

Situation Report

JSR Situation Room

27.9-4.10

Executive Summary

The past week shows a sharp rise in security incidents in Judea and Samaria: 59 incidents compared to 44 in the previous period, an increase of roughly 34 percent. This trend forms the background for the entire review and points to an ongoing escalation in the field, both in the intensity and scope of incidents.

Three central phenomena stand out this week. The first is a severe escalation in violent attacks against Jewish shepherds, farms and hikers: in the Binyamin region, a shepherd from Sha'arah Farm was attacked by roughly 100 Arabs and anarchists using clubs and tear gas, while in Samaria, eight Jewish residents hiking near a water hole east of Yitzhar were attacked by roughly 60 Arabs who attempted, unsuccessfully, to drag one resident into the village. The second is the exposure of official Palestinian Authority involvement in terror infrastructure: a tunnel 25 meters deep was uncovered running from Qalqilya toward Kfar Saba, with one of the two suspects arrested in the case identified as a major in the Palestinian Authority's General Intelligence Service, alongside the arrest of the mayor of Habla village on suspicion of involvement in terror activity. Yossi Dagan, head of the Samaria Regional Council, warned the political and military leadership in a letter of a scenario in which Arab security apparatuses turn their weapons against Israeli civilians.

At the same time, alongside the security escalation, Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria continues to strengthen. In the Gush Etzion region, the community of Gad Natan is expected to be established, becoming the southernmost community in the regional council and reinforcing settlement continuity toward Hebron, while in eastern Samaria the new "Karem Hillel" expansion neighborhood was inaugurated in Migdalim, named after a fallen IDF soldier. The emerging picture is one of a dual trend: continued organized, violent escalation on the ground by Arab actors and Palestinian Authority apparatuses, set against the steady continuation of Jewish building and entrenchment in Judea and Samaria.

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1. Telegram channel <https://t.me/TheBigBadShadow/186346>
 2. Homron 55 News <https://t.me/newshomron55/14528>
 3. Hitnachalut website <https://www.okn.co.il/64897/התיישבות/>

Situation Data

Report period 27.9-4.10

59

events reported during the period

▲ up 15 vs previous period (44)



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During the report period (27.9-4.10), 59 events were recorded in the Heatmap system, a 34% increase compared to the previous period (44 events). Leading event types: Stone throwing (31), Attacks on Jewish shepherds (8), Laser blinding (6). Main activity areas: Samaria (33), Binyamin (12), Hebron Hills (9).

Situation Data



During the current period, 59 security and terror-related incidents were documented across Judea and Samaria, compared with 44 incidents in the preceding period, an increase of approximately 34%. The figures are based on the daily incident logs compiled by the JSR situation room, drawing on reports from farms, Jewish communities, community security officers, and security forces.

An analysis of incident types shows that stone-throwing was the most common phenomenon, accounting for the largest share of all documented incidents: against Jewish shepherds, farms, residents' vehicles, and military forces, including along the Al-Mu'ayyar route, Hasmonean Palaces in Jericho, Route 446, and Route 458, among many other locations. Following stone-throwing, the second most frequent incident type was anarchist activity, including gatherings near farms and communities, incursions into grazing land, and filming by foreign activists in areas such as Havat Yehuda, Havat El Neve, Havat Be'eri, and Havat Nomadim. In addition, arson incidents were recorded, including fires deliberately set near communities and farms and tire burning, as well as laser-blinding incidents directed at vehicles, outposts, and security points during nighttime hours, including at Yakir outpost, Sde Shechem farm, and Route 458.

The rise in the number of incidents reflects an intensification of daily friction on the ground, alongside a continuing pattern of property damage, harassment of Jewish shepherds, and provocations against residents throughout Judea and Samaria.

Leading Trends

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Severe Escalation in Violent Attacks on
Jewish Shepherds, Farms and Hikers

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Leading Trends

2 Exposure of a Terror Infrastructure and Official Palestinian Authority Involvement

This week a tunnel was exposed in Qalqilya, dug to a depth of 25 meters toward the Israeli town of Kfar Saba, inside Israeli territory. The exposure, together with a series of other incidents documented in the same days, forms a picture that goes beyond isolated events and points to a recurring pattern of involvement by both official and unofficial Palestinian Authority bodies in building terror infrastructure.



Following the tunnel's exposure, Shomron Regional Council head Yossi Dagan sent an urgent letter to the Defense

Minister, the IDF Chief of Staff, and the chair of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, warning of a scenario of "reversed muzzles," in which Hamas, and in particular Palestinian Authority police elements in Judea and Samaria, would turn their weapons toward Jewish residents of the Shomron periphery and the towns of the Sharon and central Israel. Dagan stressed that the tunnel's exposure constitutes a real warning, especially in light of statements by senior Palestinian Authority officials about a "second October 7."

