



# News of Terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (September 4-10, 2019)

## Overview

► On Friday, September 6, 2019, **the 73<sup>rd</sup> return march** was held in the Gaza Strip. The march was particularly violent, and **two Palestinians were killed**. Following their deaths **five rockets were fired at the Sderot region from the Gaza Strip** (two days later there were two more rocket launchings, which failed). **No casualties were reported; a fire broke out near Sderot**. The following day **a drone dropped an IED** on an Israeli military vehicle east of Rafah. **No casualties were reported; the vehicle was damaged**. In response a number of Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip were attacked. Given the tension in the region, an Egyptian General Intelligence delegation arrived in the Gaza Strip.

► A Palestinian youth carried out **a stabbing attack** in the village of Azoun (near Qalqilya), wounding two Israelis, a father and son. Palestinian sources praised the attack, calling it "a high-quality response to Israeli terrorism." On September 4, 2019, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited **the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron**, where a memorial service was held for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1929 Hebron massacre.<sup>1</sup> Many senior Palestinian figures severely criticized the visit, comparing it to Arik Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount in September 2000, which led to the second intifada.

► On September 8, 2019, **Bassem al-Saeh, a Palestinian prisoner** who had been suffering from a terminal disease for a number of years, died in an Israeli prison. He had been imprisoned since 2015 **for involvement in terrorist activities, including planning the shooting attack in which Eitam and Naama Henkin were killed in Itamar** (October 1, 2015). **Hamas' military wing announced the death of its operative**. Senior Palestinian figures and spokesmen in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip accused Israel and the Israeli prison service of responsibility for his death, claiming he died because of medical negligence.

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<sup>1</sup> The **Hebron massacre** refers to the killing of 67 or 69 Jews on August 24, 1929 in Hebron, then part of Mandatory Palestine, by Arabs incited to violence by rumors that Jews were planning to seize control of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

►The Palestinian Authority continues its activities for **economic separation from Israel**: the PA minister of economics signed a series of agreements with Arab countries, which, he claimed, implement the PA government's strategy to disengage from Israel's economy.

## Israel's South

### The return march of September 6, 2019

►On September 6, 2019, the return march was held with the theme, "Defending the home front." **About 6,200 Palestinians participated in the events, gathering at the five return camps.** According to the IDF spokesman **the activities were particularly violent.** Dozens of **Palestinian rioters approached the security fence and threw a large number of IEDs, hand grenades and Molotov cocktails** at the fence and at IDF forces. Several rioters tried to sabotage the fence and it was vandalized at a number of sites. During the events IDF forces identified a number of suspicious Palestinians who crossed the fence in the northern and southern Gaza Strip and immediately returned (IDF spokesman, September 6, 2019). In addition, **a number of IED balloons were launched into Israeli territory.** Senior Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) figures Khaled al-Batash and Khader Habib were prominent at the return camp east of Gaza City (al-Aqsa TV, September 6, 2019).



**Operatives of Hamas' security forces direct traffic to the return march centers (Facebook page of the ministry of the interior in the Gaza Strip, September 6, 2019).**



**Right: Demonstrators in eastern Rafah wave a Palestinian flag near the security fence and at an IDF vehicle. Left: Rioters, mainly adolescents and children, climb the security fence in eastern Rafah (Supreme National Authority of the Great Return March Facebook page, September 6, 2019).**



**Palestinians attack an IDF jeep with firecrackers in the eastern part of the al-Bureij refugee camp (Facebook page of balhadath24, September 6, 2019).**

► The spokesman for the ministry of health in the Gaza Strip reported that **two Palestinians were killed** and 67 wounded (Ashraf al-Qidra's Facebook page, September 6, 2019). A Palestinian rioter was also killed at the previous return march after several weeks during which there had been no fatalities at the marches. In response the Supreme National Authority called on the march participants not to give Israel any excuse to kill innocent Palestinians. The Supreme National Authority also accused Israel of "aggression" against the Palestinian people (Supreme National Authority Facebook page, September 6, 2019).



