

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 16 August 2005 – 08:00 17 August 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 civilians severely beaten in Bal'a
Attacks	5	3	8	Incl. 4 during a raid & 3 from posts
Raids	23	3	26	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 2 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	5	2	7	Incl. 1 Pal. officer & 1 female civilian
Detentions	12	1	13	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices to demolish Bedouin houses
Land Levelling	3	1	4	Incl. 15 <i>dunums</i> in Bizzariya & Burqa
Wall Construction	24	—	24	Incl. Jer., Ram'lh., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Destruction of Property	4	—	4	Incl. 1 playground levelled in 'Anata
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 civilian vehicle in El Bireh
House Occupations	5	4	9	Incl. 2 in Silat adh Dhahr & 2 in 'Attil
Curfew	1	—	1	An Nabi Elyas in Qalqiliya
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jericho completely closed
Closure of Main Roads	*	(9)	—	Incl. in vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. gates to Um Rihan & Barta'a
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 2 partially open
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. 2 uninhabited houses occupied
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. position near 1 Pal. post in Salfit
Palestinian Attacks	4	—	4	Incl. open fire towards Israeli army
TOTAL	121	18	139	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 15 August 2005, the Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure over the district of Jenin and the Gaza Strip and declare them closed military zones. The Israeli army prevented civilians and workers from entering the city of Jerusalem or crossing the Green Line in order to evacuate 4 Israeli settlements in the district of Jenin and evacuate settlements and withdraw from the Gaza Strip.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, preventing civilians under the age of 45 from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform prayers. The Israeli army also used a surveillance balloon, equipped with cameras, to observe worshippers in Al Aqsa Mosque. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army closed Qalandiya checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing, claiming that civilians and international peace activists were holding a demonstration in the vicinity of the checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the village of 'Anata checkpoint and prevent civilians from crossing in both directions. (iii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Beit Iksa and denied access to civilians in both directions. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al 'Isawiya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. • Arrest: On 14 August 2005, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Hussein Jum'ah Abu 'Awwad. • House Demolition Notices: The Israeli army distributed notices to a number of Bedouins to evacuate their makeshift houses north of the village of 'Anata, claiming that they are located on the Wall route.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> The Israeli army levelled a playground in the village of ‘Anata, claiming that it is located on the Wall route. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Neve Ya’akov threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling in the vicinity of Dahiyat al Bared checkpoint in the city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni’lin, Bil’in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Palestinian Attack/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Mazari’ an Nubani. (ii) At 10:25, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, took position near the Palestinian General Intelligence offices, set up 3 checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also pursued and confiscated 1 civilian vehicle, after its driver fled. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and opened indiscriminate fire, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli army patrols in the area. (iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and searched 1 building after detaining residents.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Israeli settlements slated for evacuation in the district of Jenin. The Israeli army also designated alternate roads, including detour routes, connecting towns and villages to the city of Jenin for civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of ‘Arraba with cement blocks. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up in the vicinity of the village of Imreiha south of the town of Ya’bad along the road connecting the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem and to deny civilian access in both directions. (iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army closed Al Far’a road leading to the district of Nablus with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army closed Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army closed the Wall gates to the villages of Um ar Rihan and Barta’a. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of ‘Aqqaba and