The initial suspicion gained further weight when the detention of two Qalqilya Arabs arrested in the case was extended. The military court in Samaria extended their detention by eight days, until October 4. The most troubling detail to emerge: one of the two is an officer holding the rank of major in the Palestinian Authority's General Intelligence Service. This is not a random Arab terrorist or an anonymous field operative, but a senior officer in an official Palestinian Authority security body, one that under existing agreements is supposed to serve as a coordinating body vis-a-vis Israel. Two Israeli citizens were also arrested in the case, and the investigation continues.

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- 4. Telegram group <https://t.me/TheBigBadShadow/186346>
 - 5. Telegram group <https://t.me/newshomron55/14528>
 - 6. Telegram group <https://t.me/TheBigBadShadow/186409>
 - 7. Facebook post https://www.facebook.com/reel/1130762076038917?locale=he_IL

Leading Trends (cont.)

Exposure of a Terror Infrastructure and Official Palestinian Authority Involvement (cont.)

In the same days, another incident reinforced the picture: at the Askar refugee camp in the Shechem area, IDF forces, guided by Israel Police intelligence, located ten lathes, a replica weapon converted into a firearm, additional weapon parts including a stock and cocking handle for an M-16 rifle, and military and technological equipment. Two Arab suspects, a 21-year-old from Shechem and a 37-year-old from Rafidia, were arrested and their detention extended. This points to a systematic weapons-manufacturing infrastructure rather than an isolated case of weapons possession.

At the same time, IDF forces arrested in the village of Habla, near Alfei Menashe, the village's mayor, Hamza Saleh, on suspicion of involvement in terrorist activity. The arrest of a holder of official municipal office joins a pattern in which figures with official standing within the Palestinian Authority, not only field operatives, are involved in armed activity. In parallel, forces of the Jordan Valley and Emek Brigade, guided by the Shin Bet, completed a wide-scale brigade operation in the Tammun and Tayasir village area, in which fighters of the Jordan Lions Battalion, the Jordan Valley Lions, and the Matilan unit of the Judea and Samaria Border Police interrogated approximately 20 suspects involved in terrorism and searched dozens of locations. Forces continue to hold the sector and operate in both villages.

A complementary picture, albeit outside Judea and Samaria itself, emerges from footage published from a wedding in the city of Nuseirat in central Gaza. The video shows a mass celebration of the al-Hur family, a clan identified with the Fatah movement, in which, alongside yellow Fatah-identified flags, a considerable quantity of weapons is displayed, including AK-style rifles, additional long guns, and even a heavy machine gun. Arabic text overlaid on the video reads: "The al-Hur family militia in Nuseirat." The footage raises direct questions about the extent of ties or support between Fatah-identified elements and armed groups in the Gaza Strip, and in particular the degree of

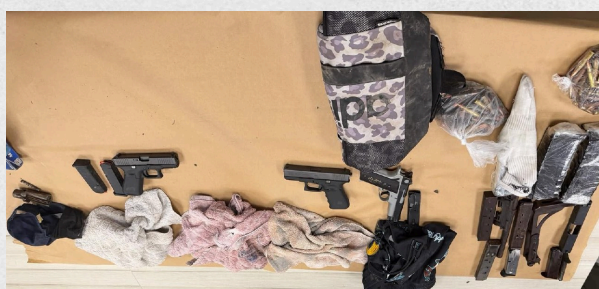
connection or support from Palestinian Authority-identified bodies for armed activity.

The combination of a terror tunnel involving a major in Arab General Intelligence, a mayor detained on suspicion of terrorism, an active weapons-manufacturing infrastructure, a wide-scale brigade operation against terrorism suspects, and documented footage of an armed Fatah-identified militia, does not read as a chain of random events. It reflects a consistent pattern indicating that Palestinian Authority involvement, official and unofficial alike, in armed activity and terror infrastructure is not an aberration but a structural feature. These exposures occur against the backdrop of an overall rise in the number of security incidents in the region during the surveyed period, reinforcing the assessment that this is an expanding trend rather than a passing episode.

Leading Trends

3 Cross-Border Crime: Vehicle Theft Rings and Money Laundering Networks

Recent weeks have revealed a clear picture of an organized crime network spanning the Green Line, exploiting Judea and Samaria as a refuge, a trading base and an operational framework for money laundering, weapons and drug trafficking, and large-scale vehicle theft. During the period under review, 59 such incidents were recorded, compared with 44 in the previous period, an increase of approximately 34 percent, indicating that the phenomenon is entrenching and expanding rather than consisting of isolated incidents.