**Ali al-Ashqar, one of the Palestinians killed during the return march, climbing the security fence in the northern Gaza Strip (video posted to the Instagram account of photographer Muhammad Hamdan, September 7, 2019).**

► Reactions to the two Palestinians' death included the following:

- ◆ **Hamas** issued a statement expressing grief over the death of the two demonstrators. According to the statement their deaths reflected Israel's "criminal concept/criminality." Hamas stressed that the return marches would continue as a means of struggle until it achieved its objectives (Hamas website, September 6, 2019)
  - ◆ **Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem** said the demonstrators who were killed and wounded were dozens of yards away from the security fence and that various international commissions had already proved that had been the situation when they investigated similar events at the return marches. He claimed Israel deliberately killed and wounded demonstrators (Hamas website, September 6, 2019). On another occasion Hazem Qassem said that Israel knowingly harmed demonstrators, which showed the cruel nature of Israel's leaders. He claimed Israel should be designated as a "terrorism-sponsoring state" and its leaders as "war criminals" (Sawa, September 6, 2019).
  - ◆ During the march **Khalil al-Haya, a member of Hamas' political bureau**, relating to the deaths of the two Palestinians, asked all the mediators to work to end Israel's violence against the demonstrators. He claimed that if Israel did not stop its actions Hamas would "force it to stop them against its will" (al-Jazeera, September 6, 2019).
- The Supreme National Authority announced that demonstrations would be held on September 10, 2019, and that the theme would be "Students against the siege." The Authority asked the media to cover the activities, in which 1,000 students would participate (Supreme National Authority Facebook page, September 8, 2019). The return march of Friday, September 13 will have as its theme "Let us erase the [Oslo] Accords from our history" to

mark the anniversary of the signing of the Oslo Accords, and in response to the [alleged] American plans to eradicate the Palestinian cause (Ma'an, September 6, 2019).

## Rocket and Mortar Shell Fire

### Rocket and mortar shell fire into Israel

► This past week seven rockets were fired at Israeli territory in two separate incidents on consecutive days. No casualties were reported; one rocket caused a fire:

◆ **On September 8, 2019**, two rockets were fired at Israeli territory. They fell inside the Gaza Strip (IDF spokesman, September 8, 2019). The Palestinian media reported that three or four Palestinians had been injured in Sajaiya, east of Gaza City, by the explosion of a locally-produced rocket that was launched at Israel and fell on a house in Sajaiya (Amad, September 8, 2019).



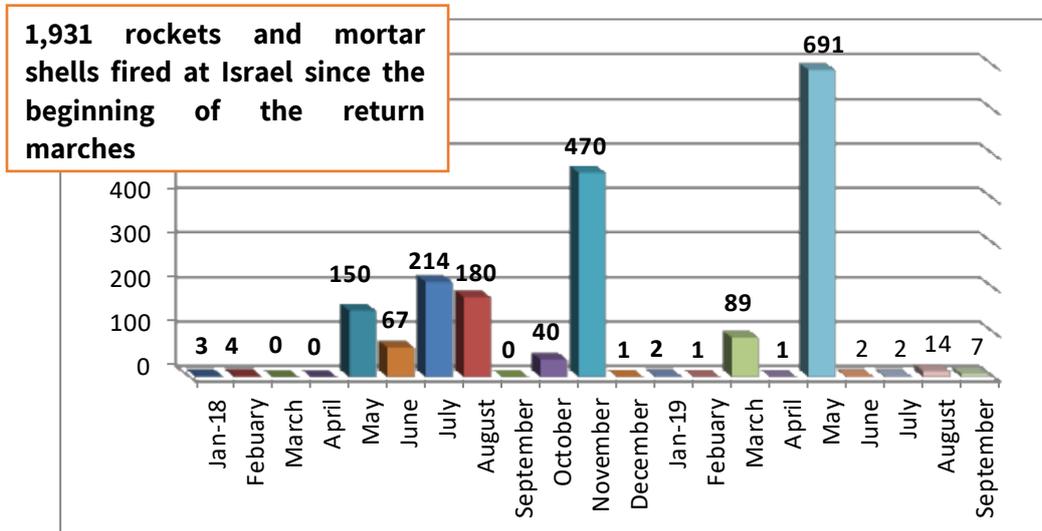
**Damage from a rocket launched at Israeli territory which fell on a house in the eastern Gaza Strip (Shja3eya Facebook page, September 8, 2019).**

◆ **On September 6, 2019** five rockets were launched into Israeli territory from the Beit Hanoun region in the northern Gaza Strip. They fell in open areas near the southern Israeli city of Sderot and one caused a fire. In response to the rocket fire Israeli Air Force aircraft and IDF tanks attacked a number of Hamas military targets in the northern Gaza Strip, among them a military post and positions (IDF spokesman, September 7, 2019). The Palestinian media reported that Israel attacked an observation post in the region of the Beit Hanoun garbage dump (Shehab Twitter account, September 7, 2019). Israeli Air Force aircraft also attack the "Ashqelon" post west of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip (QudsN Twitter account, September 7, 2019).

