied Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, citing unpermitted construction as a pretext for the unfair demolition order. Nafez Zaytoun, the owner, demolished his own commercial store after being pressed into doing so by the all-Israeli municipality of Jerusalem. Zaytoun had no choice but to do so in order to avoid paying exorbitant fees to the Israeli municipality in the event that its crews carried out the demolition on their own. Under the pretext of building without a permit, which is almost never granted to Palestinians in the occupied city, the Israeli municipality has been demolishing or forcing Palestinians to demolish their homes in Jerusalem as part of a policy aimed to restrict Palestinian expansion in occupied Jerusalem. (Wafa 7 September 2023)
 - Israeli occupation authorities ordered the demolition of three Palestinian-owned homes within a week and to halt construction on 14 others in the village of Duke Al-Tahta, west of the city of Jericho. Israeli forces stormed the said village and distributed demolition notices against three houses, in addition to stop-construction orders against 14 others, including some inhabited for more than ten years and others newly-built, citing the lack of Israeli-issued building permits as a pretext. The new notices raise the number of homes threatened with demolition by Israeli

- authorities in the Duke al-Tahta village to 50 homes. Confrontations broke out between Palestinian youth and the occupation forces as the latter withdrew from the village. (Wafa 12 September 2023)
- Bulldozers of the Israeli municipality Wednesday demolished a commercial shop in the town of Jabal al-Mukkaber, south of the occupied city of Jerusalem. The bulldozers demolished a shop owned by Jerusalmite resident Mohammad Matar. (Wafa 13 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers invaded the Al-Awja town, north of Jericho in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank, and handed demolition orders for six warehouses owned by a Palestinian from the town. The soldiers handed him the six orders targeting his warehouses on Road #90. Mohammad added that the warehouses, each 66 square meters, were built on his land in 2020. The army gave Mohammad four days to demolish his properties, although this was the first demolition notice he received, and did not grant him time to appeal the decision. (IMEMC 14 September 2023)
 - The Israeli occupation authorities issued a stop-construction order for a Palestinian-owned house in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. Israeli forces posted the stop-construction order on the wall of the 100-square-meter house owned by a local resident, which is usually a prelude to demolishing the structure. Israel does not allow Palestinian construction in Masafer Yatta, which is located in Area C of the occupied West Bank and is still under full Israeli military control, and allows only settlement activities and construction in order to eventually annex the area. (Wafa 14 September 2023)
 - A Palestinian man was injured tonight during an Israeli settlers' attack near the village of Burqa, northwest of Nablus. Settlers attacked the man with stones and sprayed him directly in face with pepper spray, causing him suffocation and injuries. (Wafa 15 September 2023)
 - A young Palestinian man was wounded in a stabbing attack by army-guarded Israeli settlers on Palestinian civilians and their homes in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood, located in the heart of the city of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. A group of Israeli settlers, heavily guarded by Israeli occupation forces, assaulted Abdullah Ragheb Abu Eisha, a local Palestinian resident, stabbing him in the back. The attack left him with moderate injuries, and he received immediate medical treatment at the scene. In addition to the brutal attack on Abu Eisha, several settlers pelted Palestinian residents and their homes with stones and empty bottles, shattering multiple windows in the homes attacked in the neighborhood. (Wafa 16 September 2023)
 - Israeli settlers Sunday attempted to seize a large area of Palestinian-owned lands in the area of Masafer Yatta, south of the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, under the protection of Israeli occupation forces. Dozens of settlers placed barbed wire around approximately 50 donums, belonging to al-Hathalin and Zein families, adjacent to the illegal Israeli settlement of Karmaeil, in an attempt to seize it with the aim of expanding the settlement. The occupation forces had issued a plan to expand the said settlement at the expense of Palestinian lands located between Umm al-Khair and Seddat al-Thaala areas specifically on the eastern side of the

- aforementioned settlement, while Masafer Yatta is subjected to a continuous attack by settlers to seize thousands of dunums from Palestinian citizens' lands. (Wafa 17 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation authorities Monday issued a notice of demolition against three agricultural shacks and a residential tent in al-Matar area, east of the city of the occupied West Bank city of Jericho. The occupation forces distributed four demolition notices against three agricultural shacks and a tent owned by local resident Jamal Mohammad Jahalin, and his sons, Dawoud and Ahmad. (Wafa 18 September 2023)

 - Israeli soldiers invaded the Al-Jiftlik Palestinian village north of Jericho in the northeastern West Bank and demolished an under-construction home. Several military jeeps and bulldozers invaded the village and demolished the under-construction home after isolating its surrounding areas. They added that the army alleges the property was not licensed by the “Civil Administration Office,” the administrative branch of the illegal occupation of the West Bank. (IMEMC 18 September 2023)

 - Israeli occupation forces Monday demolished a car wash at the western junction of Haris village, west of the occupied West Bank city of Salfit. The car wash belongs to local resident Baraa Jawdat Akl, noting it was completely demolished and its floor bulldozed, under the pretext of that it's located in Area C. (Wafa 18 September 2023)

 - Israeli soldiers invaded Furush Beit Dajan village, east of Nablus in the occupied West Bank's northern part and demolished two Palestinian homes. Several military vehicles, including bulldozers, invaded the village before demolishing the two homes. Mohammad added that one of the homes, owned by Samar Haj Mohammad, was still under construction, while Yasser Abu Al-Kabbash and his family inhabited the second home. This past July, the army issued orders to demolish thirteen homes and structures in the village, in addition to the dozens of similar orders that were issued after the Israeli occupation authorities illegally confiscated 11,000 Dunams of the villages' lands to build illegal colonies. (IMEMC 18 September 2023)

 - The Israeli occupation forces demolished a house under construction in al-Jiftlik village, north of the ancient city of Jericho in the east of the West Bank. The occupation forces with a military bulldozer stormed al-Jiftlik and demolished a house that was still in the construction stage owned by a local resident under the pretext of building without a permit. People were kept away from the area where the demolition was taking place. (Wafa 18 September 2023)

 - Israeli occupation forces demolished two Palestinian-owned houses in the village of Furush Beit Dajan, east of the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The soldiers, accompanied by a bulldozer, stormed the village and proceeded to demolish the two houses owned by local residents, one of them was still in the construction stage,

claiming they were built without a permit in an area under full Israeli military control. (Wafa 18 September 2023)