	<p>searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Palestinian Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat adh Dhahr. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also occupied 2 houses and converted them into military posts after forcing civilians to evacuate. (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and opened indiscriminate fire. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Qabatiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Naji Abu Zeid; (ii) Mohammed Naji Abu Zeid; and (iii) Murad Abu Mu'alla. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:20, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Kadim. (ii) At 01:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army jeep patrolling the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya. The Israeli army combed the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to the city of Tulkarem. The Israeli army only allows civilian access to the city from the southern road through Jubara checkpoint. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of Qaffin with cement blocks and barbed wire. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Atara, along with the road between the towns of Bal'a and 'Illar with dirt barricades. (v) At 16:50, the Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to the village of Ramin with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Deir al Ghusun, 'Illar, Baqa ash Sharqiya, and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. (ii) At 18:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Rumman and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal’a and severely beat 2 civilians while it was patrolling the area. The 2 civilians were transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. (ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and denied access to civilian vehicles in both directions, forcing civilians to take alternate roads. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Jinsafut along the Qalqiliya-Nablus road and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Elyas and imposed curfew, claiming that a number of children threw stones at Israeli vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus road. (ii) At 15:15, an Israeli army armoured vehicle raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 11:00, groups of Israeli settlers, protesting the Israeli plan to evacuate settlements, threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the junction to the village of Jit.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/House Occupation:</u> At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Bizzariya, occupied 1 house under construction, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army notified the house owner that Israeli troops will continue to occupy the house until further notice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Levelling: At 14:00, the Israeli army levelled approximately 15 <i>dunums</i> (3.75 acres) of land cultivated with olive trees in the area between the villages of Burqa and Bizzariya south of the settlement of Homesh, slated for evacuation. • Settler Violence: At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers seized control of 2 uninhabited houses at the western entrance to the village of Burqa.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat near the Green Line, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Ammuriya. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Jamma'in and Deir Istiya. (iii) At 18:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit, took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location, and took photographs of the location. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 23:50. • Land Levelling: On 15 August 2005, the Israeli army levelled land in the vicinity of the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Deir Ballut in order to expand the checkpoint.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: At 08:10, the Israeli army sealed off the city of Jericho, declared it a closed military zone, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city until 11:30. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. • House Demolition Notices: The Israeli army distributed notices to demolish a number of houses in the village of Al Jiftlik, claiming that they were built without the required licences.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers civilians' residence in the village illegal. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the town of Tuqu' and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • Raid: At 00:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem, set up a checkpoint in the vicinity of Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along the road to the town of Tuqu' arrested Ibrahim Mohammed ash Sha'er, a Palestinian National Security officer.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shallala old and new streets in the H1 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks located 300 meters inside the H1 section. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and as Samoa'. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 60 near Zif junction south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Destruction of Property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and demolished 3 barracks, 1 sheep pen, and 1 water well, claiming that they were built without the required licenses. (ii) At 09:30, Israeli troops, dispatched from Israeli army helicopters, raided and combed the area south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and the village of Al Karmil, set up checkpoints in the centres of the town and village, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled agricultural land in the area of Al Buweira in the city of Hebron for construction of a wall around the settlement of Harsina.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only. • Raid: At 23:55, an Israeli army armoured vehicle raided Palestinian territory west of Al Qaraya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ash Shuhada' – Netzarim Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed. • Attack: At 12:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 83 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area of Juhor ad Dik south of Gaza city. • House Occupations: At 19:15, the Israeli army occupied 4 houses in the area west and south of Ash Shuhada' junction south of Gaza city and converted them into military posts.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (vi) Abu Holi road is closed. At 20:10, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, denying civilian access in both directions. • Raids/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near the Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira and levelled land. (ii) At 14:50, an Israeli army armoured vehicle raided the area of As Samiri south of Kessufim road and searched 1 house. • Arrest: At 10:10, the Israeli army arrested Muhannad Hasan an Najjar in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads and Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed to Palestinian civilians under the age of 35. (iii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed.

	<p>(iv) Sufa Crossing is closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned in Tall Zu'rub military post along the Egyptian border opened fire towards Palestinian territory in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 19:10, Israeli troops positioned at Rafah Crossing arrested Sumayyah Mazid, a female civilian, while she was returning from Egypt. Mazid's 4 children were permitted to cross.
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GENERAL

<p>WORK PRMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities cancelled previously-issued access permits and issued special permits for workers to work inside the Green Line during the current closure. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 664 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 227 workers (approximately 34.2% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (iii) Israeli authorities renewed 188 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, only 37 workers (approximately 19.7% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to areas inside the Green Line. (iv) Israeli authorities issued permits for 51 workers from the Gaza Strip to stay overnight inside the Green Line.
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