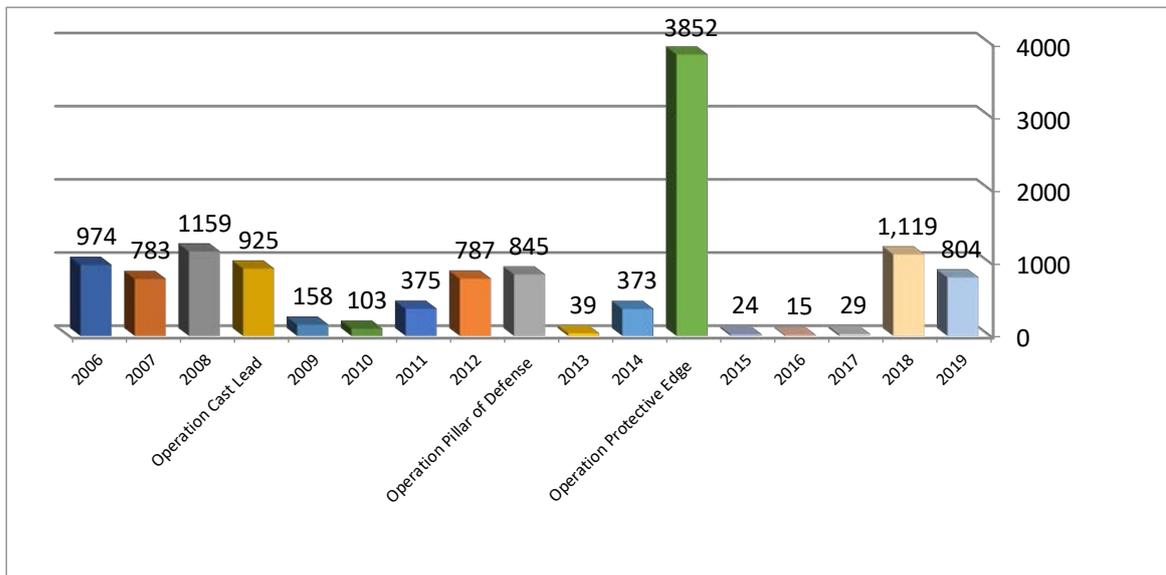


Al-Ghad correspondent in the Gaza Strip reporting on the Israeli Air Force attack in the northern Gaza Strip (al-Ghad YouTube channel, September 6, 2019).

## Monthly Distribution of Rocket and Mortar Shell Fire since January 2018



## Annual Distribution of Rocket Hits



## IED drone launched

► On the morning of September 7, 2019, **a drone carrying an IED was launched from the Gaza Strip**. It dropped the IED on an IDF vehicle. No casualties were reported; the vehicle was damaged. In response Israeli Air Force aircraft shot at the squad that had launched the drone. Israeli Air Force aircraft later attacked a number of terrorist targets, among them a facility for storing naval weapons and two military compounds of Hamas' anti-aircraft units in the northern and central Gaza Strip (IDF spokesman, September 7, 2019). The Palestinian media reported that two missiles were fired at a target in the al-Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip (Shehab and the Dunia al-Watan Twitter account, September 7, 2019).

► Regarding the drone, **senior PIJ figure Khader Habib** said the "resistance" [i.e., the terrorist organizations] had raised the level of its activities by attacking an IDF jeep with a drone. According to Habib, the joint operations room of the Palestinian organizations is responsible for responding to Israel's actions and decides when and where to act (Dunia al-Watan, September 9, 2019).



**IDF vehicle damaged by an IED from a drone launched in the southern Gaza Strip (Mu'ataz Abu Rida's Twitter account, September 7, 2019).**

### **IDF drone intercepted**

► **On the night of September 9, 2019, an IDF drone fell** to the east of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. The IDF is investigating the event (IDF spokesman, September 10, 2019). Palestinian sources in the Gaza Strip reported that armed Palestinian forces operating along the security fence shot at the drone, which was on a mission over Rafah, downing and taking control of it (Arab48 website, September 10, 2019). Later, in the afternoon, Hamas' military wing claimed responsibility for downing the drone. According to the military wing, it was carrying a number of cameras and was on a mission in the Gaza Strip (Ma'an, September 10, 2019).