- Israeli soldiers invaded Orif town, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and took measurements of three Palestinian homes to demolish them. Many military vehicles, including the Combat Engineering Corps, invaded the town before storming the homes of three Palestinian detainees, Mohammad Ahmad Shehada, Kayed Sabah, and Jibril Safadi, before taking measurements of the properties. The Israeli army intends to demolish the family homes of the three detainees in an illegal act of collective punishment. The army claims the detainees planned and participated in a shooting attack leading to the death of four Israeli colonizers. (IMEMC 19 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces Tuesday dawn took measurements of three Palestinian-owned houses in the village of Urif, south of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, in preparation for their demolition. The occupation forces stormed the village at dawn, raided three houses, and took their measurements, in preparation for their demolition. Shehadeh added that the three inhabited houses belong to local residents Mohammad Ahmed Shehadeh, Kayed Sabah, and Jibril Al-Safadi. (Wafa 19 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers demolished a carwash facility in Hares village, west of Salfit, in the occupied West Bank's central part. The soldiers invaded the western junction area of the village and demolished the structure. They stated that the demolished carwash facility is owned by Bara' Jawdat Aqel and added that the army also leveled and bulldozed its surrounding area. The Israeli army claimed the facility, licensed by the Local Council in Hares, was not permitted by the "Civil Administration Office," the administrative branch of Israel's illegal occupation, because it is located in Area C of the West Bank. (IMEMC 19 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers Wednesday prevented shepherds from the area Khamlet Makhul in the northern Jordan Valley from reaching and approaching the lands near their tents. A group of settlers prevented local resident Yousef Bisharat from approaching the lands surrounding his tents, as verbal altercations took place between them. (Wafa 19 September 2023)
- Dozens of fanatic Israeli settlers broke into the compounds of al-Aqsa Mosque under heavy protection from the Israeli police. The extremist settlers, divided into groups, raided the holy Islamic Mosque from al-Maghariba gate and took provocative tours in its compounds. It added that the settlers performed Talmudic rituals in the eastern part of the Mosque. (Wafa 19 September 2023)
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- The Israeli military authorities issued stop work and construction orders against 23 Palestinian-owned houses in the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan, west of the northern West Bank city of Salfit. Israeli soldiers broke into the northern part of the town and handed the orders to the homeowners, nine of which are inhabited while the others are still under construction. The stop work order usually means the eventual demolition of the structures. (Wafa 20 September 2023)
- Israeli settlers set up a tent and a sheep pen on Palestinian lands in Masafer Yatta, south of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. The settlers from the illegal Avigal settlement outpost, built on Palestinian lands in Masafer Yatta, set up, under the protection of occupation soldiers, a tent and a sheep pen next to the village of Sha'b al-Butum, which is usually a prelude to stealing the land by creating facts on the ground. He noted that the settlers escalated their attacks on Masafer Yatta communities with the aim of forcing their Palestinian residents to leave in order to steal their lands and expand their settlements. (Wafa 20 September 2023)
- Israeli soldiers invaded Beita town, south of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and demolished a big store used for selling construction supplies. The soldiers demolished the store is co-owned by his son Mahdi and Tha'er Dweikat. He added that the army claimed the store was not licensed and was close to a new bypass road Israel is currently preparing for the illegal colonizers on lands owned by Palestinians from Huwwara and Beita. The store was built on four Dunams of privately owned Palestinian lands and was demolished without warning and without allowing the Palestinians to remove their supplies, inflicting losses of about 3 million shekels. (MEMC 21 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces turned the rooftop of a Palestinian-owned house in the village of Jalboun, east of the occupied West Bank city of Jenin, into a military observation point for the second time. The occupation forces stormed the village and raided the two-story house of local resident Khaled Abu Al-Rub, raised the Israeli flag above it, set up a tent and turned its rooftop into an observation point, noting that this is the second time they turn the same house into a military point as they first did it last week. It is noteworthy that the occupation forces seized the rooftop of the house of local resident Imad Fahmi Abu Al-Rub last Tuesday, and turned it into an observation point. (Wafa 24 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces Sunday issued orders to halt construction of 21 homes and facilities in the village of Sarta, west of the occupied West Bank city of Salfit. The occupation forces stormed the village and handed citizens notices to stop work and construction in 17 houses, most of which are inhabited, and 4 shacks in the northern and eastern regions, under the pretext that they're located in an area classified Area C. He stated that the total number of notices that were handed during the past two months until are now up to 55 notices. (Wafa 24 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces Sunday stormed Birzeit University, north of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, and detained seven students. The occupation forces arrested the following seven students, including a former prisoner, after storming the university and vandalizing contents and properties. Birzeit University condemned the occupation forces storming of its campus at dawn , detain a number

- of its students, and causing destruction to the university's properties. (Wafa 24 September 2023)
- Israeli colonizers invaded the Al-Awja village, north of Jericho in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank, destroyed an under-construction home and uprooted trees. The colonizers stormed his land in Al-Awja before destroying his under construction home. Masharqa added that the colonizers also uprooted and cut many trees around his property before leaving the area. (IMEMC 26 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers invaded the Arab Az-Zayed area in the al-Nu'eima village northwest of Jericho in the northeastern part of the occupied West Bank before demolishing a home and a barn. The army surrounded the area before invading it and demolished an under-construction home and a shed owned by Taleb Zayed Rashayda. The under-construction home was 204 square meters, and the barn was about 90 square meters. The Israeli army claims the home and the barn did not receive a permit from the so-called "Civil Administration Office," the administrative branch of the illegal occupation. The village is subject to constant Israeli violations, including repeated invasions and destruction of homes, barns, and sheds. (IMEMC 26 September 2023)
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 - The Israeli army carried out military exercises in Khirbet al-Farisiya in the northern Jordan Valley. Occupation soldiers carried out extensive military exercises in most of the areas of Khirbet Al Farisiya as they firing live ammunition. It is noteworthy that the occupation army carries out military training in many areas of the northern Jordan Valley several times a year, and these exercises result in the destruction of agricultural lands and crops, inflicting great losses on farmers. (Wafa 27 September 2023)
 - Israeli occupation forces Wednesday issued 12 notices to stop work and construction in the western area of Masha village, west of the occupied West Bank city of Salfit. The occupation forces stormed the western area of the village and handed over notices to stop work and construction on a football field and 11 shacks. (Wafa 27 September 2023)
 - Israeli occupation forces removed the main water network in the village of Susiya to the east of Yatta, in the southern occupied West Bank district of Hebron. Israeli

forces removed the main pipelines that serve the village of Susiya with water. The forces further confiscated the pipelines. (Wafa 28 September 2023)

