

PHOTOS FROM THE QUARTER

This small sample of photos, selected from hundreds viewed by JPS, aims to convey a sense of the situation on the ground in the occupied territories during the quarter.



Israeli soldiers remove an Israeli flag from the deactivated army checkpoint of Bayt Ibia, west of Nablus, 15 March 2009. The removal of the checkpoint, in place since 2001, allowed for greater freedom of movement between Nablus and Jenin; however, Israeli forces simultaneously placed additional restrictions on Palestinians seeking to travel from Jenin to s. Ramallah. (Jaafar Ashtiyeh/AFP/Getty Images)



Israeli soldiers stand alongside Jewish settlers from Bet Ayn settlement as one of them throws stones at Palestinians from the village of Khirbat Safa, 8 April 2009. The clashes, in which 41 Palestinians were wounded, were sparked by an incident the previous week in which a Palestinian killed a teenage settler. (Hazem Bader/AFP/Getty Images)



Palestinian Sesame Street character Karim waves to Palestinian children during a performance at the al-Ahlia school in Ramallah, 31 March 2009. (Uriel Sinai/Getty Images)



Palestinian Muslim worshippers pray on the street outside one of the entrances to Jerusalem's Old City, near the al-Aqsa Mosque compound, 16 April 2009. Police increased security in Jerusalem's Old City after Israelis attempted to gain access to the compound for Passover celebrations. Jewish settlers had broken into the compound on 13 April, calling for the destruction of the mosque and the erection of the Third Temple. (Ahmad Gharabli/AFP/Getty Images)



In the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, Palestinians gather around the rubble of a house after it was demolished by Jerusalem municipality workers following an Israeli government order, 2 March 2009. Since the beginning of 2009, Israel has demolished 16 Palestinian structures in East Jerusalem, displacing more than 100 Palestinians. (Ahmad Gharabli STR/AFP/Getty Images)



Palestinians wait to fill their empty gas canisters outside a fuel station in the s. Gaza Strip town of Rafah, 25 March 2009. This quarter, Israel continued its blockade on the Gaza Strip, allowing only enough fuel in to run Gaza's electricity plant and hospitals. Some cooking fuel was also permitted, but no gasoline for the general public was allowed in. (Said Khatib/AFP/Getty Images)



A Palestinian girl studies outside her family's tent near the rubble of their house, which was destroyed during Israel's winter 2008–2009 offensive on Gaza, in Jabaliya refugee camp, 27 March 2009. Most reconstruction of damaged structures in the Gaza Strip has not yet taken place because of Israeli bans on imports of all necessary building materials. (Mohammed Abed/AFP/Getty Images)



Palestinian fishermen remove fish from their nets before putting them on the market for sale on the beach of Gaza City, 28 April 2009. (Mohammed Abed /AFP/Getty Images)



Palestinian women collect carnations at a flower farm in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, 8 March 2009. Flowers were the only commercial export allowed to leave Gaza this quarter, although in much smaller numbers than were planted. (Said Khatib/AFP/Getty Images)



A Palestinian farmer feeds flowers to young cattle in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, to dispose of his crop, 23 March 2009. (Said Khatib/AFP/Getty Images)



A Palestinian toddler stands between suitcases as he waits with family members to cross into Egypt from the s. Gaza Strip border crossing at Rafah, 22 February 2009. The border between Gaza and Egypt, the sole crossing that bypasses Israel, was opened on 22 February for three days to allow the passage of Gazan students with valid student visas to resume their studies abroad. (Said Khatib/AFP/Getty Images)



Palestinian immigration staff register the passports of Palestinians crossing from the Gaza Strip into Egypt at the Rafah crossing, 18 April 2009. With the exception of the opening of the crossing on 22 February, only a handful of medical cases, international workers, and VIPs were allowed to enter or exit Gaza this quarter. (Said Khatib/AFP/Getty Images)

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