**Claim of responsibility issued by Hamas' military wing (PNA Twitter account, September 10, 2019).**

## Attempts to infiltrate into Israeli territory

► **On September 8, 2019** IDF soldiers detained two Palestinians who crossed the security fence in the southern Gaza Strip. They had a knife, wire cutter and accelerants in their possession. They were taken for interrogation (IDF spokesman, September 8, 2019).

► **On September 7, 2019** three Palestinian youths crossed the security fence and were detained by the Israeli security forces. They had a knife in their possession and were taken for interrogation (IDF spokesman, September 7, 2019).

## Judea and Samaria

### Stabbing attack

► **Two Israelis, a father and son**, who went to the village of Azoun (east of Qalqilya) for a dental appointment, **were stabbed by a Palestinian**. Before the Palestinian attacked them he asked if they were Jews, and when they answered they were, he stabbed them. The father sustained minor wounds but the son was seriously injured. The IDF evacuated them to a hospital (IDF spokesman, September 7, 2019).

► The Palestinian who stabbed them was **Mustafa Salameh, 15, from Azoun**. He turned himself in to the PA's security forces (Azoun Azoun Facebook page, September 8, 2019). Palestinian sources in Azoun reported that IDF forces detained Yusuf Salameh, Mustafa's father (SND Agency, September 8, 2019).



**Right: The knife used to stab the two Israelis (Facebook page of Dar Hassan Adi, September 7, 2019). Left: Israeli security forces operating in the village of Azoun after the stabbing attack (QudsN Facebook page, September 7, 2019).**

► Palestinians praised the stabbing attack, calling it "the best possible response to Israel's [alleged] terrorism." Hamas said it was the village of Azoun's response to the harm done by Israel to the demonstrators during the return march, and that it was a message to the Israeli

leadership and settlers in the West Bank telling them there was no security for them on the lands of the Palestinians (al-Watan, September 7, 2019). The PIJ said the increase of the "resistance" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip was the "natural response" to Israel's killing and its breaking into the [Muslims'] holy sites (Sawa, September 7, 2019).

### Other events on the ground

► In Judea and Samaria Palestinians continued throwing stones and Molotov cocktails at Israeli security forces and civilian targets. Israeli security forces carried out counterterrorism activities throughout Judea and Samaria, detaining Palestinians suspected of terrorist activity and seizing military grade and improvised weapons. The more prominent events were the following:

- ◆ **September 9, 2019** – During Israeli security force activities in Hebron and Jenin an improvised machine gun and a hand gun were seized (IDF spokesman, September 9, 2019).



**The Carlo improvised machine gun seized by the Israeli security forces (IDF spokesman, September 9, 2019).**

- ◆ **September 8, 2019** – Stones were thrown at an Israel vehicle near the **Azoun Junction (east of Qalqilya)**. No casualties were reported. The vehicle was damaged.
- ◆ **September 8, 2019** – Stones were thrown at an Israeli vehicle on **the Jerusalem-Gush Etzion road** near the al-Khader Junction. No casualties were reported. The windshield of the vehicle was damaged (Rescue Without Borders in Judea and Samaria, September 8, 2018).
- ◆ **September 6, 2019** – Border Police fighters detained a young Palestinian who aroused their suspicion at one of the checkpoints at the entrance to **the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron**. A knife was found concealed in his clothing. The Palestinian, 15,