- The Israeli occupation army announced its decision to demolish the homes of the families of two detainees accused of killing an Israeli colonizer in Hebron in the occupied West Bank's southern part. The army decided to demolish the homes of Mohammad Shanteer and Saqer Shanteer, who are both accused of killing an Israeli colonizer in August. The two are believed to have fatally shot [Betsheva Nigri](#), 40, and seriously wounded Aryeh Gottlieb, 39, on August 21, 2023. Nigri was from the Beit Haggai illegal colony in the southern Hebron Hills in the occupied West Bank. The exact date for demolishing the home has not yet been announced, while earlier this month, the soldiers took measurements of the properties in preparation for detonating them. (MEMC 29 September 2023)
- Kh. a-Tuba, Masafer Yatta: Israeli settlers slash about 180 meters of a pipe that supplies water to the village: an employee of the water department in the Masafer Yatta area of the South Hebron Hills arrived at the water pump serving the area and discovered cuts along 180 meters of the pipe carrying water to Kh. a-Tuba. (BTSELEM 30 September 2023)

Confiscation & Razing of lands

- Israeli occupation bulldozers Wednesday continued to bulldoze dozens of dunums of Palestinian-owned lands in the town of Bruqin, west of the West Bank city of Salfit. The bulldozing comes within the framework of the accelerating occupation annexation and expansion projects to undermine the Palestinian hope of establishing an independent state and liberation from the occupation. The occupation bulldozers continue to bulldoze approximately 50 dunums of Palestinian lands, to expand the illegal Israeli settlement of Brukhin, and to build new settlement units. Sabra pointed out that the occupation has been working to bulldoze the lands adjacent to the settlement for some time, and aims to annex it to the settlement and expand it, noting that these lands belong to the Palestinians from the town of Burqin. Sabra explained that the area of the town of Bruqin is approximately 13,000 dunums, and that the structural plan is 1,480 dunums, noting that the remainder of the area is classified as Area C in which work and construction are prohibited, including lands that were seized for the benefit of the settlements established on their lands. (Wafa 27 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces bulldozed 40 dunums of privately owned Palestinian land in the town of Haris to the west of Salfit and cut down around 300 olive, grape, and fig trees. Rateb Azzat, one of the heirs to the land, said Israeli military forces stormed the western part of the Haris town and uprooted and destroyed over 300 fully grown and years old trees, including olive, grape, and fig trees. The forces further knocked down retaining walls and leveled an internal road in the town. (Wafa 28 September 2023)

Expansion of Israeli settlements

- Israel legalized three West Bank outposts after the head of the IDF's Central Command, Maj. Gen. Yehuda Fox, signed off on orders designating for the first time their municipal boundaries. The process turns the outposts into recognized settlements — by the State of Israel, not the international community, which by and large views all settlements as illegal — with formal and legal municipal boundaries, albeit ones with illegally built homes and other structures, since they were constructed years ago without an approved masterplan or construction permits. The three outposts, Avigayil, Asahel and Beit Hogleh, are on a list of nine such outposts [approved for legalization](#) by the government in February, as part of promises made to the far-right Religious Zionism party in coalition agreements. The Civil Administration, a department of the Defense Ministry largely run by Religious Zionism leader Finance Minister Minister Bezalel Smotrich, drew up the municipal boundaries for the outposts. Now that they have been approved by Fox, a masterplan designating the area for residential construction needs to be authorized by the Civil Administration's Higher Planning Committee so that the existing illegally built structures can be retroactively approved and new buildings constructed. Avigayil has some 48 housing units on 85 dunams (21 acres) of land, two dunams of which are considered private Palestinian land. Its new municipal boundaries greatly expand the outpost over a total of 202 dunams. Asahel, also in the Mount Hebron Regional Council area, has 71 housing units and is built on 61 dunams of state land. Its new boundary jurisdiction will extend to a massive 880 dunams, making it 14 times bigger than its current size. Beit Hogleh is located in the northern Dead Sea region of the West Bank and built on 37 dunams (15 acres) of state land. Since Beit Hogleh, established in 2001, was built illegally without government authorization, demolition orders were issued against all 22 housing units in the outpost, but those will be rescinded once the outpost is formally legalized. The size of Beit Hogleh's new boundary jurisdiction was not immediately available. (TOI 7 September 2023)
- The head of the Samaria Council, Yossi Dagan, spoke with *Israel National News* about the continued attempts of the Palestinian Authority to destroy the biblical altar of Joshua in Samaria, and called on the Prime Minister to take responsibility for preserving the heritage and archaeological roots of the Jewish people. "Our eyes are not closed at all. We are all aware of the damage that the Palestinian Authority tries to do time and time again to the site on Mt. Ebal. The Palestinian Authority is systematically trying to destroy the heritage sites of the Jewish people, including in Judea and Samaria. It is an ongoing battle throughout the period. This is not the first time that they have tried to do work in the area," said Dagan. Dagan added that the municipality of Atchira a-Shimaliya, the nearby village, prepared an outline for the establishment of a neighborhood of buildings in the area of the altar, which will be turned into a courtyard between the he buildings. "Together with Defense Minister Gallant, Minister Smotrich, Minister Strock, Minister Rabbi Amihai Eliyahu and Minister Ben-Gvir, they are working with all their might. These are not the first attempts. There was construction already about two years ago," Dagan noted, noting the findings that were revealed at the time to be from the material removed from the altar complex. The most unique find was

that amulet with the name of God and the inscription "cursed," an amulet that was interpreted as a living testimony to the status of blessings and curses when the Israelites entered the Land of Israel during the time of Joshua. Those works were stopped, but an excavator that arrived at the site last week began to resume the works and break ground on the site. ([INN](#) 7 September 2023)

- The Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee has officially approved the two building plans in East Jerusalem following their discussion. The Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee is set to discuss two major building plans on Monday, September 11, 2023, both of which carry significant political implications in East Jerusalem. One plan is located in the southern part of the city, adjacent to the Givat Hamatos neighborhood. This plan encompasses residential complexes (3,500 housing units), hotels (1,300 rooms), and commercial and employment areas. The second plan involves the construction of a new settlement right in the heart of the Palestinian neighborhood of Ras al-Amud (Al-Shayakh) and close to the Abu Dis Palestinian village, comprising 384 housing units. This new settlement, named Kidmat Zion, is expected to become a new focal point of tension between settlers and Palestinian residents in this densely populated Palestinian area. **Kidmat Zion Settlement (Plan 101-0120709):** The Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee is expected to discuss a plan for the establishment of a new settlement, Kidmat Zion, consisting of 384 housing units. This settlement will be situated in the heart of East Jerusalem, within entirely Palestinian territory. The plan is initiated by the Ateret Cohanim settler organization and is located on one of the few remaining open lands at the eastern edge of the Ras al-Amud neighborhood, close to Jericho Road. The neighborhood abuts the separation barrier between Jerusalem and Abu Dis. On the other side of the barrier, one can see a building that was intended to serve as the Palestinian Parliament and was built in the late 1990s. As mentioned, the plan proposes to build 384 housing units, of which 7 units are already built on the site and occupied by settlers. **History of the ‘Kidmat Zion’ Lands:** The future Kidmat Zion settlement is planned to be built on land that was partly defined as Jewish-owned before 1948 and partly land acquired by Irwin Moskovitz, a well-known former donor to settler organizations in East Jerusalem. The first families moved into the area in 2004, residing in two houses that were constructed on the outskirts of the compound (one of the houses was built shortly before the settlers’ entry). To facilitate the settlers’ entry into these houses, it was decided to move the route of the separation barrier, which was constructed at that time, to the east, adjacent to the building that was intended to serve as the Palestinian Parliament, constructed in the late 1990s. **The Hebron Road “Strip” Plan (Plan 101-0657593):** The “Strip” plan (Hebron Road Strip) is located along Hebron Road, covering an area of approximately 140 dunams, intended for 3,500 residential units, hotels, and a commercial area. The project is a joint initiative of the Greek Orthodox Church, the landowner, and Dyani Holdings. About two-thirds of the plan’s area is located beyond the Green Line, bordering the Givat Hamatos neighborhood, and is planned to run alongside the planned light rail line on Hebron Road. Building plans along the light rail route enjoy higher building percentages compared to other parts of the city. Therefore, in the developers’ proposal, residential towers with heights of up to 30 floors are

