

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – 08:00, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	3	—	3	3 residents during demonstrations in Qalqiliya including a child and 2 journalists.
Physical Assault	6	—	6	Israeli forces assaulted 6 journalists during demonstrations in Qalqiliya.
Detention	1	—	1	1 residents at a checkpoint in Ramallah
Temporary Detention	8	—	8	At checkpoints and residential area including 6 journalists in Qalqiliya.
Raids	5	—	5	1 in Jericho and 4 in Hebron.
Closure of Checkpoints	3	—	3	Access allowed at checkpoints leading to Jerusalem and impeded at 3 others.
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	3 in Jerusalem, 2 in Ramallah, 3 in Qalqilya, 1 in Nablus, 1 in Jericho and 6 in Hebron .
Attack	4	—	4	During confrontations.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Israeli settlers damaged a vehicle in Nablus.
Wall Construction	15	—	15	3 in Jerusalem, 3 in Ramallah, 1 in Tulkarem, 3 in Qalqiliya, 1 in Salfit, 3 in Bethlehem and 1 in Hebron.
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Including 2 in Bethlehem, 1 in Jerusalem, 1 in Tubas and 5 in Hebron.
Closure of Main Roads	72	—	72	Including 4 in Tulkarem, 8 in Nablus, 24 in Bethlehem and 21 in Hebron.
Closure of Crossings	—	5	5	Beit Hanun (Erez) is open for humanitarian assistance, journalists and international access.
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Israeli settlers stoned vehicles in Ramallah & Nablus, sprayed sewage on worshipers as they were praying in Al-Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron, installed 9 caravans on residential land near "Avghail" settlement.
Demonstration	5	—	5	Against settlement construction and closure of Kafr Qaddum entrance.
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Palestinian gunmen launched projectiles towards the Green Line.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>158</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
<b>WEST BANK</b>	
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On August 17<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Israeli army continue to increase its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrance to Jerusalem city, set up several flying checkpoints on the main road leading to the city entrance and the entrance to the Old City for Friday prayers during the Holy Month of Ramadan.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding occupied East Jerusalem and restricts access to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt mounds the entrance to Jaba’ village.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al-Bareed from Al-Ram town.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and forces civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandia checkpoint.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designate a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and another for those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Al-Shayyah road in the area between Al-Sawahira Al-Sharqiya and Al-Sawahira Al-Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continued in the areas north and south of Qalandiya village; south of Al-Za’ayyem village; and in Wadi Al-Eizariya west of the illegal settlement Ma’ale Adumim.</li> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; AL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and ‘Ein Samiya villages.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 17:35, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Taybeh junction and detained a resident.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> Israeli forces detained Ashraf Al-Jada’ near Al-Taybeh junction.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the noon of 17, August, a group of settlers threw stones near the village of Beitelu.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstrations:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:40, Palestinian and International peace activists demonstrated in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Bil'in and Ni'lin against land confiscation and against the legality of the wall; Israeli forces fired tear gas grenades leaving several demonstrators suffocating from tear gas inhalation.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:15, Palestinian and international activists demonstrated in Al-Nabi Saleh village against the construction of the separation wall; Israeli forces fired rubber coated steel bullets and teargas towards a home and demonstrators leaving them suffocated from tear gas inhalation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> Israeli forces detained Abdel Karim Al-Tamimi.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continued in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding the illegal settlement 'Ofarim and north of Al-Lubban Al-Gharbi and Rantis villages.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the illegal settlement Dotan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which undercuts the access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ul>
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> At 10:20, the Israeli army increased its restrictions on Palestinian access to the Northern Jordan Valley through the Tayasir checkpoint between the hours of 06:00 and 22:00.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road connecting Kafr Al-Labad town to Shufa village.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to increase its restrictions at Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road and impeded the free flow of traffic.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, undercutting access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Land leveling for adjustment of the Wall route resumed in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route is to be constructed west of the village.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Roads:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Israeli forces continue to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of Azzun town.</li> <li>In addition to closing the gate installed since the outbreak the second Intifada, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the eastern entrance to Kafr Qaddum village.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 21:40, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Kafr Qaddum.</li> <li>At 22:00, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Jit village junction until 23:10.</li> <li>At 01:25, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the north entrance of Qalqiliya.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 11:45, Palestinian and International peace activists marched in Kafer Qaddum village to protest closures of the entrance gate leading to the village; Israeli forces clashed with demonstrators and assaulted six journalists, Jafar Ishtaya, Baker Abdul Haq, Faris Ishtaya, Oday Jum'a, and Nuh Qaddum. Mohammad Ishtawi (10 years) was injured with contusions and several demonstrators suffered suffocation from tear gas inhalation. Israeli forces also temporarily detained six journalists and released them later.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to restrict access at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, using a metal detector.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi Al-Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continued in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Immanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma ’ale Shomron settlement.