مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 August 2010 – 08:00 15 August 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	incl. A child run over in Hebron
Attacks	3		3	1 in a raids and 2 during confrontations
Detentions	12		12	Incl. 5 international peace activists
Raids	9		9	Incl. 3 in Hebron & 1 in Khan Yunis
Destruction of Property	1		1	A civilian vehicle damaged, Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11		11	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	8		8	Incl. Jerusalem city & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	43		43	Incl. 10 Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	4 crossings partially open
Settler Violence	3		3	incl. a girl severely beaten, Hebron
Demonstrations	4	_	4	incl. Against settler violence in Nablus
TOTAL	104	6	110	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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JERUSALEM	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa. 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 in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Iksa, which leads to the city of Jerusalem, by an iron gate, and told civilians to pass through Qalandiya checkpoint to Jerusalem city. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. Raid: At 15:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and patrolled the area until 15:50. Mall 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Mall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend of al-Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the area of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, 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 the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued military order declaring the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in as closed military zones from 08:00 until 20:00 every Friday and for a period of 6 months. Civilian access is denied during the mentioned period without a special permit in order to prevent the weekly demonstrations against the Wall.

	Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns and villages of 'Abud and Bil'in, and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of "Dotan". 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.
TOUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. 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.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints/Physical Assault/Attack: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main road near the village of Kafr Laqif and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops stopped a truck and severely beat the driver, Issam Ma'zouz Hussein Masalhah, leaving him with contusion. As a result Masalhah was transported to hospital for medical treatment. At 12:45, and again at 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of 'Izbat At Tabib on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. While combing the area, Israeli troops fired sound grenades and flares, allegedly because stones were thrown at them. Settler Violence: At 21:35, a group of Israeli settlers threw a Molotov cocketail at and caused damaged to a civilian vehicle belonging to Sami Khaled Amin Abu Haniyyeh, while he was travelling along the main road near the village of Kafr Laqif. Demonstration: At 12:40, residents of the village of Wadi ar Rasha held a sit-in demonstration near the iron gate installed at the entrance to the village in protest against Wall construction as well as arbitrary measures imposed by Israeli troops at the iron gate.

Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (i) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) On 12 May 2010, the Israeli army erected an iron gate at the entrance to the village of Wadi Ar-Rasha (after removing the iron gate erected at the entrance to the village of Ras Ativa), and prevented civilians from the village from passing through it. The Israeli army only allows the passage of students to their schools outside the village through Habla town gate, while allowing the passage of civilians through gate # 109. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Agraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Nagura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. The Israeli Army continues to close the road leading to the southern (iii) entrance to the village Jamieyeh, with cement blocks. (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from **NABLUS** 07:00 until 02:00. 'Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until (ii) 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Iraq Burin and searched civilians and vehicles. Settler Violence: On 13 August 2010 a group of Israeli settlers installed a fence around and cultivated government land near the village of Burin in an attempt to sieze control of the land. **Demonstration:** At 16:50, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of 'Iraq Burin in protest against land confiscated for construction of settlement projects. Having declared it a closed military zone, the Israeli army raided the village. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern **SALFIT** entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Brugin.

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	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances of 2 side roads between the village of Marda and its agricultural land. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained Mohammed Abdul Fattah Mohammed Zidan and released him at a later time. • Raids: (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 12:00. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and patrolled the area until 19:30. (iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and patrolled the area until 02:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in
	the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Hares 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. Detention: At 19:20, Israeli troops positioned at Al 'Auja checkpoint detained a truck transporting vegetables to the village of Al 'Auja and forced the driver, Bashar Faeq Hasan Shawasi to return to the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu'a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq'a. Flving Checkpoint: At 20:10, and again at 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Nashash junction (the southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Al 'Ubayyat in the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) At 15:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.
- (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. 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.
- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to 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 bypass Road # 60.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Rihiya and patrolled the area until 00:45.
- Physical Assault: An Israeli army jeep ran over 8-year-old Sameh An Natsheh in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions in the foot. At 17:30, Sameh was admitted to Hebron Public Hospital for medical treatment.

HEBRON

• <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Inas Mazen Qa'qour, a 10–year-old girl, in Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, leaving her with contusion. Consequently, Inas was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

• Demonstrations:

- (i) At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activist, took place on farmland near the settlement of Karmei Tzur in the town of Beit Ummar in protest against settler violence. Protestors also demanded that civilians be enabled to tend their land. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 17:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the old city of Hebron in protest against settlement activity. Protestors demanded that the Ash Shuhada' Street be reopened and civilians allowed freedom of movement. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration, prevented participants from accessing the Ash Shuhada' Street, and detained 5 international peace activists.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

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.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities were not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities were not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.

- (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow 631 patients, students, civilians holding visas, and others travelling to perform 'Umrah (minor pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia) to leave the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals.
 (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
 - (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.