included. Increasing the building percentages allows for the construction of 3,500 housing units, hotels, and a commercial area on a relatively narrow piece of land. For comparison, existing building plans for Givat Hamatos are divided into three different plans, and together they comprise 3,972 residential units on an area of 411 dunams (compared to 140 dunams in the current plan). The “Strip” plan also nearly doubles the number of housing units in the Givat Hamatos area. The [Greek Orthodox Patriarchate](#) claims that a significant portion of the construction in the complex is intended for the city’s Christian community. **The Connection between the ‘Strip’ Plan and Other Plans:** Since the late 1990s, and particularly in recent years, the Israeli government has been promoting construction in the southern municipal area of Jerusalem, annexed after 1967, beyond the Green Line. After the construction of the Har Homa neighborhood in the 1990s, the construction of the Givat Hamatos neighborhood began in 2021. Simultaneously, the plan for the construction of [the Lower Aqueduct neighborhood](#), which crosses beyond the Green Line, also commenced. The Strip plan is located in the last vacant area between Jericho Road and the Givat Hamatos neighborhood. The plan disconnects Bethlehem from East Jerusalem, except for the transportation axis of the Hebron Road, thereby preventing any future Palestinian territorial continuity between East Jerusalem and Bethlehem, which is crucial for the establishment of a Palestinian state. **(PEACENOW 8 September 2023)**

- On September 11th, the Jerusalem District Planning Committee also approved for deposit a plan that will expand the Givat Hamatos settlement. The plan – referred to as “New Talpiot Hill” and/or Hebron Strip – stands to double the number of housing units in the Givat Hamatos settlement and increase its land mass by 40%, introducing not only 3,500 new settlement units but 1,300 hotel rooms in highrise buildings, posing a direct competition to the Palestinian tourism industry in nearby Bethlehem. Further, the new settlement will be built [on a strategic strip of land](#) that will expand the area of Givat Hamatos eastward, connecting it with another new settlement plan – the “Lower Aqueduct Plan.” These plans ultimately create a string of settlements — spanning from Gilo to Givat Hamatos to Har Homa — that, together with the planned “Givat HaShaked” settlement to its north, completely encircle the East Jerusalem Palestinian neighborhood of Beit Safafa with Israeli settlement construction. Peace Now reports that the project is a joint initiative of the [Greek Orthodox Church](#) and a private company. The Church has said that part of the development is intended for use by the city’s Christian community, though previous reports indicate that the plan calls for five synagogues and two mikvehs, clearly showing that the construction is designed to serve Israeli Jews. **(PEACENOW,FMEP 11 September 2023)**

Israeli Closures

- Israeli occupation forces have continued to block the entrance to Burqa village, located east of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, for the second consecutive day. Israeli occupation forces have maintained the closure of the main entrance to the village, preventing residents from entering or leaving. This has left villagers with no choice but to use unpaved dirt roads to access their workplaces and other

- destinations. This recent escalation by the Israeli occupation raises concerns among the local population and subjects them to significant difficulties in their daily commutes and access to essential services. This closure adds to the ongoing challenges faced by Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territories and highlights the hardships facing Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation. (Wafa 2 September 2023)
- The General Federation of Palestinian Industries in the Gaza Strip and the Union of the Gaza Strip Chambers of Commerce strongly condemned the Israeli occupation authorities' decision to close the Karm Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom crossing for exports from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank, considering it collective punishment that exacerbates the suffering of the people of the besieged Strip. (Wafa 5 October 2023)
 - The Israeli military government decided to close all checkpoints leading to Israel from the West Bank and Gaza Strip for the Jewish New Year, which starts on Friday, prompting the Palestinians to criticize this decision as racist and harmful to their economy. The official Israeli radio Kan said the occupation authorities will cordon off the West Bank and Gaza Strip, starting from noon tomorrow, Friday, through Saturday night coinciding with the Jewish New Year. The occupation authorities are expected to also impose a comprehensive closure on the occupied Palestinian territories during the upcoming Yom Kippur and Sukkot holidays that run through the month of October. (Wafa 14 September 2023)
 - Israeli soldiers closed the Qalandia terminal, north of the occupied capital, Jerusalem, in the West Bank, increased their deployment around Al-Aqsa Mosque, and installed roadblocks ahead of Friday prayers. The army closed the Qalandia terminal, preventing hundreds of Palestinians from crossing, and interrogated many residents while inspecting their ID cards. They added that the closure caused traffic jams extending hundreds of meters and started ordering the Palestinians to leave. Furthermore, hundreds of soldiers and police officers were deployed in various parts of the Old City, especially around Al-Aqsa Mosque and at its gates, and assaulted several worshippers trying to enter the holy site. It is worth mentioning that Israel decided to impose a tight siege on the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and closed all border terminals in the Gaza Strip to celebrate the Jewish New Year. (MEMC 15 September 2023)
 - Israeli occupation forces closed the Qalandia checkpoint, located on the main road connecting occupied Jerusalem with Ramallah and the north of the West Bank, blocking the movement of Palestinian vehicles and civilians. Eyewitnesses reported that the checkpoint's closure caused a severe traffic jam, with a long queue of vehicles stretching for several kilometers. The checkpoint closure coincided with the deployment of thousands of Israeli police officers across occupied Jerusalem. They reportedly harassed Palestinian civilians and those coming to perform Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The occupation forces also intensified inspection procedures at the entrances to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and the Old City ahead of the weekly Friday prayer and sermon. Israeli occupation authorities decided this week to impose a full closure of the West Bank, including Jerusalem,