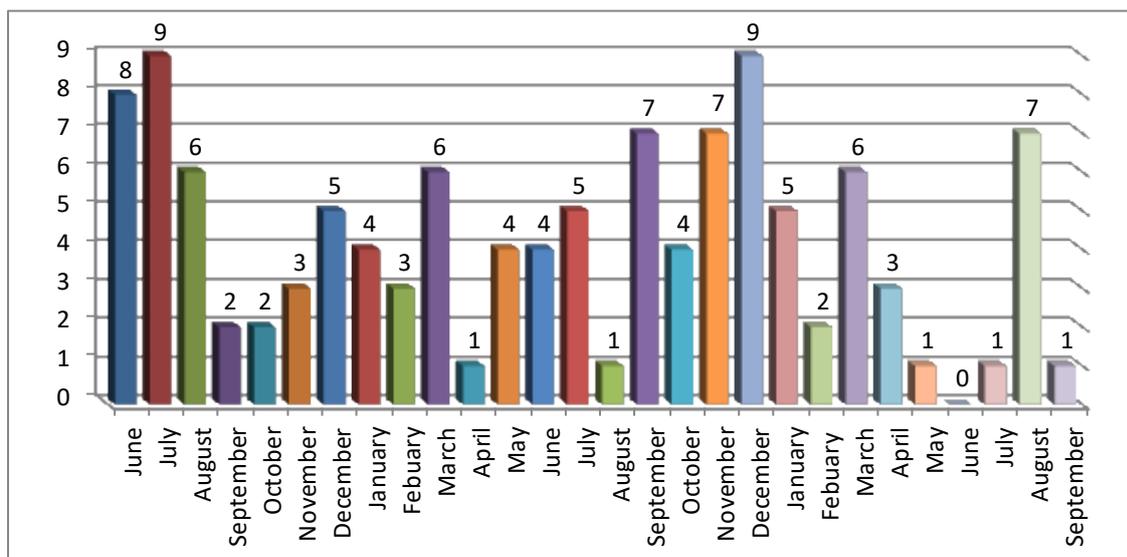
from Tulkarm, was taken for interrogation (Israel Police Force spokesman's unit, September 6, 2019).



**The knife found in the possession of the Palestinian at the entrance to the Cave of the Patriarchs (Israel Police Force spokesman's unit, September 6, 2019).**

- ◆ **September 5, 2019** – Stones were thrown at an Israeli vehicle on **the Gush Etzion road**. No casualties were reported. The windshield of the vehicle was damaged (Rescue Without Borders in Judea and Samaria, September 5, 2018).
- ◆ **September 5, 2019** – Stones were thrown at an Israeli vehicle **near Deir Nidham** (northwest of Ramallah). No casualties were reported. The vehicle was damaged (443 Central, September 5, 2018).
- ◆ **September 4, 2019** – Two Molotov cocktails were thrown at **an IDF post on the Gaza Strip-Hebron road near Bayt Umar**. No casualties were reported (Rescue Without Borders in Judea and Samaria, September 4, 2019).
- ◆ **September 4, 2019** – Stones were thrown at an Israeli vehicle near the Yakir Junction (western Samaria). No casualties were reported. The vehicle was damaged (United Hatzalah, September 4, 2019).

## Significant terrorist attacks in Judea and Samaria since June 2017<sup>2</sup>



## Developments in the Gaza Strip

### The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip

► **Yahya Abu Abir, director of the desalination project in Khan Yunis**, reported the completion of the first phase of constructing the desalination plant that will serve the residents of Khan Yunis. The project is funded by the UN, which raised \$57 million from sources which included Japan and the International Development Bank (Dunia al-Watan, September 8, 2019).

### Egyptian security delegation

► **An Egyptian security delegation, headed by General Ahmed Abd al-Khaliq**, who holds the Palestinian portfolio, **arrived in the Gaza Strip for a visit on September 8, 2019**. Hamas spokesman Abd al-Latif al-Qanua said the Egyptians were reciprocating the recent Hamas visit to Cairo (al-Andalou News, September 8, 2019).

<sup>2</sup>A significant attack is defined by the ITIC as involving shooting, a vehicular attack, the use of IEDs, or a combination of the above. Stones and Molotov cocktails thrown by Palestinians are not included.



**The Egyptian delegation arrives in the Gaza Strip (the "Gaza Strip crossings" Facebook page, September 8, 2019).**

► While in the Gaza Strip the delegation visited the Gaza-Egypt border, the Rafah Crossing and the border industrial zone (Twitter account of the correspondent for Russia Today in the Gaza Strip, September 8, 2019). After the visit to the border the delegation met with senior **Hamas figures Isma'il Haniyeh, head of Hamas' political bureau, Yahya al-Sinwar, head of the Hamas political bureau in the Gaza Strip**, and with representatives of the other terrorist organizations in the Gaza Strip. Hamas reported that the meetings focused on the internal Palestinian reconciliation and measures to ease the daily lives of the residents of the Gaza Strip. Regarding Israel, according to reports during the meeting the Hamas leadership severely criticized the "aggressive way" Israel dealt with the return march demonstrators, and threatened that if it continued the situation would worsen into an escalation (Hamas website, September 8, 2019). On September 9, 2019, the Egyptian security delegation left the Gaza Strip through the Erez Crossing (Amad, September 9, 2019).



