مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 17 August 2010 – 08:00 18 August 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	—	2	2	Civilians in air attacks, Khan Yunis
Air Attacks	—	5	5	Missiles fired by F16 combat aircraft
Attacks	1	4	5	Incl. 2 in raids and 2 from mil. posts
Raids	16	2	18	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	6	6	Incl. 3 by F16 aircraft and 1 by helicopters
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	A civilian in Hebron district
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. a female civilian
Land Levelling	—	2	2	Farmland in Khan Yunis and Rafah
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	Crops and fruit-bearing trees
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	43	—	43	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Gaining access to evacuated settlement
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	2 Police vehicles detained, Hebron
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	**122**	**27**	**149**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
	WEST BANK
JERUSALEM	**Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. (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) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to 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. (iii) On 28 May 2010, the Israeli army closed with an iron gate the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Iksa leading to the city of Jerusalem and reported to civilians that they should cross Qalandiya checkpoint to access the city. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. **Raids:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Nabala and patrolled the area until 12:00. (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram and searched a house. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddu and patrolled the area until 02:00. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit 'Anan. **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:** (i) 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. (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Deir Ibzi' and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; 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 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 02:30. • **Settler Violence:** At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the evacuated settlement of Homesh and withdrew at a later time. • **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 city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	• **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • **Raid:** At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Far'un. • **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.

	Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Elyas and raided a number of mechanics' workshops. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Asla. (iii) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Laqif and fired flares while patrolling the area. **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
NABLUS	**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 'Aqraba 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 town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. **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 Checkpoint/Detention:** At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Shavei Shomron, detained a female civilian, and released her at a later time. At 14:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
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 the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to 2 detour roads connecting the village of Marda to respective agricultural land. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl 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. • **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 01:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
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:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. • **Raid:** At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jab'a. While searching 2 houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • **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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, 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 entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a. (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. • **Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles in the Farsh al Hawa area (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron branching off Road # 35). (ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. Despite prior coordination, Israeli troops detained 2 Palestinian Police vehicles and allowed them to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

	(iii) At 00:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• **Raids:**
	(i) At 09:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi ash Shajina and patrolled the area until 10:20.
	(ii) At 11:25, and again at 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
	(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
	(iv) At 01:!0, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched 2 houses, and served a summons on Abdul Hamid 'Isa al Battat to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
	(v) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the village of As Sarra, searched 3 houses, and arrested a civilian.
	• **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Hasan Abu 'Ubeid in the village of As Sarra.
	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and 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.
	• **Violations of the Ceasefire:**
	(i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in the districts of Khan Yunis and Rafah. The Israeli army opened fire and fired artillery shells from its location on the Green Line towards Khan Yunis district. Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles on Gaza, Khan Yunis, and Rafah, resulting in the injury of 2 civilians.
	(ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.

GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:**
	(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed.

	(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • **Air Attack:** In the evening of 17 August 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles during 2 air raids on vacant land east of Az Zaytun neighbourhood southeast of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities were not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Air Attack/Injuries:** In the evening of 17 August 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a missile on a site belonging to an armed Palestinian group northwest of the city of Khan Yunis, injuring 2 civilians. • **Attack:** In the morning of 17 August 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 3 artillery shells from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of 'Abasan as Saghira village. • **Raid/Air Patrols/Attack/Land Levelling:** In the morning of 17 August 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory east of Al Farahin area east of 'Abasan al Kabira town. While levelling agricultural land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 08:10, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow patients, students, and civilians holding visas to depart 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 partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas. • **Air Attack:** In the evening of 17 August 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles during 2 air raids on smuggling tunnels on the Egyptian border south of Rafah city. • **Raid/Air Patrols/Attack/Land Levelling:** In the morning of 17 August 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of Rafah city. The Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property while it was levelling land cultivated with fruit-bearing trees,