- and to close the border crossings with the Gaza Strip, starting from . This decision was made under the pretext of Jewish holidays. (Wafa 15 September 2023)
- Israeli occupation forces intensified their presence around the Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem, hindering Muslim worshipers from accessing the mosque's courtyards and impeding the entry of Palestinian citizens and students to the compound. Meantime, scores of Israeli Jewish settlers entered the compound in separate groups, where they conducted provocative tours through the courtyards of the mosque, received explanations about the alleged "Jewish Temple," and performed Talmudic rituals near the Dome of the Rock. Israeli forces have provocatively allowed a large number of settlers to enter the courtyards of the mosque. Simultaneously, they assaulted Muslim worshipers and prevented those under the age of 50 from entering the holy site. The statement also reported that Israeli police are working to evacuate Muslim worshipers from the Al-Aqsa courtyards, and so far, approximately 15 Muslim worshipers have been forcibly removed out of the holy site. Israeli occupation forces also arrested two individuals who were present in the vicinity of Al-Aqsa Mosque. Their identities remain unknown at this time. (Wafa 17 September 2023)
 - The Israeli occupation forces closed all military checkpoints around the northern West Bank city of Nablus and tightened the military measures. The occupation forces closed the Deir Sharaf checkpoint on a main road that connects Nablus to Jenin and Tulkarm and held and thoroughly checked Palestinian vehicles. The forces also closed the Sorra checkpoint in two directions and prevented the residents from crossing it, as well as the Hawara checkpoint south of Nablus and another road in the same area. (Wafa 18 September 2023)
 - Israeli authorities announced that a two-day full closure will be imposed on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip crossings for the Jewish holidays. The occupation authorities are expected to also impose a comprehensive closure on the occupied Palestinian territories during the eight-day Sukkot holiday that falls on September 29. Israel regularly imposes severe restrictions on Palestinian movement during Jewish holidays under the guise of security. Movement of Palestinians will be restricted during these days and will not be allowed to cross checkpoints leading into Jerusalem and Israel, including those who have army-issued permits. (Wafa 22 September 2023)
 - The Israeli occupation forces blocked a number of roads in occupied Jerusalem for the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The occupation police completely closed the entrances to a number of neighborhoods with cement cubes to prevent the movement of vehicles, and prevented citizens from moving around until tomorrow evening. (Wafa 24 September 2023)
 - For the 11th day in a row, Israel continues to close the main pedestrian crossing to the Gaza Strip, Erez/Beit Hanoun, in the north, while the commercial Kerem Shalom/Karm Abu Salem crossing in the south is closed for the fourth consecutive day, exacerbating already difficult living conditions after more than 17 years of tight Israeli land, sea and air blockade. The closure of Beit Hanoun crossing for the 11th day made it difficult for workers and patients to leave the besieged sea enclave for work in Israel or treatment in West Bank or Jerusalem hospitals. With the closure of the commercial Karm Abu Salem crossing, goods, including badly

needed fuel, were not allowed into Gaza for the fourth straight day. Maher Tabbaa, director general of the Gaza Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The financial losses incurred by workers as a result of the continuous closure of the Beit Hanoun crossing were estimated at about \$16 million, which he said has affected the market and the purchase ability of the people. Israel closed the crossings in a collective punishment move against the Gaza Strip's impoverished two million population following the outbreak of protests at the border fence with Israel against the blockade and settlers' intrusions into Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Several people were killed and injured in the Israeli army crackdown on the daily protests. (Wafa 25 September 2023)

- Palestinian shop owners in Jerusalem's Old City were forced by the Israeli occupation police to keep their shops shuttered so that Jewish settlers can have free and easy access to the Old City on the first day of their week-long Sukkot holiday. Dozens of settlers danced and performed Jewish rituals in the Old City streets and near the gates leading to Al-Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, provoking the Palestinian shopkeepers and residents of the Old City. Several shops in the routes the settlers take in the Old City were ordered to stay closed and people were kept away from the extremists and settlers as they performed their provocative rituals. The extremist Jewish organizations have called on their followers to intensify their presence in Jerusalem's Old City, particularly at Al-Aqsa Mosque, during the holiday to assure sovereignty over the occupied city. Palestinian officials and religious leaders have strongly denounced these calls, warning of their consequences on the peace and security in the city and region. (Wafa 30 September 2023)

Other

- The Israeli Army Chief of Staff appointed Brig. Gen. Hisham Ibrahim as head of the Civil Administration, the body within the Israeli Defense Ministry which acts as administrator of the occupation. The appointment was made without the approval of Bezalel Smotrich, who wields virtually unchecked power over civilian matters in Area C of the West Bank as a minister within the Defense Ministry and head of the "Settlements Administration" and as entitled to appoint the Deputy Chief of the Civil Administration. Israel Hayom further reports that Smotrich recommended his own candidate for the post, but was rebuffed by Defense Minister Gallant and the head of the Israeli Army. ([ISRAELHAYOM](#) 3 September 2023)
- Real Estate Developer Files Suit Against Settlers, Israeli Army: Haaretz reports that the Union Construction and Investment company has filed a \$5.2million lawsuit with the Tel Aviv District Court against six settlers, the Israeli Army, and Israeli police – a lawsuit which documents 74 raids by Israeli settlers into the land and construction site the company is developing in the Palestinian village of Turmus Ayya in the northern West Bank. The company is owned by Palestinian-Canadian Khaled Al-Sabawi, who purchased land in Turmus Ayya in 2019, planning to build a housing project on the land. The lawsuit alleges that settlers damaged the construction site in 26 separate incidents, which include damaging construction equipment and physical attacks on the company's employees and clients. The

settlers also have been repeatedly video-taped intimidating Palestinian workers and clients who go to the site, telling them “This isn’t your land,” “You can’t be here,” “If you love your children, don’t bring them here.” The Israeli police and Israeli Army are accused in the lawsuit of failing to stop the settlers’ violence. One of the six defendants is Elisha Yered, a well-known, radical, and violent settler who has been repeatedly in the news cycle, most recently for his involvement in the murder of Qosai Jammal Mi’tan in Burqa. Yered lives in the outpost of Ramat Migron in the northern West Bank, and is under ongoing investigation following his arrest in August 2022 for “racist conspiracy” — amongst other charges for crimes against Palestinians. Yered also [serves](#) as the spokesman for Otzma Yehudit lawmaker Limor Son Har-Melech. Al-Sabawi – represented by prominent human rights lawyer Michael Sfard and Hussein Abu Hussein – [told](#) Haaretz that he is suing for \$5.2 million in damages the company incurred due to the settlers attacks, saying that because of the settlers he cannot sell the properties and some of his clients have even asked for refunds. The six settlers listed in the lawsuit have filed a response, claiming that their actions are legal forms of protest, that the statute of limitations has expired, and that the development is located in Area B where the Israeli court does not have jurisdiction. ([Haaretz](#) 6 September 2023)