**The Egyptian security delegation meets with senior Hamas figures (Hamas website, September 8, 2019).**

► According to reports from the *al-Akhbar* correspondent in the Gaza Strip, the visit of **the Egyptian delegation was pushed forward following the deterioration in the security situation**. At the meeting Hamas was asked to preserve calm in view of sensitivity of the

times and concern over the security situation. Regarding the events of Friday, September 6, 2019 and the deaths of the two demonstrators, the members of the delegation told Hamas that Israel explained the events as "an incorrect assessment of the situation by some of the soldiers." Hamas rejected the explanation, saying it had the right to respond to Israel's aggression in a way that would deter Israel and prevent the future recurrence of such events (al-Akhbar in Lebanon, September 9, 2019).

## The Palestinian Authority (PA)

### Reactions to the Israeli prime minister's visit to the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron

► On September 4, 2019, **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron**, where a ceremony was held marking the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1929 massacre. The Palestinian *waqf* called the visit "a dangerous escalation and attack on Muslim sensibilities." **Before the visit, calls were heard from Palestinians, especially on the social networks, to gather at the Cave of the Patriarchs to clash with Israeli security forces.** A number of riots broke out. Palestinian Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh met with Nikolas Mladenov, the UN envoy to the peace process in the Middle East, and told him that Netanyahu's visit to Hebron and his announcement about the establishing of a new settlement in Hebron were part of his election campaign (Wafa, September 5, 2019).

► Many senior Palestinian figures condemned the visit:

- ◆ **Abbas Zaki, a member of Fatah's Central Committee**, appealed to the Arab families living in Hebron to make their struggle more extreme to cause Netanyahu's ouster from the office of prime minister. He said that in addition to Fatah's diplomatic and political activity it had to return to leading the popular struggle on the ground (al-Mayadeen, September 4, 2019).

- ◆ **Fatah spokesman Usama al-Qawasmeh** called Netanyahu's visit a "crime" against the residents of east Jerusalem and against al-Aqsa mosque. He said the Palestinians had to escalate all forms of "popular resistance" [i.e., popular terrorism] throughout Palestine, noting that "every action has a reaction" (al-Mayadeen, September 4, 2019).

- ◆ **Ahmed Bahar, chairman of the Palestinian Legislative Council**, claimed the Israeli government was dragging the region into a religious war. He said Netanyahu's visit to Hebron was "playing with a fire" which would cause the collapse of his government. He

called for an intifada to defend the holy places and curb Israel's plans (Filastin al-Yawm, September 4, 2019).

◆ **Senior PIJ figure Nafez Azzam** condemned the visit and said it was a "new aggression" against the Palestinian people (alresala.net, September 5, 2019).

## PA economic activity

► **Khaled al-Asili, minister of Palestinian national economy**, said that on September 5, 2019, during deliberations of the Arab League's Council for Economy and Welfare, a number of decisions had been made that would benefit the Palestinian economy. He said some of them dealt with separating the PA's economy from Israel's and Arab support (Palestinian TV, September 5, 2019). Al-Asili signed a number of cooperation agreements with various Arab professional associations. The agreements were signed to support the development of Palestinian merchandise. He said the agreements implement the Palestinian government's strategy to separate its economy from Israel's and to use its resources to increase economic cooperation with the Arab states (Wafa, September 7, 2019).

► **Shukri Bishara, PA minister of the treasury**, held a press conference in Ramallah where he said the PA had decided to appeal to the International Court of Arbitration in the Hague in an attempt to receive the PA's funds held by Israel. He said they demanded the revoking of the law passed by the Israeli Knesset regarding the deduction of tax revenues. He also said that **Mahmoud Abbas and Palestinian Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh had authorized a plan to struggle against Israel regarding the funds in accordance with accepted international laws** (Filastin al-Yawm, September 4, 2019).



**Palestinian ministry of the treasury Shukri Bishara holds a press conference to announce the Palestinian intentions to appeal to the International Court of Arbitration in the Hague (Wafa, September 5, 2019).**

► Palestinian Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh met with Nikolay Mladenov, the UN envoy to the peace process in the Middle East, and updated him about the plans of the government to gradually separate its economy from Israel's by strengthening the national product, stopping medical referrals to Israeli hospitals and strengthening economic relations with the Arab world through bilateral agreements (Wafa, September 5, 2019).

