مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 05 August 2009 – 08:00 06 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	8	—	8	8 civilians in the city of Jerusalem
Injuries	15	—	15	15 political prisoners injured in prison
Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 3 missile mortars fired, N. Gaza
Raids	6	—	6	Incl. 2 in Nablus and 1 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	2	2	4	Incl. 1 university student and 2 fishermen
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 2 in Ramallah
House Demolitions	2***	—	2	Incl. notices to demolish several houses
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2*	—	2	Incl. 2 barracks demolished in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	5 crossing points open partially
Pal. Security Measures	3	—	3	3 Israeli female settlers handed, Jericho
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against seizure of 2 houses, Jerusalem
TOTAL	**145**	**6**	**151**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** (i) On 31 July 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. (ii) On 05 August 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jaba' checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • **House Demolitions/Physical Assaults/Attack/Injuries:** On 05 August 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for demolition of 13 civilian houses as well as renewed demolition orders and imposed fines on owners of 4 other houses, ostensibly because they had built their houses without the required construction licences. The affected houses are located in the towns of Beit

	Hanina and Sur Bahir, in the village of Al 'Isawiya, and in the neighbourhoods of Silwan al Ashqariya in the city of Jerusalem. While distributing notices for demolition of 5 houses in the Silwan neighbourhood, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army severely beat and injured 8 civilians. In addition, a number of civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • **Demonstration:** On 05 August 2009, a mass sit-in demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in front of houses belonging to the families of Al Ghawi and Hannoun in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against seizure of the houses in favour of Jewish settler associations. Threatening to arrest them, the Israeli army dispersed protestors. • **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • **Raid:** At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad and delivered a notice for evacuation of a house belonging to Iyad Mohammed 'Uthman, claiming that it had been build without the required construction licence.

	• **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	• **Checkpoint:** Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 23:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. • **Wall Gates**: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.

	(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Shavei Shomron along the Nablus-Jenin main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a university student. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At dawn on 05 August 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Asira al Qibliya and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Shavei Shomron arrested Mohammed Rashid ash Sha'er. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Haytham 'Adnan Mohammed Makhlouf in the village of 'Asira al Qibliya. • **Detentions:** At 00:40, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik detained 2 civilians and released them at a later time after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.

	• **Checkpoints**: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 16:00, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 3 Israeli female settlers, who had been apprehended while attempting to gain access into the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunum*s (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • **Closure of Main Roads:** In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • **Checkpoint:** At 20:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • **Raid:** At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.

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(ii)   On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

- **Closure of Main Roads:**

(i)   The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

(ii)   The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.

(iii)   The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.

(iv)   The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:000, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raid:** At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.

- **House Demolitions:**

(i)   On 04 August 2009, the Israeli army demolished 2 houses built of bricks in the area of Al Khalidiya east of the town of Yatta. The houses belong to brothers Khaled and Khadher Hamed 'Atiyyeh.

(ii)   On 04 August 2009, the Israeli army threatened to demolish a number of civilian houses and to remove an electricity network in the village of At Tuwani and the area of Al Musafir east of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army claimed that the affected objects were built and installed without the required licences and were in close proximity to the settlement of Ma'on. The affected houses belong to the families of Al Harini, Al 'Adrah, and Ar Raba'i.

- **Destruction of Property:** On 04 August 2009, the Israeli army demolished 2 barracks used for raising livestock in the area of Khallet Salih east of the town of Yatta, allegedly because they had been built without having obtained necessary licences. The barracks belong to:

(i)   Ali Mohammed ad Dababseh; and

(ii)   Badawi Mohammed ad Dababseh.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • <u>**Violations of the Ceasefire:**</u> Israeli navy boats fired 3 missile mortars towards a group of civilians in the area of Al 'Atatira as well as opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya in the district of Northern Gaza.

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>**Closure of Crossing Point**</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • <u>**Attacks:**</u> In the evening of 05 August 2009, Israeli navy boats fired 3 missile mortars towards a group of civilians in the area of Al 'Atatira west of the town of Beit Lahiya. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	• <u>**Closure of Crossing Points**</u>: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Activities not reported.
RAFAH	• <u>**Closure of Crossing Points:**</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open on an exceptional basis to allow 970 civilians, including patients, students, as well as holders of foreign passports, residence cards, and visa to leave the Gaza Strip. Other 450 civilians, who were stranded on the Egyptian border were also allowed access to the Gaza Strip. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>**Arrests:**</u> At 06:00, Israeli navy boats blocked access to a fishing boat and arrested 2 fishermen at sea of the beach of the city of Rafah: (i) Ziyad Abdul Karim Miqdad; and (ii) Abdullah Abdul Karim Miqdad.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• **Physical Abuse of Political Prisoners:** In the evening of 05 August 2009, Israeli Nahshon Special Unit troops raided An Naqab (Ketziot) Detention Camp after fire erupted in Section 5, as was reported on 04 August 2009. Israeli troops severely beat political prisoners with clubs as they confronted provocative search measures. Israeli troops also fired tear gas grenades, leaving 15 prisoners with injuries. As a punitive measure, Israeli administrative officers at the Detention Camp relocated 120 political prisoners to the Prisons of Nafha, Ishel, and 'Asqalan.