In one prominent case, officers of the national Lahav 433 cyber unit arrested, at the Beit Horon checkpoint, an Israeli resident of Rishon LeZion and an Arab from the Palestinian Authority resident of Ramallah, aged 50 and 25, on suspicion of operating illegal currency exchange transactions. The two are suspected of converting and transferring hundreds of

thousands of dollars to suspects in the Palestinian Authority without reporting to the authorities, while collecting commissions, in violation of the Prohibition on Money Laundering Law and the Financial Service Providers Law. During their arrest, a physical cash transfer of more than four million NIS in dollars and shekels was seized, illustrating the scale of financial activity flowing through the crossings between Judea and Samaria and Israel.

8. Israel Police Spokesperson, Telegram https://t.me/Israel_Police_100/5017
9. Israel Police Spokesperson, Telegram https://t.me/Israel_Police_100/5023
10. Israel Police Spokesperson, Telegram https://t.me/Israel_Police_100/5031
11. Israel Police Spokesperson, Telegram https://t.me/Israel_Police_100/5039
12. Israel Police Spokesperson, Telegram https://t.me/Israel_Police_100/5079
13. News 55 Samaria, Telegram <https://t.me/newshomron55/14535>

Leading Trends (cont.)

Cross-Border Crime: Vehicle Theft Rings and Money Laundering Networks (cont.)

At the same time, a vehicle theft ring operating on both sides of the Green Line was exposed. Border Police Southern Vehicle Theft Unit detectives arrested three Arab terrorists from Judea and Samaria on suspicion of involvement in vehicle thefts from the central and southern regions, after two stolen vehicles were located near Kfar Saba, including an escape attempt involving tire-deflation spikes, and the arrest of a central suspect who tried to flee toward Judea and Samaria. In the village of Anata, following a covert investigation opened after an off-road motorcycle was stolen from an IDF reservist, Judea and Samaria Border Police and Binyamin police station officers located seven motorcycles suspected as stolen, valued at approximately 400,000 NIS, and arrested two Arab suspects, residents of Shuafat and Anata. The recurring pattern of stealing vehicles and motorcycles from within Israel and smuggling them into Judea and Samaria for sale or dismantling points to an organized criminal chain rather than isolated cases.

A central link in this chain was exposed with the demolition of a slaughterhouse in Shuweika by the Lahav 433 Atgar unit in cooperation with the IDF, after hundreds of vehicle parts suspected as stolen were located on site. Findings showed that the site had long served, on a significant scale, as a trading hub for suspected stolen vehicle parts, indicating an established commercial infrastructure rather than occasional activity. The demolition of the site, carried out amid a change in administrative policy against such slaughterhouses, reflects recognition that facilities of this kind have become storage hubs for stolen property.

Separately, in Tayibe, two independent operations seized firearms, ammunition, and materials suspected to be ecstasy and crystal meth drugs, totaling roughly 3 kg, alongside five handguns and parts of an Uzi rifle. Although Tayibe is not located in Judea and Samaria, the discovery illustrates the broader criminal infrastructure, encompassing arms, drug, and stolen-property trafficking, feeding and fed by the same smuggling channels.

Another pattern repeated this week involved vehicles ramming crossings while attempting to flee toward villages in Judea and Samaria: at the Hashmonaim crossing, an Arab illegal resident who had stolen a vehicle rammed a security vehicle and attempted to flee on foot before being arrested, and at the Rantis crossing a suspect vehicle rammed vehicles stopped at the checkpoint, causing minor injuries, with the driver managing to flee toward the village despite police fire at the tires. In a separate incident, a tow-truck driver, a resident of Jerusalem, was arrested on suspicion of stealing three vehicles and a motorcycle from Rishon LeZion and Rehovot and transporting them along Route 444 toward the Rantis crossing, under the cover story of a towing job that the vehicle owners denied having ordered. On Route 446, another Arab vehicle thief fleeing a police chase was caught after entering the Magnezi farm in the Binyamin region, apprehended by the farm owner. The combination of ramming incidents, escapes, and the use of agricultural land as a hideout indicates that areas of Judea and Samaria are systematically used as an escape destination for vehicle thieves operating inside Israel.

The overall picture emerging from this period's incidents is one of an integrated crime network spanning the Green Line, exploiting the governance and enforcement gap between Israel and Judea and Samaria: vehicles stolen inside Israel, smuggled through crossings, dismantled and sold at facilities such as the Shuweika slaughterhouse, with proceeds laundered through illegal currency exchange networks. The 34 percent rise in the number of incidents indicates an expanding phenomenon requiring coordinated monitoring and enforcement.