### **Reactions to the death of a Palestinian prisoner who died in an Israeli jail**

► On September 8, 2019, **Bassem al-Saeh, a Palestinian prisoner** who had been suffering from a terminal illness for many years, **died in an Israeli prison**. He was an operative in Hamas' military wing who had been imprisoned in Israel since 2015 for involvement in terrorist activities. **He was one of the terrorists who planned the shooting attack that killed Eitam and Naama Henkin** in the community of Itamar on October 1, 2015. Hamas' military wing announced his death and stressed that he had not died in vain (Hamas military wing website, September 8, 2019).

► His death returned the issue of the Palestinian prisoners to headlines in the media. Calls were heard in Judea and Samaria to demonstrate at the friction points with the Israeli security forces (Shehab, September 8, 2019). In the large cities and other locations in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip there were **clashes, marches, demonstrations and rallies** (Shehab, September 8, 2019).



**Palestinians protest the prisoner's death. Right: A demonstration in the al-Shuhadaa Square in Nablus (QudsN Twitter account, September 8, 2019). Left: A march in Ramallah (Facebook page of photographer Muhammad Qarout Idkaidek, September 8, 2019).**

► Palestinian senior figures and spokesmen in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip accused Israel and the Israel prison service of responsibility for the prisoner's death, claiming it had been caused by medical negligence. Some of the statements were the following:

- ◆ **Palestinian Prime Minister Muhammad Shtayyeh** condemned the death and called it "a crime of killing" resulting from medical negligence in the prisons in Israel (Muhammad Shtayyeh's Facebook page, September 9, 2019).

- ◆ **Hamas government spokesman Ibrahim Milhem** claimed the death was "an Israeli crime" because Israel did not allow the prisoner to receive medical treatment. Milhem said the event demanded international investigation and enforcing monitoring and supervision of the jails in Israel. He said the prisoner's death would be one of the issues in the PA's appeal to the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the Hague (Dunia al-Watan, September 9, 2019).

- ◆ **Saeb Erekat, secretary of the PLO's Executive Committee**, condemned the "revolting crime" carried out by the [so-called Israeli] "occupation" which had executed Palestinian prisoner Bassem al-Saeh. He demanded Israeli prisons be opened to international inspection and that an international commission be established to investigate the issue of the [so-called] "crimes." He called on the ICC to begin an investigation and hold the Israeli leadership accountable (Saeb Erekat's Twitter account, September 8, 2019).



**Saeb Erekat's reaction to the death of Bassem al-Saeh  
(Saeb Erekat's Twitter account, September 8, 2019).**

- ◆ **Deputy Fatah chairman Mahmoud al-'Alul** condemned the death, saying that it had been caused by the medical negligence of the Israeli prison system. He said that during the past few days contacts had been held by "popular resistance" operatives to resuscitate it and examine new methods of "resistance." He said such a "resistance" could be more influential and exert pressure on Israel (Sawa, department 9, 2019).
- ◆ **Isma'il Haniyeh** gave a speech in which he accused Israel of the prisoner's death and threatened that Israel would pay for its crimes (al-Aqsa, September 8, 2019).
- ◆ **Hamas spokesman Abd al-Latif al-Qanua** said Israel was guilty of the prisoner's death and that it was a crime exposing "cruel face" of Israel and the treatment it gave prisoners. He called for action to be taken to bring Israel's criminal leaders to trial (Sawa, September 8, 2018).
- ◆ **The PIJ** said the death was its top priority and called for more support for the prisoners. It said legal effort had to be invested to bring Israel to trial for its crimes against the prisoners and against the Palestinian people (PIJ website, September 8, 2019). **Senior PIJ figure Khader Habib** said that Israel would pay a high price for the prisoner's death (Paltoday, September 9, 2019).

## **Mahmoud Abbas plans to give a speech before the UN General Assembly**

► On September 26, 2019, **PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas** plans to give a speech at the UN General Assembly's annual session. **Riyad Mansour, the PA ambassador to the UN**, revealed details about the subjects Mahmoud Abbas is planning to speak about. He said the speech would deal with the current situation in the Palestinian territories, the attacks [allegedly] carried out by the "settlers" and the activities taken by the Israeli government against the [Muslim] holy sites, including the visit of the Israeli prime minister to the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. According to Mansour, Mahmoud Abbas will also explain how 2019 was the year in which the door was closed to every possibility of holding a political process. That,

he will say, was because of American policy, which adopts only Israel's position (Palestinian TV, September 9, 2019)