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Til-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 Osrin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osrin.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to Qabalan town; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 17:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Beit Furiq junction.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> At 19:50, Israeli settlers stoned vehicles passing near “Yitsahar” settlement and damaged Jamal Abu Rmielabs vehicle.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its farmland.</li> <li>(ii) On 15.04.2012, the Israeli army has opened the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian which was closed since the year 2000 and prevented access from 08:00 until 09:20.</li> <li>(iii) Since 11:00 on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2012, Israeli forces have closed two roads leading to Abu Nasar and QatanAl-Jama’ located in western area of Deir Istiya with cement blocks.</li> <li>(iv) Since 14:00 on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012, Israeli forces closed the bypass road leading to Haris village junction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> Israeli forces continue to increase their restrictions at Za’tara checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continued in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of the illegal settlement.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On August 16<sup>th</sup> 2012, Israeli forces allowed access through Al-Hamra checkpoint set up along the road connecting Jericho and Nablus Districts, allowing access to residents of Jericho District and the Jordan Valley.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli forces increased its restrictions to access at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al-Ouja village, only allowing access to residents of the Jericho District and others with access permits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 20:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Nabi Musa area until 23:15.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 21:15, Israeli forces raided Fasayil village, surveyed several plots of land near the village then withdrew at 23:05.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu’man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) Since 15 September 2007, the Israel army has prevented civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road between Um Tuba and Al-Jass ; a road between Um Tuba and Khilat Nu'man: a road between Um Tuba and the wall; a road between Al-Khas village and the wall; the 2 by pass roads located south of Al-Walaja; a road between Talita Qumi and Nazlat Al-Sider in Beit Jala; the eastern road of Al-Khader; the road between Al-Khader and Beit Jala ; the road between Al-Khader and road #60 which lead to the eastern neighbourhoods of Bethlehem; a road leading to Wadi Rahal, and a road east of Beit Fajjar town with dirt mounds.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road leading to "Newe Daniyyel" settlement and agricultural land in Al-Khader; a road between Um Tuba and Wadi Al-Hums: Wadi Fukin, Al-Jaba, the Green Line; a road between Za'tara and a detour road, and a road between Taqou and Khirbet Al-Deir with cement blocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Demonstrations:</u></b> At 13:20, a demonstration took place in Al-Maasra village against the construction of the Wall; clashed with Israeli forces that attempted to disrupt the demonstration.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continued northwest of Beit Jala town.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close Al-Shuhada' Street, Al-Sahleh and Khuzaq Al-Far areas, as well as the old gold market in Hebron's Old City. In addition to closing the entrance to Al-Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an electronic gate; Al-Laban Market also remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Since 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has closed the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evicted the Palestinian residents and denied them access to the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Al-Thahiriya and Al-Samoa' towns, Al-'Arrub refugee camp, and Al-Tuwani and Al-Karmil villages.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along the old Al-Shalala Street leading to Hebron's Old City.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds a detour road leading to the entrance to Al-Simiya village, the southern entrance of Al-Samou' and the entrance of Beit Annun with cement blocks.</p> <p>(v) On July 25th 2012, Israeli forces closed the road connecting Al-Safa and Al-Dirat and also closed the entrance of south Yatta with cement blocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 14:00 and again 17:40, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of North Hebron.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:20, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Fuwwar junction.</p> <p>(iii) At 24:00, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Tarqumiya.</p> <p>(iv) At 02:50, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Halhul bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 18:20, Israeli forces raided Al-Thahriya.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:40, Israeli forces raided Hebron and set up a checkpoint.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) At 05:20, Israeli forces raided Al-Rahiyat and Wahdab Al-Fuwar villages.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:35, Israeli settler sprayed sewage water towards worshipers as they were praying in Al-Ibrahimi mosque in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(ii) On August 17<sup>th</sup> 2012, Israeli settlers installed 5 caravans in an area located east of Yatta near “Mitsbi Yaar “settlement and installed 4 caravans near “Avghail” settlement in an attempt to expand the settlement areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continued in the area surrounding the illegal settlement Eshkolot, west of Al-Thahiriya town.</li> </ul>
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GAZA STRIP

<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by Israel came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 23 June 2012 at 24:00.</li> <li>• On 14.12.2011, Israeli forces placed floating marks 3 miles from Gaza’s seashore and warned fishermen against passing beyond the mark.</li> </ul>
<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> Beit Hanun (Erez) is open for humanitarian assistance, journalists and international access.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed following a unilateral Israeli decision.</li> <li>(ii) Al-Shija’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed following a unilateral Israeli decision.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> On the morning of August 17<sup>th</sup> 2012, Palestinian gunmen launched projectiles towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points: (All border crossings are closed)</u></b></li> <li>• Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>• Rafah (<i>Al ‘Awdah</i>) Crossing is closed</li> <li>• Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>• Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>

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