- At the time of the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1993, there were approximately 110,000 settlers in the West Bank and around 140,000 in East Jerusalem. In the West Bank, there were 128 settlements, and in East Jerusalem, the settlement activity was concentrated in 12 large neighborhoods, mostly built in the 1970s and 1980s, such as Gilo, Pisgat Ze’ev, Ramot, and others. , 30 years later, [there are about 465,000 settlers in the West Bank](#), residing in around 300 settlements and outposts. In East Jerusalem, there are approximately 230,000 settlers, in addition to about 3,000 who are residing within Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem. The Oslo Accords signed 30 years ago this week, were supposed to lead to a peace agreement between Israel and a sovereign Palestinian state by 1999. While the Oslo Accords specified that the issues of settlements, Jerusalem, and borders (among others) would be negotiated, they prohibited the establishment of new settlements and any changes to the existing reality on the ground. In practice, and despite the prohibitions, the settlement enterprise has thrived over the past thirty years, primarily due to five different factors: the expansion of existing settlements, the establishment of hundreds of outposts, the construction of bypass roads, the “import” of ultra-Orthodox populations to settlements, and the creation of settlements within Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem. **West Bank – Settlements Expansion, Establishment of Outposts, Bypass Roads, and the “Import” of Ultra-Orthodox Populations. Settlements Expansion:** At the time of the Oslo Accords, there were 128 settlements in the West Bank with a settler population of around 110,000. During these thirty years, hundreds of plans were advanced that expanded the settlements and, more significantly, increased their populations. Yitzhak Rabin, who signed the Oslo Accords, decided to freeze most of the construction in the settlements, but after his assassination and the rise of Benjamin Netanyahu to the prime minister’s office, this policy changed drastically. Netanyahu halted the construction freeze and allowed for the advancement of

building plans for existing settlements. These plans were excused by claiming that they did not increase the territorial footprint of the settlements or were adjacent to existing ones. In practice, not only did the settlements expand territorially, but their demographic component nearly quintupled. **Establishment of New Settlements – Outposts:** Since the Oslo Accords specifically prohibited changing the reality on the ground unilaterally, Prime Minister Netanyahu and the Israeli government found a “trick” to bypass this prohibition. Despite the prohibition, they established at least 200 new settlements, which are known as outposts. Outposts are settlements that are established without official government approval and without approved building plans. Over the years, the Israeli government has taken various measures to discredit and undermine the significance of these outposts and even committed in the Annapolis Accords to evacuate some of them. However, only a minority of outposts were evacuated, and in recent years, there has been a massive effort to reclassify them as new settlements or as neighborhoods within existing settlements. As of , 27 outposts have been retroactively legalized, with the majority of them remaining as “illegal” outposts (155). **“Import” of Ultra-Orthodox Populations:** While the ultra-Orthodox community does not have an ideological interest in settling in the West Bank, a significant demographic shift occurred with the massive influx of ultra-Orthodox residents into the settlements. Settlement leaders realized that if they could attract ultra-Orthodox communities to settle, they would significantly increase the settler population. Therefore, they established several ultra-Orthodox settlements. Those established deep in the West Bank, like Immanuel, had limited success, but those located closer to the central district or Jerusalem succeeded. As a result, the two largest cities in the West Bank are now Haredi: Beitar Illit and Modi’in Illit, with a combined population of around 150,000 settlers, while at the time of the Oslo Accords, Beitar Illit had only about 5,000 settlers, and Modi’in Illit did not exist yet. The largest settlement in terms of population is Modi’in Illit, with around 82,000 residents. The second-largest is Beitar Illit, with approximately 63,000 residents. These two Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) settlements together have nearly 150,000 settlers. **Roads and Bypass Roads:** The Oslo Accords facilitated the development of bypass roads around Palestinian cities in the West Bank. With the withdrawal of the Israeli military from Palestinian cities, the construction of bypass roads began. Initially, these roads were built to bypass Palestinian cities such as Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus, and Ramallah. One example of this is the “Tunnels Road,” which opened to traffic in 1996. The road connects settlements around Bethlehem (Gush Etzion and Efrat settlements) to Jerusalem, bypassing Bethlehem and passing underneath the Palestinian village of Beit Jala. Likewise, roads that connect settlements directly to Israel via fast and direct routes, like Highway 5 from Ariel or the “Lieberman” Highway from Nokdim, were established. Roads in general, and bypass roads specifically, have played a significant role in the growth of settlements by providing convenient and quick access without passing through Palestinian villages and cities (also avoiding traffic delays). To authorize and build these roads in the West Bank, Israel has expropriated more than 30,000 dunams of land. In 1995, during the early stages of bypass road construction, there was a record of more than 100 kilometers of new roads built in the West Bank, which accounted for over 20% of

the country's total bypass road construction that year. In recent years, the Israeli government has accelerated the construction of roads and bypass roads. In 2020 alone, the Ministry of Transportation promoted the development or construction of at least 13 bypass roads between Hebron and Ramallah, including the expansion of the Tunnels Road, the widening of Highway 60 from south of Jerusalem, the expansion of Highway 437 (Jerusalem-Hizma bypass), the construction of the Al-Aroub bypass, the construction of the Qalandiya underpass, the expansion of the Apartheid road between Azaria and a-Zaim, the eastern section of the Jerusalem Nature Highway, and more. **East Jerusalem:** In the early 1990s, the nature of settlement activity in East Jerusalem changed. Alongside the construction of new neighborhoods (such as Har Homa in 1997 and Ramat Shlomo in 1998) and the expansion of existing neighborhoods (Ramat, Neve Yaakov, Gilo, and others), settlement activity also gained strength within Palestinian neighborhoods and the Old City by taking over homes inhabited by Palestinians. A significant change occurred during the Second Intifada with the intensification of “tourist settlements.” Settlement organizations, with government support, took responsibility for tourist sites in Silwan and around the Old City. These tourist settlements attract large numbers of Israeli visitors each year, serving as a platform for public relations and influencing millions of tourists. For example, the tourist site “City of David,” operated by the Elad Settler Organization and located in the heart of Silwan, draws hundreds of thousands of Israeli visitors annually. While the number of settlers residing within Palestinian neighborhoods remained relatively small, their influence on Palestinian daily life and the exacerbation of tensions and violence with frequent settler incursions have been significant. In the early 1990s, there were about 800 settlers living in Palestinian neighborhoods of East Jerusalem and the Muslim Quarter of the Old City. , approximately 3,000 settlers reside within Palestinian neighborhoods, mainly in Silwan, Ras al-Amud, Sheikh Jarrah, the Muslim Quarter of the Old City, and others. The growth in the number of settlers has led to significant changes in the daily lives of Palestinians and has generated friction and frequent violence caused by settler attacks. **Conclusion:** The thirty years following the Oslo Accords were characterized by a significant expansion of the settler population in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, growing from approximately 250,000 in 1993 to nearly 700,000 by 2023. This population growth is a result of Israel's ongoing expansion of settlements, the establishment of new settlements in the form of outposts, and the construction of hundreds of kilometers of bypass roads, making it easier for settlements to connect to Israel. Additionally, a significant reinforcement of the settler population comes from the Haredim (ultra-Orthodox), who have no ideological connection to the settlements and had not settled in the West Bank before the Oslo Accords, except for a few neighborhoods in East Jerusalem (Neve Yaakov, Ramat Shlomo, and Ramot). The conclusions drawn from the data are clear. **The settlement enterprise did not suffer from the Oslo Accords but rather thrived. Israel continued to expand, develop, and authorize settlements in the West Bank unabated.** Even in years when few new settlements were established (1993–1997), infrastructure work continued. When factoring in agricultural land and pastures seized by settlers, it can be concluded that the settlement enterprise has never been in a better position, while the situation