Key Events

1

Home of Arab terrorist who murdered Netanel Shukrun sealed ahead of demolition

IDF and Border Police forces under the Binyamin Brigade sealed the home of the Arab terrorist who carried out the shooting attack in Neve Tzuf earlier this week, in which Netanel Shukrun was murdered. The terrorist was wounded by fire from an IDF tracker during the attack and was arrested immediately afterward. The sealing was carried out after the commander of the Central Command signed a confiscation and temporary sealing order for the home, and security forces intend to proceed with its demolition.

2

Hamas-Funded School in East Jerusalem to Shut Down; Teacher Arrested Over Arson Suspicion

Following an investigation by Kol HaYehudi and action taken by MK Tzvi Sukkot, chairman of the Knesset Education Committee, the Nur al-Huda school in East Jerusalem announced it will cease operations on October 31. The school had received over 700,000 dollars in funding from Human Appeal, an organization outlawed in Israel over its ties to the Hamas charity coalition, and was also linked to the Amsah Dam'at al-Aytam association and Zakat al-Quds operatives. Separately, Jerusalem district investigators arrested a teacher working in the East Jerusalem education system on suspicion of involvement in setting fire to a house in Silwan, amid a wave of violence that followed a murder last month. A prosecutor's statement was filed against the suspect at the Jerusalem district prosecutor's office.



14. Shomron News 55 <https://t.me/newshomron55/14495>

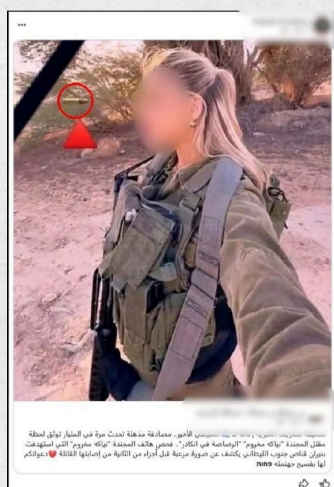
15. Telegram channel - Elchanan Groner <https://t.me/realelchangr/6641>

16. Israel Police Spokesperson - Telegram https://t.me/Israel_Police_100/5012

Key Events (cont.)

3 Judea and Samaria Resident Arrested on Suspicion of Incitement to Terrorism Online

A resident of the village of Nazlat a-Sharqiya, in his fifties, was arrested by IDF and Border Police forces in Judea and Samaria on suspicion of incitement to terrorism and identification with and support for a terrorist organization. The forces raided his home following intelligence activity that had identified inciting online publications, and he was transferred for interrogation at the Samaria regional crime-fighting unit. The interrogation revealed that he had posted content glorifying and praising the actions of terrorist organizations and Arab terrorists, including a photo of an IDF female soldier with a bullet aimed at her head alongside an inciting caption. Following the interrogation the suspect was remanded, and police are expected to request an extension of his detention.



4 New Regavim Book Exposes Luxury Arab Villas and Estates in Judea and Samaria

The Regavim movement launched a book documenting approximately 100 luxury Arab villas and estates across Judea and Samaria, featuring swimming pools, fountains, marble staircases, and hosting facilities. Examples include an estate of about 4,800 square meters in Shuqba, a villa of about 1,120 square meters in Nahalin, and residential compounds in Khirbet Zif with pools and saunas. The book focuses on the villages of Mukhmas, Deir Dibwan, and Turmus Ayya, where, according to Regavim, numerous luxury homes exist, some in Area C and built without Israeli building permits. The organization argues that an affluent class exists within Arab society, a reality absent from the international discourse that portrays Palestinian Authority residents as impoverished and destitute.



17. Telegram channel <https://t.me/TheBigBadShadow/186307>

18. Maariv <https://www.maariv.co.il/news/politics/article-1371308>

Key Events (cont.)

5 Suspicious Object at Hawara Crossing Turns Out to Be False Alarm

A suspicious object resembling a black container with a wire was located aboard an empty bus at the Hawara crossing in Samaria. Following the report, the crossing was closed to traffic in both directions, and military forces, a tracker, and sappers were dispatched to examine the object. After inspection by the forces, the object was determined to be a false alarm, and the crossing was reopened to traffic.

6 Demolition of 10 Illegal Structures Near Ma'ale Adumim Fortress and A-Za'ayem

Fighters of the Gilad counter-terrorism unit and the Judea and Samaria Border Police conducted a governance operation near the entrance to the Arab village of A-Za'ayem and in the Ma'ale Adumim Fortress area. During the operation, 10 illegal Arab structures erected in the area were demolished.



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The Judea and Samaria Situation Room was established by the leadership of the Yesha Council to counter the incitement and false reporting directed at the Jewish communities of Judea and Samaria by actors with anti-Israel and anti-Western interests, and to narrow as much as possible the wide gap between the reality on the ground and the information circulated around the world.

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This review is compiled and written by the Situation Room team to make the information surrounding the leading events monitored by our team over the past week accessible.

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