

## Day 109: Jerusalem during “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation

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On the 109th day of “Al-Aqsa Flood Operation,” the siege imposed on Al-Aqsa Mosque continued, as did the raids on the towns and neighborhoods of Jerusalem.

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center - Jerusalem explained that the siege of Al-Aqsa has continued since the seventh of last October, with restrictions imposed on Muslims’ entry into it.

The Information Center reported from worshipers, “old men, young men, and women,” that police officers stationed at the gates of Al-Aqsa “control the entry of worshipers into it. Suddenly, the worshipers are allowed to enter, and in a few seconds, the arrivals are stopped, searched, and prevented from entering the mosque, without any reason.”

One of the worshippers added: “Restrictions remain on the entry of Muslims to Al-Aqsa, and forces are stationed around the clock at the gates of Al-Aqsa. Iron barriers are in place, stopping arrivals and trying to obstruct entry to Al-Aqsa most of the time. The restrictions increase with prayer times.”

In exchange for the ban and restrictions on Muslims entering Al-Aqsa, settlers’ raids continued, as part of the “morning and afternoon raids” program through the Dung Gate. On Tuesday, 93 settlers carried out their raids into Al-Aqsa, and performed prayers during the raid.

### **Assault on a boy**

On Monday, settlers attacked the boy, Abdul Rahman Nassar Al-Salaymeh, while he was returning to his home after the end of his school day.

His father explained that the attack on his son took place inside the light rail, while he was on his way home with a group of his friends. At first, a female settler started insulting him and attacking him, then the guard intervened and assaulted him, and during that time he was surprised by a number of settlers attacking him with hitting and pushing. They directed successive blows to his head and neck.

His father explained that his son was able to contact him, and he quickly went to the station and rescued his son, where obscenities were directed at the father as well.

His father said that he called the police and informed them of what happened inside the train, stressing that he would file a complaint about what happened.

### **Stops and barriers**

The raids on the towns and neighborhoods of Jerusalem continued, setting up checkpoints, stopping young men and checking their identities, stopping students and searching their bags.

In the Wadi Hilweh neighborhood in the town of Silwan, the forces attacked the young man, Mohammad Baydoun, after stopping him. Baydoun explained that the forces directed successive blows to his face and back.