for Palestinians in the West Bank remains difficult and fraught with challenges. (PEACENOW)

- Following the meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Biden (20.09.23), and before Netanyahu's speech at the UN, Peace Now has sent letters to United States President, Joe Biden, and the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres. In the letters, Peace Now's Executive Director, Lior Amihai, calls on them not to believe Netanyahu's expected statements about Israel's commitment to peace or the two-state solution, emphasizing that under his leadership, Israel's government has been actively engaged in actions that annex the West Bank and threaten the prospects for a just and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In a [recent report](#) published by our Settlement Watch team, we outline the key decisions and political steps taken by Israel in the occupied West Bank over the past nine months since the formation of the Netanyahu-Smotrich-Ben Gvir government. The report shows a clear picture of Israel's de facto annexation activities in the occupied West Bank, which blatantly contradicted PM Netanyahu's previous commitments, most recently in the Abraham Accords. These actions are changing the political reality of the State of Israel and the physical landscape of the West Bank, effectively leading to the de facto annexation of the West Bank. **The report highlights 13 specific actions that contribute to this alarming reality, among them:** – Creation of the "Settler Administration" – a new governmental and civil body established to oversee all aspects of settler life within the occupied territories – Record approval of housing units in settlements – **Legalization and transformation of 15 unauthorized outposts into settlements.** – Promotion of new settlements in East Jerusalem. – Repeal of the Disengagement Law and a series of decisions to deepen settler presence in the northern West Bank. – Significant changes to planning procedures in the West Bank, granting Minister Smotrich unchecked authority. – Unprecedented budget allocation for infrastructure and settlement development. – Establishment of six tourist settlements within Palestinian-populated areas. – The creation of a new settlement in Hebron. These actions are rapidly altering the status quo in the West Bank and further entrenching the Israeli settlement enterprise. (PEACENOW 20 September 2023)
- The sixth Netanyahu government was formed in late December 2022, and from then until September 2023, Israel experienced one of the most tumultuous periods in its history. Beyond domestic matters, Netanyahu's government intensified Israeli occupation over the West Bank and bolstered settlements in an unprecedented manner. In this chronological overview, we'll outline the key political decisions and actions taken by Israel during these nine months, highlighting how settlement expansion and the annexation became the central policy of the current Netanyahu-Smotrich-Ben Gvir government. **1) Retroactive approval of 15 Outposts: 10 as new Settlements and 5 as neighborhoods of existing settlements (February 2023)**- During one of the first meetings, the Security Cabinet decided to retroactively authorize 10 outposts as 9 new settlements. Later in the same month, the Settlement subcommittee of the Higher Planning Council in the Civil Administration (in the West Bank) advanced construction plans for additional 5

outposts as new neighborhoods within existing settlements. ([See here for a more detailed analysis](#)). **2) Creation of the “Settler Administration” and the transfer of Civil Administration Powers to Smotrich (February 2023)**- An agreement was signed that formalizes the authority of Minister Smotrich over the Civil Administration and shortly after, a new governmental body called the “Settlement Administration” was established to oversee all aspects of settler life within the occupied territories. This body operates under Minister Smotrich’s jurisdiction, essentially serving as the settlements’ governor (in addition to his role as the Minister of Finance). It’s essential to note that this is a civilian government entity and is mandated to act in the best interests of both the State of Israel and its citizens. Accordingly, its establishment and operation in the West Bank effectively amount to an act of de-jure annexation of these territories. ([Read our full report for further elaboration](#)). **3) Repeal of the Disengagement Law (March 2023)** - One of the initial laws that the Israeli government passed was an amendment to the Disengagement Law which lifted the ban for Israeli citizens on entering the settlements in the northern part of the West Bank which Israel evacuated from as part of the Disengagement Plan in 2005. Subsequently, the amendment enabled the government to commit to officially establishing the Homesh outpost, built on lands belonging to residents of Burka village. For more details on the repeal of the Disengagement Law, [read here](#). **4) Sovereignty/Apartheid Road (April 2023)** - The Civil Administration announced its intentions to carry out excavation and inspection work in preparation for the construction of a road between Al-Azariya and a-Za’im, near the Ma’ale Adumim settlement. The road, termed the “Sovereignty Road” by protagonists and “Apartheid Road” by critics, aims to divert all Palestinian traffic in the crucial area, and thus restrict Palestinian movement in a large area in the heart of the West Bank which Israel has long sought to annex: the Ma’ale Adumim bloc, including E1. In practice, the road will create a system of separate routes for Israelis and Palestinians (an “apartheid road”). For more details about the sovereignty road, [read here](#). **5) Investment in Sebastiya Archaeological Site (May 2023)** - The Israeli government decided to invest 32 million shekels in the development of an archaeological site located within the Palestinian village of Sebastiya, with part of it falling in Area B and part in Area C. The decision has raised concerns about the development’s impact on the Palestinian population and its potential to encourage settler tourism activities within this Palestinian area. For more information about Sebastiya and the government’s decision, [read here](#). **6) Israel’s State Budget for 2023-2024 (May 2023)**- The budget includes [billions of shekels for the development of settlements, including and a significant increase in investment in infrastructure and expansion of settlements](#). For instance, there’s an allocation of 3.5 billion shekels (roughly 920 million US dollars) over the next two years for roads in the West Bank. This amount represents roughly 25% of Israel’s entire budget for roads. The budget will mainly develop construction of bypass roads for settlers across all areas of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The Ministry of Settlements and National Missions, headed by Orit Strook, received an additional 570 million shekels, and the budget of the Settlement Division rose to 400 million shekels. In addition, the budget for settlement development sees a significant increase, rising by 50% from 65 million

shekels in 2022 to 105 million shekels in 2024. The budget also includes the allocation of 260 million shekels for outposts. [Read more here.](#) **7) Establishment of the Homesh Outpost (May 2023)** - The settlers are re-establishing the Homesh outpost in the Northern West Bank, with the support of Ministers Smotrich and Gallant, who, in doing so, ordered the military to violate its laws. From a foreign affairs perspective, by establishing the settlement, Israel is breaching its understandings with the United States dating back to the Bush and Sharon administrations, that is, refraining from constructing settlements in the areas evacuated during the disengagement in 2005. [Click here for more details on the re-establishment of Homesh.](#) **8) Promotion of a Massive Industrial Zone Between Ariel and the Green Line (June 2023)** - A plan has been proposed for the “Sha’ar Shomron” industrial zone, west of the Barkan and Ariel settlement industrial areas. The industrial zone is expected to become the largest settlement industrial zone in the West Bank (2,700 dunams) with 2 million square meters for industrial and commercial use. Its location will take advantage of Highway 5 and its proximity to the center of Israel for the movement of both goods and people. In essence, the Sha’ar Shomron will blur the Green Line, bring Israel’s economy into the West Bank territories, and support the economy of the settlements, primarily through property tax payments that will benefit the Shomron Regional Council and the local councils of Elkana and Oranit. [Read more here.](#) **9) Significant Change in Planning Procedures in the West Bank (June 2023)** - The Israeli government shifted the responsibility for settlement policy from the Defense Minister to the minister within the Ministry of Defense, Smotrich. It was decided that the approval of construction plans for settlements will be solely under the authority of Minister Smotrich, without needing the approval of the Minister of Defense nor the consent of the Prime Minister, as has been the case until now. The decision also removed many of the political (Minister of Defense) approvals that were previously needed in order to advance plans. The implication of this decision is that once Minister Smotrich approves the initial settlement plans in the West Bank, these plans will then be forwarded to the planning committees in the West Bank for further bureaucratic procedures and with no further need for any government approvals. Hence, diplomatic and security involvement will be with very limited capacity to delay the planning stages or influence the submitted plans. For more details on this matter, [click here.](#) **10) Establishment of at Least 6 Tourist Settlements in the West Bank (July 2023)** - The official purpose of the approved plan is for “restoring, preserving, developing, and preventing the destruction and looting of antiquities in the West Bank.” The cost of the decision is approximately 120 million NIS, and it complements an investment of 32 million NIS in the development of a tourism site in the settlement of Sebastiya, which was decided upon in [May of this year.](#) The main elements of the plan include (a) establishing a new tourist settlement at the archaeological site “Hasmonean Palaces” adjacent to the Palestinian city of Jericho, with access for Israeli citizens without crossing into Area A; (b) establishing 4-7 new tourist settlements at additional archaeological sites to be determined later; (c) monitoring of antiquities’ destruction, strictly preventing construction and agricultural work by Palestinians in Area C; (d) construction of a new archaeological museum with an unspecified location, but it will be within the

occupied West Bank, and (e) allocating 13 million NIS for education and public outreach. For further information, continue reading [here](#). **11) New Settlement in Hebron (July 2023)** - Settlers established a new settlement in the heart of Hebron, expanding the Jewish presence in the city. The settlers entered a Palestinian house in Hebron, south of the Cave of the Patriarchs (across from the Sultan's Pool), in an area currently without permanent settler presence. The entry of settlers into the house indicates that the government and the army are allowing and supporting the establishment of this new settlement. [For further reading, click here.](#) - **12) Advancement of Two New Settlements in East Jerusalem (September 23)** - [The Jerusalem Local Planning and Building Committee has officially approved two building plans in East Jerusalem](#), both of which carry significant political implications. The first plan is located in the southern part of the city, adjacent to the Givat Hamatos neighborhood. It encompasses residential complexes (3,500 housing units), hotels (1,300 rooms), and commercial and employment areas. The second plan involves the construction of a new settlement right in the heart of the Palestinian neighborhood of Ras al-Amud (Al-Shayakh) and close to the Abu Dis Palestinian village, comprising 384 housing units. [For more details, click here.](#) **13) A total of 13,638 housing units have been advanced in the West Bank, along with 18,223 housing units in East Jerusalem.** - The planning authorities of the Civil Administration and the Ministry of Housing have promoted 12,349 housing units for settlements in the West Bank, marking the highest number of housing units advanced in West Bank settlements since the Oslo Accords. In addition, tenders have been published for the construction of 1,289 housing units across the West Bank. At the same time, in East Jerusalem settlements, [18,223 housing units have advanced since the beginning of the year](#) (data collected by Ir Amim). (PEACENOW 20 September 2023)

- Displacement of Palestinian herders amid increasing settler violence - September 2023: Settler violence has been increasing across the West Bank over the past years. Three settler related incidents per day occurred on average in the first eight months of 2023 compared to an average of two per day in 2022 and one per day the year before. This is the highest daily average of settler-related incidents affecting Palestinians since the UN started recording this data in 2006. **Population displacement:** A total of 1,105 people from 28 Communities – about 12% of their population - have been displaced from their places of residence since 2022, citing settler violence and the prevention of access to grazing land by settlers as the primary reason. Those displaced have moved to towns or other rural areas that they consider safer. Most of those displaced were in the governorates of Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron, which also have the highest number of Israeli settlement outposts. Four Communities have been completely displaced and are now empty, including two that were vacated during the assessment. In six other Communities, over 50% of the residents left since 2022 and in seven additional Communities more than 25% of the community has left. The documented number of people displaced does not include those Palestinian herders that have moved for seasonal reasons, and includes those who indicated their willingness to return if conditions improve. **Types of settler violence:** Some 93% of the Communities reported a higher frequency of settler violence and 90% reported that the severity of the settler

violence had increased since the beginning of 2022. **Change in population size:** Comparative data for 41 of the Communities was available from an assessment conducted by the UN and its humanitarian partners in 2013. Twenty-four of those Communities have recorded a 39% decrease in the total population size. In these 41 Communities, the overall population growth was 10% lower than the projected growth rate based on the West Bank average. The Communities that have recorded the highest population growth have their “master plans” approved by Israeli authorities. **Decrease in number of livestock and in cultivated grazing land:** Almost all of the Communities (55) reported a decrease in their number of livestock, and at least 90% reported a reduction in cultivated grazing land. Some 79% of Communities stopped accessing land due to attacks by settlers, and 60% cited the expansion of settlements into grazing land or the takeover of land by settlers as reasons for the decrease. **Destruction of crops:** Some 62% of the Communities that cited settler violence as one of the main reasons for the reduction in access to cultivated grazing land had their crops destroyed by arson attacks, physical sabotage or by settlers grazing flocks on land that Palestinian herders had relied on. Click here for more ([UNOCHA 20 September 2023](#))